-King Oscar of Sweden, who has bitherto confined his pen chiefly to

verse, has written a war paper. Miss Jean Ingelow receives so many requests for her autograph that she is physically unable to respond to them all. -Tennyson dislikes the craze for lo-

calizing his poems. He said recently that Locksley Hall was no particular hall, and the Moated Grange no particular grange. -Joaquin Miller is credited with the worst penmanship of any educated man

in the United States, and his spelling is far from being according to Webster or Worcester. -Eugene Field says of Rider Hag-

gard: "He looks like a good-natured boy, that is all. His head is small and his nose is large; he has blue eyes and red cheeks; his manner is that of a loose-jointed, companionable fellow." -A periodical for the betrothed is

now published in Vienna. It is published twice a month. Every announcement of a betrothal or marriage is inserted gratuitously, provided the happy couple will buy their trousseau of the tradesmen advertising in the paper.

-Mark Twain is said to allow himself 800 cigars a month. At the age of thirty-four he stopped smoking for a year and a half. When he started to write "Roughing It" he was three weeks in writing three chapters. Then he resumed smoking and completed the book in three months.

-William Black, the novelist, is de scribed as a man of less than medium height, muscular and compact of build. His hair is black, worn closely clipped, and he has a sweeping mustache that a cavalry man might envy. He lives in plain rooms in Buckingham street, London, overlooking the Thames.

-The King's College School Old Boys' Club wrote asking Mr. Gladstone to become an honorary member, and received a postal card written by him declining the honor. The club promotly put the card up at auction and got 6 shilling f pence for it.

-The newspapers are beginning to outbid the magazines. It is said that a New York paper pays larger prices for the literary contributions to its Sunday issue than any magazine pays. Yet not a few writers would prefer to deed their work to a magazine, even at a much smaller price.

-It is a remarkable fact that the European country which possesses the largest number of public libraries is Austria. In Austria there are no fewer than 577 public libraries, containing 5,475,000, without reckoning maps or manuscripts-a total which comes out of twenty-six volumes per 100 of the population.

-It is related that a few years ago the Prince of Wales declined to attend a luncheon following the opening of a town hall at Halifax because the local "big-wigs" had determined that the newspaper men should dine apart, in another hotel; and once Disraeli, when touring in Buckinghamshire, shut himself up in his room on learning of a similar resolve, and sent word to his bosts that he would remain there until the journalists were accorded a place at his

ALONG THE RIVIERA.

A Country Where Games of Chance Have Always Been in Favor.

along the Riviera; it might continue if his dream of beauty is realized and the casino at Monte Carlo were razed to takes a clearly defined form, behold the ground At San Remo games of how patiently he works through long chance are forbidden by law now, yet months and years on sky and lake, on the lottery, which is the most demoral- tree and flower, and, when complete, it izing of all forms of gambling, is per- represents to him more love and life, mitted there, as in all Italian cities. more hope and ambition than the living Epward of a century ago the game of child at his side, to whose conception chance commonly played at San Remo and antenatal development not one was biribi. This game is chiefly kept soulful thought was ever given. To this in remembrance by references to it in impressible period of human life few the writings of noted men. For ex- parents give any thought; yet here we ample, Paul Louis Courier, in one of his must begin to cultivate the virtues that incomparable pamphlets, twits the Fi- can alone redeem the world. nance Minister of his day with playing | How oblivious even our greatest phibiribi with the finances. This game losophers seem to the well-known laws was far more unfavorable to the player of physiology. Think of a man like than the roulette which is played at Darwin, so close an observer of every Monte Carlo in these days. A biribi form of life, so firm a believer in the table contains seventy compartments, laws of heredity, venturing on marriage each compartment being distinguished and fatherhood while he was the victim by a figure and a number. Sixty-four of an incurable hereditary disease. That marked on them, are placed in a bag. family is plain from his published let-The player puts his stake in one of the ters, in which he deplores his condition, compartments, and if the ball drawn and groans lest his physical afflictions out of the bag should correspond to it be visited on his children. Alas! who then he receives 64 times his stake can measure the miseries of the race re-There are 64 chances to 1 against a sulting from the impure and unholy player at biribi receiving any thing; at marriages into which even intelligent roulette the chance of his doing so on a number is 36 to 1, and no person has yet made a fortune by playing on numbers at roulette. Thus the modern game of roulette ruins a player more slowly than the older one of biribi.

The game of roulette, or, as it is designated in the statute book, "roly poly," is an ingenious device for inspiring a player with the prospect of gain, and for insuring that the player will con tribute to maintain the keepers of the table. There is more excitement in brought you go yet. Then you may playing at roulette than at trente-et quarante, though the certainty of ulti- leave it. (Tastes it). Ah! to be sure, mate loss is the same at either. In it is venison; and very nice, too-very deed, the man who systematically spec- nice, indeed!" utates on the stock exchange, who bets on the turf, or who games at Monte the meaning of the phrase, 'Amenities Carlo helps to add to a stockbroker's in of Journalism?'" "It is," promptly recome in the first place, to increase a plied the parent, "calling a brother bookmaker's profits in the second, and editor an 'esteemed contemporary'in one to pay dividends to the shareholders in column, and referring to him in another the casino in the third. I assume that as 'a lying whelp who hasn't intelliin each of the three cases every thing gence to c'erk on a canal boat."-Exhas been done fairly and in accordance

with the rules laid down. This point of view is not sufficiently as he stood on the steps, "will you open borne in mind. When the wickedness the door?" "Did you hear the clock?" of gaming is denounced, too little heed was t question which came from the is paid to its unprofitableness, and human beings are more reluctant to do struck three." "Well, three strikes is that which will not pay than that which out," and she slammed the shutters, is called sinful. There is a wild delight while Lushly sat down on the doorsteps. in sinning which is not felt in losing -Washington Post. money .- Nineteenth Century.

The Hotel Clerk's Tale, It is seldom that a guest quits a room sithout leaving something behind Women leave hairpins, invisible nets. shoe-buttoners and one glove. And sometimes they will leave jewelry, but not often. Men leave a collar, a nailbrush, a pair of ole rubbers and business letters. As soon as a room is vacated the housemaid on the floor makes an examination, pick's up every thing that has been left and hands it to the housekeeper, who reports it to the office. A funny thing about these leavings is that they are most always sent for. A pair of rphbers were left in a ha to forward the rubbers by express to WOUNDED HONOR AVENGED.

Proud Beggar Would Teach the Haughty Rich a Lesson.

There was a certain air of pride and even of hauteur about him as he came down the front steps of the Massachusetts avenue mansion, notwithstanding the fact that he had just been refused a small loan of only fifteen cents, a request for which had been conveyed by the maid ser 'nt to the mistress of the

"I have been grossly insulted," he said, addressing a young man with a large folio note book who had paused a moment on the sidewalk for the purpose of investigating the contents of an socidental ash barrel in hopes of raking therefrom a news item of some

"Who did it?" asked the Star reporter, for it was he.

The proud-looking stranger pointed with his thumb over his left shoulder at the handsome residence behind him. "I demanded a trifling pecuniary accommodation, he explained hearsely,"

and they sent me down an insolent message of refusal." The stranger pulled thoughtfully at a wisp of long black hair that hung over

one ear. Finally he said: "I have it!" "A scheme of revenge?" asked the

newspaper man interestedly-for he, too, detested aristocrata. "Exactly."

"What is it?" "Butter."

"Butter?" "That's the idea. I propose to get

even by buttering the steps." "You mean to bring them down to your level, eh?"

"To some extent." "But butter costs money." "It needn't be the best butter, you

"Of course not; but enough even of a poor article to make a toboggan slide of the steps would be a large expense."

"You mistake my object," he said. "I do not contemplate summoning the law of gravity to my aid for the purpose of destroying the family. Too much risk would be involved. What I propose doing is simply to put a little grease on costly stone steps during the night. Five minutes' work with a small quantity of second-hand butter will do about \$300 worth of damage. You know the grease sinks into the stone, and nothing short of the chisel will ever get it out again. I'll teach these haughty rich people that it is cheaper to extend a small financial assistance-to the extent, say, of fifteen cents—to a gentle-man temporarily embarrassed than to make him a deadly enemy, prepared at the first favorable opportunity to spread butter and desolation in their paths. Ha, ha! I will yet be revenged. Fare well!"-Washington Star.

THE MARRIAGE RITE.

Its Sacredness Pictured in Eloquent

The first step toward making the ideal the real is to educate our sons and daughters into the most exalted ideas of the sacredness of married life and the responsibilities of parenthood. I would have them give at least as much thought to the creation of an immortal being as the artist gives to his landscape or statue. Watch him in his hours of solitude, communing with great nature for days and weeks in all Gaming is a habit of very old date her changing moods, and when at last

balls, with figures painted and numbers he thought of this while raising a large men and women so recklessly enter .--Elizabeth Cady Stanton, in Arena.

> -A lady of Alpharetta, Ga., has a breed of chickens that she says will eat only six months in the year; they fast the other six, and are as fat at the end of their fast as they were before.

-Epicure-"Waiter, this steak is positively bad. It must be three weeks old." Waiter-"Ah, pardon, monsieur! pld." "Venison? Oh, yes! Then you may

-"Pa" said the editor's son, "what is change.

-"M' (hic) dear," said Mr. Lushly,

-Mrs. Brown-"These men think we women can't keep a secret, but they're greatly mistaken, I know I can." Mrs. Green—"Indeed, I can too. Now Mrs. Parks was in here yesterday and told me in solemn confidence that Mrs. Smith intended getting a divorce from her husba ', and I haven't told a living soul about it and don't intend to." Mrs. Brown-"No; I wouldn't if I were you."

-Light -Matilda Greenfield-"I cayn't do yo washin' no mo' arfter to-day, ma'am, kase I'se gwine ter be mahied." Mra. Mildly-"Indeed, Matilda, I am really room not long ago. The next day we had a telegram from the owner at Omaha to forward the rubbers by express to "Deed I does ma'am, 'doed I does; kase "Deed I does ma'am, 'doed I does; kase "The consideration, a consideration a consideratio his address in Denver. His message I been maked four times already, an' l the express charges came to more realizes jess how car'ful a puson has to than a pair of new rubbers.—Chicago be about dis marryin' busines."-Debroit Free Press.

AN ALIENIST'S VIEWS.

He Thinks That Numerous Species of In-sanity Are Preventable.

cases it is the direct or indirect out yours, come of conditions affecting the general nutrition. The general idea as to the part played by emotion in the production of insanity is exaggerated. Among the conditions that impair the general nutrition and thus contribute to mental disease are unsanitary surroundings, excitement, etc., are responsible for about twelve per cent, and of these

about one-third of the patients have their mental troubles ascribed to such things as loss of sleep, disorders of appetite and of digestion and to other purely physical causes.

It is no exaggeration to say that forty per cent, of the cases of insanity are per cent of the cases of insanity are preventable; in fact, the percentage of preventable cases is larger when we consider the number of cases due to ill-advised marriages. Disregard of sanitary rules-a very broad term-is what is filling our asylums for the insane. Unrestricted

marriages among the eriminal classes and the criminally disposed, among persons with what may be called an overwhelmingly insane hereditary, and of habitual drunkards, is one way in cents a box. which insanity is produced by disregard "What a control of the control of th of sanitary laws. There are son people that should be prohibited, for the good of society, from propagating the species. One way-and the proper way -of preventing insanity is to reform the children by reforming their parenta -Chicago Herald.

DO FISHES SUFFER PAIN?

An Expert Says They Are Not as Sensi-tive as Warm-Blooded Animals.

I have read many articles on the subect of whether fish, when caught on the ook, feel any pain, or whether their struggles were merely the result of finding themselves fast. I fish a great deal in the summer months for trout, bass and pickerel, and have done so for many years. I have studied the matter very carefully, and have made up my mind, from various incidents that have come under my observation, that fish are not sensitive to pain as are warm-blooded animals. I will cite two instances that show to me plainly that I must be right in my conclusions on this subject.

Last October, while fishing for pickerel on Lake Cary, Wyoming County, Pa., in company with a companion, among other fish that we caught was a Dr. J. E-gene Jordan, Seatt'e, Wash. pickerel that would weigh nearly, if not quite, three pounds. My friend pulled brown line hanging to it. Upon inspecting it more closely I found that the fish had in its side a very strong and coarse hook, to which the piece of line was attached. The wound must have been made a very short time previous to our catching the fish, for it was bleeding quite freely and looked very fresh, and if the fish could feel, it would certainly have deterred it from takng our hook so soon after such an injury. There was only one other party dshing on the lake that day, as it was cold and windy, and that pickerel must have received his injury from them and have come nearly across the lake to us, dragging that piece of heavy line with

The other instance occurred in this way: I was fishing for pickerel with a "skipping bait"-most of your readers know what that is-a piece of pork rind or a pickerel belly, and had with me a friend who, though he could handle a brigade under a heavy fire, was not up to the trick of catching fish that way. I was having fairly good sport, but he got impatient and finally, when he had a good strike, he jerked so hard as to break his line, and away went the fish, and he at once proposed to go home; but I told him in joke if he would wait five or ten minutes I would catch that fish and get back his book. So we sat down and had a short smoke. I soon commenced to cast my hook near where he would have taken the bait so soon again had it been in any pain from the book -Forest and Stream

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-Formerly the education of girls in France was entirely in the hands of the convents, and was different in every respect from that of boys. Secular schools for girls have been founded, especially hope you have given the matter careful such high schools in France. One was consideration, Matilda, and that you opened last year in Paris. two teachers, and takes girls from twelve to seventeen years old. Sewing and housekeeping are taught. The regular course is five years, and a teacher's liploma is given for the studies of the sixth year.

A SUFFERER RELIEVED AFTER DOC- AN ELEGANT PACKAGE OF FINE TORING FOR TEN YEARS--FACTS CONVINCE THE PUBLIC.

sanity, and the much that has been have given it a fair trial; my rest has redone in the way of dispelling the mys- turned; I am much improved in every way. teries surrounding insanity, have shown that mental disease is in a great measure preventable. In many Carpenter and Builder, 616 California

street, San Francisco, Cal. Half the men who complain of some one standing in their road eventually find that they didn't have any road.

A HAUNTED HOUSE. disease are unsanitary surroundings, exposure to the contagion of communicable diseases, labor in badly ventilated rooms, intemperance and other thing: that cause bodily illness. These are responsible for large percentage of the cases of insanity. It is estimated that ten per cent. of the cases of insanity are aused by tuberculosis, and three per cent. by contagious diseases; the habitual and intemperate use of alcohol, oplum and other narcotice causes about nine per cent. of all cases. The so-called emotional causes, such as business perplexities, anxiety, religious excitement, etc., are responsible for about twelve per cent. and of these

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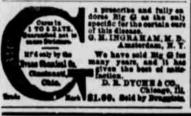


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