Andrew Jackson-The Young Jacksons. HO was it said. The Union must and shall be preserved?

Old Hickory, of uncle's administration. Emily Donelson schoolboy will tell you that

And now a num ber of patriotic southern women are saying in substance, 'The Hermitage, the home old Hickory, must and shall be pre

The general assembly of the state of Ten ore has assigned to the care of the La es Hermitage association of Nashville house and tomb of General Jackson mitwenty five surrounding acres, to im pre and preserve in lasting memory of bero of New Orleans.

This property was purchased by the state ars ago from the adopted son of General skson with the proviso that his wife re ain there during her life. Mrs. Jackson al there three years ago, when the state anded over the historic mansion to the lermitage association.

Colonel Jackson, son of Old Hickory's dopted son, still lives there, and will do so ati the association either buys the furni are and relics from him or gives up its op pos of \$17,500 on them. This option has two years more to run

and the gentlewomen who are interested in be conservation of this historic spot are torking heart and hand to save the grand old place and preserve it, not alone for the gate of Tennessee, but, like Mount Ver non for a Mecca for patriotic Americans. was the suggestion of Governor Robert Taylor, of Tennessee, that the privileges the association should be extended to very citizen of America. Andrew Jack so's illustrious name," said the governor. belongs not to one state, but to the entire

nation, and all the people should have equal girilege in becoming participants in this oble work, and while Tennessee, I believe, stands alone among the states in having purchased and preserved for public use the por of a distinguished son, she recog nies the property right of the nation in his memory and gladly surrenders to the eping of the whole people the sacred duty and privilege of caring for and per The indifference of the American public

to the demolition of historic houses is proerbial. One by one these landmarks are meptaway by the vandal progress. It is vally amazing that there is not a round pouse or a grain elevator at Mount Vernon nd a row of apartment houses on the Alexander Hamilton estate. The "brave old house" near Nashville,

with its appurtenances and relies, should be of inestimable value to the country. It is the ambition of the association to make tauational museum, which shall invite derims from north and south. The mansion is a superb specimen of Co-

ial architecture, with its great pillars, brad portices and hospitable rooms. Grand old trees shade it, and their oughs droop across the balconies where see the gentle Rachel Jackson walked. indest, the tender melancholy of this fair roman's life seems indissolubly blended with every nook and corner of the Hermitage the home to which she was devoted,

od from which destiny decreed she should

not wander far. The story of Rachel Jackson's life is a omance. She was a wonderfully beautiful woman, with a lovely disposition and sonul niety. In her youth she contracted an unfortunate marriage with a man her inferior in every respect, and from whom she was divorced. The love of Gen and Jackson for his sweet wife amounted to idolatry, and during his momentous career he never escaped from the influence He wore her miniature on his beart till his death, and no matter what his cares or pleasures, he always communed with her portrait and her Bible

at the close of each busy day. Mrs. Jackson cared very little for the opers of this world and longed for nothing so much as the time when her husband would finish with politics, for he assured er that when that time came and only then could be become a Christian. Here is a story illustrative of the great moral fluence Mrs. Jackson held over her hus

Old Hickory was an adept in profanity. When occasion required he could paralyze is listeners by the breadth and variety of bisswearing. It was during an exciting colitical campaign, and just after Mrs ackson had told a guest that she thought the general was disposed to be religious, and that but for the coming presidential lection she believed would join the church, when he entered the roon, with an opposiion newspaper in his hand, like Saul reathing out threatenings and slaughter, interspersed with delightfully picturesque onths. He swore until he was nearly out of breath, when his gentle wife approached him and looking him squarely in the face aid simply. "Mr. Jackson." The great meral who had conquered everything that had come his way was subdued at once and ceased his profanity



THE HERMITAGE. When Jackson was elected president his rife said to those about her "For Mr. schoon's sake I am glad, for my own I ever wished it. I would rather be a door seeper in the house of my God than to dwell in that palace in Washington."

There is a popular story that it was while aking preparations for her departure rom the Hermitage that this gentle soul ceived the rude shock which caused her bath. She was like a mother to every errant on the estate, and wishing to leave all comfortable for the winter, made a trip ato Nashville to purchase supplies and ing for those who were dependent on Weary from her shopping, she went to the parior of a hotel to rest while she salted for the family coach to carry her

ack to the Hermitage. Suddenly she heard her name spoken in a adjoining room, and her character as uled in terms of base and cruel calumny some time she sat there motionless. ing to the accusations against berself, hich had been circulated during the camagn and which her chivalric husband had fully kept from her knowledge. The epular tradition adds that she was soon seized with spasmodic disease of the Of this account the historians only my that it is not certainly proved, and Par adds that she had known of the slanagainst her long before the fatal seizte on Dec. 17, 1828. The inscription upon tomb tells you-

Here lie the remains of Mrs. Rachel Jackson, was of President Jackson, who died the 23d of December, 120, aged sixty-one years. Her face

WONDERFUL MIRAGES. shie, her heart wind. She delighted in relieving the wants of her fellow creatures, and cultivated that divine pleasure by the most liberal and unpretending methods. To the poor she was a benefactor, to the rich as example; to the OPTICAL ILLUSIONS THAT HAVE

out transport her to the bosom of her God.

newspaper in the country.

save from the hand of the spoiler. They are now making preparations on a grand

her by the people of New Orleans.

glory of his master. Jackson's sword, pre-

sented by the citizens of New Orleans, will

be carried by the gentleman who person

An effort is now being made by prominent

southerners to interest New York society

people in this affair, and specially to enlist

the co-operation of Mr. McAllister. Mr.

Lispenard Stewart, Mr. Valentine Hall

and Mr. A. A. Conklin, who it is promised

will introduce other attractive and novel

walking stick, slippers, flesh brush, dress

There is the general's library, a collec-

of which contain his autograph. There is

presented by himself. There is a wilder

There is all the beautiful old mahogany

the rosewood, the mother of pearl, the gilt

pitchers, vases, lamps, andirons, gilt and sil-

ver candelabrums which would send a con-

and statuettes, silver servers and old mir

rors, candlesticks, china and silver galore.

Decatur, a letter from Jefferson, an ex

quisite porcelain miniature of Mrs. De

Witt Clinton presented by herself and ac

companied by a letter conched in the ro

mantic language of that day, an armchair

presented by Mrs. Chief Justice Taney,

leorge Washington's office chair, a small

longwood, St. Helena, a piece of candle

ound in Cornwallis' tent at the surrender

request that he light it upon every recur

triotic Americans
Entre Sessions Tupper.

Baron Von Pasteur.

Shot Dead by His Mule.

C. N. Hammond, living two miles

kicked him, causing the pistol to go off.

A new kind of a school is about to be

started. The University of Pennsylva-

nia has received \$700,000 in gifts to be

used for founding a school of American

history and institutions.

Avalanche.

lefense of American liberty.

presented by Sam Houston, of Texas,

ates him

features.

required funds.

before his death.

beamarior, to the fren an example; to the wretched a comforter; to the presperous an ornament. Her piety went hand in hand with her benevolence, and she thanked her Creator for being permitted to do good. A being so gentle and so virtuous slander might wound, but rapid not discuss a fact, but the beauty of the standard of the standard might wound. STARTLED MANKIND. but could not dishonor, even Death, when he bore her from the arms of her husband, could

And if at midnight you could walk through the old mansion I doubt not you would see another lovely ghost flitting through the great rooms—beautiful Emily Explained Donelson, the niece of Rachel Jackson and mistress of the White House during her

strongly resembled Mary Queen or Scots and possessed much of the fuscination of the White Rose of Scotland. The gown hummocks of ice are thus magnified into she wore at the first inauguration ball is one of the precious relics. It is of amber satin, brocaded with violets and trimmed with pearls and lace. It was a present from the general, and even at that day was described at great length in every mals, appear in like exaggerated shape. And it is this old mansion, so filled with

historic and gentle associations, that the Nashville ladies are working vigorously to proper image of the object is elevated far scale for a Colonial ball or reception at the ove the lake or sea, while the second im-Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, in March, at which many unique and interesting age strangely appears inverted beneath it; the whole surrounded by a sheet of sky, features will be introduced. General and which is mirrored and repeated within it. Mrs. Jackson, the cabinet and foreign In 1823, in the Arctic region, Capt. Scoresby recognized, by its inverted image

ministers of his administration and their wives will be personated by prominent soin the air, the ship Fame, which afterward ciety people of Nashville. The lady who is proved to be seventeen miles beyond the visible horizon of his observation. to personate Mrs. Jackson will wear articles of dress which belonged to the gen-Dr. Vince, on Aug. 6, 1806, at 7 p. m. eral's wife and also the jewels presented to saw from Ramsgate, at which place only

the tops of Dover castle towers are usually The ball will be opened with a minuet and closed with an old fashioned Virginia visible, the whole of the castle. It appeared as though lifted up and bodily placed on the near side of the intervening hill. So reel. Many of the most valuable relics will be taken from the Hermitage to exhibit at this ball, and one of the attractions will be actually could not be seen through the the general's old body servant, an aged figure. negro who never wearies talking of the

ALONG THE CANADA SHORE. Some forms of mirage are lateral as well as vertical, arising from unequal density of two contiguous vertical bodies of air. Thus, on Lake Geneva, a boat has been seen double, the two images some distance apart. Persons have been duplicated in the same way. Any one on a hot day, by placing his eye near to a heated wall, may e lateral mirages of objects at a distance, and nearly on a line with the wall.

On the shores of Lake Ontario many beautiful and wonderful mirages are witnessed. The lake is so wide, the opposite side is not at all visible. And yet during some peculiar states of the atmosphere it is clearly outlined. Even the Canada shore in the vicinity of Long Point and Prince Edward's bay is at at times plainly in sight. A vessel has been seen sailing along the

orizon with the hull uppermost, visible at Lake Bluff. Accompanying the appearance of the ship was that of mountains and hills, as though the Canadian shore was coming into view. A puff of wind apparently caused the whole phantasmagoria to melt away is if by magic.

In Syracuse, a distant city, a remarkable lasted two hours and was best observed plainly visible, and stretching out at an fort says that a few years previous a similar town, probably Kingston.

It is hoped that enough money will be country lying south of it have been seen iron. realized from this affair to pay off a good share of the option and that the promi out in the lake six and ten miles distant, nence it will give the Hermitage associathe air. Trains of moving cars and other also in tracts where no such rocks were at tion will result in raising the rest of the The mansion is literally crammed with nomena continuing for nearly an hour.

A well known lake captain has also witthe most valuable and interesting relics The wall paper, which the general bought in essed a wonderful mirage out on Lake in France in 1837, is in an excellent state Ontario. While on his way from the St. mass of basaltic or other highly ferrugi of preservation, that in the great hall is Lawrence up the lake and near the island gorgeous in color, and represents incidents known as the False Ducks, and while therefore, likely that Professor Rucker's and scenes in the life of Telemachus. The standing at the wheel, there suddenly elaborate and scientific divining rod will pictures hang on the walls just as Jackson burst into view the city of Oswego, thirtyone miles distant, with the gas lights in eft them. There are two fine portraits of Mrs. Jackson by Earle, and any number the streets, and all the appearance a town of portraits of Old Hickory, the most in lighted up would present from a hill in the teresting perhaps being that taken by immediate vicinity at night. The light house at Oswego, as well as others on the order of the French government five days lake shore below as far as Sackett's Har-There is a quantity of General Jackson's bor, were distinctly seen. It was a sort of night mirage, and a rare sight indeed. It personal articles of jewelry and clothinglasted for several minutes, then slowly his watch, seal cornelian ring, topaz breastpin gold pen and pencil, tobacco box,

faded away into darkness. A SURPASSING SIGHT.
At Rochester, which is about twenty ing gown and a wonderful bead regalia miles inland from Lake Ontario, a mirage of a most surpassing character was witnessed by many. The entire northern sky tion of several hundred volumes, nearly all as far as the angle, or bison, was lighted above the landmark with the blue waters a marvelous collection of snuffboxes, one of Lake Ontario, while reflecting from her of which belonged to Lafayette and was osom could be seen the mountains, hills, valleys, bays and rivers of the Canadian ness of curios, medals, coins, pipes and shore inland for miles. The coast could be plainly seen mirrored over a stretch of lifty miles, and so perfect at one time that the forests could readily be distinguished. and the damask of those days. There are The reader can form some idea of its grandeur by knowing that a country separated from Rochester by a lake seventy miles in noisseur wild with delight, beautiful clocks width was, as if suddenly by the hand of its great Creator, painted upon the heavens so plain as to be seen from a standpoint of There is a silver dish which belonged to

near 100 miles distant. Upon land mirages are best seen over desert plains in hot climates. The intense heat of the sands greatly rarefies the air in contact with them, and rays of light coming from the distant objects are gradually ent by approaching the rare stratum until they strike it at an angle greater than anel from the floor of Napoleon's room at the limiting angle. Total reflection then occurs, the air near the sand acting as a mirror, or a body of water in which invertof Yorktown and sent to Jackson with the ed images are seen. Thus is presented to the inexperienced traveler over the desert ing 8th of January, and a penholder made from a portion of the tree under which Washington first unsheathed his sword in plains the appearance of tranquil lakes, and, parched with thirst, he is sadly deluded by them.

The general's state coach and his car-Many thrilling incidents are given where riage made of a portion of the old ship Constitution are also preserved. It is im possible to give an adequate idea of the extent and value of these relics, which but for the energy of a few southern women would have been scattered to the four cor-poses of the glabs. And it is to preserve whole parties in crossing the sandy desert, overcome with the heat and parched with thirst, have reached a place from whence, far in the horizon, they saw, or thought they saw, a beautiful lake, with branching palm trees near it. Longing for the water ners of the globe. And it is to preserve them enshrined in their fitting place that these women ask the assistance of all paand the cooling shade, they have disobeyed the warning voice of their guide, deviated from their true course to almost frantically asten forward toward a mere alluring deusion-a mirage that has led them far astray-until, utterly exhausted, they have M. Pasteur is now entitled to style sunk down to perish on the desert sands.-J. K. Bloomfield in New York Observer. himself Baron von Pasteur, the emperor

of Austria having sent him the Order of the Iron Crown. There are some doctors Sam Cob, of Madison, Fla., found a wild and savants who have a right to wear it. urkey's nest with several eggs in it, which The Paris Liberte is curious to see e took out, and as he was not to be home whether M. Pasteur will cause himself or several hours, wrapped them in his coat to be announced as M. le Baron de Pasand laid it on the bank of a creek, where teur when he goes to dine at great houses. was fishing. He was surprised shortly There is practically no hindrance to afterward to hear a chirp of a young tur-key. He investigated and found that one Frenchmen in France going by foreign titles or wearing foreign orders.-London I the eggs had given forth a turkey; soon another followed, and so on until he had

quite a brood in his cost, -Now York Press. The new tunnel of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, under the city of Baltisouth of Jackson, heard a noise at his more, will cost upward of \$5,000,000. barn, and, thinking that a thief was It is being pushed night and day, fully about, took his pistol and went out. It 1,000 men being at work upon it. is thought he went near a mule, which The ball passed through his body. He

A recent importation of orange trees lived but a few hours and died without into California from Tahiti showed them ever speaking.-Cor. Memphis Appeal- to be infested by a new insect, and the authorities will not allow them to be landed.

The bicycle has become almost as popular in Germany as it is in the United States. The German Union of Bicyclists now has over 1,400 members.

Atmospherie Dust.

Extremely fine particles of mineral dust may exist in the atmosphere, and do exist there more frequently than is generally thought, while they escape detection by our senses. The author, while making ex-Cities in the Sky and Vessels Sailing clogged with this invisible dust that the Blitbely Upside Down-Interesting Sto-balance refused to act. When wiped off, ries of Natural Phenomena Not Easily the dust collected again in a few minutes, perienced during their cruise. and it was only by continual wiping it away that he was able to go on with his inon the street, and at his request the general are 20,000 of these machines now in use This wonderful phenomenon takes sev. vestigation. Professor Piazzi Smyth, while eral recited the story of his most exciting eral forms, according to the state of the on the Peak of Teneriffe, witnessed strata and interesting cruise. He began his naratmosphere, but those most generally seen of dust rising to a height of nearly ration as follows: "We started out full of are the looming mirage and the Fata Mor. a mile, reaching out to the horizon in great expectations and pleasant anticipaana.

In looming mirages distant objects show

every direction, and so dense as to tions, and we did not realize for a moment hide frequently the neighboring hills, what trials we would have to go through, an extravagant increase in vertical height without alterntion in breadth. Distant Professor S. P. Langley, looking down and I tell you at times it required a great from the height of 15,000 feet on Mount immense towers and pinnacles, and a ship had appeared clear from the valley below, culties of traversing in summer a coast is sometimes abnormally drawn out until saw "a kind of level dust ocean, invisible forest, with its thousands of uprooted it appears twelve or thirteen times as high from below, but whose depth was six or trees and still worse upheaved foundaas it is long. Rocks are seen drawn up to seven thousand feet, as the upper portion tions, can perhaps readily imagine how

every little puff of air or current of wind which they said we could never pass over, Dr. William Marcet in the Popular Science ever succeeded in the attempt. Monthly.

Laughter in the Bible.

The Bible contains no cheerful exhortation to laughter. For the most part, in in the beginning of our journey. So we deed, it is referred to in the metaphorical packed up a couple of weeks' rations and "scorning," as when it is of Leviathan that "he laugheth at the shak- Winchesters we pushed on alone, where the ordinary meaning is evi- get it as long as I live. dently intended, and in almost every one perfect was this illusion that the hill itself of these it is eyed askance. Solomon is the we managed to make progress by crawling great authority on the subject; let him on our hands and knees, and at times we mad; and of mirth, What doeth it?" "Even out of the snow. It was hard struggling in laughter the heart is sorrowful, and the end of that mirth is heaviness." Again, "A fool lifted up his voice with laughter, but a wise man doth scarce smile a little." "the crackling of thorns under a pot," but avoid a storm. We got into the cave all to fooldom. Yes, by the way, there is one, annibal orgies. Cannibalism is prohibited and only one: "A time to laugh," but we by the dominion government, but only a may search the Scriptures from Genesis to monthly visit from vessels and the nearest mation as to when that time occurs. Probably Solomon meant the brief period of chapters.-Gentleman's Magazine

Professor Rucker's Magnetic Needle. Geologists are always ready to use work mirage was witnessed by many persons. It done by laborers in other branches of science, and of late a most interesting work from University hill looking northwest has been going on which shows the bear over Onondaga lake. Lake Ontario was ing one branch of knowledge may have on has been going on which shows the bearanother. Professors Rucker and Thorpe angle of twenty-five degrees of the horizon | have been carefully noting the behavior of it looked like an ocean. Professor Com- the magnetic needle in various parts of England, and have found that it is deflected at mirage occurred, and it was so distinct that | times in a most inexplicable manner. The by means of a glass he could discern a deflection was at first charged to great masses of basaltic, or like rocks, the min-Portions of Rochester and sections of the eral of which contains a large amount of

Finding, however, that this peculiar beas though the city was standing erect in havior of the magnetic needle occurred objects were clearly defined, the aerial phe the surface, but which consisted of such formation as chalk and tertiary beds, these observers were led to conclude that deep come into use for the purpose of indicating what places are to be avoided in searching for coal measures underground.- New York Commercial Advertiser.

A Bashful Governor.

One of Governor Hill's friends was talking with him in his public room at the capital one day when a delegation of four women marched in. Several members of the legislature were waiting to see the gov ernor, but the amazonian delegation proceeded at once towards the desk. "Look at this procession," observed Mr.

Hill. "I would you were governor for

about twenty minutes. The delegation in the meantime had approached within ear shot, when the gov ernor hurriedly arose and exclaimed his friend: "If you will step back in the private office for a moment 1 will show you that picture we were talking about, and before the astonished women could gather their senses together the governor and his friend were behind the closed door. I merely wanted to escape those women, he explained, deprecatingly. Verily a handsome retreat in the face of a deter mined enemy.-Epoch.

An Invention That Didn't Work. One of the most curious of inventions was a hen's nest, constructed with a spring trap at the bottom of the nest. The weight of an egg was sufficient to press down the spring and allow the egg to slip out. The theory of this thoughtful inventor was that as soon as the hen laid an egg it would press down the trap door and disap-The hen, as is her custom after lay ng an egg, would rise and cackle, but find ing no egg would conclude that she had nade a mistake and would proceed immediately to lay another, and so on ad infini-On this principle the owner of a hen would have had a great monopoly.--Cor. New Yorld Heraid.

Gen. Lee at one time was very much bored by a Georgia man who had made frequent personal applications for a fur lough. One morning the general asked his tormentor if he understood the position of a soldier. The latter said he did. He was ordered to assume it. Gen. Lee then gave the command, "Right about face; forward, march." As he never gave the command "to halt" the Georgian kept on marching until he got tired. He did not get his fur-lough.—New York World.

Books at \$500 Per Ounce. Of the original edition of the sonnets of Shakespeare, published by George Daniel, of London, in 1609, there are but two perfect copies known. One of these is British museum; for the other \$5,000 was paid but a short time ago. As the book is very small, only 7 by 4 inches, and weighing less than ten ounces, it has been figured that at that rate each ounce of the precious volume brought \$500, or many times its weight in gold.—St. Louis Republic.

Delegates at Large. "Delegates are dangerous, aren't they. papa?" said a congressman's boy.
"Sometimes," replied his father, think ing of the last election.

"That's why you hear of a delegate at large every once in a while, isn't it?"-Washington Post. Delay Enhanced Its Value.

Miss C. Urious-According to weight your engagement ring must be very valu-Miss A. Sperity (who is an old maid)-Yes, if wait is an indication of value it should be worth about \$7,000.—Jewelers' CANNIBALS IN CANADA.

Horrible Feasts of the Aberigines of the Northern British Columbia Coast. Gen. Lyman Banks and John Hutchinson, two citizens of Seattle, have returned periments on the Peak of Teneriffe, in 1878, from a two months' cruise of the northern found the knife edges of his balance so coast of British Columbia, and they tell

Whitney, California, into a region that Those who are acquainted with the diffiten or twelve times their proper height.

Houses, as well as human beings and ani-Dust storms are classified by Dr. Henry and occasionally strike drifts much deeper and a great deal too much tangle of sal-lai Another form of mirage is when a ship, or some other object near the water, seems spheric dust, dust columns and dust bush for snowshoes. But to add to all our greatly elongated, and a second inverted storms. Dr. Cook has observed in India difficulties, our half breed guide and the image meets it from above. Sometimes the that there are some days on which, how two Indian packers refused to go with us as ever hard and violently the wind may blow, no dust accompanies it, while on others inland. We had just sighted some hills forms or carries with it clouds of dust .- and they alleged that no human being had

"They strongly urged and prayed us not proceed any further, but we had started out with a determination to accomplish a work and were not to be baffled so easily an ax in our blankets, and shouldering our ing of a spear." But there are passages what a journey it was! I shall never for

"Where the snow was too soft and deep speak for himself: "I said of laughter, It is were obliged to lay down and roll to get Not very encouraging, truly, to those of ling experience we had and the one that bilarious proclivities. It may be legitimate | would interest you most happened one day enough to compare the giggle of a fool to just as we were running into a cave to it seems hard that there should be no word right enough, but imagine our horror and of approval for the milder merriment of disgust when we found ourselves in the the few who may be supposed not to belong midst of the Nahwitti Indian tribe at their the Apocalypse without detecting any inti- port being miles away, they carry on the horrible practice with impunity.

"We watched the heathens during the childhood, when ignorance is bliss, and we day at long range, but under the assurare merry without knowing or caring to ance of safety we ventured after a while know why. He could not consistently into their circle at night and watched recommend any such frivolity to those of them. I can only describe the sight this a larger growth after having so bitterly way: There was a high fire of logs in the commented on the practice in previous center of the circle, which was constantly attended by two men, and occasionally there was an extra hiss and flash as some uneaten fat was thrown on. The entire tribe encircled the fire, dressed in blankets of many brilliant hues. There were naked dancers and a dozen or more lusty savages with clubs in their hands beating an accompaniment to their wild songs and dances, and the whole sight made a wierd scene that is not soon to be forgotten. Their feast consisted of the bodies of their dead. They seldom kill strangers to furnish food for these horrible orgies, as they were all the time quarreling between themselves and generally had enough dead bodies of braves to satisfy their appetites.

"I had been told in Victoria of the possi-bility of this, and warned that when wild with the dance the braves rush out and bite a piece out of the first person they come to. Now I have no objection to be eaten after I am dead, but to be bitten by one of those wild fellows would be as un-desirable as the bite of a mad dog, and lest in their excitement they might forget their promise of immunity, I held my hand unrevolver that would have furnished rations fitting the occasion.

"Our sense of security was not increased government for trying to deprive the poor Indian of the pleasure of being a cannibal occasionally, especially if he only fed upon

"The boys crawled behind the older peo ple and hid, men were bitten or simulated it, and I was afterward shown scars where they claimed to have been bitten. But we were not molested. One brave, however, probably to test us, made a dash in our direction, but others caught him and turned him another way. It was an 'all night session;' no one was allowed to leave till through, which was 5 o'clock the next morning. We had seen enough, though, and were glad to leave. We proceeded on our journey, and came back again without any more exciting adventures. never in all my life put in such a night as I did the time of those frightful orgies, and I candidly confess I don't want to soon again."-Seattle Post Intelligencer.

In spite of the tenets of the religion to which he is supposed to belong the negro in Trinidad still clings to some absurd beliefs and superstitions, and is under the influence of priests or Obea men, who sometimes lead him into pernicious practices or even murder. The stories concerning the existence of fetish worship or Obea practice among the negroes in America have been oubted, so I have been told, but as regards the West Indian negro I can safely say that these practices do certainly exist. I myself have seen undoubted evidence of them, heard the negroes admit their belief in Obea, and have collected information that is beyond dispute. Whether Obeaism was brought from Africa or has arisen de novo among the ignorant negroes of the West Indies it is difficult for me to say, but certain practices seem to me to indicate a relationship between some of the West Indian ceremonies and those of the priests of ancient Egypt and modern India.—Pro-fessor Benj. Sharp in Philadelphia Ledger.

The Pearls of Bahrein

The pearl fishery is the great occupation of the Bahreinee. The pearls of their seas are celebrated for their firmness, and do not peel. They are commonly reported to lose I per cent. annually for fifty years in color and water, but after that they remain the same. They have seven skins whereas the Cingalese pearls have only six. The merchants generally buy then wholesale by the old Portuguese weight of the chao. They divide them into different sizes with sieves and sell them in India, so that, as is usually the case with specialties it is impossible to buy a good pearl in Bahrein.—Cornhill Magazine.

Mr. Pewrent-Your sermon on "Econ my" this morning, doctor, was a very

ensible discourse Dr. Churchmus-Thank you, it seems to have been appreciated, from the appearance of the contribution bag.—Chatter.

A Train Robber with a Heart. "You don't seem to have anything of value but your ticket," said a disgusted train robber to a passenger.

"No. I was at a church fair last night."

"Is that so? Here, let me give you a five-

dollar bill."-Judge Miss Sweetlips (alyly)-A penny for your

thoughts, Mr. Stubpen!
Mr. Stubpen-Thank you, Miss Sweetiips. That is just about what I am getting now in the literary market.-Burlington No Use for Honest Men

The National Weighing Machine company has, it is said, just bought the right to use a certain lock on the money pouches of their machines, for which they will pay the inventor the sum of \$50,000. This is a safety lock, and its purpose is to prevent robbery of the machine by the employees who are entrusted with collecting the earnings of in the United States, and the company is getting ready to put 10,000 more on the market. When a penny is dropped in the slot it will roll into a little iron box and there remain until the collector calls during the day.

The collector will be furnished with a seamless bag, the metal mouth of which he will insert into an orifice in the cash box. There is a registering lock in the mouth of this bag, the registered number of which is recorded in the company's office before the collector receives it. Inserting the bag properly, he turns the key which he has just one quarter turn. This releases a concealed key in the bag, which is guided into a keyhole in the cash box. A second quarter turn unlocks the cash box, and the money rolls into the collector's pouch money rolls into the collector's pouch cruelty, he sometimes acted as such. Mr. without his being able to touch it. A B., who lived a little out of the village, had third quarter turn withdraws the con- an old, feeble horse that had become pouch, with the contents of the cash box intact.-Boston Transcript.

Almost Side by Side.

Two sailing vessels recently lay in the Mr. B. started at once to find Mr. C. Mersey that had left Liverpool on the same day last year, and after voyages of nearly 30,000 miles for each returned to port at Liverpool almost side by side. They left Oct. 5 for Astoria, Ore., and Journal. arrived there March 1 or 2, having been in company with each other for a large portion of the voyage. They were in sight for forty days. Both captains had their wives on board, and during the forty days of proximity one of the captains and his wife enjoyed a Sunday a ring of pure gold. It is softly rounded, dinner on the other vessel, the compliment being returned the following Sunday by the other captain.

Both vessels left Astoria April 8, but this time one vessel sailed for Dunkirk and the other for Havre. They left these ports at nearly the same time, and entered the Mersey within hailing distance after a voyage of 342 days.-London Letter.

A Snake Swallows Five Turkeys. The two Shafer brothers, who live on some distance below Castle Rock, had an adventure with a blacksnake the other day. A dog had chased a rabbit in a hollow log, and one of the brothers reached in the hole a little way, when he was instantly bitten on the haud. Fearing that a snake had inflicted the wound, the other brother hastened to house and returned with a bucket of used to counteract the poison and the latter as a means of investigating the interior of the log. After some work the log was split open and a huge blacksnake measuring over nine feet emerged. The serpent was soon killed, and afterward cut open. His stomach contained five young turkeys and seven turkey eggs. The brother who was bitten experienced no serious results from the wound.-Jefferson City Tribune.

Infringing on an Ancient Idea. "There is no new thing under the

in the course of their business of supplyby one of them making a speech, noticing ground up by them and sold in tubes as our presence and berating the white man's "mummy" paint. The firm recently lent a piece of the beautifully woven and preserved linen bandages in which a high priest and keeper of the baths had been preserved to be shown at some conversazione or lecture in the Midlands.

The texture and quality excited great admiration among the audience, which culminated in something like astonishment upon the declaration of a manufacturer that this fabric, woven perhaps by a contemporary of Moses, contained the same disposition of threads which he had independently invented and patented only a year ago. -Pall Mall Gazette.

An Awful Load.

An enterprising merchant placed a num ber of brass plates cut in the form of human tracks in the stone sidewalk lending toward his door. He moved away shortly afterward, and desiring to use the brass plates at his new establishment gouged them out, of course leaving the foot forms

accompanied by his son, came along, at eeing the tracks in the stone stopped, and after a loud exclamation of astonishment

"Bill, fur mussy sakes, jest look here. Gracious alive, what a load that feller must 'a' had when he come along here. right down in this here solid rock. I'll bet he was either a-totin' a yoke of steers or had filled up on that drug store licker."-St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Wildcat Bill (the cowboy)-I say, pard kin you advance me something on this re-Pawnbroker-H'm! Vas it in good or

"Jus' lemme take a couple of shots at you and see!" "Oh, dat vas all right. Nathan, give this shentleman ten dollars."-Texas Sift

ings.

The hands of the clock were toiling around to the place that marks the hour of midnight. Harry had come early that evening, but he took no chances on Maud's

becoming lonely.

"Sometimes," he said, "you look at me in a way that I do not understand. It seems more than anything else as if you experienced a dread of me." "I don't know," she mused, "perhaps

"In what way!" "I think it might be best described as a lingering dread."—Washington Post. THE BABY.

The little, tottering buby feet, With faltering steps and slow, With pattering echoes soft and sweet, into my heart they go: They also go, in grimy plays, In muddy pools and dusty ways,

Then through the house in trackful mass. They wander to and fro. The baby hands that closp my neck Are the same hands that smash and wreck The inkstand foul to see They pound the mirror with a cane, They rend the manuscript in twain, Widespread destruction they ordain In wasteful Jubiles.

The dreamy, marm'ring voice That coos its little tune, That makes my listening heart rejolos. Like birds in leafy June, Can wake in midnight, dark and still, And all the air with howling fill, That splits the ear with echoes shrill,

Like cornets out of tune. -R. J. Burdetta A Humane Doctor.

Many years ago there lived in a Maine village Mr. C., who was the horse doctor of the village and country around. He believed that many of the old horses impovrished the owner and that it was humane that they should be killed; so in the absence of any society for the prevention of cealed key, and the last turn releases the and he called on Mr. C. and asked him what to give the beast. Said Mr. C .: "I had one sick and I gave him a pint of kerosene oil." Mr. B. returned home and promptly administered the oil. The result as that next morning the horse was dead. thought you gave your horse a pint of kerosene oil," said he. "I did," said Mr. C. 'But," said Mr. B. "I gave mine a pint of kerosene oil and it killed him." did mine," the doctor replied.-Lewiston

About Wedding Rings.

There is less change in wedding rings than in anything else in the jewelry line. The wedding ring is about the same today as it was a century ago. The marriage token can hardly be improved upon. It is and if you hang it on a piece of string and strike it gently it will ring out an indescribably soft and sweet sound.

Ladies often wear numerous rings which carry no significance, except, perhaps, in some instances a hint of the possession of wealth. Twenty-five years ago it was unone ring on either hand, but now the more one can crowd on her dainty digits the better she appears to be pleased.

While women are almost insanely mindful of the harmony of their dress, they jumble diamonds, rubies, pearls, garnets the east side of the Osage river and and other precious stones together in ridioulous confusion.-Jewelers' Weekly.

Abundant Halibut in Alaska.

It was while on the cruise of the United States steamer Favorita that we caught the halibut. One day, while she was lying at anchor in Killisinoo harbor, Dick Will oughby came to me quietly and whispered: "I've found a bank near by where the wild halibut disports himself. True, he is fresh milk and an ax, the former to be too tame to be game, but we can have a big day among the big fish."

Our men rowed us three miles and, within half a mile of the shore, we anchored in seven fathoms of water and went to fishing. Had we been provided with an automatic apparatus that would lower our hooks to the bottom and immediately haul them up

again we should have had better fun, for then we could have simply looked on and kept in out of the wet. The bottom of the sea must have been paved with chicken halibut weighing from twenty to forty pounds.—Sitka Cor. Philadelphia Times. A Compliment of Senator Puch.

Senator Pugh, of Alabama, has a habit sun." Messrs, Roberson, of Long Acre, of talking in such a loud tone to his coling artists with pigments, become pos- all parts of the chamber. A rather amussessed from time to time of remains of lng incident occurred as a result of the the great Egyptians, to be in due course senator's bad habit. Senator Daniel, of ground up by them and sold in tubes as Virginia, had concluded a long speech on the silver question and was mopping the perspiration from his face while receiving the congratulations of his colleagues, Senator Vance had just commended the speech in words of warmest eulogy, when Mr. Pugh ambled over to the Virginian's desk and drawled out his congratulations as follows, in a voice that was distinctly heard by the occupants of the gallery: "John, you sweat easy, don't you)"-Washington Letter.

A Valuable Lead Pencil. The most valuable lead pencil that I know of is owned by a lawyer in this city. It is a cheap looking affair, but I don't be-lieve it could be bought for \$100. The wood in this pencil came from a cedar tree that was probably centuries old before any cedar tree now standing began to grow. taken from the bottom of a marl bed in Orange county at a depth of nearly one hundred feet below the surface. Near it was found the remains of a mastodon. The knob on the end of the pencil was made from a piece of the mastodon's tooth. The pencil has never been sharpened, and prob-ably never will be.-New York Evening

The Influence of Athletics.

At the close of the inauguration cereme nies of the new president of Columbia a well known professor in another famous college, himself a Columbia man, was expressing his high satisfaction with the impression the new president had made. "But then," he added with conviction, "he a great football player in his day."-Cen-

Pert Shop Girl (in defiance of every protest)—It is precisely the shade, ma'am.
We haven't a finer pair of gloves in the
store. I am more able to judge than you
are, don't you think? You'll find they'll Old Lady-If they do answer, I hope

they won't answer impudently.-Epoch They Came Handy.

A Mobile sailor paid seventy-five cents for a pair of suspenders made of possum skin, and for a time he felt that he had been cheated. The other day, however, as sailed away for Mexico the schooner capsized and he drifted about for five days, and it was only by eating those suspe he saved his life.-Detroit Free Press.

A Comparative Estimate. First Urchin—My papa's awful smart. Second Urchin—Wot does he do? First Urchin-He makes locomotives. Second Urchin - That's nothin'. My papa says he has to make two trains every day.-Pittsburg Bulletin.

Important to Women. "When should women marry?" asks an arnest magazine writer. When they are asked, is a very good

A Discreet Watchmaker. Lady (paying for repairs on her hus band's watch)-What ailed it? Jeweler-A hair was tangled in with the escapement.

Lady (anxiously)-What color? Jeweler-Exactly the color of yours .-Jewelers' Weekly.

Where It Was. Careful Housekeeper-Where is that sheet of sticky fly paper I left on this ta-

Small Boy-I put it on th' arm chair in th' parlor. You'll find half of it on sister an' th' other half on Mr. Hughard.—Street & Smith's Good News.

imbedded in the stone.

One day an old fellow from the country,

Ready to Take His Word for It.