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THE ROBBER'S DRAWN PISTOL.

It Doesn't Look Pretty, and Brave Men Succumb.

A group of men were lolling in the loung er's corner of a San Francisco hotel the Francisco Examiner. Each was reading a morning paper. Each had his paper open at the page describing the robbery that startled Berkeley. "I cannot help having admiration for such bold thieves," said a very respectable looking member of the gathering. "Not," he added, "that I ap-prove stealing in any form, but if one is gathering. und to loot a strong box it is more manly to do it at the point of a pistol than to sneak into the victim's confidence and then betray it."

One by one the readers threw their papers aside, and without difficulty disposed of bandits and plunder in the remarkably short order that always prevails on such occasions. Then they grew reminiscent.

"The pluckiest robber I ever heard of," said a Denverite, "was the one who made Dan Moffatt give up \$21,000 about three years ago. The story became familiar enough, but the sequel has been generally squeiched. A young fellow walked into Moffatt's private office at the First Na-tional bank, covered Moffatt with a pistol, displaying a bottle of harmless oil that he said was nitroglycerine, made Moffatt fill out a check and then get it cashed and hand him the money. He specified just what he wanted, demanding \$1,000 in gold, a \$10,000 bill and smaller bills. When Moffatt went to the paying teller for the cash the visitor was just behind him with the revolver close to his ribs, but hidden by an overcost. Having secured the money, the robber backed out the door and disappeared.

"Did they ever catch him? Well now. that is hard to state. There is some mystery about it. Some people did not think that Moffatt wanted him caught. But a big row was made about it, and rewards offered. In perhaps a year, after numerous arrests and releases, it was announced that a prisoner in jail in Clay county, Mo., charged with horse stealing, had confessed to being Moffatt's robber. The bank teller went there and identified him. Then Mof-fatt went and identified him. The Denver chief of police told me, however, that the prisoner was a pretender, and that he did not believe he had ever been in the state of Colorado. Then the chap went crazy. You can't try a lunatic for robbery, and the public does not keep track of the crazy prisoners of Clay county, Mo. So the mat-

The Denver man had the floor. "You remember, don't you, the way Senator Tabor's gold bricks from the Vulture mine in Arizona were stolen? He got the prop-erty along in the eighties. The output in the form of a brick left the mine every two weeks. One of these bricks was worth about \$8,000. The foreman thought he could carry the treasure himself, but a lone highwayman fooled him; got away with the game, too. He was afterward caught in the city of Mexico and the brick recovered. The foreman took some assistants with him next time, and on this trip ran into an ambush. One assistant was killed and the other wounded. One of the robbers was hurt, and was caught later nursing his wound in a hut. The other robber was picked up in a lonely canyon, dead, a bullet through his head, a revolver in his hand and the brick on his breast. Must have been a grimly sarcastic cuss.

"I notice you are having a good many stage robberies out here. Used to have them in Colorado. Abolished the robberles first and afterward the stage. But peaking of robi the

LUCK BETTER THAN RICHES. me People Illessed by Fortune Tell of

Their Most Profitable Moments. Speaking of good luck, what do you conider the most profitable moment in your

life? Preachers, gamesters, actresses financiers, politicians, board of trade spec ulators, lawyers and newspaper men have answered the question. Each in his own way tells how he met that "tide in the affairs of men" which bore him on the crest of the wave to success,

Harry Romaine, the well known sport ng man, who has lost and won thousands on the sight of a single card, does not look other forenoon, says a writer in the San upon any of the flattering turns of chance as highly profitable, though he has written a book defending the profession of the gamester. "The most profitable thing I ever did in my life was to get married," said Mr. Romaine, "and the most profita ble moment in my life was certainly that in which I took the marriage vows."

Miss Frances E. Willard, known all over the world as the leader and president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union. stopped long enough in the midst of the proceedings of the federated clubs, as Central Music hall, to read the question and send out her answer. It reads, "The moment in June of 1859 when I deliberately made up my mind to be a Christian. There was no hesitation and no delay in Miss Willard's answer. , Her mind was made up as soon as the question was asked.

Ed Pardridge, king of the wheat pit, makes a surprising contribution to the symposium. More than once Mr. Pardridge has added \$500,000 to his bank account in a single day on a break in wheat. It might be expected that he would point back to some such lucky turn of the mar-

profitable moment in his life. But when he heard the question he clambered up ons means happiness, and the happiest, proudest moments in my life, as I look back, were those when, as a boy, I used to come in from the spring run on the old farm with a big string of suckers and lay them down before my father." Just then started a wilder uproar in the pit and Pardridge

turned away. "Looking back upon the past," said the Rev. Dr. H. W. Thomas, "I regard all labor, study, suffering, joy and sorrow as having a place and value in life. The most profitable moments are those of the most earnest and noble resolves and consecrations that were pivotal points or entrance ways to the days and years of duty and service beyond. In the retrospect of life many things are forgotten; the good one has tried to do is remembered with the

most satisfaction; the pleasures once enfoyed can hardly be recalled." "Looked at broadly," said Carter H.

Harrison, "perhaps the most profitable hour of my life was one which I spent driving about the streets of Chicago with a friend. When I started I had no idea of locating here. Before the drive was over I had begun to see the possibilities of the future metropolis and had determined to settle down and make my home in Chicago

Pretty Rose Coghlan sat down and thought very hard when the question was "Well," she said finally, "if I put to her. must my finger on absolutely the profitable single moment in my life. I hope may be pardoned if I give the credit to the moment in which I was born."

City Clerk John R. B. Van Cleave made bow to the ladies and said, "The most profitable moment I can remember was that in which I was introduced to my wife."-Chicago Times.

Wished He Was a Colored Boy.

Some few months ago the firm engaged a new office boy. He was a bright little

chap, just turned fourteen and fresh from rison, wife of the president, goes to the England. 'Arry, the clerks call him, bea better knowledge of United States Eng- couple, and naturally the journ. ists will

A FOREST PRIMEVAL.

SUCH WAS THE ADIRONDACK REGION YEARS AGO.

Now That It Has Come in Contact with Civilization, the Struggle Has Begun to Preserve Its Pristine Beauty -- Mrs. Harrison's Visit.



rush to river and to sea; lakes, placid, clear and cool, fringed with the gold and green of lilles and guarded by giant pines; mountains majestic 'neath the noonday sun and magnificent in panoply of mist at early dawn: the splash of gamy trout, the dash of the fleetfooted deer, the growl of the black bear surprised at his feast of wild berries, the plaint of the mourning dove, the whirr of the woodcock the bark of the fox, the hoot of the owl the crow's warning croak, and occasion

ally the shrick of the panther-this is the Adirondacks, as planned and perfected by nature.

Through all the years since Hendrick Hudson sailed northward to the present site of Albany the white man has exket when asked what had been the most plored this region where somber beauty and dainty loveliness blend and shade from one to other with quick transition and of the noisy pit of the open board, pulled capricious grace. He has fished and huntnervously at his mustache and said, "Profit ed, he has torn open the granite hills in search for gold and iron, he has chopped down whole forests of spruce and hemlock and burdened the rivers with rich freightage to the tanneries and pulp mills and he has built summer cottages and hotels at every available point and filled them with the weary and wealthy city people who find renewed health and outdoor diversion

amid the balaamic breezes of the big north woods. Yet gun, rod, ax and occupation have made less scars than one might think upon this vast tract. The wounds are apparent, however, and are so displayed that the sportsman, the scientist, the lover of nature and the practical business man have combined to prevent a wantonness that in time would react upon those who planned and perpetrated it. Just now, when the Adirondacks need

all the friends and advocates possible, an incident has occurred that will, it is hoped, do much toward the preservation of the

forests, the game and the fish. Mrs. Har-

MRS. BENJAMIN HARRISON.

mountaias to recuperate after her recent cause that is the way he first pronounced severe illness, her husband will follow his own name when asked what it was. later on, newspaper correspondents will When he grows a bit bigger and acquires chronicle the doings of the distinguished

Be that as it may, it is the men of his class INGENIOUS THIEVING. who object to so called improvements and who stand ready to give the New York

state forest commission all possible aid in perpetuating a huge park that shall be to the east what the Yellowstone park is to the west. An extract from the report of the commissioners, made a little over a

year ago, is worthy of reproduction be cause of the facts and suggestions con-tained therein. Say these gentlemen: "The gross area of the Adirondack wil-

lerness is about 5,000 square miles, 3,600,000 acres, including lakes, ponds and rivers, overflowed lands, clearings, farms and some villages or settlements. Of this area the state has acquired title, under sundry tax sales, to 765,036 acres only, inclusive of water and overflowed lands. This area is in widely separated parcels, varying in extent from one-quarter of an acre to 70,000 acres, interspersed among tracts owned by individuals and corpora tions and an unknown number of clubs.

the impetuone "There must be some scheme adopted by which an area could be consolidated suffi-

ciently large to make a park. Only two methods have ever been suggested that the state should condemn the land by the right of eminent domain; the other, that the state should purchase the land. The first method is looked upon by the commission as at present impracticable. The other could be easily carried out provided that the present owners of the land were willing to sell them and the state would provide the necessary money.

"Under the plan suggested by chapter 475, laws of 1887, it is found that the state may gradually aconire large areas of land at ow prices, and so much of the land needed for a park can be obtained by these methods that comparatively small appropriaions will be required from the state treasary. From the figures thus far ascertained it is thought that the cost of the park will not exceed \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000."

But whatever happens to the grand old Northwoods there are some charms of which Nineteenth century vandals cannot lespoil them. Deer and bear, trout and birds may disappear, but the hills are eternal, and around their hoary, time worn heads the lightnings will continue to dart and battle as of yore, and the mists of early morn will form in phantoms of marching armies, of giant shapes, and of castled cities, and then disappear at the wooing of the rising sun in the blue vastness of the airy dome.

FRED C. DAYTON.

Quartz Mining in California. So far as productiveness and extent of

perations go, quartz or vein mining is the leading branch of the business in Califor-nia, fully two-thirds of the gold product of the state being obtained from auriferous ores. This branch of mining is spread over the entire length and nearly the entire breadth of California, being pursued to some extent in three-fourths of the counties of the state. This industry employs about 4,000 stamps or their equivalent, some of the crushing being performed by arrastras, roller mills and similar devices. Of the above number it may be calculated that 3,500 stamps are constantly in active service. Estimating that these stamps crush ten tons of ore per day for 200 days in the year, there results an annual total of 2,100,000 tons of ore crushed. As this ore will average nearly seven dollars per ton the yield amounts, at the lowest calculation, to \$13,000,000 per annum. That this product will be steadily increased for many years to come there is good reason to believe. Nevada, Amador and Si erra remain the leading quartz mining counties of the state, their annual output amounting to \$3,000,000, \$2,000,000 and \$1,-500,000 respectively.-San Francisco Chron-

A Progressive Conundrum.

They were working the conundrum racket at a small sociable on Cass avenue the other evening, when a previously silent youth put in his oar with the current conversation.

"I've got one," he said. "What is it?" asked the croy

A CLEVER DIAMOND STEAL WORKED BY A BRIGHT COUPLE.

an Incident Recalled by Seeing the Daring Thieves in the Public Garden in Boston-A Precious Pair That Swindled More Than One Cautious Merchant.

"Where have I seen that face before?" The answer to this inquiry, which every ne has some time put to himself at the sight of a countenance once familiar but lost sight of for many years, does not always recall as interesting and timely a story as it did to a gentleman who sat on one of the seats in the Public garden a short time ago, endeavoring to "place" the face of a man on the next seat.

The person who had aroused the curio ity of the gentleman was a tall, elderly man of grave and distinguished bearing. His hair and beard were silvery gray, and his eyes, which occasionally met the ose of his neighbor in a seemingly casual way. gave proof that their owner possessed the faculty of self control in a noticeable degree.

On the seat with the stranger was a young woman some thirty years old, of prepossessing appearance and charming manner. Her attractiveness divided the attention of the man on the adjoining

and designs as the banners of barbaric bench, who sat patiently puzzling his memory for the identity of the two comin a vague way as heathen. panions.

The watcher of the twain was also a visitor to Boston. He was a secret service agent from Europe, whose business rought him frequently to American cities. He was convinced from the first glance that his two neighbors were people whom he had met "professionally" somewhere in Europe many years before, but for many minutes their names and the circumstances which had brought him into contact with them eluded him altogether. At length their identity flashed upon him, and with it the conviction that the pair's visit to America boded no good to any one upon whom they might bestow their intimate acquaintance.

The man was one of the most accom plished diamond thieves in the world, whose exploits had reduced the wealth of many a foreign jeweler by thousands of dollars, and whose acts had been successfully played throughout Europe for more than thirty-five years.

The presence of such a skillful pair of criminals in Boston induced the detective to give publicity to one of many of their successful thefts, accomplished in Naples in 1875. One day the pair appeared at a Neapoli-

tan hotel and registered as an English gentleman and daughter. Among their baggage were two rose wood chests of the kind used by English officers in camp or barracks, and which, when joined together, formed a bureau, with an open writing desk in its upper part, capable of folding upward, and closing with a spring lock. Harper's Weekly.

They took two rooms communicating by door, against which, in the man's room, this piece of furniture was placed. There was seemingly nothing to attract suspicion in this, and they conducted themselves in such an affable manner that in a few weeks they had ingratiated themselves with all the guests and attendants at the hotel.

The man soon became known at a leadmonds. His dealings were small, but always shrewd and judicious, and always paid for cash down. It was his custom to drop into the richly furnished store, accompanied by his daughter (?), who, while 'papa" bargained in the coolest and most inesslike way for a stone which struck ence of her engaging manners and bewitching eyes upon the susceptible merchr it.

In a short time the man had established his credit solidly with th

A COSMOPOLITAN SCHOOL

A Queer Mixture of Children in One of New York's Big School Buildings.

Until about a year ago the principal of ward school No. 23, New York, did not realize what a queer lot of pupils he

had, although he had sometimes laughed over the strange collection of names upon the rolls. A year ago he took a census and carefully traced out the exact part of the earth from which the parents of each of his pupils had come He found that there were in his school no less than twenty-seven different nationalities, speaking about twenty-five languages other than English and its dialects. He found that of these sixteen were in the primary department alone.

So not long afterward he arranged a novel feature to one of the school entertainments. At a certain place in the programme each child arose, holding in his or her hands two flags. One was the American flag, the other the flag of the nation from which the father had come. The visitors to the school were astonished. They recognized half a dozen flags well known as the banners of European nations-Italian, German, Spanish, French, Swiss and the like. Then they saw nearly a dozen others, recognizable from their shapes and colors

or semibarbaric countries, known to us

When these children, none being under five years of age, first come to this school they are foreigners to the very core. They speak the language of their fathers, and perhaps have never even heard the sound of an English word. They are of the country from which their parents came both in customs and ideas. Their clothing alone bears the stamp of America, and that so out of accord with their faces and expressions that they seem ill at ease, and even more poorly clad than they really are. They enter the primary department. And

here it may be said that, although the youngest are five years old, the ages of many extend upward toward eighteen and twenty years.

It is the business of Miss Rose O'Neill and her seven assistants to teach these children the English language, and then to make American children out of them. of flame, which the failing oil cons Go into the school at the beginning of the school year, and you will think the task hopeless, impossible. Come back at the end of six months, and if you close your eyes and listen to the reading exercises you will not be able to distinguish Chinese child or Arab child or funisian child from the few pure blooded Americans who form the curiosities of the flames I counted nine menhoing of the school. Then you will wonder how the miracle has been performed .--

Educate Children to High Ideals. We are too ready to impart instruction to children from low moods and on a low plane, because we do not ourselves habitually dwell in the latitude of the uplands. Motives of policy, of vanity, f seeming instead of being right, enter into our own lives and, alas! poison the ing jeweler's as an expert purchaser of dia- lives of the little ones at the fountain. A grand life, a brave example, a splendid instance of fortitude, of self abnegation, of courage against odds is never in in South. Tenth street, near the stme vain. It is an object lesson that flames We did not leave there until quites. out from the sky, as the planet amid the On our way home, as we were wain host of lesser stars. Whether it be an his fancy, did not fail to exert the influ- arctic or an African explorer, the leader of a forlorn hope, the missionary living among the island lepers, or the army

ister to the wounded and soothe the that side of the street. dying, the noble ideal is uplifted before escaped it by running. the eyes of those who are yet in the initial stages, and whose characters are him before and pressed him to buy for his This thought of the lofty ideal gives the chief value of our annual Decoration Day, giving us pause amid the pomp and ease of peace, that we may think not of | ing everything before it. I read in the the pageantry of war, but of its sufferings, its fever and thirst, its rigors of cold and furnace heats, its weary strictly secret between them. A bargain was finally struck, 1,000 francs were given in part payment and the necklace was left is m which alone condones its bitter woe in part payment and the necklace was left ism which alone condones its bitter woe for certain alterations, which were to be and the mourning that follows in its track .- Harper's Bazar.

IS HE A HOODOO

A MAN WHO SEEMS TO BE SUED BY OIL CONFLAGRATION

His First Experience Was in the s of 1861-Three Years Later Ba nessed Another Great Oil Dis 1880 He Was on Hand Again,

"In the spring of 1861," said a wellin western railroad traveling agen, to the oil regions to seek my for remember that I got to a little called Rouseville about supper u evening early in April. A flowing had just been struck there, and sponting at the rate of 100 barry Flowing oil wells were a great of those days, for I think this we second or third one that had be The oil was thrown into the or more by this well, and as the way to store petroleum it w flowing about in streams on the All the engine fires about then put out as soon as the oil began and a score or more of men and be to work digging trenches and thr dams to prevent the oil from sp was one of many curious specia hurried to gaze upon the strangest

were grouped about the well. "A danger then unknown as that great outpouring of oil. Auto volume of gas was generated, and the creasing with the flow of oil, spin in every direction. The well had spouting incessantly for two hour suddenly there came a great flash mendous roar and the whole air se sheet of flame in a second's time great jet of spouting oil became a pl hvid fire, while the volume of gasais to the height of more than a hundwas flashing, exploding and le ward in ferocious tongues of flame. derrick, building and engine hors an area of seventy rods seemed to ! taneously wrapped in fire. The pa-spreading about, had come in contact the fires of an engine house nearly h mile away, which was the cause of great and instantaneous conflagnation "As soon as the column of oil beer pillar of fire the burning oil fell like w from a fountain over a space a has feet in diameter, each drop coming a as a blazing globe of boiling petro The ground around the well was user increased. Fortunately for me I was enough away to be out of danger, be sickening incidents of the conflared were plainly spread before me, and in see them yet. Scores of the brass were thrown flat on the ground for a feet around. Many of them regained a feet and came rushing, all ablaze, fro seething fire. Just within the awfulde the blazing oil for an instant, and in they were gone. I could stand to seen more, and fled from the scene.

"I never heard how many lives wer in in that, the first, terrible oil conflagned in the history of petroleum production. I know that a score or more of perm were reported missing during the the lays I was there, and they were all a lieved to have perished in that fire.

"One evening in February 186, len on my way to Washington, I stopped in Philadelphia to see a friend of un who lived in South Fifth street, in Washington avenue, I found him, a during the evening I went with him call on a mutual acquaintance whatme down Washington avenue, the sound d terrific explosion filled the air, and close to us as almost to throw us to ground. The next instant flames that nearly opposite to us, and in less than the nurse, leaving home and luxury to min- seconds a river of fire was running an

"An oil refinery or storage tank, load

in that vicinity, had exploded, and is in time than it takes me to tell it that win

block was a seething mass of flames. In

burning oil ran down the side strett, a

the south side of the avenue, filling the

with flames twenty feet high and sum

papers next day that sixteen persons way

known to have perished in the confign

leum and the first to occur away from the

"In 1880, having been for many years the Pacific coast, I returned east an

stopped at Bradford, then the great center

who was an oil operator and producer.

learned in Bradford that he was opention

and while I was trying to find the traid

we went back to Bradford. He was

heavy loser by the fire. Three days latel

started with him to go to the scene of us

miles from Rew City, where my relative

town, which was filled with derricat

Suddenly I heard a loud explosion, and a

second later saw a house in flames. In

very few minutes the whole town w

ablaze, a hundred shafts of fire leaping ap

from as many wells about the place. Se

enty-five buildings, more than 100 cilra-

and 100,000 barrels of oil went up in the

"It had never struck me before, but

ters, and I gave my relative my record if

out in this country, for there are men ha

who would show you your way out of an

parts without much delay. The next yes

I saw the oil fire in Titusville and in 188 another one in Jersey City."-New Yes

"I saw that he meant it, and I left the

Mexico's Spanish Merchants.

The Spanish merchants in the City

Mexico have organized an association and

the display of articles of merchandise pro

duced in that country. For many real

the trade between Spain and Mexico is

decided to open a permanent exposition Spanish products, or a sample room.

a manner you wouldn't care to go

conflagration.

Sun.

fire to look things over. "We stopped at Rixford, a couple of

oil regions.



highwayman who could give your Black Bart points. He had held up stage after stage in southern Colorado; taken everything in sight. He always gave orders as though he had a whole posse in his gang. When he was captured it was found that he was a cripple weighing about one hundred pounds, and never had any confederates except dummies armed with brocmsticks. He's in the government pen at Detroit now."

"What's the use of resisting when a man has the drop on you?" This from a fierce tooking individual whose piercing eyes would have scared the ordinary highwayman. "All nonsense, I say. Now in the Redding robbery Messenger Montgomery resisted. What did he get? Why, a system full of lead. He didn't save the treasure, ' He didn't do himself any service, and the good opinion of the company is nothing to a dead man. I say it's all right to give up when a gun is at your head. There's nothing else to do. Shoot your highwayman as he runs if you can, but look out for your own hide. You'll never get another." "Are the authorities severe upon stage robbers in California?" queried a Philadelphian.

"Ob, not very," answered the flerce looking one. "In the first place they usually do not catch them. Two boys, frightened half to death, stopped a stage near Cazadero the other day. They trembled so that they couldn't get the quaver out of their voices for a week, and this gave them away. They were sentenced to two years each. As to the Redding robbery, the comparatively innocent lad who was led into it was captured. His elder brother, the one who killed Montgomery and got the booty, is still at large. The San Andreas murderer, who shot into a stage a few weeks ago and riddled a young lady passenger, has never come to light. No, California is not particularly hard on stage robbers."

"Coming back to the Berkeley case," remarked the quietest member of the loung-ers, "the pair of brigands were audacious enough to have been trained under Jesse James. I do not blame the men for yield-When robbers are so desperate as to ing. nake such an attack in daylight and in the midst of a crowd they are desperate enough for anything. I was in the big Blue Cut hold up on the Rock Island railroad years ago. It was done by the James crowd, and I want to say that the barrel of the sixshooter I gazed into looked bigger than a joint of stovepipe. Some of us had been boasting the night before what we would do in just such an emergency, but we didn't do it. We attempted to crawl under our seats and through windows, and many forgot to hide their watches and money. Oh, it's easy enough to sit around a hotel and brag, but the man who refuses to acknowledge the potency of the drop the other fellow has him is a bigger fool than I am. But I don't mean to be personal-no, indeed.

And the quiet man looked apologetically about to see if he had hurt any one's feel-

Concluded to Go to Work.

family in Abilene, Kan., who be Heved that the world would come to an end last fall, suspended their occupations and passed the entire winter in their house waiting for the dread event. Late in the spring the head of the family went out and anted a patch of potatoes and his wife reluctantly put some eggs under a sitting

Hunting for the great sea tortoises affords a good living to many thousands of fishermen in the world.

During the time of the old Roman empire the dead bodies of all except suicides were burned.

lish he will punch somebody's head for also comment on their surroun ags and calling him 'Arry, and then he will be find much to commend and a goo deal to oalled Harry. criticise. If their reports aid) prevent future stealing of timber and unlawful

'Arry at once struck up a close friendship with the little colored errand boy in taking of fish and shooting of game they the office. The pair often take bites out will have done a public service. of the same apple and otherwise manifest "It seems to me," remarked my old congeniality of tastes and temperaments. friend, Freeman Odell, as we sat one even-

other morning 'Arry showed up at ing not long ago on the porch of his bach the office with a dirty face. "Go and wash yourself," said one of the elor cottage at the foot of West mountain. "that the old times was the best times. clerks to him reprovingly. "Do you want Here I am goin on to sixty-five years of

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HIS TWO HUNDLEDTH BEAR.

for deer an would chase two or

to be taken for a nigger boy?" age, and consarn their skins, these tower-'Arry shot an envious glance at his ists from all over creation won't give the colored chum, and then replied with the old man no chance. They're buildin rail-utmost seriousness: roads and stage lines and hotels all through "I wish I was like 'im; then when I a region the Almighty intended should re-

didn't wash my face nobody wouldn't main the home of big game and the para-know it."-New York Herald.

An Interesting Plant.

Why, do you know what was done not Towns that happen to have been built ar waterfalls are beginning to realize fifty miles above here only last fall? A their good fortune in possessing such a valuable source of convenience and wealth. deer. He couldn't shoot a gun without In the town of Bristol, N. H., electricity shuttin his eyes, but he had six guides dominates everything in the field of light hired, an what Adirondack guides can't and power. The entire town, containing do when they're paid for it ain't down in 500 or 600 houses, two hotels, many stores the books, and over a dozen factories, is profusely lighted with incandescent lamps supplied "They knew that wild deer was too scarce to be worth lookin for in that neigh-

power from the Pemigewasset river, which tumbles in a series of cascade through the picturesque settlement.

The power is so cheap as to be used with six got the boss to go out in a boat, tellin great economy of labor and expense in the him the other boys had found a big run-factories, and such is the luxurious tendency of electrical application, that many of the householders are proposing to ban-ish the heat and dirt of their kitchens by adopting electrical cooking apparatus.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Green City Fellow.

local farmer tells this story: "When In the city we do not act half so idiotic as city folks do on a farm. Why do you know that one summer a student from the Cincinnati university visited my farm, and one day when I started to get some young potatoes, took the basket from my hand and said he'd get them. Half an hour later he came back with an empty basket, say ing that he had hunted all over the patch and could find nothing but blossoms. There was not a single potato on the vine thought he would drop dead when took the hoe and began digging them out of the ground. He said he thought they way grew on top of the vines."-Cincinnati three into the water where he could get Times-Star. swimmin shots at 'em. Well, they turned

Cuckoo Customs in England.

There are or were not long ago in different parts of England remnants of old customs marking the position which the cuckoo held in the Middle Ages. In Shropup to the frightened brute, caught it by the tail an held it while his employer ble its head off. He took the hide home, an I shire, till very recently, when the first hear that he brags of bringin the doe down cuckoo was heard the laborers were in the at 300 yards while she was jumpin twenty habit of leaving their work, making holi- feet to the jump." day of the rest of the day and carousing in | "Uncle Free," as they call him, has a what they called cuckoo ale. Among the right to growl, for he is a famous man in peasantry in some parts of the kingdom it the lower Adirondacks, and when he killed was considered to be very unlucky to have his two hundredth bear, three years ago, no money in your pocket when you hear the cuckoo's note for the first time in the was with him on that memorable chase un was with him on that memorable chase up season,-London Queen. the fog covered side of West mountain, but

Snakes Used by Charmers

failed to be "in at the death." When I reached the old hunter he sat on the corpse Cobras are selected by the so called of bruin waiting complacently for my aranake charmers of both Egypt and India rival. for their performances. The Egyptian "I got him," he remarked. "Have you charmers sometimes pretend to change any matches?" the serpent into a rod, and according to "Yes," and I handed him several. He pulled three black hairs from the Geoffrey St. Hilaire, this appearance ear's tail, lit a match and burned them. can be induced by giving a strong "That," he explained, "is to square things with the Witch of West mounsqueeze to the animal's neck, which induces a convulsive rigidity from which tain. So long's I don't forget to do this the animal soon recovers. It need every time I knock over one of these varhardly be said that the snake charmers mints she'll let me live an hunt." always carefully extract the fangs of

the snakes they use.-Quarterly Review.

"Why is heaven like a baby?"

and gave it up; then he submitted this answer "Because heaven is home, home is where

the heart is, where the heart is is the chest, a chest is a box, a box is a small tree, a small tree is a bush, a bush is a growing plant, a growing plant is a beautiful thing. a beautiful thing is a primrose, the primrose is a pronounced yeller and a proounced yeller is a baby."

After which he once more relapsed into silence. - Detroit Free Press

Table Manners Two Centuries Ago.

Writers on the history of table manners have a great deal to say respecting the use of the spoon and fork, and the habit of fight an a square victory, whether he be eating from a common dish, illustrating from town or is native bred to these hills. their narrative with numerous anecdotes. In 1850 Montaigne visited Switzerland and was surprised to remark that at table they rich feller from York was bound to kill a gave always as many spoons as there were guests. Plates began gradually to replace porringers after the year 1600, but were used only for the solid food. The soups were still placed in a large vessel in the center of the table, and every guest ate from it with his own spoon.

Some writers do not wish to believe that borhood, so they bought a tame doe from a such a want of refinement was possible as tavern keeper an hitched it to a tree in the late as the reign of Louis XIV, but the woods near a little lake. Then one of the proof is against them.-Golden Days.

William Corbett, famous in American Revolutionary politics, and in connection with American agriculture and horticulture of a century ago, was once employed in the Royal gardens at Kew, according to Professor Hemsley, having walked some seventy miles when but a lad of eleven, with but thirteen cents in his pocket, in order to secure the promised job. He was a fine type of a self educated man.-Mee-hans' Monthly.

all the maple sugar he has made in the past fifty years, having now on hand a coniderable quantity of the boiling of 1842 and his entire crop of every year since, the whole aggregating 10,000 pounds. It is all stirred sugar and has kept perfectly. No-body knows why he hoards the sugar and he offers no explanation .- Boston Traveller.

the poor doe loose an scared it into the pond. The York man shook so he couldn't As a pleasant faced woman passed the corner Jones touched his hat to her and shoot, until the guide rowed right close remarked feelingly to his companion: "Ah, my boy, I owe a great deal to that voman.

"Your mother?" was the query. "No, my landlady."-Exchange

People are beginning to understand that ea is rather an edged tool which it bebooves one to handle carefully. Physicians reform in the making of the beverage .-

Tessellated pavement has been applied to many of the lavatories, passages and other similar places on board the new English men-of-war with capital effect. It offers a good foothold and is not slippery.

The French railway carriages are a little better than the English in this, that you have a way of communicating with the guard in case the man next to you is taken with a fit.

"Uncle Free" is still on earth, but whethcoachmen and grooms, 56,250 male indoor servants and 1,230,000 female indoor server his paganish sacrifices have anything to

then he went straight to work to carry out They wrestled with it for ten minutes his scheme. He called on the jeweler one day to negotiate for a diamond necklace of great value, which the jeweler had shown not yet in the mold of destiny. charming daughter. The latter was not with him this time.

"Papa" said he wanted to surprise the girl with the gift on her bridal day, which was near at hand, and warned the merchant that the purchase must be kept strictly secret between them. A bargain mpleted in a few days.

On the day in question the young lady called on the jeweler, saying that her father was unwell and wished to see him on business. Of course the jeweler went, bringing the diamond necklace with him. He found his customer sitting at the writing desk, and after some conversation the subject of the business between them was broached. The diamonds were placed on the desk and the supposed customer began to count out the payment. At this interesting moment the door of

the room was opened, and the girl, radiant with smiles, bounded in. She paused on seeing the jeweler and pretended to retire. As the diamonds were to be a surprise, of course she must not see them, so "papa" hastily closed up the desk, diamonds, money and all.

The merchant was entirely unsuspicious of anything wrong in this, and even when the girl toid her father that the Duchess - awaited his immediate presence in the reception room, no thought of theft entered the jeweler's mind.

"Papa" made a feint of impatience at the duchess' interruption, but went out to see her, leaving the girl to entertain her caller, which she did in her most capti-

a remark of her companion, she rose hur-The jeweler was uneasy, not on account of the ending into the girl's room.

and timed, and before the alarm was given and search for the thieves begun the latter were well beyond the reach of capture.-Boston Herald.

A Matter of Opinion.

She had been having fun with Dudekins right along and he made up what mind he had to get even. It took the form of a brilliant and cogent conundrum, whose answer Dudekins thought was locked in his manly bosom.

"I have a conundrum for you, Miss Fannie," he said, when he saw her next. "Ah," she replied, "what is it? Who gave it to you?"

"I made it up myself," he asserted. bridling somewhat.

"Indeed! What is it?" "Why are my clothes like the moon?"

She hesitated a moment and Dudekins chiefs are mounted in soft folds on a began to look triumphant.

'You may think," she said slowly, and ping from under him, "it is because they Powerful Indian Air Guns.

The Indians along the Mirida river of oil production, to see a relative of ma hunt with blow guns made out of the young stalks of a certain kind of palm, from which the pith is removed. The at Rew City, a new and growing of term arrows employed as projectiles are sim- a few miles distant. I went to Rew Ca ply splinters of reed, sharpened at one end, the other end being wrapped with the vicinity, and in less than two hours a enough silk cotton obtained from another a house was left standing in Rew Clip. kind of palm to fill up the bore of the derricks were wiped out of existence blow gun. The arrows are about ten something like 300,000 barrels of dia inches long and very light. They are tanks were consumed. I found my relate tipped with the famous and deadly after the town had been burned upat woorari" poison.

Used by one of these naked savages the blow gun is a weapon of great accuracy and effectiveness, even a small bird on a treetop being brought down by the skilled shooter with reasonable certainty had some business. While he was attest at the first try .- Interview in Washing- ing to his business I sauntered outinits ton Star.

A Curious Salvage Case,

Perhaps the most curious salvage case on record is that of the ship Two Friends, which stranded on the coast of Cuba and was abandoned by her crew. Another ship, the John Blake, met a similar fate, and her crew, in attempting to find a landing place, same across the Two while this big fire was raging it camen Friends, which they managed to get off me all of a sudden that I had been aspects and to navigate to England without fur- tor to more than my share of all fire dise ther mishap. The judge who tried the case decided that salvage services had that respect. been rendered, but of only ordinary diff. "'My God." he said. 'Don't let that ge been rendered, but of only ordinary difficulty and merit, inasmuch as the crew of the John Blake salved the Two Friends in order to save their own lives. The owners of the John Blake of course got nothing, but the salving crew received £350 out of the total value of £1,237.-New Orleans Picayune.

The Art of Conversation "Conversation," says a brilliant Amer-

ican humorist, "is, in this generation, a lost art." It was an art which our grandfathers

studied perhaps more than any other. A gentleman, in the beginning of this century, was usually more ambitious to tell a story well or to state his argument clearly than to understand science or statecraft.-Youth's Companion.

Pretty, Airy Head Covering.

Handkerchiefs of transparent silk made in Vienna are formed into charming little summer evening capotes. Pretty for a beach walk or a moonlight drive, they are not protective enough to count on his securing it. when the air is damp. The handker-

smooth net foundation, and the points form a sort of standing aigrette top in Dudekins somehow felt the sand slip- front, these kept in place by full plaitings of crape lisse which are set between, have a man in them, and you have a adding much to the airy effect of this perfect right to think as you please, but, Mr. Dudekins, opinions differ." very perishable but equally pretty head covering.-New York Post.

been very small, but this attempt to # crease it is carnest and important. Eloquence at Washington A veteran observer of men and affairs the national capital says that one d the most difficult things to do is to hear? great speech. The best of them are never announced in advance of their deliver and even when notice is given that a farm ite speaker will have the floor it is not all

Statistics of Human Life.

ording to a French statistician, a mat of fifty years has slept 6,000 days, worked 6,500 days, walked 800 days, amu self 8,000 days, was eating 1,500 days, and sick 500 days. He ate 17,000 pounds bread, 16,000 pounds of meat, 4,000 pounds of vegetables, eggs and fish, and draft 7,000 gallons of liquids.

The Nature of Tea.

have inveighed loudly against the tea habit, and have succeeded in working a needed New York Times.

England possesses no less than 70,000 do with his longevity I am unable to say. | ants.

Walked Seventy Miles for a Job.

vating style.

Suddenly, pretending to take offense at riedly and swept out of the room in seeming indignation to fetch her father. diamonds, but for having unwittingly offended the maiden, and he spent some time in framing the most humble apologies and explanations for the father. It was only after watching an hour or so for the return of his customer that an inkling of the truth dawned upon him, and an examination of the desk showed that its precious contents had been extracted through an opening on the other side, reached by removing the panel of the door

Everything had been successfully planned

In Her Debt.

A Maple Sugar Miser. A man living at Burke, Vt., has saved