PRISMATIC.

There's not a light in the leaden skies, The world is wrapped in rain; The color angel has shut his eyes, and the sun is saleep again; In Marguerite by the window stands-Earsptured eyes of blue Earsptured eyes of blue ar traveling far into fairylands are there a prism through she looks a prism through

turn to smile on the eager child, I tarn to make on the enger child, and old dreams rise again; I know what colors run rich and wild over the blurred, wet window pane; raintow glory floods the air And jewels the ashen hue; her many of us, like the baby there, Have looked a prism through !

Oh: fairy prism that life bestows: And brenks too soon, alast) (And brenish too boon, shast) Ob: brely vision that throbs and glows Through youth's enchanted glass1 Ob! how will it be when the prism falls. And gone is the gold and blue? And gone is the gold and blue? She the cold, cold voice of the real calls And the sweet dreams come not true?

Weall have visions-we all look through A prism that fails and breaks ist for the dreams that come not true And the soul that light forsakest But when Time's glass falls from our hands The spirit's unveiled view May find lost lights in loftier lands. If only the dream comes true! -Margaret Hunt Brisbane.

THE ACCIDENT.

within a few miles of its terminus the nilroad passed through a valley, narrow, to be sure, but of great and unual beauty. The sides and crests of eren here death slyly took his victim for his own as he pleased.

It was here that many years before sow about to die.

a very slight one, and its cause was almost ridiculous. John Dorsey, the conmost no pain and was entirely conscious had been able to ascertain the characion of the probable result. His insistance upon this even annoyed the

"Dorsey," he said, "you must not speak so. You are too young to die, and we shall save you."

As soon as could be after the accident Dorsey had been carried to a been sent for by men on the train who which existed between the two. This

"No," the doctor answered. "And my brain is entirely clear ?" "Certainly," the doctor replied, wondering a little.

"Then let me tell you a great deal. I had a fondness always for all cars the coupling of cars as they were made into trains in the yards. No music was

trains made up and going. No novel never regretted it, but then I wanted only place worth having.

The doctor interrupted: "You must not tell me this if it will distress you."

"It does not. I want to tell you; I about her, and all. It is easy to see her now as she used to sit sometimes with her head upon my keee and her big blue eyes looking in mine so trust-

was deserved, too."

the pretty concerned a little before the heat. Not so design but the case of my perturbing of the whistle. After a while more vicious. sons though well kept, were still un all night if I happened to be awake. engine. (Our engineer was determined, like a single report, distanced by brazen or cast iron statu- You can see the house now from the it seemed, that none of us should sleep "Once I cried out 'Ready!' and the once a day, it is to sustain life and mehed that stage in its development so. Mary at first hated the railroad, but strange woman came in from the front. peace. Simple gravestones there were, ist po pretentious monuments. But be fit for anything else, my thoughts "In a few minu mawares or stood forth to fight boldly gently at her and went on in the same for a minute only-I surely fell asleep, British soldiers are you can imagine sleepy, and when I do lie down it is not

There had been an accident. It was little complaint in her manner.

"When the baby was born a love of been the only one hurt. He, however, clap her little hands at the sound of her. athough fatally injured, suffered al- the engine whistle. As she grew older ras about to die long before the doctor ing, and when I could I would. Out even seemed to me she danced there. we sometimes would go on the cars to came"-

see. Even then in fancy little Mary the world. It was rare sport to her.' could, but now he talked more slowly.

"One day I was ill at ease. Nothing had known of the intimate friendship But, try as I would it was late in the for the little time remaining to him .-long afternoon before I could get away. McKendree Bangs in New York Epoch. triendship was of earlier date than Dor It was warm, but as I hurried home a sy's connection with the railroad, and that seemed to Dorsey's fellow em-beautiful day, just such a summer's day

color.

slowly

doctor asked as Dorsey paused. "The train had been made up with and trains. The earliest, the pleasant-est recollection I have is of the pleasant-for the starting signal to be given, when I have served in India, in Egypt and in Behrman, who is engaged at Mr. T. F. maybe-attracted my attention; but emy within thousands of miles of me. dicated, and asked his questioner what ever so sweet to me as that. I used to before I could look more closely at her "I was a captain at the time and was there was peculiar about him. The spend all the time I could watching the an engine behind me whistled sharply stationed at Port Royal, Jamaica. We physician replied that Mr. Behrman ever pleased me so. They made me ble. Later, as I passed her on the hands, the rawest, greenest recruits you teresting history; that he was a man to to be an engineer. That seemed the one; but I laughed at what I thought trouble to make them obey orders with Mr. Behrman, and, finding out that

> through the cars. I seated myself op- when you wanted them to fire. posite, across the aisle, from this wo-

have so many times wanted to tell you berths made up she had not; but the humor. The day was fearfully warm, 1842, and settled permanently in Texas, service.

"Of course," said the doctor, "and it

be fit for anything else, my thoughts

the railroad seemed to have been born hair had fallen loose as Mary's was that My desire to cry out, 'As you were!' to "Now on the subject of drinking dottor of the sleeping car train, had in her. She would as soon as she could day. It was Mary. I hurried toward get the rifles off my body, was so great water I can say that for forty years I

"With a look of confidence, and a -we called her Mary, too-she would smile of welcome almost, she turned to thing took only a few seconds, but it sire to take a drink as you do. I never rection of which often becoming tran- grumble like husbands; and that he of his surroundings and condition. He ask me in her baby way to come early beckon me on. She sprung up on the was many minutes longer than that to drink water except to take it with med- sient and contradictory owing to gales had indeed, stated his belief that he to see the trains go. I needed no urg tender and laughed joyfully, and it me.

there on the grass we would sit, and I In another moment I would have held ried me from before the motionless one years. ter of his injuries or to form any opin- would tell her of all the strange places her in my arms. Then the shock rifles, I managed to wheel him. As he "When I was in the army men all

glistened strangely. Had the circum-Dorsey had spoken as rapidly as he stances been otherwise it may be he would have been tempted to discuss the matter with Dorsey and to attempt that I had to do seemed worth while. to convince him that he had been misneighboring house, and Dr. Irwin had I only wanted to be at home; I only led by a simple hallucination. As it was, wanted to feel them near me, and safe. he tried only to make him comfortable

The All Gone Feeling. A great many people are unable to

night. Until last night," he repeated NOT UNDER THE ENEMY'S FIRE.

> Covered Him He Was Frightened. "Was I ever afraid in battle?" said

the sleepers first, nearest the engine. 1 an English army officer. "Many times. known physician to a reporter, at the was standing on the platform waiting But there are different kinds of fright, same time pointing out Mr. S. W. suddenly a woman passed me. Some- Western Africa, but the worst 'funk' I Leak's undertaking establishment. The thing about her-her disordered hair was ever in was when there was no en- reporter looked at the gentleman in-

and I turned to see what was the trou- had just got a lot of recruits on our was a phenomenon, and had a very intrain, her face seemed to bear a strange, ever saw. I was drilling them in rifle whom water was not a necessity. far off resemblance to some familiar practice at long range, and had great Hearing this, the reporter called on high, my foolish fancy. There were very precision. In fact, one could never be the information was correct, obtained Then you went abroad and I mar-few in the first sleeper, and I returned sure whether they would fire when you the following interesting interview with riences related than those we hear of in ried. I have always so regretted that to it after I had made my first trip wanted them to present, or present him:

"I had been sending them through a capital of Liefflane, a political division man. I thought it strange that although practice one afternoon, and they were of Russia, corresponding to the states the other passengers had had their so terribly stupid that I got into a vile of this country. I reached America in porter was within easy reach and I did and the sun beat down so flercely that residing at differents points for eighteen not feel it necessary to offer her any my horse, a wieked brute, got into al- years. When the war broke out I most an ungovernable temper. I sat on joined the Third Louisiana regiment,

"She was alone in her section. She my horse at the right of the squad, and and served as a Confederate soldier unfully. She had faith in me." And he sat quietly for the most part, looking was giving them volley practice at long til I was wounded and captured at the out of the window, although the night range. When my patience was entirely battle of luka, Miss. I was kept a was very dark. Sometimes she would gone, the men seemed to gain a little prisoner of war for several months and become restless and excited. I thought sense, and began to fire with rapidity was paroled, after which I returned to ice is to a considerable extent denied the "Yes, and it gladdens me so now to her very nervous and that the frequent think it was. Matters, too, looked well whistling of the engine startled her. As smoothly as clockwork, and I was soon war closed. I came to this city in 1877, ens sound from a distance as it whistles and beauty in the surrounding hills were dotted with for us then. Success seemed worth I remember it now it seems to me that soothed into cheerfulness despite the and have resided here the greater porthe pretty cottages of suburban resi- striving for. Mary was jealous a little she became excited a little before the heat. Not so my horse. He was never tion of the time since that year.

are greater and although the houses then, but our little home was close by -but I was recalled to myself by a very this time that it was 'Ready! Present! I never experienced the sensation of sere neat, they were simple, and the the line. I could hear the trains go by unusual and prolonged whistle of the Fire!" and the volley would ring out being hungry, thirsty or sleepy. When

and the neighborhood had not yet window yonder. Lift me up a little- that night.) As I opened my eyes this work was as pretty as that of veterans. not to appease the craving of an appe-"'Present,' and every rifle went up tite. My daily meal consists of a little where its new houses were built upon she grew used to the noise, and I think Where she had been I do not know, but to shoulders in perfect form. At the thin soup and a small piece of pumperminteresting plans furnished ready after a little she paid no attention to it. there was a bright and happy light in very instant I was about to say 'Fire'' nickel bread-a bread made of rye, made to rural carpenters by enterpris- She furnished our house prettily, and her eyes. Perhaps I should have spoken my fretting horse bolted, cutting direct- ground up with bran. No bolting at ing publishers. Nor had its occasional we were very happy: but she would to her, but I was very tired and the ly across the range. I was not twenty all. This bread I get from Indiana. I durchyard yet lost all sense of rest and sense of rest and sense of rest and railroad. She feared that I could not the particle of the sense of rest and rest from the sense of rest and the bar frequently gone without tasting the glittering rifles leveled right at me, food of any kind whatever for from ally to be met with and unhappily, as a

"In a few minutes I surely fell asleep and instinctively I closed my eyes and eight to sixteen days. were so occupied with it, but I laughed -I know I broke the rules, but it was ducked my head. If you know what "It is the same with sleep. I am never way and with the same hopes. She for I dreamed that dreadful day all my feelings, my terrible fear, for, as I because I must sleep, but because I never doubted my love, and she used over again. Once more I was rudely said before, I was never before in such must pass the time away. I cannot say John Dorsey had made for himself a to say that some time I would obey her wakened by the engine's whistle. As I a 'funk.' I knew that if I opened my how long a period of time I have gone home, and it was here that he was slightest wish and follow her wherever started up a cold wind blowing through mouth those recruits would riddle my without sleep in this city, but I rememshe might lead. It may be there was a the car met me, and there stood the body with rifle balls, for they were ex- ber that once I went for seven months, strange woman holding the front door pecting the word 'Fire' and probably in which I did not sleep altogether one open, looking out into the night. Her would have taken any sound for that, hour,

> that I had to clinch my teeth to keep have not taken a glass of water, and from crying out. Of course, the whole that never in my life did I have a de- rents to be found in the ocean, the di-

"When my plunging horse had car- ever taken it in the last forty or forty-

came around I cried 'Eire!' and every around me on the march panted for As Dr. Irwin leaned over his old one of those stolid men obeyed the water and complained that they were and I would go with the trains all over friend he smiled a little, but his eyes command with absolute precision. That unable to keep up because of hunger opened my mouth while crossing their without experiencing inconvenience range I should have been a dead man, from either. I remember when we instant, and yet followed one's words suffering from thirst. My command with a blind fidelity.

ALABAMA'S HUMAN WONDER.

"Well, what happened then!" the When the Rifles of His Own Soldiers & Man Who Lives Without Feeling Same of the Dangers from leebergs in the Hungry, Thirsty or Sleepy.

"Do you see that man?" said a well

"I was born in Riga, which is the

"As to my peculiarity on the subject I cat, which is at the oftenest only

ATLANTIC ICE BISKS

Early Months of the Year.

Transationtic steamship owners have come quite exercised over the frequent become quite exercised over the frequent ciety there is none more remarkable treports made of ice during the past ten than the juvenile attendant cavalier. days. The Rotterdam, Scandia and P. A dozen rich and highly respectable Unland are the most recent arrivals that have signted these dangers, which were selves each with what she is pleased to ivs. The Rotterdam, Scandia and P. encountered during their last voyages across the ocean between latitudes 45 slegs, and 47 degs, and longitudes 44 degs, and 49 degs. The most definite description of any of the icebergs encountered was that at a distance of three miles they appeared to be about 100 feet Next to fogs, or perhaps together with

fogs, there are no more disastrous expeconnection with ice encountered during time when a married lady of personal a passage across the ocean, and it cannot be wondered that in these months,

when fog is at a minimum and commanders of vessels have time to devote their whole attention to battling with the elements and trying to reach port on time in the face of the tremendous gales ble matron takes much pride in the

that sweep over the ocean, the report of toe should arouse their fears and redouble their caution. With the low temperature of the season, both of the air and the water, one great means of detecting the presence of through the cordage and smokestack guys, so that the roaring of the sea at the base of an iceberg cannot be heard tact with it. The ice blink, which frequently renders ice floes visible, even in the darkest night, can perhaps be relied upon to indicate their presence, although he is not dispatched alone to execute the blink that attacks the strongest eyes my lady's orders, which may range of the brightest of lookouts when he is trying to see something through driving sleet and snow, effectually prevents his seeing to any great distance. The experience of the past few years has not recorded ice at this season, but accounts rule, disaster is included in almost every account, so that it need scarcely be mentioned that great circumspection is necessary in passing near the regions where these dangers may reasonably be expected. Some few instances from the many recorded are quoted as of interest, showing the peculiar and irregular tactics

these huge masses of ice follow, as they charge about from place to place, some times urged on by a fierce gale, and then again floating placidly along in an entirely opposite direction at the mercy of some one of the current as or counter curicine, and that is the only way I have of wind that affect the surface of the water very strongly as far as they extend.

In January, 1818, the brig Anne left the harbor of Greenspond, Newfoundland, in the morning and in the evening of the same day got among ice; proceeded thus about forty miles and at dayassured me all the more that had I or thirst, or both, but I plodded along light next morning was completely beset, with no opening to be seen in any direction from the masthead. In this state the land, they bask in luxury, and she continued about fifteen days, drift-revel in all the best entertainments, for they were not drilled sufficiently to evacuated Tupelo, Miss., the troops she continued about fifteen days, driftdistinguish a different order at the last had a hard march and there was much ing with the ice about sixty miles southeast by east, or about four miles in evhalted a short time on the roadside, ery twenty-four hours. The ice had now "I have often thought," added the near a place where there was a well, become very heavy, high above the sur-officer, with a strange smile on his lips, The soldiers broke for the well like face, and about twenty-nine large bergs "that those recruits fancied I had cut madmen, while I stood by a fence lean- were in sight. She was altogether shut across them to test their drill, for they ing on my gun. Gen. Fifer, who com- in twenty-nine days, in the last fourteen showed no surprise, not the faintest manded the corps, rode up and called of which she drifted from latitude 46 deg. 57 min. to latitude 44 deg. 37 min. before tremendous gales of wind blow-

JUVENILE ATTENDANT CAVALIERS

A Mighty Useful Being for the Fashions ble Married Woman

Among the products of modern so call "a useful boy," and, to do her justice, it must be acknowledge that she compels the young man to earn his qualifications. Mrs. Grundy has accepted him, and the husband heeds him not. Indeed, he is rather regard-ed by that individual in the light of an understudy, as he relieves mon-sieur of many of the social duties which would otherwise interfere with his own engagements, whether of business or of pleasure. There was a attractions would scarcely have ventured to go about anywhere with a good looking young man who was not her husband.

Nowadays we look for the harmless appearance of her cavalier, and to qualify for the position he must in a measure be ornamental as well as useful Furthermore, he must in no wise be awkward. He must be able to put a cloak around madam's shoulders as well as her maid, and to adjust her opera hood without ruffling her hair. It being part of his duties, too, to attend to her fans, bouquets, opera glasses, programmes, dogs and all such impedimenta, it is necessary that he should not indulge in the old fashioned occupation of wool gathering, while on no account must he permit himself to cherish the usual masculine aversion to "shopping," for when from a box at the opera to a box of pearl powder, he is required to be in at tendance when she makes the round of

dry goods emporiums, To the onlooker the value of his presence on these occasions appears imited, for it seems that he does nothing but balance himself on the edge of chairs, adjust his tie in every available mirror, and occasionally make mildly facetious and frequently impertinent comments on the goods. At the restaurants he secures luncheon, and being well drilled in madam's likes and dislikes he thus saves her the trouble of choosing her own fare, and the infliction of getting what she de tests.

He is useful, too, in finding the carriage after the theatre or afternoon party, and added to all these serviceable if not exactly intellectual qualities are the advantages that he can be snubbed at will; that he never dare never bores with the wearisome attention of older men. To what end do these perfumed dandyettes run errands and act as footmen if not to play at being gay Lotharios? Their reward is that they get taken everywhere, and everybody has to treat them with some degree of civility. Then there are in the train of a pretty, or at least, of a popular woman, a distinction which all youths envy. They live on the metaphorical milk and honey of pick up "good tips," and eventually, if they are smart, secure a rich bride. -New York Letter.

Recreation on the Deep.

A large brick was heated to a red heat in the galley fire and a piece of asbes-tos packing was wrapped around it as quickly as possible. The brick with its covering was incased in a piece of pork that was tossed overboard, along with several other morsels which the sharks were made ready to devour, and it had no sooner touched the water than it was swallowed. It took a few minutes for the heat to come through its covering of asbestos and pork, and during those few minutes the shark swam among his compan-ions and attracted no special attention. But very soon his movements showed the pain he was feeling; he darted violently about, sprang out of the water, dived, rose again and was evidently suffering intensely. This continued for perhaps half an hour, and ended with the creature turning on his back and dying in the most hor rible contortions. The other sharks showed their tender feelings by at-tacking him before he was fairly dead; they had no compunctions about eat-

Although Dorsey had been always as trank and candid as a man well could be in reference to all his later life, in regard to his earlier past he was singularly reticent. Among his fellows there had always been considerable speculation as to what his youth had been. Some who had known of his intimacy with Dr. Irwin, and of his ability to meet upon terms of personal equality the high officials of the road, and of their regard for him, believed that he had been an old college friend of the doctor's, and that some accident of fate had made him a working railroad man while the doctor had secured his profession. Others less charitable or with an unhappier experience of the world, and puzzled by the reports which reached them of the repeated refusal of Dorsey to take other positions higher and more remonerative, believed that he must have committed some crime, and was therefore careful not to expose himself

to too bright a light. As a matter of fact, he and the doctor had been classmates, but after their graduation they had lost sight of each other for a few years while Dr. Irwin pursued his studies in various foreign hospitals. Upon his return from abroad he had heard of the death of Dorsey's to be easy to tell it now." wife and child. He had looked Dorsey up and expostulated with him upon his election of a vocation. But Dorsey was silent as to the reasons for his choice and quietly persistent in his detennination not to change his work if he could help it.

But as frequently as he could Dorsey would visit the doctor and stay with in as much as possible, and their arly friendship had grown and ripened. "Tom," Dorsey said to the doctor almost upon his arrival. "I am glad they ent for you, but you cannot do any

As time went on the doctor reluctant I began to believe that Dorsey was right-that his recovery was impossible. Deeply as the doctor was grieved he was annoyed, too, to feel that his skill would be of no avail to his old friend.

"Why did you follow such an in fernal business?" he asked, impatiently. "Don't, Tom," Dorsey replied. "Don't call it that."

"And why should you be the only one to be hurt?"

"Was I the only one?" Dorsey asked "Yes."

"That is strange, maybe," Dorsey aid, and then his calmness, which had been so remarkable, deserted him, but only for a minute.

"What caused the accident?" he aked. "Do they know?"

"Tes," the doctor replied; and he told of the little land slide which the engineer had seen almost in time, but not quite, and the engine had run into with barely enough force to jar the train its length. "We suppose," he added, "that you must have been shaken between two cars in some way. "Will it hurt me to talk?" Dorsey

ployes to have begun almost ages as this. It was so peaceful, and the ride on elevator cars on account of the leaves so kissed one another in the feeling that their hearts and souls are ed and cried 'Fire!' But you may well the well and get water?' I replied that light breeze that I was calmed, and the being pulled out of them when the feeling I had suffered from all day left machine starts to drop. People with me. I was glad that we lived in the heart affection are frequently forbidcountry. I was glad to be alive at all. den by their physicians to ride in the The sun was almost behind the western sands who ride in spite of it to save hills, and all that side of the value, and the city. In shadow, but on our side it was light the city. A well known lawyer, who has a A well known lawyer, admits hills, and all that side of the valley was time and legs in the big buildings of

our house brilliant and glorious in its that his head feels empty when the elevator starts down, but claims to have

discovered a very simple mechanical "As I neared home Mary came to the trick by which he avoids the all gone door, and I could see her welcoming feeling. He is willing to have it sug gested to his fellow mortals anony smile. Then, shading her eyes with her gested to his renother way, mously and in no other way, hand, she looked over toward the rail-

road, and in a minute screamed and "I take a long breath, "just as I step on the elevator, and ran rapidly from the house. Alarmed and wondering, I ran after her. Down hold it with a tight pressure. Then, just as the elevator begins to sink, I let below on the track stood little Mary, it out exactly with the motion of the fluttering in the wind. Around the short curve came suddenly the fast exher curls and all her pretty ribbons press, and the child, as she saw the flown out of my collar; in fact, I can great engine bearing down upon het avoid the least disagreeable sensaand heard the startling whistle, waved tion.

Another gentleman who tried her little hat as though in greeting. experiment vouched for the results in "Another minute and Mary would have been in time. Her dress caught his case. "Don't imagine that you have to blow so that everybody in something, or she stumbled, and was in the car can hear you," he said. "All so delayed; but she recovered herself you need to do is to hold the breath quickly, and hurrying on caught little Mary in her arms, and then—it ought the nose. I think the sensation is due

Observations from a Balloon.

ure in the air. The noise of a railway train can be

and by other means, Mr. Glaisher de

to the sudden change of pressure of For some little time Dorsey was si blood in the heart and head, and the lent. The doctor did not ask him to compression of air in the breathing or continue nor did he urge him to stop gans offsets that pressure by reaction when the car starts."-Philadelphia

Inquirer.

when Dorsey began again: "For Mary it was over at once, but ur child, held firmly in its dead moth-

rs arms, lived a little while. I think she must have been hurt as I have been. She could speak, and when they brought her to me she put her little arms about my neck and said: 'I am ferent from the theories previously going with the cars now."

"It may seem strange to you," Dorey went on shortly, "but the railroad

had a greater fascination for me than ever. I stayed about the cars and trains as I had in my boyhood. I almost feared they would order me away from the yard.

"My business went to nothing just then. Perhaps my neglect hurt it, but I think not. At all events I gave it up. Then I segured a place as brakeman without much trouble."

"Was that pleasant?" the doctor asked. It was easier to interrupt Dor ey now.

"Yes, to me," he answered ; "but still was glad when I was promoted, as I was through the various grades to be a two miles; but the shouting of a mulconductor. "Has there been no chance for further

promotion in all these years?"

"Oh, yes; but I have never wanted to leave my train. After a long while I applied for the place in the sleeping cars."

For a while neither spoke. The doctor, keenly observant, thought that Dor sey had more to tell; but he waited patiently

"Life has gone very evenly and smoothly with me since then until last perature is always lower at higher ele-

believe that this was not the case. And I was not thirsty, that I never drank I pledge you that never afterward in water, and he was astonished; and durrifle practice did I get caught in so ing the whole war the only thing that I dangerous and helpless a situation."

Six Thousand Dollars for Lunches.

lunches! It seems a large sum to ex- in the old country, I have never found pend in midday meals, and one can one who could tell me what was the in between two reefs of ice, jammed toscarcely conceive of one man, no mat matter with me or who could afford me gether apparently in a solid mass, and ter how wealthy, getting rid of so much relief. When I die I want Drs. Gasmoney in such a way. It is not an in- ton, Blue and Seelye and other physidividual, but a banking house that de- clans they may desire to invite to make votes so much cash to entables-that of an examination of my body, my heart, Henry Clews & Co., and the lunches liver and brain particularly, to find out are eaten by the employes of the estab- what derangement of the system prolishment. The fifty clerks daily en- duced the conditions which have exgaged in recording and unraveling the isted all my life, that humanity may be complicated transactions in the bank- benefited by their investigations. ing and brokerage rooms of this firm have already selected my coffin, and stop work about noon and repair to a when the end comes I want to be laid neatly fitted up apartment in the rear away peacefully and quietly."

of the office where they take their lunch. The men employed in the va- unhealthy. He is stoutly built and rious branch offices of the house are weighs now about 160 pounds, though

may not appear to be partial, and the much as 176 pounds. He has a fair expenditure easily reaches the amount education, the foundation for which named, if it does not indeed exceed it. -New York Press.

Jabber of the Case.

"Hello!" said the quad, as the compo threw him in; "you're a hard looking case, did you know it?" 'No wonder," grunted the case;

"I've been on the rack so long." "You seem to be out of form, too,"

remarked a thin space, from its box. "What if I am? Lead me alone!"

snarled the quad. The observations made during night ascensions, or those which were con-

tinued into the night, on temperatures at different heights, gave results difat which the other types gigheld on the subject. An increase of

"I'll be dashed !" cried the unlucky the temperature with the height was "If you'd been locked up as quad. noticed after sunset. The rate of delong as I have"---cline of temperature with elevation

"I was just going to ask quad the when near the earth was subject to variation as the sky was clear or cloudy. From an elevation of three

miles cirrus clouds were seen apparent-I've comma long way and I won't be ly as far above the observers as they insulted this way." Things began to look squally, when seem when viewed from the earth,

and that under such conditions that it the compositor shook up the case and was hard to believe that their presence made them all behave.-Lawrence was due to moisture. The audibility York Telegram. American. of sounds from the earth depended

Unfortunate Marston.

considerably on the amount of moist-The late Westland Marston is said to have been about the most unfortunate man of letters that ever lived in heard in clouds four miles high, but England. Misfortune pursued him throughout his life. He wrote poetry not when the clouds were far below. The discharge of a gun was heard at 10,000 feet; the barking of a dog at that was above the public, and prose that was too good for them. His plays were persistent failures. Entitude at not more than 4,000 feet. En-Many differences in the results of observations were supposed to depend ties he was hardly able to earn poor living. In his domestic he suffered bereavement after upon atmospheric conditions, while these vary with the time of day and life the season of the year; so that a great bereavement. His wife, his children, many observations would be required his grandchildren and his son-in-law to determine the true laws. Having successively died, leaving him solifollowed up one of the observations tary, the last of his unhappy race. recorded above with a captive balloon He bore his afflictions with patience, but accepted death as a happy re-lease. Who, under similar circum-stances, would not -- Pittsburg Balleclared to the Meteorological society, in 1870, that the theory that the tem-

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ever craved was cigarettes.

"I have never enjoyed good health in my life, and though I have consult-Six thousand dollars a year for ed many physicians in this country and and 44 deg., weather thick and cloudy,

Mr. Behrman does not appear to be given lunch money, so that the firm he says he has at times weighed as was laid in the old country. He speaks four languages-Russian, French, German and English. He is a great newspaper reader, and keeps thoroughly informed upon current affairs in Europe as well as in this country .-- Montgomery (Ala.) Journal.

Electricity and Irrigation.

It is proposed to apply electricity to the irrigation of some of the dry and sterile districts of California. Vast areas, You're getting saucy," put in a hy- now barren and worthless, can thus be phen, as it came along. "Thinking made fertile and enormously enhanced of the galley left behind him, I sup in value. Land worth from \$3 to \$10 per acre, without opportunity of rea-

sonable hope of irrigation, would command \$50 to \$200 per acre when water is brought to them. The yields would be far greater, the crops of finer quality

transmit the current to motors, and water into suitable reservoirs.-New

Dairy Floors.

A flagstone floor with cemented joints is recommended for the dairy. Wooden floors are apt to rot out, and brick floors absorb the spilled milk, soon becoming very offensive. If bricks are used the floors should be kept painted all the time, and even then it is not so good as flagstone and cement. The flagstone under ground is always easily kept cool, as a dairy floor should be --New York Commercial Advertiser.

Greek Meets Greek. Mrs. Ku-ius (with opera glass, look-

ing into window opposite)-I declare to goodness if that impudent woman over the way hasn't got a spyglass and is trying to look into our flat !-- New York World

ing the whole time from west to northwest. In the course of this two hundred and eighty mile journey more than one hundred large islands of the solid blue 'Greenland ice" were sighted.

On the 12th of March, 1826, the brig Ajax, when between latitude 42 deg. with squalls of hail and snow, ran right when daylight dawned thirty icebergs 150 feet high were found surrounding the little craft. The crew got up wood en fenders and slung them over the side to prevent being ground into toothpicks by the surging masses of ice. Spars. bales of cotton and lengths of cable were one after the other added to save the brig from destruction.

In January, 1844, Capt. Burroughs, in the ship Sully, met with an iceberg in the Atlantic in latitude 45 degs., longi-tude 48 degs. Later years have proved the experiences enumerated above, and the experiences enumerated above, and this year of exceptional weather, both afloat and ashore, has thus far been pro lific with reports of ice encountered in the same general region that it was met with in the cases cited. The theories lately advanced that the arctic current. A little boy, only 8 years old, the son of a laborer named Malbarxy, liv-ing at Francesdnest, was sent by his mother to fetch a loaf from the baker's which sweeps along the northeastern shores of this continent and the island of Newfoundland until it loses itself under the heated waters of the Gulf stream, has had no existence the past few months, and that consequently the Gulf stream has come in nearer our shores, will hardly stand when subjected to the searching light of scientific inquiry. And a practical refutation of this theory can be found in the changed positions of the icebergs thus far sighted, which show plainly that they are being moved by ocean currents in the direction heretofore taken by this polar or Labrador current .- New York Herald.

His Heart Out of Place.

Physicians at Springfield, O., recently examined, with interest, a young man whose heart is on the right side, but "I was just going to ask quad the being react, independent of drought, whose heart is on the right side, but and entirely independent of drought, who nevertheless enjoys good health. A dispatch gives his name as Broslin, and affording a perfectly reliable source and quotes him as saying that "when of income. The plan suggested is to he was a little boy he was thrown from a farm wagon, and two wheels passed thereby work pumps which will raise obliquely across his chest. He was ill for some time from the injury, and believes that the heart was shoved over to

its present position by the wheels. The only trouble he has experienced since was two years ago, when he had pneumonia, and there was a constant cramped or stuffy sensation about the new heart location."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Cinnamon is the bark of a tree, and is grown most largely in Java and Ceylon. Only the young branches are stripped for the cinnamon bark, but very small branches are not peeled. The bark is removed in strips and scraped on both sides, and afterward sun dried, when it is ready for commerce.

Acci-Bentally Overheard. Jones-I believe I've got a chill.

tually my teeth chatter. Smith-Then why don't you buy a ort that fits -Taxas Sidings

A Plucky Little Fellow. on the opposite side of the railway. theless had the presence of mind to fall into the space between the rails and the sleepers. Unhappily, the clearing iron caught his blouse and dragged him along till the train stop-ped at the station; the wheels had ped at the station; the wheels ne of his When he meanwhile passed over one of arms and cut it nearly off. was set free, looking at his mangled arm, he said: "Pray do not tell moth-er," and he asked the bystanders to er," and he asked the bystanders to fetch his loaf. It was found necessary to cut off the arm, and though the chloroform did not make him insensi-ble, he bore the operation with the ut-most courage, and only asked once or twice if the surgeons would soon have done. His arm soon healed, and the little fellow returned to school as gay and as cheerful as his companions.-

Montreal Star. A Prosperous Beggar.

A beggar, who for thirty years has been a familiar figure in St. Peter's, at Rome, has just died suddenly from apoplexy. The Roman correspondent of a London daily reports some curious circumstances in connection with this man, whose name was Pietro Marcolini. He was the only mendicant who was per-mitted to follow his calling within the church itself. Pius IX having granted him that privilege. Leo XIII confirmed it, and also, like his predecessor, granted an audience to the beggar, who was lame and afflicted. When Marcolini was received by Pius IX he complained of the cold he felt within the church, whereupon the pope bestowed upon him an old warm dressing gown of his own. This garment, however, the beggar wore only on great occasions, and the more solemn festivities of the church. He had been repeatedly offered large sums for it by foreigners, but always refused to part with it. Marcolini left an estate worth \$0,000 franca.