### STYLISH STATIONERY.

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s manner of designing the frests at table is by ribbons, mling from a center-piece of ad of a length sufficient to meet's plate, bearing pretty ainted designs. This style sh an idea to stationers for a m. Menus, at present, do not evariety and beauty of those and last season, excepting. a those just from Paris, where al elegance, with an absence es annear in excutisite detime sublects on hand-made stehed or etched and tintlinan inimitable manner .-

a Marshal Better Than Any mul lie Ever Took.

### THE LIMEKILN CLUB.

Up Paradise Hall. The unhung scoundrel who attempted

the destruction of Paradise Hail during the last three days of last week will hear of something greatly to his advantage by addressing the keeper of the museum.

This is the thirty-fourth attempt made in the last ten years to destroy that imposing edifice, and from the fact that would seem that some colored guardian angel made it her special business to watch over the hall and its wealth of memories and relics. The unknown villain who made this last attempt bored out a panel of the alley-door and proceeded to crawl through into the hall, from which a stairway leads to the station of the outer guard. He found

one of the Bear-Traps yawning to receive him. It was the trap known as "The Colossus of Roads," having a spread of four and a half feet, with a spring power estimated at four-horse power. He must have scented danger just in time, as his dead body was not found in the trap. Both his boot-heels, his hat and a piece of his right ear were left hehind, however, to show how close the call must have been. The janitor even discovered three eye-winkers on one of the jaws, and that the villain escaped justice is one of those mysteries over which the detectives love to sit and marvel.

In going back through the hole he was in such a hurry that he stripped the buckles off his suspenders, and most of the buttons off his clothes, and that he was a white man, and red-haired at that, is proved by the hairs left on the jagged adges

"Gem'len," said Brother Gardner, when the meeting had been duly opened, "dis judgment to bear upon them. am anodder proof of what I hev offen told you, dat bein' bad doan' pay. You kin sot down wid a piece of chalk an' figger it right out to any

man's complete satisfackshun dat it doan'. De bad man may git ahead now an' den, but de fust thing he knows along comes a set-back to take off all de profits. I doan' want you to be too good goody-good-bekase in dat case your

badness alone. It gins you de nightmar' in de night an' de shibbers in de thin', no matter how hard you try to be happy, an' dat sunthin' nebber fails to When it does arrove you is either cum. blowed sky-high wid a spring gan, killed dead wid a policeman's club or smashed to meat in de jaws of a b'ar trap. De seckretary will offer a reward of fifty dollars, half in cash an' half store pay,

w hand, while those Parisian | Free Press.

body almost 40 miles long.

W EXCELENT PAPER.

An Unknown Scoundrel Attempts to Biow

-Neture has made some men tall, and laziness has made them short .- Burlingtop I ree Press. -Self-reliance comes from relying on self, in the hope that self will presently

secome worth relying on. -Hard work is the best cure for the plues; at least, that is what you always tell other people .- Somerville Journal. -Every man is his own ancestor, and every man his own heir. He devises each and every one has been a failure it his own future, and he inherits his own past.

PITH AND POINT.

-Wounds and hardships provoke our courage, and when our fortunes are at the lowest, our wits and minds are commonly at the best .- Charron.

-Never hold any one by the botton, -As you must inevitably keep company with yourself as long as you live, it is of consequence to you to make of yourself a pleasant, agreeable compan-

-Despair makes a despicable figure. and descends from a mean original. "Tis the offspring of fear, of laziness, and impatience; it argues a defect of spirit and resolution, and oftentimes of honesty too.-Collier. -When benignity and gentleness

eign within we are in least danger from without; every person and every occurrence is beheld in the most favorable light .-- Washington Post.

-To be practical not only means to be energetic-for often the most industrious accomplish little or nothing and make failures of their lives-but it means to have appreciation of given circumstances and the ability to bring common, not uncommon, sense and good

-If only parents and teachers were half as earnest in asking the question concerning a child of their charge: "Is it well with the young man?" while there is still an opportunity of influencing him for good, as they are when he is already beyond their reach, it would be better than it now is with many a young man .- S. S. Times.

-Some disagreeable habit in one to fellowmen would allus be expectin' to whom we may owe respect and duty, and see you break out somewhar', but les, which is a constant irritation to the sense of our fitness of things, may demand of us a greater moral force to keep daytime. You ar' allus expectin' sun- the spirit screne than an absolute wrong committed against us. In the one case endurance is all that is possible; in the other we may sometimes rightfully fight -and there is a world of comfort in the powers of action .- Once a Week.

-There is much good in the world, and it will not keep itself concealed from us; if we do not see it and meet with it, the fault is with ourselves. shun of dis unknown assassin."-Detroit | There must be some kind of repulsion in us in the opposite direction, and what

### THE FAT MAN'S STORY.

He Tells How He Successfully Fooled a Kansas Prairie Fire. The boys had been looking at the fat

man for some time as he strolled up and down the depot platform, smoking a good cigar and his face wearing a look of con-

tentment, and one of them finally obto tell a story.

blue color. inch, a person of medium size is daily gan, after getting his legs crossed, "that ferred from banges to wagons or from

#### FIRESIDE FRAGMENTS.

---Brown sugar in doughnuts instead of white will keep them moist and nice much longer .- The Housekeeper.

A cheap and good mince-meat can be made by holling a beel's heart till

tender, then chopping it fine and seasoning it and adding twice as much apple weight as meat. Fruit, splees, etc., can be added as one desires.

-Paper or pasteboard may be ren dered waterproof as follows: Mix four parts of slaked lime with three parts of skimmed milk and add a little alum: then give the material two successive coatings of the mixture with a brush and then lot it dry.

Honey Cakes: Take a quart of strained honey, half a pound of fresh butter, and or hand, in order to be heard out; for if a small teaspoonful of pearl ash, dispeople are unwilling to hear you, you solved in a little milk. Add as much had better hold your tongue than them. sifted flour as will make stiff paste Work well together. Roll out half an Inch thick. Cut into cakes. Lay or buttered tins, and bake in a hot oven.

-Cream Dates: Romove the stone from the dates, without entirely separating them. Take a tiny piece of vanilla fondant, the same as preceding recipa form it into a little roll, place it in the space from which the seed was taken. press the halves together so that only a small quantity of the candy can be seen. oll the dates in granulated sugar, and lace them on dishes to harden.-Chris-

-One great secret of nice cake making is the thorough beating of the batter after all ingredients are together. Some ave trouble with granulated sugar. Don't use so much. One-half luch less for a cupful is enough. The cake batter takes longer beating than usual, as the sugar is longer in dissolving. We think it the choapest sugar on the market --Farm and Firoside.

-To use up slices of stale bread break and cut them in nieces, first outting off the hard crust, and pour boiling water on it too soften the bread. Then for a pint of broad crembs beat up three eggs and add these with a pint of milk some bits of butter, a little sugar and raisins in quantity to suit, and bake It is a good plain, wholesome pudding to eat with milk and sugar or pudding sauce.-N. Y. World.

-To take iron rust out of white goods Pour a teacupful of boiling water. stretch the goods tightly across the top of it; then pour on a little of the solution of oxalic acid dissolved in water, and ub it with the edge of a teaspoon or any thing. If it does not come out at once, dip it down into the hot water and rul It again. This is a quick easy and sure way to remove iron rust, and should be remembered by overy good housekeeper -Oyster Croquettes: Put two dozen oysters on to boil in their own liquor Let come to a boll. Take from the fire. drain and chop. Put half a pint of the us that drives it away from us, or drives | liquor in a saucepan, with a teacup of eam, thicken with a tablespoonful of we need to do is to discover and get flour and butter each, rubbed together clear of it. There are some souls that Stiruntil the milk boils, add the oysters are never without their swarms of an- the yelks of three eggs, and stir one minute; take from the fire, and season with a tablespoonful of chopped paraley a half of a grated nutmog, a little sal and cayenne pepper. Mix well and warn out to cool. When cold, form in

croquettes, roll in beaten eggs then in bread crumbs and fry in boiling lard .-Ladies' Home Journal.

#### DANGEROUS WORK.

#### Poor Folks who Go Gleaning on the New

York Wharves for Fuel. Among the many odd devices resorted certainly," he replied, as he sat down on to by the very poor in their efforts to gain a livelihood is that of the people who frequent the various wharves and other places where coal is trans-

THE ARIZONA KICKER.

Some of the Bars - Gracefully Borne by a W- Loro Editor.

We extract the following items from the last usue of The Arizona Kleker: "THEY WILL KNOW MORE.-A combination calling itself the Acme Opera Company, of Cilcago, gave a show of some sort at Esynold's Hall last Friday night. No free tickets were sent to this office, and when we sent our half-breed roller boy over to the manager with a note asking him why in Texas he had neg-

locted such an important duty, he returned word that the Kicker could kick and be hanged to it. We therefore kicked. We hired Cooper's Hall for the same night, gave a free dance and the Actue Opera Company opened to an audience composed of the landlord's crosseved boy and two old half-breeds who thought somebody was going to be scalped. There's nothing mean about 115. We simply want what is due to the profession, and what has been granted

t from time immemorial. When an amusement combination sets out to ignore us and make us sing small, somebody will certainly hear something drop before getting to the top of the hill." "NOT SAVING A WORD .- Many of our ubscribers are asking why the Kicker has nothing to say in favor of either of

the local tickets now in the field. There are two reasons. First, because we were not nominated on either ticket, and secondly because a bigger gang of rascals were never up for office. We wanted like to run for mayor. It is no use being over-modest about such things. We are better fitted for the position than any other man in town. The office should have been glad to seek us. It didn't do so, and so we sought it. We should have filled the position with credit to all, but the gangs wanted a tool, and so they nominated Doc Burrows and Hank Jones to head the two tickets. Neither of these men will ever serve. Within one month we will have both of them back at Joliet to serve out their unexpired sentences. We have been warned that we must come out and support one ticket or the other or go to the wall. Begin your wall business, gentlemen, as soon as you please. When you down us

you have got to beat a grand aggregation of newspaper, grocery, feed store, harness shop, butcher shop and knitting factory, all under one roof, presided over by one head, and each doing a fine busi-"Nor JUST YET .- The Tom Cat Silver

Mining Company sent us a certificate of stock of the face value of \$500 last week and asked us to editorially moniton the fact that the mine would prove one of the greatest bonanzas of the age for investors. We can't conscientionsly do it ret. We want to wait awhile and see whether we are to be assessed on the stock or not, and we'd like to hear of some one who has received a dividend. We used to take every thing in silver stock that came along, and puff up their old swindles without stint, but we have made a change of base in this respect. We found that a company which would heat the public would also heat us."

THEY TOOK EXCEPTION .- Tall Bill, of the Gem Saloon, Ohio George, of the Ancade Poker Rooms, and Lovely Jim, of the Red Front Sink of Iniquity, took exception to our kindly remark in last week's issue that whisky and poker were trying to run the town, and they laid for us accordingly. On Friday after noon we were examining the carcass of a big jackass rabbit killed over in the gulch by Sam Andrews, and on exhibition in front of Davises' butcher shop, when the three worthies above named approached and signified their

### INDIA'S WILD BEES.

#### One of the Greatest Dangers to Which Travelers in Asla are Exposed.

Of all the many dangers to which the wandering sportsman and traveler in the wilds of India is exposed the most singular is that of being attacked and stung to death by a legion of the large brown honey bee, called in the vernacular fanguage "Sarung." This ferocious insect needs no greater provocation than the report of a gun, the smoke of a camp-fire, or even the fracture of his huge pendulous home by a gust of wind! He prefers the vicinity of water, and hangs his honey receptacle to the sides of steep cliffs, though innecessible structures of masonry, such as the arches of city gates, bridges and palaces, in inhabited places, are often selected for his stronghold.

I remember at one gateway of Lucknow the heavy combs long existed without any hurt to the passengers; they grew in size and weight till they were dislodged by a high wind; then the winged army assaulted every living thing it met. A proclamation was issued by beat of drum that no man or beast could pass that way, and this state of siege lasted three days, the shops being closed. Recently a horde of this muchdreaded insect has established itself on a railway viaduct in Contral India. Printed notices are circulated that the passengers must close their windows before arrival at the spot, the noise and vibration rendering these bees very war-

I have had many narrow escapes from the flying furies, and once had the satfrom me, who had just fired a heavy gun at close quarters into a big buffalo, to share. the animal himself as he rushed headlong into the swarming masses crawling up the trunk of an ancient tree. Such a sight as I shall never see again was the dusky cloud of swift avengers descending on that bull's body, clad in stingproof hide. With tail in air and head galloping over the bowlder-spread arm into a river, they hover over the sur- hundred. face till he reappears, and then simul-

are often drowned. Here is a sample of the disasters the

angry tenants of an old colony can inflict: A troop of horse artillery had arrived in a pleasant grove to encamp in and had begun to picket their horses, when the smoke from a cook's fire anand horse holted across the plains, some and in their agonies smashing the saddles on their backs, many of them not is as tender as the finest beef and has a being caught for twenty-four hours. in the Nerbuddah districts, possess the used to got and which was nothing but art of taking those great honeycombs hanging in such tompting profusion slinging themselves by rude ropes of

formed that these men rub their naked mals, carrying a fine coat of hair. bodies with the pounded leaves of "With a view of perpetuating the race intention of cooking our goose. We Ocymum sanctum (Sacred Basil), and at of American buffalo, and also of estabhad them covered by our gun in five see the same time produce a smoke from lishing an attraction for the city, a synsome pungent herbs, under the fumes of dicate has been organized at Ogden.

HUNTING BUFFALOES. Western Hunter's Efforts to Domesticate the Animale.

"I began hunting the buffalo in 1871. I have killed from forty to sixty buffaloes in one bunt." said a veteran buffalo hunter. "I figured out a plan of my own to corral them upon the prairie. I made an effort to get in front of the herd when they were traveling, so that they would come within about twenty yards of me in passing. I then shot the leader through the heart and dropped her in her tracks. The leader was genscally a cow, the old bulls being lazy and usually lagging behind. The hord would fail back in the direction from which they came about one hundred yards, stopping to turn around and look for danger. In a few minutes one of the cows led out to go around on one side or the other, and I would drop her as I did the first. They would again fall back a short distance and huddle on together. After a short pause, another cow might undertake to go around on the other side, and invariably met the same fate as the other two. The herd after this was sure to form a close group upon the ground, where they halted after the first shot, as buffaloes never retrace their steps but a short distance.

"Now, they had trouble on three sides, and on the other was their back track, and I was free to shoot down as many as I wanted, provided I did not fire too rapidly and alarm them. Whenever one would attempt to lead away. I made sure to kill it, and this taught the others that it was sure death to the leaders.

"To be sure, it was very cruel, but I isfaction of seeing them turn their rage could hear the crack of guns on every side, and I thought I would have my

"I soon realized that these animals would soon be extinct, and in 1884 I began to gather up the calves to atone for my slaughter. It was a very difficult matter to raise them, and at first I lost fifty per cent of them; but, after a little experience, I could save ninety por cent. lowered, the ponderous quadruped was The calves when caught over three months old can not be raised-the cage of a river, dashing heavy stones around breaks their hearts, and they give up in his hoofs in a hasty retreat to the dense disgust. I continued my efforts, howforest. I, too, had betaken myself into over, and soon had a fine stock of calves leafy concealment, through which I on my ranch, near Garden City. At the speedily ran away. Many and unex- close of 1884 I had only succeeded in pected accidents (sometimes ending fa- raising four, the next year seven and tally) have I known, for these bees give the next twenty-two full-blooded calves, no quarter. When their victim jumps and my herd to-day numbers nearly one

"I bought the famous Manitoba herd, taneously swarm on his head; hence men consisting of sixty full bloods and twenty Bix crosses in 1887.

> "I have sold a great many bulls to shows and monagories at prices ranging from \$300 to \$700.

"The buffalo has a very fine, long coat course of march. The men were busily of hair, which it sheds every year, and I occupied in preparing for their rest, am saving this, which averages about 10 pounds per year, intending to have it made into cloth by way of experiment. noved an unseen bee haunt; as usual. The buffalo grow much larger in Norththe irascible inmates swooped down on ern climates, the bulls reaching a weight every intrader, biped and quadruped. of 2,500 pounds, with magnificent heads, There was a general skedaddle. Man which are cagerly sought for by the museums, and for which they have to pay of the horses throwing themselves down, from \$200 to \$500 aplece when mounted "The meat of the domesticated buffalo

delicious flavor. It is not like the old Yet the aboriginal men, called Ghoods, tough 'run down' bull meat, which we muscle and sinew.

"The cows are more valuable than the along the precipices along the rivers, bulls, a number of the former having just been sold in Utah at prices ranging twisted bark, which, to my eye, looked from \$500 to \$500. The half-breeds are very hazardous. I did not venture to at- not so good as the three-quarter or seventend as an eye-witness, but was in- eighths. The latter are splendid ani-

in length, making an aggregate length of the entire surface of the body of 201,-166 feet, or a tile ditch for draining the The human skin is composed of three

layers, averaging in all between onetwelfth and one-eighth of an inch in thickness, and, in extreme cases, as much as one-fourth of an inch in thickness. The skin area of the average adult is, therefore, estimated at 2,000

### are being about 14 pounds to the square

## square inches. The atmospheric press-

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ITEMIZED ODDITIES. Notes for the Curious on a Variety of Interesting Matters.

#### Each square inch of the skin contains gels .-- United Presbyterian. 1,600 sweating tubes, or perspiration pores, each of which may be likened to a little drain tile one-for rth of an inch-

served that it was a good time for him "Eh? A story to pass away the time-

a baggage truck, recently painted a sky-"You must know, gentlemen," he be-

"And you dug a hole in the earth?"

queried the glue man from New York.

Yankee notion man from Cincinnati.

fierce flames scorching my flesh."

# tian Union.

a lite come across some very

radaring my career in joursmarked a well-known editor. the editor of a small sheet, a la a Tennessee village. 1 world that in conducting my whility amounted to every tal that a sociable fellow withtignal idea could gain more since month than a genius a fre. As it didn't make any what I put in my paper, I most of my time in walking public square, telling old with the counbut, in spite of my efforts to i I sometimes offended an overquaintance

the town marshal came into ni, in a brusque manner, deit he did not want my paper

sid L you have not been a than three weeks." by that, but I don't want it

stit said I, fearing that he and the return of his money, now what the law is on this

aw can't make me read your new that much." 1 1 rejoined, 'but the at compel me to return your

fit. Say, 111 tell you what you paper blank every week." and at the end of the year d came around and renewed Mon. Keep on sending it all he. It suits me better pper I ever took.""-Arkan-

unsability of Coments.

as has shown that brick tunins can not be made waterexposed to considerable rater is forced through not icks, but the cements and experiments last year by aris, about fourteen gallons at square foot of surface th a thickness of nearly im of coment in twenty-four fa pressure of seventy-seven stars inch. Other engineers delphia Press. ed that it is not practicable ght bulkhead of cement-laid the pressure exceeds sixtya jez square inch .- Arkansaw

### great bar of gold ever cast

an \$125,000.

"The Press."

"I am glad to hear it." dat the United States as-Helena, Mont., the other thed 500 pounds, and is -N. Y. Weekly.

#### Yors satoon was to be opened prietor applied to a wellto furnish him with stands

sich should be appropriate don and yet have some allething. The pieces when represented Columbus disland of mixed drinks, Balto take water when he Pacific, and Ponce de Leon her from the fountain of fins held above his head. nder making a gin fizz. For closs reason one of the bigons was a scroll bearing

and hourly subjected to a pressure of I was not always at the head of the leading banking-house of Chicago. No. All 28,000 pounds.

An ancient and remarkable clock has my life, up to ten years ago, was passed been set up in the reading-room of the in the far West, on the plains and pralmunicipal library at Rouen, France. A ries and among the hills and mountains. single winding keeps it running for I had, as you may suppose, numerous fourteen years and some odd months. It adventures. I was just thinking of my was constructed in 1682; underwent escape from a prairie fire, but the dealterations in 1816; was bought by the tails might not interest you." "Oh, yes, they will!" we all cried in City of Rouen in 1838, and has been rechorus

cently repaired and set going. The phoenix, the fabulous bird of "Well, one day in the fifties I was antiquity, in form is described as somewhat resembling the eagle. It was said to live five hundred years in the wilder- miles of tall, dry grass between me and I ness, and then to return into Egypt, the hills. A strong breeze sprang up where, having built itself a nest, or with the sun, and I had scarcely started funeral pyre of wood and aromatic gums, on my way before I discovered a great and lighting it by the fanning of its smoke to windward. The Indians had wings, was consumed to ashes, out of set fire to the prairie to kill off the rattlesnakes, you know." which rose a new phoenix.

The first living skeleton was Claude Sewrat, born in France in 1799. He was exclaimed the hardware drummer from tall and would have been well-shaped St. Louis.

had there been any flesh on his body; as it was every bone could be distinctly een. His arms were compared to two ivory flutes, and his abdomen seemed to miles long, and spreading as it came. It cling to the vertebra. He made a fort- was coming faster than a horse could une by exhibiting himself and returned | run. I figured that it would be upon me to his native town to enjoy it, but sud- in five minutes." dealy expired soon after his retirement.

-St. Louis Republic.

Bits of Abraham Lincoln. Among the papers of the late John W. Forney was found the other day a letter from B. B. French, under the date Washington, May 28, 1865, which gave fac-similes of some notes written by President Lincoln relative to his domestic affairs. One, sent to Mrs. Lincoln on the official paper of the Executive Mansion, was: "Mother-Please put

somebody at work now on Tad's room. "But, hang it, man, you escaped?" A. L." To this Mrs. Lincoln added a "I did." note to Mr. French, then Commissioner "You don't show any scars or burns."

short."

of Public Buildings, saying: "Please "No." give Tad a board and some plank. Mrs. "Well, get to the point." "I will. I waited until the flames Lincoln." A card written by the Presiwere not over a mile away, and then I dent to Mr. French, on November 9, took my balloon off my back, pressed the 1864, said: "If Commissioner of Public outton which permitted the natural gas Buildings chooses to give laborers at to flow in from the reservoir, and, takthe White House a holiday, I have no ing my seat in the chair, I shot up into objection. A. Lincoln." The proposed the air about five hundred feet and let "holiday" was to be given after the rethe fiames sweep under me. One of my election of President Lincoln.-Philaboot heels was a little scorched, but that was all the damage done."

### A Clear Conscia + Obtained.

Broker's Wite-How happy you look, my dear. What is the cause? Broker-A clear conscience. I have

not taken any innocent and confiding man's money for twenty-four hours. "Yes; you see, my partner died last night, and our office was closed to-day."

#### The First in England.

The tirst chrysanthemum, so far as is known, was introduced into England about 1791, and was flowered for the first time in November of the follow ing year in the famous nurseries of Mr. Cabill View's Cabill, King's road, Chelsea from which place many plants were first sent out, which have since be come familiar varieties, among them being the camelia. The first blossom were of a deep crimson color and has a flower of but two inches in diameter. and the petals were twisted like a por cupine quill - Washington Post

warrows to coal-sheds, and who eagerly seize upon any stray pleces that may fall unheeded to the ground.

Of coarse the loss in this way on each ton of coal is scarcely noticeable, but in the aggregate it amounts to no inconsiderable quantity and the aged men and worn-out women who so carefully watch the huge coal buckets as they awing in mid-air in their transit from the coal barge to the wagons on the wharf are often able thus to secure suf journeying across a Kansas prairie on ficient of the mineral to warm their foot. One morning I got up to find fifty humble homes throughout the winter Only those too descrepit to execute more laborious work care to glean coal in this 18. way, as they are soldom able to gather large enough quantity to sell. But the activity displayed by these poor old reatures in their engerness to secure a ew nuggels is something remarkable. "By George! but you were in for it!" The pursuit is not without its perils There is always more or loss competition for the scanty prizes that reward a long "Yes; I realized that in a moment. In vigil, and in order to outdo their com five minutes I could see a billow of flame petitors the old gleaners often rush to windward. It was at least twenty recklessly between wagon wheels and

almost under horses' hoofs. Then, too. as the big buckets swing overhead pieces of coal are sometimes dislodged and fall heavily to the ground, endangering the heads of those beneath. Not long since an old man was pushed

"I had nothing to dig with. If I had off a pier into the river and nearly had the proper tools the time was too drowned through the rush for a single lump that had attracted the attention of "Then the wind changed?" put in the half a dozen gleaners. It had fallen on the edge of the string piece, and the old "Never a point. As I stood there that fellow was crowded off. Fortunately he great ocean of flame came roaring down grabbed and held on to a rope that was toward me like the besom of destruction. hanging from the stern of a coal barge. I lost fully two minutes before I got to and some idlers on the wharf hauled work. I could even feel the heat of the him ashore.

The greatest danger to the gleaners lies, however, in their reckless diver under the wagons. The men and boys who are engaged in loading frequently chase the old folks away, but they return with a persistence that defies all efforts to save the coal and prevent accidents -N. Y. Herald.

## "A LITTLE NONSENSE."

-Base-ball enthusiast-"What's the core to-day?" Pinin citizen-"Twenty, I suppose, just as it has always en. I haven't heard of any change." Rochester Post-Express.

"Do you tell that for truth?" angrily - "Were you carefully brought up, emanded the starch man from Oswego. young man" said the merchant to an "The solemn truth, gentlemen. Our plicant for a position in his estabompany is now doing a general banking anment. "Yes, sir!" he replied, "I and balloon business-same style of bal-oons. We can and do undersell all

-Andrew J. Geiger, who died lately in Philadelphia, leaving an estate of £250,000, divected that an obelisk should be erected over his grave which, besides the usual mortuary inscription, should bear several others. The north panel will bear this inscription; "Traveled 60,000 miles in America, Europe, Asia and Africa." The south panel is to read: "Young man, stop and think. See what has been the reward for honesty, industry and economy. In 1840 I worked on Robert Martin's farm near Jersey shore for twenty-five cents a day No fortune left to me." The west panel will say: "Lived and died in the faith of the immutable and unchangeable and nature's God. Believed in the gospel of peace, right and metice."

held them in line wit uds, and we hands up for full five minutes as an exaibition. When they had been disarmed we silowed them to sneak away. We don't claim to own this town, and we never set out to run it, but we propose to talk in plain English on all subjects and guard the public interests to the best of our ability. If the three parties named do not subside at once we shall

encourage a crowd to turn out with a rope some frosty evening and pull their heads chock up against a limb." "HE STILL LIVES .- A Nebraska subscriber writes to inquire if there is anothar weekly published in this burg. There We have a chattel mortgage on ev-

ory thing but the red-headed, cross-eyed, lop-shouldered coyote who edits it, and can close him up at any minute; but we let him run on in order to keep him off he town. We rather like his audacity as well. He prints 180 copies, none of which can be read on account of the poor press-work, and yethe claims the largest irculation in the known world. He knows we own the very chair he sits in, but yet he dovotes four columns each week to abusing us personally. Yes, he still lives, poor old unfortunate. But we are going to give him rope for the win-If he was bounced out he might have to run for the Legislature."-- Do-

troit Free Press. PARIS SNAIL EATERS.

A Hundred Thousand Pounds of the Silmy Things Consumed Annually, The stories about Frenchmen eating snalls are believed by many people to "ave no foundation in fact, but to be only a phase of the exaggeration in which Yankees are apt to indulge in describing the queer things that are to be found on Parisian dining-tables. Nevertheless. It is a fact that nearly 100,000 pounds of snails are sold daily in the Paris markets to be eaten by dwellers in Paris. They are carefully reared for the purpose in extensive snall-gardens in the provinces and fed on aromatic herbs to make their flavor finer. One snallery in Dijon is said to bring in to its proprietor seven thousand frances a year. Many Swiss antons also contain large snall-gardens where they are grown with much pains. They are not only regarded as a great felleacy, but are reckoned as very nutritious. Hygienists say they contain seventeen per cent. of nitrogenous matter, and that they are equal to oysters n nutritive properties. Snails are also stensively used as an article of ford in Austria, Spain, Italy and Egypt and .be countries on the African side of the Meditorranean. Indeed the habit of enting snails as food has existed in various parts of Europe for many conturies.

-Good Housekeeping. -A log nouse that had been standing 134 years was torn down in Berks

County, Pa., recently, and most of the timbers found sound. -A Litchfield, Mich., couple who had

been married thirty years had a misunderstanding about two years ago, and liouse

A wild hog was shot recently at Oak! have gone further but he clasped his IIII, Cal., which weighed 560 pounds. It was snow white and had tusks six inches long. A pound of lead was found in his hunters to will him.

which they carry on their operations goological farm will be started and com with impunity. The early dawn is the pleted as rapidly as possible. Negotiaperiod chosen for the exploit. The honey | tions for the purchase of a half-interest is of excelent quality, and this, with the in my herd have been going on for some wax, constitutes a large article of trade time. They are now concluded, the price for these wild men .- N. Y. Ledger.

#### 4- ----SOME LARGE THINGS.

A Petato Weighing Fifty-Five Ounces, and Other Curiosities.

J. C. Jones, of Albany, N. Y., has raised a potato of the Burbank seedling variety weighing 55 ounces-nearly three pounds and a half. The tuber the other.

It might not be inappropriate to mention the sweet potato raised by James is fifty-seven years of age, a blood rela-Smith, of Oquawka, Ill., in 1886. This tive of the wealthy Astor family of this ter the small way.

The Bodwell Granite Company, of Waldorf Astor, and comes from Wallbelieved to be the largest single piece the ex-Minister to Italy spells his midweighs \$50 tons.

tons. They are 46 feet long, have a up-hill work even to make expenses, and weighing 2,314 pounds, with a muzzle near the proposed Exposition grounds,

foot tons. An American engineer, who has made former .- N. Y. Epoch. the subject a special study on the spot, has calculated that the Chinese wall stupendous work would be sufficient to build a wall around the globe 6 feet high, 3 feet thick at the bottom and 1 feet at the top.

The most powerful engine in the world is used at the zinc mines at Freidensville, Pa. It is fed by 16 bollers, which give it a 5,000-horse-power. If it becomes necessary, the number of boilers may be doubled, which would give the iron monster a power equal to 10,000 horses. This gigantic engine is used for pumping water from the mines. Each revolution of the wheel raises 17,-500 gallons of water. The fly-wheels are 37 feet in diameter and weigh 40 tons each. Every day the engine works it consumes 28 tons of coal .- St. Louis

Republic. -The end of a conversation. -"But, my dear fellow, if what you say of this man is true he's a despicable cur." "You may rely on its being the saked truth. As hes a friend of mins you'll underdering him behind his back."-Judge.

-A native of Mississippi, had a fight with an alligator in a swamp. He killed since then they have never spoken to him after a long struggle, but in trying each other, though living in the same to get it home he was caught in a quagmire. He sank to his wuist and would

arms around the alligator's tail. Ten days later he was found dead, having made desperate efforts to bite through arcass, the result of efforts of former the 'gator's hide and get fiesh enough to sustain life.

being \$75,000. "I anticipate no difficulty in moving the animals, as I had none in bringing the Manitoba herd into Kansas."-N. Y.

Herald.

An Astor Lady at School.

Mrs. Sophia Astor attends one of the public evening schools of this city for the purpose of learning English. measures 17% inches one way and 11% is about fifty-two years old and the wife of Ludwig Astor. The couple have been in this country a few months. He

luscious product of the vine weighed city, and keeps a small restaurant and 2334 pounds and was 18 inches in diame- beer saloon at 1030 Second avenue. He bears a strong resemblance to William

Vinalhaven, Me., have quarried what is dorf, Germany, not Waldorl (one 1) as of stone ever detached through human dle name. Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Astor agency. This monster obelisk is 115 are very respectable and intelligent peofeet long, 10 feet square at the base, ple, not by any means very poor, having tapering to 3 feet square at what one accumulated a few thousand dollars in would naturally call the apex, and Germany, and they are now trying to

build up a fortune as their wealthy rela-The largest Krupp guns weigh 119 lives have done here, but they find it caliber of 15% inches, and fire a shot intend to sell out and move to quarters relocity of 1,800 feet. At a distance of resuming there the same business that one mile the ball would penetrate a they carried on in Europe, viz., keeping piece of solid wrought-iron to a depth a hotel. Their rich relatives will learn of 28 inches. At a distance of three now for the first time that Mr. and Mrs. miles its striking average is still 28,000- Ludwig Astor are here, the latter not having announced their arrival to the

-The following is an extract from a contains 15,000,000 cubic meters (about real composition written by a small 6,350,000,000 cubic feet) of stone. The school boy in New Jersey. The subject material used in the construction of this given by the teacher was the extensive one of "Man." Here's what the small boy wrote: "Man is a wonderful animal. He has eyes, cars, mouth. His cars are mostly for catching cold in and having the earache. The nose is to get sniffles with. A man's body is split half way up, and he walks on the split ends."-Lippincott's Magazine.

> -A crawling-rug should be from one and one-half to two and one-fourth yards square, made of soft white, red, or brown blankets. Some are made of rod twill, lined with stiffening, with the word "Baby" in the center in large letters, surrounded by animals of various kinds and sizes, which can be bought ready out out, in kid, astrakan, or any thing like the texture of their skin .-Christain Union.

-Tear Waugeenah, Fla., stands an A. M. E. Church, known as the "old Springfield Church." It was built by a former generation when Indians were stand that I would not be guilty of slap- numerous in Florida. The savages were very hostile, but gave no trouble till the house was up and the ceiling placed overhead, when they furiously came from a swamp and massacred three or four of the mechanics engraged in the work, and while the remaining two escaped and fled for assistance, the Indians dipped their hands in the blood of their vicios and entirely covered the ceiling. Although this occurred many years ago the prints of the red man's hands are still plainly to be seen.

thers. Send in your orders early and void the winter rush. That's all."-N. Sun. Well Governed. The Chinese have a political saying hich is worthy the reading even of merican statesmen. It is as follows When is the empire well governed nd affairs go as they should go? When swords are rusty and spades are bright; when prisons are empty and grain bins filled; when the law ourts are lonely, and o'ergrown with russ; when doctors walk and bakers

ide. It is then things go as they ought ind the state is well ruled.-Youth's Comparion.