It has leaked out that one of the pashim twenty-five pounds of dynamite-enough, had it exploded, to have blown the whole train into fragments. He bought the stuff of a dealer in this city and to insure greatest care carried the package in his hands. He was in the oking car when the crash came, and most terrifying of his life. When the requisites, which no product but ivory front end of the car lifted from the can give. wheels and tilted into the air he expectsafety lay in keeping the dangerous com-

As quick as the car stopped he made a of Mayfair or the billiard saloons of the dash for the door, holding the package Strand. The prospect that the problem away. Then he breathed easier, for even into the ravine the dynamite would have but the shipment to Europe continues been ignited and not only caused much with a remarkable regularity. loss of life, but added another mysterious feature to the affair. Naturally every one would have connected the dynamite with the plans of the men engaged in the act, as the owner of the stuff would not be alive to tell his story. -Springfield Republican.

A Terror to Road Agenta.

Stephen Venard, famous as a hunter of highwaymen, has died at the County hospital after a lingering illness, at the age of sixty-seven years. He came to Nevada City from Ohio in the early fifties and engaged in merchandising. Subsequently he mined and did police duty here, and was for a time engaged in cattle raising in Nevada.

On the morning of May 15, 1866, the stage from North San Juan in this city was stopped a few miles from here by Shanks, alias Jack Williams; Bob Finn, alias Caton, and George W. Moore, who captured \$7,900. Venard, who participated in the chase a few hours later, came up with the highwaymen in one of the wildest and most inaccessable portions of South Yuba canon. where they divided the spoils. An encounter ensued, in which Venard, with a rifle, killed all three, and escaped un-

Governor Low appointed him lieutenservice in the field, and the Wells-Fargo Express company presented him with a valuable rifle. He was a man of modest demeanor, thoroughly temperate, of the strictest probity, and not afraid of anything .- Cor. San Francisco Bulletin.

The Corinth Canal.

That great engineering work, the Corinth canal, which will sever the Peloponnesus from the mainland of Greece, and will permit the largest ships to pass directly from the Gulf of Athens to the Gulf of Corinth, is said to be rapidly approaching completion. The canal will have no locks, but is level from end to which the tallest ships may pass without lowering their topmasts.

With the exception of a short space in the center, the channel, it is stated, has been excavated down to the sea level, and water has been admitted for some distance at the Corinth end, as also at the other approach. It is assumed that about 300 vessels from Trieste and Finne, and about the same number from Italian ports, will pass through the canal an-nually, while it is calculated that between 700 and 800 Greek ships will use the canal-a total, say, of more than 1,200 vessels annually, averaging 1,500 tons each. - New York Sun.

Interesting Autographs. Several interesting autograph letters have been sold at the rooms of Messrs. Christie, Manson & Woods, the prices obtained showing that rarities in this line are always sure of finding a ready market at sums which steadily advance. A letter from Robert Burns to his father sold for £53, and five verses in the same handwriting brought £21. Oliver Gold-

smith's manuscript has been steadily rising in value of late, a letter from his hand to David Garrick inducing a colector to bid as high as £41 for the document, at which price it was disposed of. An epistle from Dr. Johnson-Goldie's d and patron-only reached the sum of £10 15s. Two letters of Alexander Pope went for £17 10s. and £6 10s. respectively, and one from Jeremy Taylor brough £8 8s. A communication from Queen Elizabeth to a correspondent abroad, which her majesty had dictated to Roger Ascham, sold for £16 16s.-Galignani's

There is now a strong demand for live lobsters. The restaurants, boardingses and many of the families that used to demand boiled lobsters now order them alive, because it is the whim of the moment to eat them after they have been broiled alive. The idea is that the flesh is half a dozen times more succulent then than if they are killed first. Humanitarians need not shudder. There never was any human method of killing a lobster. He used to be boiled alive, and now he is broiled. It is doubtful whether, if each lobster could be questioned, many of them would care which way they were treated. - New York Sun.

The Longest Electric Enilroad. North Carolina is to have a forty-one mile electric railway, running from Asheville to Rutherfordton, for which the power operating the electric works is to be furnished by water. The road, when completed, will be the longest electric railroad line in the world, and the only one built to operate both freight and passenger cars. Though Rutheron is 112 years old, it never had a railroad of any kind until within the last two years.—Savannah News.

The Barber's Union of Tacoma proposes to see that the Sunday law in that city, in so far as it relates to the closing of barber shops, be strictly enforced hereafter. People who do not shave themselves will have to get shaved Saturday night or wait until Monday mornine.

HUW WE GET THE IVURY.

The Elephant Industry and its Relation

It has been suggested by a recent writer that the extinction of the African eleant would achieve the suppression of he African slave trade, for if there were no ivory to carry to the coast the Arabs would have no occasion to maintain that fell institution in its foulest form. On the same lines we have beard it argued that the ultimate patrons of African slavery are those men among us whose amusement depends upon the perfection of the sphere wrought out of the choicest part of the elephant's tooth, and those ladies whose resthetic taste would be offended with other than the soft, creamy, the next few moments were to him the delicately grained surface for their toilet

Many will regard this long chain of ed it would follow the locomotive and responsibility as the mere fantastic crefive cars ahead down the embankment ation of a philanthropic enthusiast, and and the crash would explode the dyna- certainly the abolition of the slave trade mite, but he also realized his greatest will be a slow process if it depends upon the establishment of an anti-ivory using ague in the boudoirs and dining rooms

at arm's length. Once on the ground he will be solved by the extinction of the bolted for the woods, carefully laid the great pachyderm is also remote. The dynamite on the ground and hurried yearly destruction of elephants is enormous, and obviously there is a limit to after the danger of being crushed in the car was over he feared the locomotive boiler might explode and the concussion of scarcity have been experienced, as, explode his burden. Without question for instance, during the recent blockade had the smoking car followed the others of the East African coast by Germany,

The perennial talk of an ivory famine has as yet come to nothing, a rise in price being sufficient to stimulate the supply and to some extent contract the mand. Those in the trade will tell you that magnificent tusks are now rare, but of medium size there is comparative abundance. How long that will last it is impossible to say, but as Africa is opened up the elephant's bounds will be circumscribed, and some fine day the last wild animal of the species will receive his quietus. Fifty years is the period which one authority in the trade

ventures upon for the practical drying

up of the ivory supply. We obtain a certain proportion of our supplies of ivory from Asia, but the bulk and the best comes from Africa. Indeed, a great part of what is nominally East Indian is really African, for it is sent from Zanzibar and Mozambique to Bombay, and such parts as are not required for bangles and carved work are shipped to England. More or less comes from Burmah, Siam, Cochin China, Ceylon, Sumatra and Java, the Siamese be ing the best of the Asiatic, which is apt to discolor. The African is shipped from Senegambia, Guinea, the Congo, Benguela and other places on the west coast; Zanzibar, Mozambique and Sofala on the east; Cape town on the south, ant-colonel on his staff for meritorious and from Tunis, Tripoli, Alexandria and Cairo, being brought down from the interior in caravans. London is the great market for ivory, and buyers both for home and abroad attend the four series of sales held at the London docks.

Liverpool, through its direct trading connection with the west coast, receives a certain amount of ivory and has a series of minor sales, and Antwerp is now trying to cut into the trade, as an outcome of the Belgian efforts in the Congo Free State. At the last series of sales held in London only 75 tons were offered, but the quantities usually range from 100 to 120 tons. The last auctions in Liverpool disposed of 13 tons, and end and perfectly straight, the width about 31 tons were offered at Antwerp. being ninety-six feet and the depth thirtysix. At the Corinth end it is crossed by this country weighed 11,757 hundreda railroad bridge 164 feet high, under weight. This would mean at least 60,000 tusks, and the destruction of 30,000 elephants for this market alone. France, Germany and America share in these supplies, but they also obtain ivory direct, more especially Germany.-Pall Mall Gazette.

Selling the Succulent Frog.

Two or three times a month a bright boy with a business like air visits the hotels and restaurants. He was encountered the other day in a down town lunch room, where he had just sold the proprietor a dozen fat frogs. They were neatly strung along a stick, and one man at first took them for reed birds. "I caught these down in the Neck," said the boy, "and it ain't no fun either, going into a ditch after them with a net.'

"What do you charge for them?" "Well, for nice, big ones, I can get sixty cents a dozen," answered the youth. A German woman from some place down in Jersey" peddles frogs, too. She is talkative enough, except when inquisitive folks try to find out just where the festive froggy can be found. Then she shrewdly scents a possible competitor, and thereafter remains as

mute as the proverbial oyster. The usual way to cook bull frogs, or ow frogs, as the boys call them, is, according to certain gastronomic authorities, a simple thing. Roll the frogs in cracker dust and then fry them as you would an oyster. One gentleman of pronounced epicurean tastes says that if the flavor of the succulent dainty is desired, it should simply be fried in butter. -Philadelphia Inquirer.

Grandma in a Box.

Bobby (who is visiting his kind old grand mother; -1 wouldn't mind eatin' some of that nice hot bread, grandma. Grandma-Well, Bobby, you can have all you want of it. Bobby-Yos, but ma won't let me eat hot bread. Grandma (testing the lad's moral strength)—She won't know anything about it, Bobby. Bobby-All right, grandma; just give me a piece, piease. - Harper's Bazar.



FOREIGN LANDS

Russian Peasants Practice Cannibalism.

THE IRISH LINEN TRADE.

Japanese Fleet Will Not Co-operate With China Against the European Fleets.

Italy's finances are improving. Emigration in Prussia increased 30.7

er cent, the last year, Mr. Jackson, the new Irish Secretary, is a rich Leeds tanner.

Russia is preparing to monopolize the ale of spirits and tobacco.

The loss of vessels at Martinique durng the storm was \$5,000,000. Lucien Bonaparte, who died the other

The French Senate has passed a bill regulating the hours of labor of women and children.

were five years ago. Emperor William will soon begin rusade against gambling in the civic

and military services. During the past year at Monte Carlo the total receipts from the gaming tables amounted to \$4,200,000. A German syndicate is working the

petroleum springs recently discovered at Gillano, near Bologna, Italy. A bill will be introduced in the En glish Parliament to abolish actions for

breach of promise of marriage. Baron Hirsch is reported to be ar-ranging an International Jewish Con-gress, to be held in London next year.

A vegetable cartridge shell, which is entirely consumed in firing, is now coming into general use in the French army

Gladstone has declined the tender of a banquet at Paris by Frenchmen who favor the withdrawal of British troops from Egypt.

Dom Pedro is reported to have announced that he is willing to return to Brazil to assist in restoring order and reuniting the people The difficulty in fighting the famine in

Russia is increased by the improvi-dence, ignorance, selfishness and fatalism of the peasants. Women convicts at the recent wreck of the steamer Enterprise in the Bay of

Bengal formed a human life line and ued six fellow voyagers. It is rumored at Valparaiso that the government of Chili will amnesty all but some twenty of those who promi-

nently supported Balmaceda. Cycling is gradually making its way throughout the armies of Europe. Russia each infantry regiment is to have

The Duke of Portland gives all his profits at racing to charities under a promise to his wife, and since his marringe has given \$6,000,000 in this way. Notwithstanding the Russian famine,

four orderlies mounted on cycles.

large quantities of English wheat continue to be imported to England, the amount rather exceeding that of last A Brazilian Government decree

issued orders a lease of the State rail-ways for thirty-three years at a gold rental, half of which is payable in ad-A newspaper correspondent named

Eugene Wolff has been expelled from German East Africa for writing biased reports discrediting the Governor of the Colony.

The number of deaths at Altona from trichinosis, caused by eating diseased pork, is now reported as thirty. An investigation as to the origin of the meat is in progress.

The famine in parts of Russia is so severe that peasants practice cannibalism. The death role from diseases consequent upon the absence among the people of the necessities of life is terrible.

The ships that were built to carry beet from the Argentine Republic to Europe are now employed in conveying fish between the same points, the beef business having apparently proven unremunera-

tive. The Russian government is said to contemplate a more rigorous supervision of the sources of news sent to foreign newspapers from Russia, which is claimed to be in many respects false and exag-

gerated. The London Spectator has recently shown that in England the tendency of population to the cities is irresistible, that the young men and women are deserting the agricultural regions and that farmers are unable to get the laborers

needed for cultivating the soil. The St. Peteraburg Novosti, which has aiready commented unfavorably upon the speech of Emperor Francis Joseph to the Hungarian delegations, returns to the attack in a second article, wherein Austria is dubbed "a wolf in sheep's clothing, always speaking peace while arming to the teeth for war.

Prince Bismarck has finished the first volume of his memoirs, which, however, scarcely brings him beyond the threshold of his public career. He has de-cided that no part of the work is to be published during his life time.

The Irish linen trade is in a more lourishing condition than for several years past, and the 30,000 operatives in the spinning mills and factories of Ulster are rejoicing in an increase of wages of from 5 to 71/2 cents, which will go

disinter and remove to a point nearer Constantinople the remains of soldiers killed in the late Russo-Turkish war and

The Transcaucasian railroad has be come so unsafe on account of the bands of robbers which have of late been formed in the mountains that the entire line by an imperial ukase has been placed under military control.

The entire European army of the Czar of Russia is to be furnished with the new ride by the summer of 1894. The 500,000 rifles ordered in France are to be ready at the latest by July of that year. Meanwhile the Russian factories are to delice annually potential from July deliver annually, reckoning from July, lars a week if you think you can do the 430,000, thus making the total number to be delivered in July, 1894, including those ordered in France, 1,790,000 new rifles.

PORTLAND MARKET.

Produce, Fruit, Etc. WHEAT-Valley, \$1.05@1.0716; Walls Walla, \$1.60@1.62% per cental. FLOUR—Standard, \$5.00; Walla Walla.

\$4.80; Graham, \$4.00; Superfine, \$3.0

per barrel.

Oars—New, 42@45c per bushel.

HAY—\$11@13 per ton.

Malsrupps—Bran, \$19; snorts, \$2;;
ground barley, \$22,50@25; chop feed.

\$18@19 per ton; feed barley, \$20; midbrewing barley. dlings, \$23 per ton; feed barley, \$20; mid-dlings, \$23 per ton; brewing barley. \$1.10@1.15 per cental. Butter.—Oregon fancy creamery, 37½ @40c; fancy dairy, 32½@35c; fair to good, 25@27½c; common, 15@22½c; Eastern, 25@31½c per pound. Chrise—Oregon, 14@15c; Eastern, 14@15c per pound.

14@15c per pound. Ecos-Oregon, 32%c; Eastern, 27%c

per dozen. POULTRY-Old chickens, \$3.50@4 50;

Onions, 75c@\$1 per cental; potatoes, 40@ \$60,000 to put up the product and ship offic per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound; California celery, 75c per dozen bunches; fancy Oregon celery, 50c per dozen bunches; carrots, \$1 per sack; special agents travel about, inspecting beets \$1 per sack;

Lucien Bonaparte, who died the other day, spoke eighty different languages.

The Japanese fleet will not co-operate with China against the European fleets.

Bremen is the first city in Germany to operate all its car lines by the electric motor.

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HONEY-171/@18c per pound.

SALT-Liverpool, \$14.50, \$15.50@16.50; stock, \$11@12 per ton. Rick-Japan, \$5.00; Island, \$5.75 per cental. BEANS-Small white, 23/c; pink, 21/c;

bayos, 214c; butter, 35c; fimas, 35c per pound. COFFEE—Costa Rica, 2014@21c; Rio, 20c; Salvador, 21c; Mocha, 30c; Java, 25c; Arbuckle's, 100-pound cases, 2134c

per pound.

SUGAR—D, 43gc; Golden C, extra C, 43gc; granulated, cube crushed and powdered, 6c; fectioners' A, 51/2c; maple sugar, 1 c per pound.

Synur-Eastern, in barrels, 42@45c; half-barrels, 44@47c; in cases, 55@80c per gallon; \$2.25 per keg. California, in barrels, 30c per gallon; \$1.75 per keg. Dried Fautrs—Italian prunes, 7\2@8c;

Petite and German, 6@7e per pound; raisins, \$1.20@1.90 per box; Plummer dried pears, 8@9c; sun-dried and fac-tory plums, 9c; evaporated peaches, 9@11c; Smyrna figs, 17@223cc; Cali-

fornia, figs, 7c per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Table fruits, \$1.65@
1.80, 2½s; peaches, \$1.80@2.00; Bartlett pears, \$1.80@1.90; plums, \$1.37½@ 1.50; strawberries, \$2.25; cherries, \$2.25 @2.40; blackberries, \$1.85@1.90; raspberries, \$2.40; pineapples, \$2.25@2.80; apricots,\$1.60@1.70. Pie truit: Assorted, \$1.10@1.20; peaches, \$1.25; plums, \$1@ 1.10; blackberries, \$1.25@1.40 per dozen Vegetables: Corn, \$1.10@1.75; tomatoes, 95c@\$3.00; sugar peas, \$1.00@1.15; string beans, 90c@\$1.00 per dozen. Fish: Sardines, 75c@1.05; lobsters, \$2.30 @3.50. Condensed milk: Eagle brand, \$8.10; Crown, \$7.00; Highland, \$6.50; Champion, \$5.50; Monroe, \$6.75 per case. Meats: Corned beet, \$1.90; chipped beef, (2.10; hunch tongue, \$3.10 1s, \$5.50 2s; deviled ham, \$1.25@2.65 per lozen

NAME-Base quotations: Iron, A.W.

steel, \$3.00; wire, \$3.50 per keg

Tix-I. C. charcoal, 14x20, prime quarity, \$8.00@8.50 per box; for crosses, \$2 extra per box; rooting, 14x20, prime quality, \$6.75 per box; I. C. coke plates, 14x20, prime quality, \$7.75 per box. Lean—19ge per pound; bar, 61ge. Solder—131g@161ge per pound, according to grade.

SHOT-\$1.85 per sack.

Horseshors—\$5.

Naval Stores—Oakum, \$5 per bale; rosin, \$4.80@5.00 per 280 pounds; tar, Stockholm, \$12.00; Carolina, \$7.00 per barrel; pitch, \$6.00 per barrel; turpen-tine, 65c per gallon in carload lots.

Hides, Wool and Hops,

Hipgs—Dry hides, selected prime, 84 @9e; ½c less for culls; green, selected, over 55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c; sheep pelts, short wool, 30@50e; medium, 60@80c; long, 90c@\$1.25; shearlings, 10@20e; tallow, good to choice, 3 @31/sc per pound. Woot.—Willamette Valley, 17@19c

Eastern Oregon, 10@17c per pound according to condition and age.

Hors—Nominal; 10@16c per pound.

The Ment Market. BEEF-Live, 2½c; dressed, 5@6c. Murron-Live, sheared, 3½c; dressed

Hogs-Live, 5c; dressed, 7c. VEAL-5@7c per pound. SMOKED MEATS-Eastern ham, 12@

13%c; other varieties, 12%c; breakfast bacon, 13@15c; smoked bacon, 11%@ 11%c per pound. Lard—Compound, 10c; pure, 11@13c: Oregon, 101/2@121/2c per pound.

Bags and Bagging.

Burlaps, 8-oz., 40-inch, net cash, 6c burlaps, 10%-oz., 40-inch, net cash, 7c; burlaps, 12-oz., 45-inch, net cash, 7%c; burlaps, 16-oz., 60-inch, 11c; burlaps, 20 oz., 76-inch, 13c. Wheat bags-Calcutta, 22x36, spot, 9c; three-bushel oat bags, Centals (second-hand wheat bags),

An Unnecessary If.

During the recent visit of Jay Gould, of New York, and his daughter to this city they were taken through the treasholding \$1,000,000 in their hands. Hibernian guide, who had no idea who the visitors were, remarked:

"Och, miss, aff yez only owned the loikes av that now yez wouldn't be nadin to worry about where yez would be getting your sphring wraps at ahl, at ahl." - Washington Cor. Philadelphia Record.

A Missing Tar Heel.

A North Carolina man exploded twen ty pounds of gunpowder under a mass of rock on the side of a mountain to loosen it, and the shock sent five acres of rocks, soil and trees rushing down for half a mile to fill up a valley and create a lake a mile and a half long He has not been seen since the rush. - Detroit Free Press.

Merchant- We will pay you three dol-

your club. - Munsey's Weekly.

AGRICULTURAL.

The Government Will Begin Its Purchase

OF SEED FOR THE FARMERS.

The Department of Agriculture is young chickens, \$2.00@3.00; ducks, \$5.00 shout to begin its purchases of seeds (%7.50; geese, \$9.00@10.00 per dozen; for supplying the farmers of the country. All such buying is done directly from growers. Congress appropriates \$100, 000 for this purpose annually. It costs the country of the control of the co

A company controls the flower girls of Berlin, who wear the national costume and make money.

The imports of oil into India are 80 per cent. larger in quantity than they were five years ago.

Doubt description of the flower girls of Nurs—California walnuts, 11½ (212) (c); contract to deliver the crops obtained, hickory, 8½ (c); Brazils, 10@11c; almonds, 16@18c; filberts, 13@14c; pine nuts, 17@18c; pecans, 17@18c; cocos nuts, 8c; hazel, 8c; peanuts, 8c per were five years ago. be planted. On their part the farmers out all "rogues," which are plants of inferior varieties, such as will creep in. In summer time, when the crops are

growing, Uncle Jerry's special agents come along. To them each seedsman shows not his green fields, but his "trial garden," wherein he cultivates a few specimens of each choice vegetable that he is engaged in propagating. The gov-ernment buyers look the stock over, decide in a general way as to what they want to purchase and go away, to return in the late autumn and give their orders after inspecting the seeds in the bins. These seed farmers are scattered all over the United States. Cabbage seeds are nearly all grown on Long Island, elsewhere in New York State and in Concentrate. necticut. Farmers believe that need alt air. Of cauliflower seeds the same remarks may be repeated. Peas for seed all come from the neighborhood of Traverse, Mich., and Manitowoc, Wis. Those got from elsewhere are always apt to have little worms in them, but the flies, of which these worms are the larvie, do not live in the region mentioned. Beet seeds are nearly all imported. Carrot seeds come from the far West, especially from California, in which State are also produced most of the lettuce seeds and the best. Corn and onions for seed are raised all over the country, and the same is true of the seeds of melons. Cucumber seeds come from Nebraska, Wisconsin and Missouri.

The flower seeds which the department distributes are nearly all imported from abroad, where vast farms are devoted to raising them. They have to be pur-chased from the big seed houses. As is the case with vegetable seeds, they are all tested before being sent out. this purpose a curious little window garden is maintained, which consists of two good-sized pans about four inches deep. Across the pans wires are laid in pairs, with folds of cheese cloth hanging be-tween each pair into the water, of which the pans are half full. The seeds are sprinkled along in the folds of the cheese cloth, and quickly germinate, their roots Stephen?" asked his cousin. making their way through the fabric in "My business profits wi a dense network. Sometimes vegetable thus grown in the pans have actually produced peas, beans and other things big enough to eat. Any one who cares to get up such a window garden as this at home will be well repaid for the slight labor involved. Seeds can be got for the asking by writing to the Department of Agriculture in the spring.

A noted dairyman recently said: "Po sell the best cow I ever had at 8 years old. They are on the downhill The investigation that followed showed that he labored with a cow good for beef and milk, sometimes one and sometimes the other; and when his cow beef was ready, he was wise enough to cow that puts her food into the pail and not on her ribs grows better for years, and the oldish cows are and have been quite as profitable as the younger ones. If cows are fed and well cared for, and not compelled to be foragers in summer and manure-pile scavengers in winter, there is no reason why a good cow at 8 years may not be a good cow at 15. Now that succulent toods are largely the winter ration, the cow that is kept warm and comfortable in the stable is valuable for milk, and good milk, for years, and can be depended upon with far more certainty, now that she has proved herself a good cow, than can the heifer or purchased cow to take her place. Keep the good, generous milking cow as long as she is profitable, and then, Christianlike, consign her to a Bologna-sansage factory and use the feed that would be required to fatten her into 1-cent beef to feed other cows in milk, or take her to the woods and give her a respectable

Feeding for Quality. The results of an experiment by the fowa station in feeding mileh cows for quality in milk are summarized as fol lows: Quality of milk, so iar as measured by its percentage of fat, was changed by feed to a much greater degree than was quantity. Two-thirds of the increase in average gross yield of butter fat was due to improved quality of milk, and only one-third to increased milk flow.

While on this feeding question it n ay be profitable to our readers to quote the ury building, and, of course, into the following from J. L. Hill in the Vermont money room. There, as is usual, the experiment station report: "In general guide gave them the opportunity of it may be said that the limit of ability to The assimilate a heavy grain feed and to 1ethe individual physical constitution and nervous temperament of the animal. Up to this limit there appears to be no unfavorable effect upon the animal or its products. The financial effect of such methods must depend largely upon the make-up of the animal and the relative cost of concentrated feeds.

> Each minute, night and day, by the official reports, the United States collects \$639 and spends \$461; the interest on the public debt was \$96 a minute last year, or just exactly equal to the amount of silver mined in that time.

going on all over Switzerland. This most difficult of all countries for railroad engineering now has, relatively, more railways than the New England states.

Last year 4,559 books were published in this country, and nearly one-quarter of them (1,118) were works of fiction.

I saw two birds perched on the wire

Where messages in stience run, Their feathers gleaming as on fire, Their breasts as golden as the sun I watched them for a while as they
Sat drowsing in the sunlight there—
Content to dream throughout the day.
And cheat of song the tranquil air.

Then, fearing solitude too long.
The other followed in his wake.
And gave the air a grievous song.
As though his tiny heart would break. And as I listened came the thought— Why are their songs so different? Is it that each a message caught As o'er the singing wire it went?

For he who first went seemed to sing-"Sweetheart, to wed! Sweetheart, weil?"

But suddenly I saw one bird Spread out his shinlog wings to fly. And ere he passed from sight I heard A joyous carol in the sky.

The other's voice seemed quavering—
"Thy love is dead! Thy love is dead!"

Frank Dempster Sherman in Cosmopolitan.

SLOW AND SURE

James Lingard, an old and solid city merchant, had in his employ two nephews, who had every opportunity of studynew crops which the serdsmen are rais ing in the counting room the secret of a successful business career. These were John Warren and Stephen Grey. Both attained the age of 25 the same year, and both on the first of May were summoned into Mr. Lingard's presence. He thus

addressed them: "You have been in my employ eight years: you know how my business is conducted, and I consider you competent to manage a business of your own. Though I should be glad to retain you longer as clerks, I will not stand in the way of your advancement. I have placed to the credit of each of you, at my banker's, the sum of £5,000, will supply you with a sufficient basis for embarking in business. With economy in your personal expenses, and prudent and judicious management, you will succeed. Success to you!"

This was a long speech for the old merchant, yet after a moment's pause he

"I have one thing more to say. This is all I purpose to do for you. You have five times the capital I started with, and with it you must sink or swim. You have my best hopes and wishes, but need look for no further pecuniary aid." His nephews thanked him heartily,

and at once took measures to go into business. John Warren secured a modest shop at a moderate rent, and determined to do business on a cash basis, contenting himself with such a stock as his own capital would buy. He made his purchases judiciously, and overlooked every detail of his business personally. Stephen Grey had larger ideas. He hired a shop at three times the rent,

pushed his credit to the utmost, and made a great show at the outset. Both young men were engaged, and both soon married. Here, again, a differ-

ence was manifested. John Warren hired a small, neat cottage just out of London, and furnished it in a cheap, inexpensive manner. One servant only was employed, who together with a boy to run errands, was found sufficient for a small establishment. But Stephen Grey turned up his nose at the cottage, and hired a city house at four times the rent, which, of course, required more servants and a larger scale of expenditure.

"I'm not going to live like a pauper," he said loftily.

"But can you afford such a house, "My business profits will be much greater than yours," he answered, "I begin where you will be five years

"Perhaps so," said John shrewdly, 'but where will you be then?"

"Don't fear for me," said Stephen confidently; "I'm ashamed of you for not showing more enterprise. You've immured yourself in an obscure shop. where you will do next to no business, "I don't know about that. I'd rather be slow and sure. It's better to hug the

shore than get wrecked in mid-ocean." "Perhaps so, but I know I am on the way to fortune. Ten years from now l shall have turned my five thousand pounds into a hundred thousand, while

you may possibly have fifteen." "I see you are not to be convinced."

"Nor you, I suppose." "No, my motto is, 'slow and sure." "And mine, 'nothing venture, nothing have." "Well, the future can alone decide

which of us is right."

So the two cousins separated. I am bound to confess, though my own feeling is that John was right, that circumstances seemed to justify Stephen in his course. It so happened that the particular classes of goods of which he had bought so largely, rose rapidly, owing to a state of thiags which needn't be explained, and as his stock was

large, his profits were also very large. Indeed, notwithstanding his personal expenses were three times as great as his cousin's, his balance sheet showed, at the end of the year, a clear profit of £5,000. In other words, he had doubled his capital, and was now worth £10,000. John had profited, too, by the rise, but on account of the more limited extent of his business, advanced to but £6,000. But with this he was well pleased, and counted himself fortunate.

"How about our different matters?" said Stephen one day about this time, in rather an exulting tone, to his cousin. "I have no reason to complain of raine," said John, "it has served me well."

"But not so well as mine." "It is hardly time to feel sure of that et," said John. "I don't agree with you. I shall keep on as I have begun. Indeed, I shall ex-

tend my operations. I am in treaty for a larger store, and"-"For a larger store?" exclaimed John,

"Yes; it may suit you to poke along at snail's pace, but I boast a little more

enterprise." "You can't expect things will always door knob. - Yankee Blade

head, Tommy?

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"We must take things as the of course; but when the sin shine is the time to make hay."

"I hope you will make plenty of a and be ready for a shower, if that is

be as favorable as they have been

"Trust me for that | know wingly about. You'd better follow my tran

"How, move into a larger store"

"Yes; take this one which I am ale to leave.

John shook his head "It is too large for me," he will am not yet ready to enlarge my open tions beyond my present limit.

"Well, it's good advice I'm girts you, whether you take it or not. "I've no doubt you think so, Steple.
I hope you will meet with no reversely shake your faith in your motto." So the two cousins again separa-

and each continued to do business is to own way. Not only did Stephe is crease his business expenses by occuing a store at a higher rent, requiring additional number of clerks, but best moved into a larger house and set up But circumstances still favored &

phen. The rise in price continued, thou not to as great an extent, and his say being larger, he cleared another to thousand pounds. He began to think himself as destined to be lucky, and a no danger of any reverses. But at a end of the third year, which was be favorable, he barely held his own Set he was worth fifteen thousand pound The tide had turned, and he should has taken in sail. But this he saw no neces sity for doing. So for two years keep he kept on his way. In that time god fell very considerably. His stock to very large, and his losses also very lea His property had shrunk to eight the sand dollars, while John's had increase to nine thousand, and he was now the richer of the two. John now felt auther ized in renting a somewhat larger sin while Stephen remained in his own

I shall not be able, nor would it be is teresting, to detail the varying fortune of the succeeding years. Suffice it a say, that at the end of ten years Jin was worth fifteen thousand pounds, al was carrying on a safe and profine business. Stephen found himself #1 point where failure was inevitable unba he could obtain the immediate use of te thousand pounds. His personal extra gance and ill judged expansion may so count for this. In this dilemma he bethought hims?

of his uncle. He made his way to he well known counting room, and va shown into Mr. Lingard's private room "I , hope everything is going mel. Stephen," said the merchant. "O yes," said Stephen, "that is proty well. But, to tell the truth, I'm ha

tight place just at present." "Indeed: I'm sorry to hear it." "You see my operations are pretty large, and I am afraid I shall have suspend unless I can raise ten thousait pounds within a week." "That's a large sum."

"Well, my business is large." "What do you estimate your stocks?" "Twenty thousand pounds." "Will ten thousand pounds set ya free entirely?" "No," said Stephen reluctantly. 4 have bills to the amount of eight the

sand more maturing in six months." "Deducting the proper margin, it is doubtful if your assets equal your liabil "A loan of ten thousand pounds would

you come to my help, Mr. Lingard? The old gentleman shook his head "Frankly, no. I resolved when I starself without further help. Observing how you started, I foresaw how thinp would turn out. You have held ou

give me a chance to right myself. Will

longer than I anticipated." "Then what am I to do, sir?" aisi Stephen, gloomily. "I advise you to call your creditor and make a frank statement. If the allow you to go on, contract your open

tions, take a smaller store, and begin

over again. If you prefer, however,

will give you a clerkship at five hundred pounds salary. I presume my partie will not object." "Your partner, sir? Have you take

"Yes, I find I am getting old and see "May I ask who he is?"

"It is John Warren." Stephen sprung to his feet in amament, anger and envy. John Warres be placed so far above his head! "Why is this?" he asked in an = steady voice.

"It is because John Warren is a good reliable business man. Had you show the same good judgment, sagacity and moderation I should have taken jos also into partnership; but I tell 100 frankly, I cannot trust my business is your hands." Stephen left the office abruptly, aug!

and mortified. He was glad eventually to accept the clerkship, being attent wrecked in business. John Warren at this time, his uncle being deceased the head of the great firm, and a very not man. Stephen is a disappointed ass, but he has only himself to thank for a -Horatio Alger, Jr., in Yankee Blads.

Population in the South Recently gathered statistics show that the present population of the souther states is 19,489,150, as against 14,628,88 in 1890, being an increase in ten year it the whole south of over 33 per cent. The white population of the south has b creased a little over 3,200,000, being me 12,218,430, while the colored population shows an increase in ten years of alos 1,600,000, being at this time 7,270,736-Frank Leslie's Newspaper.

Way of the Transgressor is Hard. Wilson (who calls on Tommy's sister) How did you get that bump on your far

Truthful Tommy-I was watching 100 and sister through the keyhole, the other night, and I struck my head against the