THE LONDON ZOO.

THE CHILDREN ENJOY THEM-EVES ON A SATURDAY.

s Animals to London's Great Take Their Daily Meal Is a Attraction in the Big City. the Creatures Eat.

amore animated at the Loncal gardens than Saturday, dren appear in full force, by papas and mammas, who siglad enough to visit the eir own early "larks," but look as if they came only as of guardians. The little peoappear early in the forenoon, bringing a lunch basket. may be found not only their nd butter but biscuit and feeding the animals.

are to take their noonday he refreshment room, howset be destitute of provender always be bought for a penny, are abundant on many a

mes the preliminary ramble, skurry back to the fish house, 12 o'clock the diving birds are arge glass tank of clear water end of the room, and into sely at noon an attendant handful of tiny fish, a few of living. Then the side of an cage is removed, and down s penguins to seize their prey, be confessed that their table are not fine. They literally fish after fish, and then hurl about in the water, evidently

with their bath. bird-a slender, graceful amiliarly called a "darter"ed alone to the tank, and his in eating his fish dinner are el to see. He sweeps through like an arrow, and impaling apon his bill lifts his head. me mysterious and lightninger catches the victim and

EDE ON THE ELEPHANTS. in the afternoon the pelicans are white yard where they strut all day long. A small pond its center, and into this bits of hrown, in search of which the a pell mell, covering the water confusion of gigantic waving As the attendant approaches to at this pleasing ceremony, the aken from their drowsy calm, a sight not soon to be forgotten m watch a stately old pelican rings and begin an awkward r in token of his joy.

ear pit, a deep and well lighted a dwell two bears, who are unwith the fatness produced by bus. They have been so perer the railing his bearship calmholds out two entreating fore olsis in pleased anticipation of

siches bits of bun in his mouth merring skill given by long and will even climb the pole in er of the pit, if one will but hold serit suspended from a stick. low will be know I want him to sida little girl, who had just oled with this plummy bribe. hold it near the pole where he

svily and with much panting, ard creature mounts his pole, bun, and descends to munch it

waing joy of all perhaps for ors is that of riding the elewhich, provided with great sadte enough for a dozen people, it load of shrieking, laughing and go lumbering off down the vaving their trunks this side and the hope of receiving a stray titthe neighboring crowd. PEEDING THE LIONS.

in the day comes one great b which even the most serious person must be interested. At ast 4 the lions are fed! Long he time visitors begin to pour building where, in large cages the wall, lions, tigers and leoppacing restlessly up and down. ares themselves need no sto tell them dinner time is near. appointed moment a man enshing a barrow of bleeding meat. shi t past the cages to the very the room. At the smell and monium breaks loose. One mar, made by many voices in moord, fills the place. At the the barrow stops, a bar is leck, and two large pieces of thrown in. The lion seizes them and lies contentedly down, and lick them with the delibof a well fed animal.

programme goes on, until one another is silenced and the empty. One very interesting always to be observed. The do not, on receiving their first ment, retire to devour it: they the second and then turn away theld securely in their paws are evidently learned how much

the delights of the Zoo are iteraustible to animal loving There is the monkey house, e grave, wrinkled, half hus sit picking fleas from er with an air of funny absorpthere is the chimpanzee "Sally, count five for her keeper by in the requisite number of ad who, at request, will eat fingers, as she "used to do," with a fork, as she does now scivilized. "Queer old Lilly," tile boy said, and happy children ber!-Youth's Companion

for What They Might Tell. known compounder in Camas developed in his laborahere his goods are prepared ance of old men who never To enable him to guard secrets of his laboratories he men with salaries that adby pace with the length The result is that the pid workman in his shops is old man, who may be seen garound with oatmeal water

t. - Boston Globe.

JAPAN'S FIRE BRIGADZ

The Firemen of the Mikado's Realm Go Through Queer Exercises.

No country is so much exposed to fires as Japan. In one week 5,000 houses were burned down in Tokio alone, and in the next week 15,000 houses were destroyed in that city, while Sir Rutherford Alcock states that Tokio loses as many houses as constitute the entire city every ten tion of the tiles on the roof, are con-

with paper. Some buildings in Japan are thatched, while the roofs of others are formed of little slatelike flakes of

towns most efficient fire brigades, and neighborhood. have even the newest and best fire Nowhere in the south today can be a sign indicating that there is one well on the premises, or sometimes water be had.

ing any that may have taken fire be so unique and enjoyable. pulled down, so that the burning mass be isolated, for there is no hope of preventing the spreading of the were reared and had their homes, and conflagration by the water from the the latter made this romantic country engines, and it is this necessity which nished with a sort of hook, intended of "guerrilla." for use in pulling down the houses, case of a fire.

The chief exercises of the men consist in ascending the ladder and stands in an inverted position on the field. at said an attendant, "and he'll top round. At other times he grasps The summer in that country is the He knows as much as we one side of the ladder with his hands season for tournaments, which are conand throws his body out horizontally, so that he may have free use of his mock of a joust in the days of "Merrie the Japs can do much more with their feet than we can with ourshook with the hands.

The firemen are arranged in corps, each of which is headed by the from which cut papers, a religious garded as a possible bride. emblem, depend, and we have seen a corps slowly and solemnly marching to a fire headed with this insignia, just as though it were taking part in a funeral procession, instead of hurrying as becomes those concerned in subduing that fearful element, fire.—London Graphic.

Almost any old time farmer will tell you a worm fence built in the down. If you plant potatoes during jolly dance of the olden time-the Virsimilar phases they will all go to tops and the tubers will be small and that recalls the manners and amusewatery. This is the time, however, to plant cucumbers, especially when thirty years ago, but were wiped out the sign is in the arms.

The carpenter of former times would not think of putting a shaved shingle roof on a building in the dark of the moon, because the shingles would curl up, pull the nails out, and soon leak like a sieve. Neither would he cut timbers for a house, nor would -Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

The little whitewood toothpick pointed 1866, and would seem a small article to create a monopoly in; yet a factory at Bucksfield, Me., used up many thousand cords of wood every year in the manufacture of this small article. The cord of wood consists of a thousand billets or four loads. Two thousand five hundred toothpicks were sold for one shilling, and a large profit was made. Now, the patent having run out, many others have gone into the trade, and prices have fallen to fivepence on 2,500 toothpicks retail, and even lower wholesale.-Chambers' Journal.

Changed His Opinion of the Jury. A gentleman who served on a jury that tried a prisoner defended by General Henry Morgan tells a good one on that counselor. In his speech in arguing the case, General Morgan complimented the jurors highly, telling them that he selected them specially for their intelligence. The jury was not out five minreturned, whereupon General Morgan of course depend much on its durabilutes before a verdict of guilty was exclaimed, "They are the worst set of fools I ever saw."—Albany (Ga.) News and Advertiser.

Diogenes indulged in a "tart irony" when, observing over the door of a should be interested in the forests that are left to us. P to maintain the prosperity "How does the teacher go in"-New York Home Journal.

REAL LIFE IN DIXIE.

VIRGINIANS ARE NOT SURPASSED AS FEARLESS RIDERS.

Where the Daring Cavalry Leaders of the Southern Women Are Graceful.

The bold and dashing horsemanship years. The houses, with the excep- displayed by the Lees and Ashbys, by structed entirely of wood, and the were the leading spirits of the Confed- Adams streets." windows are formed of fine and erate cavalry service during the late often beautiful lace work, covered war, excited the wonder and admiration even of their enemies, and developed the fact that the Virginians are by nature the most accomplished and fearless riders on American soil.

wood; but these so readily take fire ginia troopers, who was cut off in the if sparks fall upon them that the prime of manhood, was perhaps the Japanese prefer taking the risk of finest type of courage and manly grace injury from falling tiles during the in that branch of the Confederate servearthquake to being in even greater ace, and his name today is a synonym four footed acquaintances; a danger from fires than they necessa- for chivalry in the south. As a people rily must even now be. It is strange the Virginians are inclined to outdoor that in these days, when so many life, to whom the graces of physical young natives have come to Europe culture come as easy and are as inherent to study the sciences, that their ac- in them as their own charming and quired knowledge of chemistry has warm hearted hospitality. The youth quired knowledge of chemistry has not caused them to adopt some means of rendering the wood of which their houses are constructed, and even the person of the windows incombartible. paper of the windows, incombustible. of his fellows and holds a prior lien They have, however, in the large upon the heart of the fairest girl in his

engines of European or American seen more splendid exhibitions of the make, but these are of much less use bona fide fox hunt, the old time tournathan might be imagined, for the sup- ment and cross country riding than are ply of water is limited, and the en- given by the inhabitants of a little town gine without water is a mere mock- called Warrenton, in Piedmont, Va. ery. Over every house door is placed situated among the foothills of the Blue Ridge range of mountains in the midst of a beautiful pastoral region, which is we see two or more signs, indicating largely inhabited by the F. F. V.'s of chiefly devoted to stock raising and in that building, and thus the firemen who have recovered from the financial the old regime and their descendants, gnow the sources of their water sup- and social distresses occasioned by the ply, and from these wells alone can loss of their slaves, and are reviving many of those delightful customs and The scarcity of water renders it pastimes which formerly prevailed necessary that all buildings surround- among them and rendered southern life

A HISTORIC SECTION.

Here it was that Ashby and Mosby of bill and dale, of stream and woodcauses the fireman's drill in Japan to which so crippled the northern forces land the scenes of those daring raids appear so strange and grotesque to when operating in that section of the the European. Each fireman is fur state, and gamed for him the sobriquet

The battles of Manassas and Bull Run but the question arises as to where were fought only twenty miles away. the man is to stand while engaged in where the gallant boy soldier. Quincy his work of destruction. A ladder is Marr, was the first to lose his life on held upright by a number of men, the Confederate side. McDowell's who hold it firmly by these hooks; splendid army, 100,000 strong camped and it is up a ladder thus held that within the limits of the pretty village the firemen go to pull down the and were so touched by the nobility houses which are to be destroyed in of the women, whose homes had been appropriated and turned into hospitals. that they left its quiet precincts unnarmed and its inhabitants unmolested. It is not remarkable then that a people leaning out from it in a horizontal who before the war were fond of the manner, using the hook while hold- chase and during the four years and ing on by the feet, and in all sorts of more of that bloody conflict literally acrobatic feats which seem calculated lived in the saddle should be the riders to aid them in their work. Some- and marksmen that they are today and times a man ascends the ladder and have a penchant for the sports of the

ducted with all the the hearts of men and inspired them to deeds of romantic valor.

Young unmarried men only are qualibut the chief exercise consists in fied to enter the lists of these tournaholding by the feet and using the ments for the honor of crowning "the he had displayed in securing the appro queen of love and beauty." They assume titles for the occasion which are suggestive of knighthood and are supbearer of a large lantern in the form posed to ride for the woman who reigns of some curious distinctive device, over their affections and might be re-

A PICTURESQUE SCENE. The picturesque costumes of the contestants, their gayly caparisoned steeds, the silver tongued orator and his grandiloquent charge to theknights, the inspiration of the fair spectators whose hearts palpitate with expectancy, the bearing off of the victorious ring and the old fashioned coronation ball that follows at night, which opens with the address of the hero of the day and the crowning of the queen and her maids of honor, the dance of the royal set, and light of the moon and ascending node the grand finale in which the assembled will worm around and finally fall company, young and old, unite in that ginia reel-form a picture of social life ments which were common to the south

and forgotten through the war as well as the men. The women of Virginia are distinguished for their horsemanship, and many of them ride like centaurs before they get out of short dresses. In the fall across the country unattended, and frequently participate with their husbands, of the chase. The Virginia girl is generally conceded to be charming under any circumstances, but when she assumes her riding habit and mounts into at both ends was patented in America in the saddle she is an outdoor picture of 20,000 acres). I erected a stock yard with grace and health that has no replica in the gallery of nature!-Chicago Tribune.

Cloth from Broken Glass. fabrics; it is incombustible, can be manufactured in all colors and of any desired strength or thickness. The one property of incombustibility will render it invaluable to those working near or with fire. It is also used for ladies' dresses and for other purposes, in place of silk, and it is said to be more glossy and lustrous and is more easily washed. It is stated to have all the appearances characterizing silk, being as soft and even more clastic. Its usefulness will

First Theatrical Manager (meeting a brother manager at the entrance to the house of representatives) -Hello! what

were you doing in there? Second Manager-I am studying some new effects in the way of a mob for next season. - Puck.

ANXIOUS ABOUT HIS MAIL.

An Englishman in Chicago Wants a Pull, How an Ingenious Prince Soived a Dif-

So He Can Send Letters Home. A plain looking Englishman who is at the Paimer house asked so many questions of the people about the hotel since his arrival that the clerks hide Civil War Received Their Wonderful when he appears in the office. Yester-Skill as Successful Horsemen - Why day morning he cornered Thomas O'Brien, the room clerk, and asked where the postmaster lived.

"I can't tell you, sir," replied the Jackson, Stewart, Mosby and others who clerk. "The postoffice is at Clark and

"Then the postmaster is apt to be there?"

"Yes, sir." "Who is he?"

"Col. Sexton, "Nice fellow!" "None better."

"I want to transact some business with him, and would rather know a b about the man before going over to his office.

"You will find him a thorough gen-

tleman." "I say, won't you kindly jot down a line to him recommending me? Your recommendation, with my letter of introduction from home, will be all that is necessary for him to accommodate

"I don't like to refuse you," said the clerk, "but it is against the rules of the house to indorse any paper for the guests."

"But I don't want that, you know. Just a letter of introduction will answer my purpose. You see, I wish to send home a few letters about my jaunt in the States, and I'd not like to have the officer in charge of the post refuse them because I am a stranger, you The clerk would not have been more

surprised if an actor had registered at the hotel without asking for cheap rates or some other favor.

"You mean to say," asked the clerk, "that you want to mail some letters, but you are afraid they won't go unless you have a letter of introduction to the postmaster?"

"Quite so. You can dash off a few lines in a minute."

"Yes; but it is not necessary. Just put your initials in the lower left hand corner of the envelope. The postmaster knows you are stopping here. He will recognize the initials when he is assorting the London mail, and your letters will receive the best of care."

"You are kind," said the Englishman, perfectly satisfied with this assurance. "I'll do that, thank you."

The clerk sighed as the guest walked away. "There is plenty of cleverness in England," he murmured; "but that chap is like the man who fell out of a balloon-he isn't in it."-Chicago Trib-

Congressional Twins.

There are two men on the Republican side of the house who look enough alike to be twin brothers. They are Louis E. McComas, of Hagerstown,

Md., and William D. Owen, of Logansport, Ind. McComas is a sharp, shrewd lawyer and Owen has been a minister of the Christian church. The former is a member of the committ eeon appropriations and the latter is chairman of the committee on im-District of Columbia appropriation bill with lightning like speed. It is said that several Washingtonians congratulated the Rev. Mr. Owen on the ability priations for the district and asked him into the restaurant to have some

McComas' experiences are, however, not so pleasant. The doorkeepers say that he was recently stopped at the corridor by a matronly lady, wearing black lace mitts and gold eye glasses, who threw up both hands on seeing him and said: "La! Brother Owen, how do you do? Why, I haven't seen you in a dog's age!"-Cor. Chicago Times.

That cattle and horses can communicate intelligence to each other, and are endowed with a certain amount of reasoning faculty, the following facts are pretty conclusive proof: I once purchased a station in Australia on which a large number of cattle and horses had gone wild. To get the cattle in I fenced the permanent water (a distance of twenty miles), leaving traps at intervals. At first this answered all right, but soon the cattle became exceedingly cau tions about entering the traps, waiting outside for two or three nights before going in, and if they could smell a man or his tracks, not going in at all. A mob would come to the trap gate, and of the year they can be seen riding one would go in and drink and come out, and then another would do the same, and so on till all had watered he paint it until the sign was right brothers and beaux in the excitements They had evidently arrived at the conclusion that I would not catch one and frighten all the others away.

To get in the wild horses, 600 of which were running on a large plain (about a gradually widening lane in a hollow where it could not easily be seen, and by stationing horsemen at intervals on the plain galloped the wild horses in A new and interesting invention has My first hunt (which lasted for some recently been given a practical test- days) was successful, the wild horses namely, a machine for making cloth heading toward the month of the lane from waste glass. Besides utilizing without much difficulty, but of course hundreds of tons of a broken and use- some escaped by charging back at the less substance the textile produced will stock yard gate and in other ways. My have many advantages over all other second hunt, about a month later, was a failure; every mob of horses on the plain seemed to know where the yard was and would not head that way. This seems to show that the horses that escaped from the first hunt told all the others where the stock yard was .- Cor. London Spectator.

The city of London is put down by geographers as the center of the landed hemisphere. In other words, a radius of about 6,000 miles on the curved surface of the earth, with London as a center, would describe a circumference inclosing more land than any 6,000 mile circle that could be drawn from any other city in the world.-Exchange.

Romantic Miss (addicted to poetry)-Oh. I'm just in love with Edgar Allan

Practical Adorer-Well, that's all right. He's dead.-New York Weekly. WEIGHING AN ELEPHANT.

About 200 years ago there lived Prince of Mahrattas, in Hindostan, whose name was Shahjee. Princes are numerous in India, but this particular

prince was long remembered on account of his beneficence and great wisdom. He seems to have been the most learned prince of the time, and his advice and help were always sought in critical matters. Many stories are told of his ingenious settlement of difficulties, and some of them are certainly curious.

of Prince Shahjee made a vow that if he just as the strings of a banjo are pulled, succeeded in a certain enterprise, he except that there are no frets to bother would distribute to the poor of his dis- one's fingers. trict "the weight of his own elephant in But in reality the harp is a most persilver." Elephants were highly prized plexing instrument. Those who play it by these princes, and each kept the larg- say its mechanism is more involved est and finest for his own use. The of- than that of a piano. Notwithstandficial's vow, if hasty, was generous, and ing this fact, it is becoming popular perhaps the success of his undertaking again among young women of social was worth the price. The undertaking succeeded; but the

official, willing to keep his oath, was met by an unexpected difficulty. There was no possible way of finding the elephant's correct weight. No scales in professionals. The cost of such a harp the country were constructed of suffi- as would be used by an amateur is cient power to weigh such enormous from \$450 to \$1,000, as much as would beasts. Elephants were not sold by the be paid for a good piano. pound, and no need had before arisen Seven pedals surround the base of for scales to weigh them. All the learned the harp. They are attached to as and clever men of the court tried in vain many rods, which run up through the dostan would have to get along without he made the vow. Indians are crafty, and this one might have been cunning escape to prevent parting with his by running the finger along the frets.

That is always the way with true genius, you know. The solution it finds is so simple that every one cries out in wonder:

"Why, of course! Why didn't some body speak of that before?"

Shahjee commanded the elephant to to mark upon the boat's side the exact Evening Sun. height to which the water reached when the elephant weighed it down. Then the elephant was taken out and stones substituted, until enough were loaded into the boat to bring it to the same water line as when the elephant was the passenger.

Then the stones were weighed. If the cales could not hold all at once, pari could be taken at a time, you see, and so the elephant's weight was correctly large.—Harper's Young People.

Origin of the Piano.

maker of Padua, Italy, who exhibited feet—and it must be remembered that England, when chivalry had its seat in was the first appropriation bill passed. four instruments in 1709. The honor was' formerly claimed by Marius, a branches on a recent Sabbath essayed French maker, who produced a piano in to speak to the troubled tree. Whether 1716, while German writers maintained itiator of the instrument. The earliest date ascribed to the latter's achievement, however, is 1711. During the present century, however, an Italian document was discovered, written by Marchese Scipione Maffei, a Florentine scholar, in 1711, which testifies that Bartolommeo Cristofori, of that city, exhibited four originally published in The Giornale in that year, accompanied by a diagram of Cristofori's action principle, employing hammers, which constituted the chief difference between the harpsichord and

in Maffei's writings Cristofori's name is given as "Cristofali," but this is proved to be an error, because inscriptions upon existing pianofortes give the name as "Cristofori." Father Wood, an English monk, living at Rome, is also said to have made a pianoforte similar to Cristofori's in 1711, which he exhibited in England, where it attracted

much notice. Cristofori did not remain idle after in troducing his first instrument. He became prominently known as a maker, but died in 1731, comparatively poor .-Daniel Spillane in Popular Science

The New Year in Scotland.

Every householder knows when Box ing day comes round (because of the people who "come round" with it), and also New Year's day. Even the oldest of us are wished a "happy return" of it for "there is no one." says Cicero, "who does not think he may live a year. Moreover, if we do not give our family the usual presents on that day they do not scruple to remind us of it. How ever artificial, indeed, may be the division of our year, the first day stands out in it in a peculiar manner, and really seems to separate the old from the new. though we must have lived in Scotland to know how very much New Year's day

may mean. In that country it is Christmas day and all the saints' days rolled into one Everybody sits up till 12 o'clock to "see the New Year in," and in the more enthusiastic households the house door is unbarred with great formality to speed the machine. Again in 1887, while the parting and welcome the coming guest. In England the New Year has never been made so much of, and such customs as belonged to it are dying out, but in America it is "kept" with enthusiasm.—Illustrated London News.

Telling Time at Night from the Dipper The time can be approximately told at night by the position of the dipper. If the position of the "pointers" is taken at any given hour, say 6 o'clock in the evening in the winter time and as soon as it is dark in the summer, the hour thereafter can be pretty accurately measured by the eye during the night. Frequent observations of positions will have to be made at the given hour, as owing to the constant changing of the earth's position in space, the position of the "pointers" in relation to our point of observation and the star also change. - Yankee Blade.

SUNDRY FACTS ABOUT HARPS.

Return to Payor of the Instrument Past Made Popular by King David. in the Strongs or hestra there is one American woman, a Miss Carnsi, and he plays the harp. The harp she uses lightly cost \$1,400 and was made by a

irm in this city. The burp is an of I fashioned instrunent of the sweetest tone and very difflent to play upon correctly. It looks simple enough to any one who has never examined a harp closely. It seems to consist of a certain number of Once a very high official in the court strings which are pulled at by the player

standing, who originate and sustain fashions of all sorts and in all direc-

to construct a machine of sufficient pillar at the front of the harp, and are power to weigh the enormous beast. It there hitched to more rods with a hold down the twenty foot bank into the did seem probable that the poor of Hin- on the strings-a hold that can be re- river, swim across, and, when he saw moved or tightened by a pressure of Cooper's horse would not follow, come cial had thought of this objection when the foot on the pedals. This mechan-back, and reaching out pull Cooper's ism corresponds in its effects to the shortening or lengthening of a violin through. One of the policemen had a enough to leave himself a loophole of string or the string of a guitar or banjo rifle and resolved to take a long shot.

There are forty four strings to a harp, But if any such notion had occurred to tuned to C natural. It is a particularly him, he was doomed to disappointment graceful and effective instrument for a between them. Shortly after McKeon in the matter. The question was re- woman to play if she has a good arm drew his horse up, leaped down, referred to Shahjee, as all such vexations and wears short sleeves; and this may moved the saddle and stood patting questions were. And it did not take have something to do with its return to his horse on the head. The police aphim long to find a very simple solution. popular favor. It is also a very hand- proached and he surrendered without board.

be conducted along a platform into a ter of ex-Mayor Hewitt; Miss Drexel, flat bottomed boat which lay by the daughter of Joseph W. Drexel, the looking rather glum. McKeon said he water side. When the animal was banker; Mme, de Barrios and the knew he would receive twenty-five safely aboard, he desired the attendants Countess Jerxmanouski. - New York lashes, but he would only stay in jail

The Talking and Grouning Tree.

of curious things published in 1608. whom Clark says is "a godly minister. ascertained. It is safe to conclude that hath received a letter from Mr. Arthur tured at Ladybrand. the poor of Hindostan finally got the Gilderham, which containeth this subsilver. A prince so wise must have also sequent narrative, viz: That at Brampbeen just. Whether the official who ton, in the parish of Toksey, near paid the money was quite satisfied, his- Gainsborough, in Lincolnshire, an ash tory does not tell us; but we will hope, tree shaketh his body and boughs, sighfor his charity's sake, he was, and as a ing and groaning like a man troubled full grown elephant weighs several tons, in his sleep, as if he felt some sensible the amount distributed among the poor torment. Many have climbed to the of the district must have been very top of it who claim that they can hear having just performed that part of the the groans and muttering more plainly family marketing. Step into any of the when in the branches than they can be Seventh avenue butcher shops, bakeries The pianoforte was invented by Bar. heard while on the ground around the or groceries and you will almost invarimigration and naturalization. The tolommeo Cristofori, a harpsichord trunk; even there the uncanny noises ably see children of from four to eight

"One man who climbed to the top or not he received an answer we will that Schroeter, of Dresden, was the in- never know, as he fell down stone dead. One who spoke to the tree several days ago lay speechless for three hours thereafter, groveling and moaning in a most piteous manner. Reviving he said: 'Brampton, Brampton, thou art much bound to pray.' Earl of Lincoln has caused one of the pianos in 1709, which statement was arms of the ash to be lopped off and a hole to be bored through the main part, and then was the hollow voice to be heard more plainly than before, but in a kind of speech which they could not understand."

A Triffe Too Cool.

"Doctor, just an instant, please," exlaimed a caller at the office of a man of physic as he caught sight of the physician disappearing into his private office. "I'll see you shortly, sir," was the

curt reply. "But a second is all I want," persist-

ed the caller. "I'll see you directly, sir," with stern-

The visitor took a seat in the general reception room, read the afternoon pa per, looked at the pictures and played with the dog. After thirty minutes or more had passed the medicine man came out of his den and, with an air of condescension, said to the visitor:

"Well, now, sir, I am at your serv-Your turn has come. What can

I do for you?" 'Oh, nothing in particular," was the "I just dropped in to tell you that just before I called I saw a couple of men clearing your garden of those rug seller. flowers you had put in yesterday; that's all."-London Tit Bits.

Two Remarkable Accidents.

Jefferson Miller, of Jeffersonville, Ind., has good reasons for his strong dislike of both rats and threshing machines. In 1872 he was feeding a threshing machine in the barn when a rat ran across the floor. Turning to watch it his left hand was pulled off by feeding the same machine in the identical barn above mentioned, a rat ran between his feet. He kicked at it, slipped and had his only remaining hand ground to a pulp in the greedy machine. -- St. Louis Republic.

The Cocoanut as a Vermifuge. The cocoanut has been used as a vermifuge in India for generations by the beef eaters of the country, and is so well known there as a means of expelling the flat worm that we cannot understand why the information of that fact has not reached us before. When properly and intelligently administered the cocoanut is equally efficacious with male fern oil, kousso, pomegranate root or turpentine, while it is as pleasant to the palate as they are offensive, and in no way injurious.-Goldthwaite's Geographical Mag-

SOUTH AFRICA'S BANK ROBBER. Chase the Police Had for Him After His

fiscape.

An interesting account is given by The Johannesburg Star, of South Africa, of the police chase after McKeon, the bank robber, whose achievements in the matter of perpetrating robberies, escaping from jail and eluding the police entitle him to rank with the notorious Jack Sheppard, and whose regard for his elever black horse reminds one of Dick Turpin. In the hurried start after McKeon when he escaped from the Pretoria jail (says the newspaper in question) the mounted police forgot to take handcuffs with them. Further, McKeon had friends all along the route, He was born in Basutoland, and every Basuto is his fast friend, even to Mama. Consequently when the police inquired along the road of Basutos if they had seen two men pass on horseback they invariably said that they had not. Mc Keon's love for his famous black horse, now at the mounted police barracks, was extraordinary. The police had to run that horse down. Two of the mounted police sighted McKeon and Cooper far ahead of them. They spurred on after them, thinking that they would bring the fugitives to halt on the steep banks of the Rhenoster river.

What was their surprise, however, when they saw McKeon leap his horse horse down by the bridle and drag him When McKeon saw the smoke of the gun rise he and his companion drew their horses apart and the bullet passed some instrument, or it may be made so a word, giving over his two revolvers with rich carving of the head and deco- with the remark that he was enriching rations upon the top of the sounding the government with revolvers, for this was the sixth they had had from Among the prominent amateur harp- him. He said he gave himself up beists in this city are Miss Hewitt, daugh- cause he did not wish to kill his horse. Cooper handed over his revolver, too, for eight months, when he would once more say good-by to the authorities, He did not know why they had given We find the fallowing letter in him twenty-five years, for he had not 'Clark's Looking Glass," a collection murdered any one or stolen a sheep or ox. Robbing a bank of its surplus The letter is from a Mr. Ralph Bovy, money was no crime. The police were entirely taken off their guard, and con-Bovy's letter bears date of July 7, 1606, sequently at daybreak the next mornand is as follows: "Touching news, you ing the birds had flown unobserved by shall understand that Mr. Sherwood them. McKeon has since been recap-

Juvenile Purchasers.

One of the most striking features in the poorer regions of the city is the early age at which children are made useful in the household. In my rambles about town I have seen children-puny, undersized children too-of four and five years of age carrying milk, meat, groceries, etc.,

years old purchasing family supplies. I have seen children whose eyes were still on a level with the butcher's chopping block buying five cents' worth o odds and ends of meat for the family stew, and paying for it in penties care fully counted out into the butcher's big brown hands-pennies hard earned, no doubt. One time the child couldn't talk distinctly enough for the man to under-

asked.

The little thinly clad tot opened a chubby and very dirty fist and displayed four cents. Whereupon the butcher, his diamond pin sparkling in the rays of his bright cleaver, scooped in the pennies and chopped him (or her) off a fragment of bones and gristle and threw in a chunk of fat.

"Small?" said he, in response to my comment. "These children commence running errands as soon as they can walk. At six and seven the girls do the marketing and keep house, while the boys sell papers and play craps. Por-terhouse, sir?"—New York Herald.

A Doubtful Compliment.

A man who was selling rugs stopped at a house on Howard street, at the door of which a woman was sweeping. A great pile of dirt had accumulated under her vigorous wielding of the

"G'mornin," said the man. "Can I sell you a rug today?" "No. you can't sell me anything. snapped the woman. "Sorry," murmured the man as he folded the rugs; "that's a powerful sight

of dust you've got there.' "I guess I've swept the whole house," retorted the woman; "'tain't every day I kin do the sweepin."

"You must be the cleanest woman in the world," continued the silver tongued

"Dew tell," said the woman, leaning on her broom. "What makes you think

"That pile of dust. My wife could sweep for a month and not get such a pile of dust as that." She was flattered, and looked at his rugs, with the result that she bought two; and as he went away he chuckled

to himself: " 'Carn't sell me anythin.' No? May be I didn't sell her and the rugs both. And she never tumbled!"-Detroit Free

Famous Abductions.

Marriage by abduction was by no means uncommon in the early ages. The daughter of the king of Argus was abducted by a Phœnician; the Greeks carried off Europa from Tyre and Medea from Colchis.

Next to the abduction of the fair Helen, perhaps the most remarkable in its political consequences was the King of Leinster's taking away of the wife of a neighboring petty sovereign. O'Rourke

of Breffni. The king of Connaught avenged the insult and drove from the throne his brother of Leinster, who appealed to Henry II of England for aid to recover his lost sovereignty. The Norman con-quest of Ireland followed, with long enturies of war and devastation.-Lon-