will raise one third more biscuit than the same quantity of any other baking powder, and will make them lighter, sweeter, purer and more wholesome.-SeeU.S. Gov't Report on Baking Powders, p. 13.

They Only Knew Agnesia. 1858 a party consisting of Lowell, Emerson, Agassiz, Judge Hoar, W. J. Stillman and several others spent a few weeks of the summer in the Adiron-

The journey of the company gave rise to an incident which has often been incorrectly told, and which, as a curious comment upon human fame, deserves to be told again. The coming of the party was of course made known along the track it would follow, and at Keesewhere the common roads then ended, the town was agog to see the "philosophers," as they were at once collectively called. But neither Emerson nor Lowell was known, Agassiz being the only celebrity to that world, owing to his having recently refused the offer by the emperor of France of the keepership of the Jardin des Plantes at Paris and a senatorship with a large salary, he preferring to devote himself to

science and America. The selectmen of the town waited on the visitors early in the morning after their arrival to pay their respects, they said, but really to see a man who had no regard for money and distinction. They were received formally, the spokesman bringing a copy of a periodical which contained a portrait of Agassiz, which he produced and carefully compared with the lineaments of the professor until he had satisfied himself of the authenticity of the individual, when he addressed his followers with, "Yes, it's him!" And they then proceeded to shake hands with him, the rest of the party being ignored.—W. J. Stillman in Century.

How Did the Dollar Mark Originate? Below I give five theories of the origin of the dollar mark (8), they being selected from about 20 seemingly plausible solutions: That it is a combination of the "U.S.,"

the initials of United States. That it is a modification of the figure

8, the dollar being formerly called a "piece of eight." That it is derived from a representa-

tion of the Pillars of Hercules, consisting of two needlelike towers or pillars connected with a scroll. The old Spanish coins marked with the pillar device were frequently referred to as "pillar That it is a combination of "H.

the ancient Roman mark of money unit. That it is a combination of P. and S. from peso duro, signifying "hard dol-In Spanish accounts peso is contracted by writing the S. over the P., and placing it over the sum.

According to one writer the symbol of the dollar is a monogram of the letters "V" "S" and "J," the dollar being priginally a "thaler" coined in the valley of Sant Joachim, Bohemia, and known as "Joachim thaler," and the monogram the initials of the words, "Valley Sant Joachim."-St. Louis Re-

Art Instruction.

An artist had sold a picture for an exorbitant price and the purchaser sued to recover. The attorney for the purchaser was making the artist uncomfortable by his questions.

"Now, sir," he said in that pleasant, Ingratiating manner of lawyers with a witness, "do you think anybody could see beauty in that picture?" 'Some persons certainly could," re-

plied the artist. You think the initiated in technical matters might have no difficulty in understanding your work?"

"I am sure they would not." "Do you think you could make me see any beauty in that picture?" this most

superciliously. "Probably not now, sir"-and the artist was most humble-"but once I could have done so easily."

"Now, sir, how is that? I don't under stand you. Explain, if you please.

That's quite easy, sir. I could have done it simply by employing you as my counsel in this case."-Detroit Free Press.

Courtesy Among the Swedes. The Swedes are a quiet, taciturn people. There is no jostling even among the lowest classes. When a train leaves a platform or a steamboat a pier, the lookers on lift their hats to the departing passengers and bow to them, a compliment which is returned by the passengers. You are expected to lift your hat to the shabbiest person you meet in the street, and to enter a shop, office or bank with the hat on is considered a bad breach of good manners. In retiring from a restaurant you are expected to bow to the occupants. Bowing and hat lifting is so common that the people seem to move around more slowly than elsewhere, in order to observe the courtesy.-F. H. Stauffer in Kate Field's Washington.

The Dog Didn't Like His Snore. In leanting inc evidence of a dog fight Sunday the officers learned that one Herbert Sprague, a stevedore, had been bitten by a carrine investigation shows that Sprague went to bed Saturday night with a bull pup. Sprague snored, and this disturbed the dog, so he scratched his owner's face to wake him Sprague retaliated by cuffing the canine, whereupon the bull fastened his him, sadly lacetating the member Sprague finally broke the hold, disabled the dog with a chair and then got a neighbor to shoot him. The nose will recover, but looks badPILGRIMAGES TO MECCA.

Beligious Zeat of Mohammedans a Great

Hoon to Steamskip Companies. It is more than remarkable that a custom which areas shortly after the death some 1,560 years ago, of a man whose name was for centuries identified with all that on heatile to Christian dominetion and opinion should with the last few years have had an important and favorable influence on the earnings of certain British lines of steamers.

No race has been more enthusinatio in the way of pilgrimage to the holy city of Arabia then that inhabiting the Malay peninsula and archipelago. Although their conversion to Islamism dates book only some 500 years, if indeed quite so long (the records of the event being de cidedly vague and untrustworthy), the duty of performing the "Haj" is recog-nized by all right minded Malays as imperative. The peninsula itself probabiy furnishes a far fewer number of pilgrims than the large islands of the archipelago forming the magnificent territory knows as Netherlands Indies. Java and Celebes. Boyan and Bugis, to say nothing of an numerable less known places, now send forth multitudes yearly to visit the sacred fane. It would not at first sight, seem that the journey-made principally in well appointed steamers-involved any particular hardships. But the usual conditions of the "pil-

grim traffic" are somewhat differenfrom those of ordinary passenger vessels The Malay pilgrim, whose ticket to and from Mecca is provided by a passage broker, has to find his own provisions firmly in a groove in their face. At while on board. In all cases he has to pay smartly for conveyance from Jeddah | the proper length. Mecca overland, unless he elects to do The steamers as a rule are over- gauge. sariat. crowded for ordinary comfort, although permitted by regulation to carry the 500 or more pilgrims who embark. Should, as sometimes happens, an epidemic break out during the voyage, the death rate becomes tragical. The worst hardships, however, commence on landing at the evil smelling and by no means healthy port of Jeddah.

Few of the pilgrims provide themselves with adequate necessaries to tramp the greater portion of the 100 miles which separate the city of Mecca from its nearest port. Yet worse is their condition on returning. The price of food is exerbitant, and thousands perish annually of exhaustion and insufficient nonrishment-and this despite the best efforts of the British and other consuls at Jeddah, who issue all needful warnings to the pilgrims. Quarantine, again, tells heavily against the would be Haji. A few extra days' detention exhausts his small stock of provisions, and he falls a ready victim to disease. The result is that a large proportion of those who visit Mecca never return to their own country. The trade, however, is profitable to steamer owners, much as it is disliked by captains and officers. As for Europeans unfortunate enough to be passengers in a pilgrim ship, they are not to be envied.—Pall Mail Gazette.

Gait is an important part of physical expression. By his guit a man tells as and then dried by being placed-a whether he is fresh or tired, strong or feeble, in good health or in bad. To some extent also gait denotes occupation. The upright and somewhat rigid walk of the soldier differs largely from the rather rolling gait of the sailer, and different from both of these is the slow, jolting gait of the country laborer, winch, however, is partly accounted for by his clumsy and heavy boots. In the peculiarities of gait, again, an attentive eye discovers many moral qualities. Slow steps, wheth er long or short, suggestagentle or reflect ive state of mind as the case may be while on the contrary quick steps seem to speak of agitation and energy.

Reflection is revealed in frequent pauses, and walking to and fro, backward and forward, the direction of the steps wavering and following every changing impulse of the mind, inevitably betrays uncertainty, hesitation and indecision. It might be asking too curious a knowledge to distinguish by their respective guits the miser, the spendthrift and the philanthropist, but the proud man is almost always known by his step, the vain man to some extent and the obstinate man not a little. - Leisure Hour.

Living on a Beggarty \$10,000.

No one who has not actually mixed with New York dandies knows how much they spend. A social philosopher has lately reckoned that a young man about tewn, who takes his part in the good things which are going, cannot dress under \$2,500 a year. His tailor's bill will eat half of this, his shirts and "gentlemen's furnishings" a quarter, his boots not less than \$225. It will cost over \$500 to outfit him for yachting, tennis and polo. Then add to this his bill for horses, his club bill, his florist's bill, his restaurant bill, his lodging bill and the nameless sundries which constitute one half of the outlay of a young man about town, and it will be seen that a man may have \$10,000 a year and yet be familiar with the face of duns.

One of the oldest and wisest clubmers of the day recently, after an hour's study of the necessaries of life for a man of fashion, declared that he would advise no one to attempt the life with less than \$25,000 a year.-Cor. San Francisco Argonant

A Breach of Etiquette.

consideration and a poor consideration at that. No Dutch gentleman when walking on the sidewalk will move out of his way for a lady. The latter turns out invariably, however muddy or dangerous the street. Ladies very rarely make any requests of the lords of creation. An American woman asked a Holland gentleman at a party to bring her a certain book from a table. The bewildered stare with which he favored her convinced her that she had committed a conventional offense. He brought the book, but quietly informed her that a Hollander would never have asked such a favor.-F. H. Stauffer in Kate Field's

Wild Basanas Have Seeds.

Wild varieties of bananas have been found in Ceylon, Cockin China and the Philippines These of course have seeds, but they are inferior to the long cultivated varieties. The samana is cultivated by suckers, and it is in this way that the plant is perpetuated indefinitely.—Goldthwaite's Geographical Magazine.

Although something is known about the teeth in the man's nose and then shook swid of birds and sammals, there are few ascertained facts concerning that of insects and fishes. They rurely move in anything and so manages to get six hours' rest. In getting ready for winter cows store like a straight line, and it is hard to arrive in twenty four. Some brains, in cases up fat, and fat is a curbonaceous prodat anything more than approximate resuite.

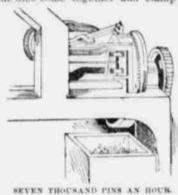
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hour. Before the pin is finished it goes through very many operations, which passes between two rollers:

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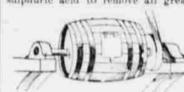
The gauge then moves away, and a the journey on foot, but in any event he little punch forms the head by strik-

> When this is finished the dies sepa rate and deliver the pin into one of the great many grooves in the face of the wheel about a foot in diameter, and just as wide across its face as the pin-

When the pin is taken by the wheel it has no point, but as the wheel turns it rubs the pins against an outside band, which eauses each one to roll in its groove, and at the same time carries them past a set of rapidly moving files, which brush against the blunt ends and sharpen them roughly.

They next pass against the faces of two grinding wheels, which smooth the points, and then to a rapidly moving leather band having fine emery glited on its face. This gives them the final polish, and as they leave the band they are dropped into a box under How to Make a Hoop That Will Roll Up neath the machine.

After this the pins are plated with pearance. They are prepared for platsulphuric acid to remove all grease.



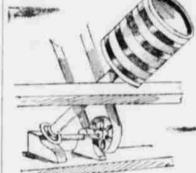
THE PIRST POLISHING PROCESS.

bushel or so at a time, with about the chine called a tumbling barrel.

shaft which passes through it length- of books. Place the hoop on the in

which have previously been connected a similar weight on the inside with one of the wires of an electric battery. The trays are then placed in a tank containing a solution of tin in Death Valley in California Carries Off the muriatic acid, and the other wire of the battery is inserted in the solution.

surface of each pin have been dried and cleaned of the or 129 degrees. Little or no rain



THE PINAL TUMBLING OPERATION

an angle of about forty-five degrees. As this revolves the pins keep sliding down the smooth copper to the lower side. This constant rubbing against the tub and against each other pollshes them.

It was the practice formerly to allow the different operations, and, after polishing, to separate them by a very may be cooked by being buried in the ingenious machine, but it has been In Holland a woman is a secondary found more economical to keep each is like fire and the wind like a ffame.

From the polishing tub the pins are carried to the "sticker," where they fall from a hopper on an inclined plane in which are a number of slits. The pins catch in these slits and hang-. ing by their heads, alide down the inthem in the paper.

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Nierping to Sections.

Sir James Crimiton Brown, the expert on brain discusses, has asserted in pumpicies freely now. They are far a popular lecture that insomnia is not too carbonaceous to agree with the attended with such disastrous conse- standard laid down by the German seiquences as is commonly supposed. It entists, but they agree with the standis to as dangerous as the solicitude of and as fixed by the cows of America the sufferer. He suggested that the As the weather group colder cows need brains of literary men, who are the to furtify themselve against the cold

of insomnia, sleep in sections, different uct. Feed corn-stalks and all-and brain centers going off dary in the numbring liberally.

ENTIRELY NEW MINERAL. Crystals of "Carborundum" Created by

an American Chemist. Incidentally to an attempt to produce diamonds by artifice an American chemist has recently discovered a mineral hitherto unknown-the hardest substance in existence with one exception. It is called "carbo randam."

The inventor for making his gems obtained from a concern in Lockport. The machine that makes pins turns N. Y., We use of its aluminum-smeltout 7.500 of these tiny essentials in an ing apparatus. In reducing that metal electricity is employed, penerating an enormously high tempera are described in the Youth's Companion | ture. As a chance experiment be put as follows: A reel of wire bangs over | into the furnace a hump of clay to the machine, the free end of which gether with a piece of graphite, which is pure earlier. The results was some small wine-colored crystals of rhompasses between two matched dies until | boidal shape. On examination it was t touches a gauge. Just as it does this found that they were harder than the dies come together and clamp it supphire. Diamond is the hardest of a world-wide reputation solely upon their next, and then ruby.

Chemical analysis proved that the crystals were composed of earbon and silicon in a combination hithern onheard of. It does not occur in nature The process above described, repeated again and again, produced the winecolored rhombolds every time. A company has been formed to manufacture them for polishing all sorts of things. even diamonds. They are crushed to powder like emery and made into wheels with a cementing compound The demand for them is already great er than the supply. At the office of the geological survey this new granding material is to be tried in the the same time the machine cuts it off preparation of thin slices of stone for microscopical examination. These films of rock-granite, murble, or what not are reduced to such thin

has to provide the necessary commis- ing the end which rested against the ness that one can read through them. Mr. Kunz, the famous expert in gems, believes that most of the preclous stones will eventually be produced artificially. All of them are very simple in their composition + the diamond, for example, is pure carbon, and the ruby is almost pure aluminaand the problem is merely to make their elements crystallize properly Chemists, who have hitherto confined their attention to taking things apart. are beginning to learn how to put them together again. The English professor. Maskelyne, manufactured diamonds in his laboratory several years ago, though they were too small to have commercial value. Emeralds have been produced accidentally at the pottery works of Sevres, France.

A NEAT EXPERIMENT.

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Cut out a narrow strip of pasteboard tin to give them a bright, silvery ap- and join the ends together to form a hoop. On the inner side of the hoop ing by being first immersed in weak fasten a small weight, such as a metal button or a bit of sealing wax. Con-



same quantity of sawdust-in a ma- struct an inclined plane by placing a flat ruler on a table, with one end rest-This is simply a cask suspended on a ling on a slight elevation, such as a pile wise. Two or three hours rolling in cline in such a position that the weight sawdast cleans the pins and wears may be slightly in front of the highest away any little roughness which the point of the hoop, in the direction of muchine may have caused. point of the hoop, in the direction of the top of the incline. On releasing Pins and sawdust are taken together the hoop it will be found to at once from the barrel and allowed to fall in roll up the incline, in seeming defiance stream through a blast of air. of the law of gravity It will increas After this they are spread out in trays the mystery if instead of a hoop a having sheets of zine in their bottoms, round pasteboard box is used, having

THE HOTTEST SPOTS.

In the eastern hemisphere the hot-Electrical action immediately begins test spot is on the borders of the Perand deposits metallic tin on the entire | sian gulf on the southwestern coast of Persia. The thermometer during July They are then washed in a tank of and August never falls below 100 dewater and put into other tumbling bar- grees during the night, while the temrels with hot sawdust. When they perature during the day rises to 128 sawdust, as in the former instance, falls, and yet, in spite of the terrific they are put into a large, slowly revolve heat and other drawbacks, a comparaing copper-lined tub, which is tilted at tively numerous population contrive to live there, obtaining their water supply by divers from the copious springs of fresh water which burst forth from

the bottom of the sea. In the western hemisphere, the hotknown as the Death valley), situated to the east of the Sierra Nevadas, and running between two mountain ranges the Funeral or Tuneral (6,000 feet) and the Amargosa (10,000 feet), which has as high or even a higher mean temperature than the region on the Persian coast. In four months out of five dur ing which readings of the thermometer were taken, the mean temperature rose above 90 degrees, while in July and August it exceeded 100 degrees. The mean temperature for the twenty-four hours on the 18th of July, 1891, was just over 10s degrees. This valley is uninhabited, and derived its significant name from the circumstance that an active party of California emigrants. who had strayed from the regular overland trail, perished there in 1850 from pins of all lengths to become mixed in heat and thirst. The hottest region in Africa is in Nubian desert, where food sand. The Arabs say of it: 'The soil The hottest portions of the British

empire are India and Australia.

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