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## FOOLISH SEA GULLS.

They Are Easily Deceived and Shot by the Louisiana Boys.

With the breaking up of a hard winter the gull packs up his things and leaves for a more frigid clime. He cannot stan.1 the balmy breezes and warm sunshine. His system craves blizzards and cold drizzling rain, and his yearning in this direction is so strong that even the tempting dainties on the garbage scow do not tempt him to stay.

It is a common sight every afternoon during the winter to see hundreds of the graceful birds flying and screaming along in the wake of the deeply laden scow. Now the scow moves on alone to the dumping ground on the other side of the bay. With the return of cold weather the gull comes back to another season of wet and garbage. At present the Tacoma gull is sojourning in the region of the straits, where cold winds blow. Should the weather grow too warm it moves on further north and waits for a drop in the temperature before venturing back.

The gull may be a good judge of chills and fever weather, but as a mathematician it is a monumental failure. There may be four or five hundred objects bunched or in sight of each other, knew when the strike would end. Medbut the gull can only count one. If diesome and hot headed persons were there are twenty gulls flying in a flock stirring up strife between employer and each bird thinks he is the only one employees, and every one feared trou-there, according to the gull method of ble. At such a time the post of night calculation. An old sea captain who watchman was one of danger as well as has made a study of deep water birds of responsibility. But Jep's father and their habits is authority for the neither feared the one nor shirked the statement that the gull's knowledge of other. arithmetic is limited to one solitary figure.

"When I was a youngster," said the captain, "I lived on the Atlantic coast, where gulls are more numerous than here. They gathered on the beach by the thousand, where we used to shoot them for sport. In order to get within before him. Jep rose quickly from his gunshot we would build a blind or ambush. Eight or ten boys would arm themselves with double barreled guns and march along in plain view of the birds, which would settle at a distance to watch our movements.

"Before going into the blind we would scatter a quantity of feed within gunshot of the ambush and then wait for the victims. Then when the beach was thickly dotted with them we would give a broadside, each gunner letting go both barrels. The survivors flew off a short distance, but as soon as one of our number had gone out, gathered up the dead and moved off in the opposite direction from the blind the other gulls returned. They had seen the whole crowd of gunners enter the blind, but it was only one man to them. He was seen to leave the place and carefully counted by the gulls, who were then satisfied that all danger was passed.

"Then we would give them another round, after which one more gunner would leave, and so on until the ambush was vacated. It was a mean advantage to take of an uneducated bird, but then we had to have some excite- I'll see that no harm comes till 'm. ment."-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE POET'S APOLOGY. No, the Muse has gone away. Does not haunt ms much today. Everything the had to say Has been said?

Twas not much at any time All that she could hitch in rhyme; Never was the Muse sublime Who has fled! Any one who takes her in May observe she's rather thin; Little more than bobe and skin

Is the Muse; Scanty sacridce she won When her very best she'd done, And at her they poked their fun In reviews.

"Rhymes." in truth, "are stubborn things," And to rhyme she clung, and clings, But whatever song she sings Scarcely sells. If her tone be grave they say

"Give us something rather gay," If she's skittish then they pray 'Something else! So she's cut the whole concern,

Lute and lyre, and torch and urn, Thoughts that breathe, and we words the burn,

Joys or woes. Joys or woes. For Parinassus is too steep: And the only Muss I keep. And that keeps me, writes a heap. But it's pross. — Andrew Lang in Murray's Magazine.

# THE WATCHMAN'S BOY.

Jep's father was night watchman at No. 2 breaker, and in the screen room of the same breaker Jep himself was employed as a slate picker.

But the breaker had been idle for three weeks on account of the strike, and Jep had had no work. To one room. ble in the darkness.

Yet this August evening, as he stood in the doorway of his cottage, dinner pail in hand, ready to start for the scene of his nightly task, there were murmurs on his lips. They were not brought there by fear, but by a sense floor. of the long night of loneliness that lay The man in the doorway started,

seat on the doorstep. "Let me go with you, father," he said. "Td like to go." ing.

The man looked down on him in as tonishment.

"Why, lad!" he exclaimed, "w'at be to the steps. ye thinkin' of? Wat'd ye be doin' wi' yourse'f a' night?"

"Doin' w'at you do, father," replied Jep, stoutly. Jep's father stood for a moment in

wi' the lantern, quick !" thought. It was evident that the proposition did not strike him unpleasantly. "Well," he said at last, "I like the

sound o' it. Here, mother !" he shouted. turning in the doorway. "Put a bit screen room. dinner in ma pail for Jep. He goes wi' me the night. Jep's mother hurried to the door in

astonishment. "What's that?" she exclaimed; "Jep

goes wi' you?" "Aye! Jep goes wi' me." "Well, who ever heard the like?"

"I want to go, mother," said Jep:

"Come! come!" interrupted the man screen room. good naturedly; "tha's no time to lose.

"Did ye kill him, Jerry?" asked the walk on. He thought he must be near that portion now. Indeed, the next step might bring him to the end of the

"If I didn't he'll not wake soon. platform; another might plunge him Give me the lantern and we'll go fix into the depths. the pump man." He pushed his foot cautiously for-

He seized the lantern and started out ward; it needed but a space of three of the door. But his companion did feet to verify this fear. From that not follow him. point on there was only the narrow "Come on!" he continued, turning

other.

back; "are ye goin'?" path which none but builders and sail-"No!" replied the other, "I'm not. ors would have dared to venture on in He knows me. I'd be a fool to show the broad light of day. myself to him.' But Jep had no time to hesitate.

"Stay where ye are then. I'll settle him alone," and the man and the lan- His pursuers were even now crossing on the gate that covered the mouth of tern vanished into the darkness and storm.

gress and were hot upon his track. The Jep saw and heard it all. He knew from their words that the rufflan had limit of their lantern flashed out and assaulted his father and left him un- revealed him to their eyes. conscious, perhaps dead, and that the "There he is!" cried the foremost.

pumpman was about to be similarly "D'ye mind 'im? A bit of a brat not worth chasin', but I'll have 'im now if treated. If they should discover him there was no doubt but that he would it takes the life o' me!" "It's a pretty run he's give us any-

share the fate of the other two. Suddenly it occurred to him that if way," panted the other. "Catch 'im, he was to escape now was the oppor- Jerry; give it to 'im Drop 'im over the tunity, while the room was in darkness, trestle!" The man with the lantern sprang before the man should return with the lantern, before the breaker should be forward, while Jep. desperate with fear,

set on fire, an act which these men dropped to his knees and crawled out doubtless had in contemplation. Slipping from the bench he felt his

way carefully to the machinery of the dimly for a moment on his perilous engine, climbed cautiously over the big way by the lantern's rays, the footsteps shaft and keeping his hand on the bed of the foremost rufflan sounding at his plate crawled along beside it till he heels in quick parsuit,

reached the starting bar. He knew But it was only for a moment. Then, that straight ahead of this and up two behind him, there was a cry of horror. steps was the door that led to the screen under him something crashing heavily down among the forest of timbers,

So far the sound of his progress had around him impenetrable darkness been hushed by the noise of the beat- again. In the eagerness of swift puring storm outside. If now he could suit the man had failed to see that his reach the screen room unheard he path was at an end; he had rushed off would be safe. The man in the door- into space and had gone plunging way was not twenty feet away. The through the open trestle to his death. outline of his figure was dimly discerni-But Jep did not know what had hap-

pened. The cry only sent wilder fear Jep rose to his feet, held his hands into his heart and nerved him to greater out before him and moved cautiously effort.

the shaft. They had marked his pro-

Finally he came to the end of the forward. The next moment he came plank walk. Before him his hands in contact with the stool on which the lantern had stood, tipped it over, stum- touched nothing. He almost lost his bled over it and fell heavily to the balance, and recoiled in sudden terror from the edge of this black abyss. But

he imagined that the men were still folturned and looked back into the room, lowing him. He thought he heard them crawling on the plank almost at but in the darkness he could see nothhis heels. In his wild dread of them

anything was better than capture. "Hello!" he shouted, "who's there?" For answer Jep scrambled to his feet He turned quickly in his tracks and and groped his way, regardless of noise. let himself down at the edge of the plank, swinging by his hands. How far

But the man did not attempt to fol- below him the solid earth was he did low him. He turned instead to the not know; he hardly stopped to think. open door and called to his companion: The fear of those whom he believed to "Jerry! hello, Jerry! Come back here be above him led him into desperate chances.

But Jep, having reached the steps, He dropped. But less than six feet climbed up to them, opened the door below him lay the solid earth, and he and the next moment was ascending was not harmed. The shock of surthe longer flight of steps that led to the prise weakened him, though, and for a minute he lay quite still.

Down in the engine room he heard Somewhere above him he heard an the two men moving about, apparently angry voice and the noise of heavy in the search for him. He knew that footsteps, and still fearful he rose to they would follow him, and he felt that his feet and began to grope his way in some way he must make his escape down the hill along the base timbers of from them. Without considering where the trestling.

the course would lead to, he dropped Soon he saw a light coming up towto his knees, and with one hand on the ard him. It was carried by the pumpiron sheathed shute he began climbing man, who had heard Jerry's cry of alongside of it up the long slope of the distress and had come out to investigate.

'Why, Jep," he cried, as the rays

# THE MAN WITH A PLAN.

The Other Passengers Distrusted flim, but His Scheme Worked. There were five of us in the stage, and a sixth man had a seat with the driver.

There was a second lieutenant of cavalry, a civil engineer, and the rest of us were only common folks who had been out in the hills prospecting and were reister Egan.

path of plank above the dizzy height, a turning broken in homes and "busted" in pocket. The engineer was a little man of feminine appearance, and we hadn't been together an hour when he confessed that the bare thoughts of the stage being held up made him tremble all over. The officer was a quiet sort of chap, who seemed to have plenty of nerve, and though none of us had much to lose, we by and by agreed that in case the stage was stopped we would make a fight for it. All were new to a academy in 1860 with the title of acting hold up, but we decided that if we had any show at all we could make it hot for the road agents.

The little man at first agreed with our plan as formed, but later on he broached one of his own. The driver told us that the point most likely to be selected by the highwaymen would be at a rough spot in the road, just before it reached a certain hill, and we were about five miles from the spot, and darkness had fully

descended when the little man unfolded upon the narrow plank, grasping the his plan. When within a mile of the edges of it firmly as he went, lighted spot he was to get out and follow the stage on foot. In case it was stopped he would be in position to sight the robbers and open fire at once. We jumped on him at once for a flunk

It was simply a scheme on his part to bolt and save his dollars in case the agents appeared, and each one gave him his opinion of such conduct in very vigorous English. In his soft, gentle way he replied:

"Gentlemen, you do me injustice. Please suspend judgment until you see how my plan works. I do assure you that I firmly expect to kill a robber and save the stage.

We were too disgusted to argue with him, and when he finally got out in ac-

cordance with his plan, the army officer was fain to make a kick at him. We couldn't tell whether he had bolted back down the road or was following on, but we got all ready for a hold up. Every one of us had a revolver in hand, and every one was on the watch, and yet it obliged to explain that he had placed the came about before we knew it. The figures absurdly high, as he considered, to horses were still at a walk when a man appeared at either door of the stage and wered us.

At the same moment a third stopped the leaders and covered the driver and passenger with a shotgan. It was simply a dead cinch on us, and we were not over ten seconds realizing it. We had As commander of the gunboat Yorktown just got the order to hand up our guns and step out when there was a pop! pop! pop! from outside. The brigand at the right hand window cried out and fell; the one at the left hand window disappeared without a sound. There were that if any further indignities were offered three shots more from the front of the stage, and half a minute later, and before any of us had moved, we heard the little man saving:

"Gentlemen, it's all over, and you can come out."

What had happened? There was a dead man on one side of the coach and the United States in Spain during a rev a seriously wounded man on the other, olutionary outbreak in which Frenchmen and the third brigand had been driven were deeply interested. Egan is only a away, probably hit by at least one bullet. All this had been done by the little man and his little gun, according to his plan, and what made it the worse for us he didn't appear to have done anything alleged, by French spies, and stopped at the to feel proud over. We tried to square French frontier while on a diplomatic tour ourselves with him, but it couldn't be until orders came from Paris to allow him

CAME TO THE FRONT

TWO MEN MADE PROMINENT BY THE CHILIAN CONTROVERSY.

THE DEVELOPMENT

The Record of "Fighting Bob" Evans as a Naval Officer-His Gallantry and Devotion to the Service-Career of Min-

The late complication with Chili made two Americans, already conspicuous, very prominent, viz., Minister Patrick Egan and Commander Robley D. Evans. Both have had rather romantic careers. When the delegate representing the then new territory of Utah made his first appoint ment to the United States Naval academy. the event was important and the young cadet was Robley D. Evans. He left the midshipman and entered at once upon ac

tive duty He gained an enviable reputation during the civil war, and is known among naval officers as "Fighting Boh." He is passion ately devoted to his profession, and has repeatedly refused most tempting offers to leave the service and take position as chief engineer of various enterprises, a place for which he is eminently well qualified. A company of capitalists once requested bin to name his terms for an engagement which might continue fifteen years, as

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they designed a great work. In a spirit o

levity the naval hero replied, "Fifteen thousand dollars a year and a bonus of \$200,000 when the work is done." To his astonishment and embarrassment the di rectors promptly accepted, and he was end the matter, as nothing would tempt him to leave the navy

He won his first honors on the old Pow hatan, in the assault on Fort Fisher, where he led a company of marines and 'was wounded in the leg. He advanced rapidly made commander, a rank he still holds on the Chilian coast, he has acted with praiseworthy promptness, and when the crew of one of the Yorktown's boats was stoned by Chilian sailors in the harbor of Valparaiso he called the commander of the trated in a sublime capacity for lying. Chilian vessel to account, and declared he would protect his men by vigorous measures. His language and action were worthy of the old days of Decatur and

Preble and Ingraham. The position of Minister Egan is very much like that of Pierre Soule in 1853-5 Soule was a fugitive-in fact, an escaped convict from France, and minister of quasi fugitive from Ireland, and is Ameri can minister in a country where British in terests are great. The Pierce administra tion sustained Soule unflinchingly, but he resigned in 1855, having been dogged, as he

# THE NICARAGUA CANAL

Ten Thousand Men Will Soon Be at Work on Its Line.

Ever since the Isthmus of Panama was beovered there has been a succession of

schemes to make it a great highway of commerce, Many of these schemes have been wild beyond easy belief, and all of them - the rail road excented... have been dismal . failures. Paterson's expedition S about 200 years ugo resulted most disastrously, the

Scotch colonists dying by hun-WARNER MILLER. dreds, and the recent French investments have proved a total loss. It is estimated that \$400,000,000 in money and 10,000 lives have been sacrificed in these attempts, and the statement

is broadly made that every tie on the rallway cost a human life. The Nicaragua route is far more favora-The distance from ocean to ocean is 169 miles, of which, according to the plans of the Nicaragua Canal Construction company, 27 miles is to be covered by the canal and 142 miles by the lake and river, the latter to be reduced to a series of basins by dams and locks. Lake Nicaragua is but 110 feet above sea level, and so that route is the lowest between Alaska and Pata gonia. The company has expended nearly \$5,000,000, one of their recent acts being the purchase of the entire plant of the Panama Dredging company, the largest plant of

the kind in the world. It is estimated that the total cost of the canal will be \$100,000,-000-the same as that of the Suez canaland the least depth will be thirty feet, making it practicable for the largest ocean vessels.

After long investigation and thorough surveys a treaty was negotiated by which the United States was to own the route forever and Nicaragua receive a royalty, but the United States senate failed to ratify the treaty in time. Then the present company was formed and its agent, Mr. Menocal, obtained from Nicaragua a concession of the route for ninety-nine years, Under the presidency of ex-Senator Warner Miller the preliminaries are in rapid progress and it is stated that 10,000 men will soon be at work on the canal.

TERRORIZED A NEIGHBORHOOD.

### The Malicious Deeds of a Half Witted Young Woman.

Lydia Wolther is but twenty-two years old and apparently simple minded, yet she has kept Calamus township, Dodge county, Wis., under a reign of terror for four months. She is of common appearance, in grade, and on the 12th of July, 1878, was but possessed of immense strength, her wrists being so large that no handcuffs in the county would encircle them. She is smart enough to have learned to read and write, yet totally destitute of moral sense, and all her genius seems to have concen-





Ignorance of the English

The ignorance of the English is perhaps more versatile than among any other civilized and enlightened nation on the earth. Not one man in ten can tell you how many counties there are in England, not one in fifty the population of Manchester, not one in a thousand the names of the monarchs of England. These people actually know nothing about their own country -nothing about the city in which they live. The sentry stationed in front of Marlborough house will tell you, perhaps, that 'is royal 'ighness lives there, but he doesn't know the name of the house. A policeman who for twelve years had walked the beat in which the great banking house of the Barings is located was unable to direct me to that famous institution-said he had never heard the name before! Distance is reckoned wholly by time. It is four hours to Liverpool, seventy minutes to Harwich, twenty minutes to South Kensington, etc. Talk to an Englishman about miles and he simply gapes at you in idiotic wonderment.-Eugene Field's Letter in Chicago News.

# Several Grewsome Inventions.

With a view of robbing the grave of its terrors somebody has patented a lining to conceal the mother earth. This lining consists of evergreen attached to cloth or matting. After the body'll be botherin' us wi' this in ma coffin is lowered the decoration can be pocket," and he placed his hand sigpulled out and used again until the nificantly on the butt of his large reevergreen wears out or turns brown. volver. The inventor proposes to bring the scenic effects within the reach of poorer ing came a dull noise as of pounding. people by having an imitation of ever. followed by a slight rattle, and then all green painted on canvas for cheaper was still.

Another of these funeral minded inventors has patented what he calls a "cab for pall bearers." The vehicle has side doors and will hold eight per- comes o' 'em." sons, two of whom, however, must ride backward. The design seems to be to less, and they went up into the screen save the expense of an extra carriage, at the same time encouraging sociability on the part of those performing the back again. last and offices.

And, as if this was not enough, another inventor has obtained letters on what he calls "a funeral carriage," said Jep's father, "an' don't be noddin' He carries the coffin and the bearers, your head off." and if there are not too many mourners he accommodates the whole procession Jep laid his head on the rude pillow be with one vehicle. The funeral car-, was fast asleep. ringe is built like an omnibus, with a compartment on top for the coffin. The inventor provides skids, an endless fling just outside the door and as if chain and a pulley for running the some one was trying to shout. coffin up into the place intended for it over the heads of the bearers.-Cor. St. Jooked across the room. The lantern Louis Globe-Democrat.

## A Paper for the Sloux.

Devil's Lake, N. D., is soon to have a paper which will be unique, if not success-ful It will be known as The Lina Sappa Wocekiye Taeyaupaha. It will be printe in the Sioux language, and its editor will be an Indian missionary known as Father lerome. The average newsboy will have xonsiderable difficulty in mastering the ame of the new Sioux newspaper.

So it came about that Jep went that half mile to the breaker, and it was quite dark when they reached their destination.

When the dinner pail was hung up and the lantern lighted they made the tour of the breaker, man and boy together. This took a long time, for the building was a very large one and had many wings. Outside it had begun to rain and it was very dark, so dark that the outlines of the massive structure could not be distinguished against the blackness of the sky. When they were seated in the engine

room Jep said : "It's a bad night to watch, ain't it, room.

this way," said the leader.

Jack ?" questioned the other.

stopping, "did ye hear that?"

So he felt his way very cantiously,

and finding the gate in place stepped

on it with a light foot, realizing that

nothing save these hard wood slats lay

between him and instant death. Once

father?" "Why?" asked his father. "Well, it's so dark an' rainy, you

know."

slamming door, coming from some-"An' wa't has that to do wi' it?" where above them in the breaker. "Oh, it's a good night to hide," re Both men hurried across the shutes to plied Jep, looking anxiously off into the passage through which Jep had the dark corners of the engine room. just disappeared and began to ascend it. "A man might jump out from some-The noise they had heard was indeed where an' you never see him till he was onto you.'

which had inadvertently slipped from "So he might any night an' there was Jep's grasp as he closed it behind him any object in it." on his way to the head of the breaker.

"Well you know they've threatened A new scheme of escape had come into to burn the breaker, an' they"his mind. It was simply to cross the "Ah, now! Don't be scarin' yourself, mouth of the shaft and pass out by the an' don't be talkin' trash. Nobody'll car tracks to the trestling and thence fire the breaker, I warrant ye, an' noto the hills, whence came the mine cars with their loads.

From somewhere in the great buildsure that the horizontal gates were cov-

"What was that?" asked Jep in a whisper.

"Oh, no mon knows what the noises and plunge down 100 feet to the botbe. I hear 'em every night. No harm tom of the mine.

He picked up his lantern neverthe room and looked about, but finding nothing out of place they soon came

Later on Jep grew sleepy.

"Lay down on the bench an' s'ut your eyes an' go to sleep like a man," on to the trestling.

He was in the open air now, with the Within five minutes from the time network of timbers a hundred feet in ofheight; off to the left a faint glow in

the sky reflecting the lights of the An hour later he was awakened by a town; everywhere else complete, imnoise. It sounded as if men were scuf-

was still standing on the engineer's still greater haste. He almost ran. stool, but his father was nowhere in night.

fear striking in upon his heart. He re-He was just about to get down from membered that the company had taken the bench when the outer door of the advantage of the cessation of work at engine room was opened and two men the mines to build a new trestle here at entered. They were strangers to Jop the breaker. He knew that it was not and they looked rough and desperate. yet completed, and that over the new "He'll keep a still tongue in his head for awhile," said one of them.

The two men having finished their hasty tour of the engine room were al- from his lantern flashed into the boy's night with his father. It was a good ready on the first steps of the flight white face, "what ails ye, Jep? an' which the boy had just ascended. Jep where's the father?"

heard them and knew that he must In a few words Jep told his story, make haste. Coming to the lower and then they both hurried back to screen he felt his way along under it the breaker. Just outside the door of till he reached the outside wall of the the engine room they found Jep's fabreaker; then, rising again to his feet ther, bound and gagged, and cruelly, and placing his hand against the wall, though not fatally beaten, and they he walked up the narrow cleated pas- helped him inside out of the storm, resage that led to the dump room at the stored him to consciousness, and then head just as the lantern, in the hands Jep, taking the pumpman's lantern. of his pursuers, flashed its light across went to the nearest cottage for help. the dust laden timbers of the screen Afterward they found the fallen ruf-

fian lying across the sill of a trestle, bent quite dead. His companion, afraid "Whoever it was he must 'a' come to go forward and unable to return through the dark wilderness of the "Ye're sure ye didn't imagine it,

breaker was captured tried convicted "There!" he exclaimed, suddenly of participating in the assault and sent to prison,-Homer Greene in New It was a noise like the sound of a York World.

A New Use for the Telephone.

Sir Humphrey de Trafford, of Manchester, England, is the first person to apply the telephone to the dog busi- probable wife of ness. Sir Humphrey has one of the mother of finest kennels in England, and when that of a slamming door, the handle of his kennelman wishes to quiet the occupant of a certain apartment he goes to the telephone in his own room and reads the riot act to that particular the title of Geordog, for in every kennel is a telephonic the Greek national device which enables him to make his voice heard by the troublesome canine. -Exchange

### **Powerful Hindsight**,

With this end in view he crawled up Litewaite-I can't account for Brinby the dump shute bars to the weigh dle's ill success in his business ventures. platform, and thence to the carriage-He has such brilliant ideas, so logical way of the shaft. It was easy enough and sensible-can tell you just why he now to follow the rails of the mine car failed track. But it was well for him to be

Heavywaite-Oh, yes. He's like most billiard players-chalks his cue ering the mouth of the shaft; otherafter he misses a shot.-Exchange. wise he might go stumbling into the pit

> Classical Information. Professor-Who was Atlas? Student-He was a highwayman. Professor (sarcastically)-Indeed! Student-Doesn't Shakespeare say, All the world's a stage?" Professor-Yes.

She Has Stopped Shop Talk at Table. Watchmaker (during dinner in a New

nothing tougher than the spring steel used in watches. and touching it as he went he made

acher, won't you try some of the spring lamb?-Jewelers' Weekly,

### That Hair Cut.

the barber's. He wants his hair cut terribly bad.

part there was only a line of narrow barber'll give you a terribly bad hair and one is in the employ of the company. Husband--Come along, Johnnie; my planks laid on the bents for men to eut.-Epoch.

While he seemed to forgive us, to proceed. done. of five such chumps must be, and we got away from him at the first stop .--New York World.

# ROYAL MATCHMAKERS.

Remarkable Luck of the Children of Denmark's King and Queen.

Christian IX and Queen Louise of Den mark are not important sovereigns in themselves, but of extraordinary interest on account of their children. No other parents in modern times have succeeded in arranging so many brilliant marriages, and it would seem that the comparative weak ness of the kingdom has had much to do with making their sons and daughters eligible for royal alliances.

Prince Frederick, their heir married Princess Louise, daughter of Charles XV of

Sweden and Nor way, Princess Alexandra, their oldest daughter, is the wife of the Prince of Wales, one king and nnother. Prince Wil belm, their third child, is now king of Greece under 7 gios I, by a vote of CHRISTIAN IX.

assembly of March 31, 1863, and his wife, Queen Olga, is Grand Duchess of Russia. Princess Maria Dagmar, fourth child of King Christian, is empress (czarina) of Russia. The next daughter is Duchess of Cumberland in England, and the youngest child is as yet only Prince Waldemar. Thus in the next generation the two most powerful monarchs in the Old World will be grandsons of Christian IX, and the king of Greece may become very important. And yet King Christian himself was but the fourth son of the Duke of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glucksburg, and came to the throne by a series of extraor dinary changes and revolutions among the Scandinavian kingdoms,

### Some Absurd Salaries

Just prior to the last illness of the Duke of Clarence, which resulted in his death, Henry Labouchere, commenting in his paper, London Truth, on the approaching nuptials of the beir presumptive, took oc-casion to call attention to the cost of English royalty, and the figures he gives, which must be considered accurate, foot up the enormous total of \$5,000,000 a year. most absurd salary paid, perhaps, is that of \$28,500 per year to the individual known as the master of the buckhounds. carcely less ridiculous, however, is the \$28,500 a year each to the lord chamberlain and the lord steward. The Prince of Wales has for himself \$500,000 a year, be sides a liberal allowance for his wife and children.

### A Remarkable Record.

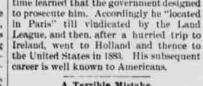
Railroad reports sometimes contain facts of interest to others than statisticians and financiers. A recently published document of this nature has to co with the Pennsyl vania division of the Delaware and Hud son Canal company's railway system. In the twenty years that part of the road That Bair Cut. Wife (to husband)-Take Johnnie to has been killed. On the contrary, its passenger traffic has increased the population of the country, there having en four children born on trains over the division, two of them twins. The four are living.

Mr. Soule had been many we realized what his real private opinion years in the United States, had served a term in the United States senate and be come American throughout, while Mr Egan had ceased to be a British subject but a short time before he became American minister to Chili. Of course his position has been one of extraordinary difficulty. Patrick Egan was born Aug 31, 1841, an Ballymahon, County Longford, Ireland, and was noted at a very early age for shrewdness in trade and general business ability. At the age of fourteen he obresponsible place with a large tained a



PATRICK EGAN.

milling firm in Dublin, became a director soon after reaching the lawful age, and at a time when most men consider themselves fortunate with a good clerkship he was the responsible man of this concern and head of the largest bakery in Ireland. As soon as his age would permit he also became a Nationalist, was a leader in the movement at twenty-eight, and at thirty, to wit., in 1871, was the chief coadjutor of Isaac Butt in founding the Home Rule league. In short, he almost equaled Alexander Hamilton in political precocity and quite ex celled him in managing his private affairs In 1879 he was unanimously chosen one of the three trustees of the Land League and so became its treasurer. When the quarrels grew hot he was accused of misapplying the funds, and about the same time learned that the government designed



# A Terrible Mistake.

A celebrated German physician was once called upon to treat an aristocratic lady, the sole cause of whose complaint was high living and lack of exercise. Put it would never do to tell her so, so his medical advice ran thus: "Arise at 5 o'clock, take a walk in the

cup of chocolate. Take breakfast at 8." one morning the carriage of the baroness was seen to approach the physician's

residence at lightning speed. The patient dashed up to the doctor's office, and on his appearing on the scene she gasped out, "Oh, doctor, I took the chocolate first!"

derneath." The grateful patient complied. She is still improving.

LYDIA WOLTHER.

The terror began last fall, when the farmers found large stones thrust into their wheat sheaves and two or three thrashing machines were ruined. Then the school house was gutted and finally

burned. The church was bombarded and all the windows broken out. Then people's houses began to suffer, her father's first and worst of all. Stones weighing fifteen pounds were hurled as if from a catapult, sometimes splitting heavy doors. Superstition added its terrors. Children were afraid to stir abroad after dark, and many adults began to talk of a "curse on the neighborhood."

Guards by the dozen were set, and occasionally they saw a ghostly figure, but could not overtake it. Tracks of a barefooted person were found in the snow, and at last they were traced to the house of Samuel Wolther. He was arrested, but easily proved his innocence. A detective was brought from Chicago, but gave it up as a bad job. At last a watching party caught Lydia in the act, but she outran all of them but a Mr. Venie, and when he came up with her she made a vicious slash at him with a butcher knife. He knocked her senseless with his gun, and she was soon in the county jail.

There she kicked all the furniture to splinters and fought like a wild beast till placed in the iron cage. She refused food for three days, but weakness seemed to partially restore her reason. She was removed to the insane asylum and was almost unnaturally calm till food restored her strength, when she broke out in mirthful exultation over the mischief she had done. Her practice had been to slip out at night after the rest of the family were asleep. Her parents are very respectable people, and her two sisters are above average in intellect and general attractiveness

An Excess of Females.

Statisticians are continually bringing forward figures to prove that women are increasing all over the world more rapidly than men. This is true even in some parts of South America, for in the city of Lima, Peru, where in 1866 there were 5,000 more males than females, a recent census shows that the women now exceed the men there by the same number. This represents a gain by the weaker sex over the lords of creation of about 10,000 out of a total population of 100,000 in a quarter of a century.

### Why the Bet Was Not Paid.

Jonathan Cilley, the congressman who was killed in a duel, met his fate before he could discharge a singular obligation. A Maine man has discovered among his pa-

pers the articles of agreement of a waget between Jonathan Cilley and Nathaniel park for one hour, then drink a cup of Hawthorne, dated at Bowdoin college Nov. tea, then walk another hour and take a 14, 1834. Hawthorne wagered a barrel of old Madeira that he would not be married Her condition improved visibly, unti, twelve years later. He won, but Cilley was slain before he could pay.

## Well Known, Although Young.

Despite the fact that he has been long in public life, Lord Rosebery is still comparatively a young man. His first wife was a Rothschild, and it is now announced that

he is soon to marry a daughter of Sir "Then drive home as fast you can," Charles Tennant. He is an eloquent, forceejaculated the astute disciple of Æscu- ful and humorous speaker. He likes things lap, rapidly writing a prescription, "and American, particularly American works of take this emetic. The tea must be un. art. And so, too, it may be said, do other English noblemen, though they prefer the animated feminine sort,

Student-Well, Atlas held it up.-

across the opening he moved on more New York Sun. rapidly through the head house and out

He Ought to Know. Visitor-What a sweet aroma comes storm beating on him; under his feet a from the kitchen, so suggestive of-

"Indigestion," supplied Jones. "My wife is cook this week." - Yankee Blade.

penetrable darkness. He knew there was a handrail running along by the York boarding house)-No, sir; there is side of the track for the safety of men and mules. He felt for it, grasped it

Landlady (innocently)-Mr. Uhrm-Suddenly he stopped, with a new