man Paters She Knows Man's Weak. Peform proposed nest Her Career Cut Short.

The regular annual election of officers of a Sarcosis was conducted with great are becoming everywhere familiar the shoulders, and fall almost to the farmony and dignity behind closed coors in the Sherry sulfroom Monday execute when the curious scribe defied it .- Youth's Companion. the etetute and looked in for a moment to see how women vote when they have a chance. And this is the way it is canens, which the second call a busic women is the selection of german mittee is appointed to take charge of for favors, but now and then somebody the election. The chairman of this com- wants them, and the designers' brains miltee sends out to each member of the are taxed to fill the bill for something and sends them in unsigned. Two can shapes. Covered with tinsel and tied San Francisco, will take up the work. ble humor. apport are assumated and the voting next and very effective. done by ballot in the regular way. each officer is a sted for separately.

mous vote. Mrs. A. M. Palmer was see away. officers appearing in the returns as sucand members of the executive committee, Mrs. D. S. Donison, E. Louise Demorest, Romelia L. Clapp, Christina J. | York Ledger. Highy and Iona Bird; recording secretary, Mrs. Mande K. Clark: correspond-ing secretary, Mary Dame Hall; treasurer, Miriam D. Doane: auditor, Hester Poole; intrical director, Genie H. Resenfeld, and chairmen of the various committees on literature, art, the drama, cience, education, house and home and business women, Mrs. Merrill, Isabella Bird Chales - Lydia J. Wood, Dr. otte Leeper, Sophia Sarali Fra Curtiss and Ellen M. Van Brunt: chairman of custodia, Mary M. Bergholiz,-

Steaming Babbes,

Within the past few months membraneous croup has been unusually prevalent among small children throughout the city, and the children's wards in the numerous hospitals have been crowdest with the little sufferers from this scourge. At the Children's hospital, where they have had a large number of uses, a new form of treatment is used cent of the cases, an extremely large

At this motivation, as soon as the childress are found to be suffering from the omplaint, they are placed on a cot. from the four corners of which poles exend upward several feet. They are and at the top by strips, and blankets on then thrown over the whole, completely inclosing the patient. A small coronene stove, on which is a large kettie, stands on the floor at the foot of the

blankets and carries the steam inside, where it combrises on the blankets in

other instrument is used consisting of a small spirit lamp over which is a small vessel that nots as a boiler. On the side sala, glycerin and water. A glass tube extends into the bed, and is placed at the patient's month. The heat from the lamp causes the steam from the liquid in the tube to pass into the boiler and then through the second tube to the ago death came as a relief after months patient's mouth.—Philadelphia Record. of suffering.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The American Woman in Paris.

The American weman is evidently destined to play an important part in who cannot at this season afford to in the higher social life of France and dulge her taste, should go afield as the Italy. The fact has been forced into notice by the marriage of Miss Mattie Mitchell to the Duc do la Rochefoucald. As I look around I see nothing but cherry, forsythia and wistaria. Then, American wives, although they assim: if she have a sunny window, let her set slate so amazingly and their French is the bare branches in a vase of warm so good that I forget the land of their (not hot, not tepid) water on the window burth. Muse. Ribot and a dezen others, ledge and patiently await developments. in high political circles are thorough Americans, and at a charming party given the other night by the Marchioness of Anglesey - nee Miss King, of Georgia -there was nothing but transatlant married beanties full of life and retus ment. The Quirinal court is just American, and even the patrician Color nas have one American princess in the person of Mrs. Mackay's daughter in their illustrious family. It would be invidious to make com-

parisons in this connection, but I eaunot selp-repeating what an American diplomutist said yesterday: "The fact," le remarked, "is that the American go can live in a flat and takes to hotel life the English girl is too long falling in and although her body training is elegant enough, she has not the cunning superficial attributes in the way of dress that my follow country women have."- what is best in French, German and Paris Cor. London Times.

Dress Beform.

However much intelligent women may yield to the tyranny of fashion, and health are the last thougs with which that fickle goddess concerns her-

It is pitiable that this should be so at the height of mestern civilization, neethat might be employed with safety Christian entightenment and physiological knowledge, when nearly 3,000 years ago the women of Greece furnished the world with the highest ideal of the female ferm, clad in robes that gave freedom to every limb and the fullest

play to every internal organ. Fashion seems to defy the Almighty. Beginning when the bones are coft and pliable it insists on diminishing the capacity of the chest and its power of expaneton. The result is that respiration s unterfered with, the liver is budly trowded upon-sometimes, in fact, altroot cut in two-while the abdominal stgans are forced into unnatural posthous, which lead almost inevitably to

serious disorders.

women are realizing more and more the perfectly transparent. As any becomgalling and sinful character of this ser- ing novelty is sure to be a success, the vitude. Indeed, dress reform is already devotees of Dame Fashion will probably among the recognized movements of the see that this little veil is not neglected. Nor is it in the hands of "cranks," | -- Dry Goods Economist. Sick Babies The American but in those of broad minded women, who Woman in Paris Bress Reform Ger, understand the necessary limits of the

both in England and in this country. It only for evening, but for street dresses. is something that the word and the idea. Sometimes the ribbons simply start from among us, and that practical measures edge of the gown; again, they are severist countries of the great are in progress for its success. The brought front, cross over the corsage, "He was," the other regime, "the great Sternoon. There was a flutter in the study of physiology in schools is helping come around under the arms high up to

German Pators.

ess meeting, when a nominating com- favors. Fans are going out of fashion hin blanks bearing the list of officers new. An old design was a fan favor at o be chosen and the member fills them a fancy dress cotillongiven recently. It out with the names of her candidates was a palm leaf fan cut in fanciful lidates for each office receiving the most with bows of ribbon, the design was Mrs. Cooper, however, feels that she

Bags of brocade are popular at Tuxedo. mly that tickets are not printed and. They are cut in fancy shapes and tied, thousand dollars has been given to it as usual, with plenty of ribbon. They during the past twelve years, and six-This year, for the first time in the his- are intended to be bring on the backs of teen of the thirty-two kindergartiens tory of the clab there was only one can the fair recipients' chairs as a catchall have been liberally endowed. New didate for the pre ... ay, Mrs. Jennie | for their fans, handkerchiefs and such M. Lozier, who was elected by unani- favors of small size as can be stored

ected in the same way as chairman of A quaint conceit was shown at one the committee on philanthropy, no op-posing candidate being nominated and Sticks in the shape of long shepherd's the vote being unanimous. The other crooks, enameled white, were employed Near the bent part was a big bunch of cessful candidates are vice presidents, holly leaves and berries fied with a bow Mrs. Ella Deex Clymer, Ruth A. De La- of white satin ribbon. They were pretty mater and Relecca A. Merse; chairman and effective, and much sought after by the dancers. Such favors cost from fifteen to twenty dollars a dozen. - New

she Knows Man's Weakness.

Speaking of art, I know an art writer who has fitted up a unique corner in her family sitting room that would charm any man fond of a pipe, a cigar or a chat with the clever hostess. It is a sort of a div an fitting into a slight recess or alcove. A small black bearskin sprawls upon the wall at the back, just beneath a high window. The divan is covered with a magnificent robe which puzzles nineteen out of twenty peoplea Texas cowskin, coal black and of great size. On the floor at the foot of this is a rug of a mountain lion skin-a splendid specimen. And fastened to the walls, working in a swivel to the right and left, are superb and highly polished torus of the wild cow whose hide you are sitting on.

The horns are ash and cigar stub receivers, and can be lifted out of their sockets and replaced at will. Above them on either side are Indian relics which has proved successful in 42 per and Chinese trinkets, respectively. Each article has a history. Stretched at full ength in this cozy retreat, with a good igar and the conversation of a highly rifted woman, it seems hard to believe that there is anything worth living for outside. - New York Herald.

Her Career Cut Short.

I have just learned of the death in Vienna of Leila Risley, of this city, who was a promising singer, a pupil of Protie, stands on the floor at the foot of the bat. The kettle is filled with a mixture short residence in Galof gam camphor, all of turpentine and cert, and after a short residence in Galconton mont to Vienna to perfect her musical education. She studied under a rich woman. She owns enough stock made a large pile he breathed upon it and. Harvard for the past six or seven years. leading from the kettle goes under the the best teachers in Vienna, and in the in a New York railroad to give her a it became a bright fire. Two of those stomusical circles of that city she was soon seat among the directors, has several celebrated for purity of tone, compass, great drops, the moisture and the fames strength and sympathetic quality of of the drags enabling the patient to voice. The manager of the Buda Pesth op York era house secured the young artist for the When the case is extremely bad an Inational Hungarian opera, but her last success was at the opera in Paris last year. She was to have sung at Covent. Garden during the London season of is a glass bull tilled with blearbonate of 1891, but was prevented by the illness from which she never recovered.

She returned to Vienna last summer for medical treatment, and everything that friends and medical skill could do was done, but in vain, for a few days

Flowers in Spring at Home.

The woman who loves flowers, yet book begin to awell. Let her gather hilac and sprays of young birch, branches of beech, wild plum, pussy willow,

Her pains will soon be rewarded with an abundance of blossoms, small, it is true, but perfect in form and color. As the water evaporates care must be taken to fill up the vase every second day. as possible keep an even temperature of a home in the cost part of the city and are and avoid drafts. The writer recalls a had a professional cost preparing for comband approfessional cost preparing for comband approfessional cost part of the city and said approfessional cost part of the city and said watched the city and cit was completely spoiled through the carelessness of a servant, who left them Times

Any Girl Who Can Talk May Sing. A fine example of bright, independent oning American womanhood is Kathsrine W. Evans, a Rochester girl, who,

after a six years' sojourn in Europe. where she devoted herself to studying Italian methods of teaching vocal music, has returned to her native country and taken a position in one of the leading conservatories. According to Miss Evans' statement, any one who can talk they recognize the fact that comfort can sing, and all that is necessary is a competent teacher, an industrious pupil and time. She believes, as did Sir Morell self. Indeed, they know, and long have Machengie, that there is no reason why known, that the modern dress of their a child of six or seven years should not sex is positively injurious in both these, he taught the right method of voice prosuction, though she would not advocate the same kind and amount of daily pracby an ideal. - New York Advertiser.

The Dumino Veil.

Among the striking novelties prepared for the feminine customers is a new yell that is supposed to play a double part -enhance the beauty of the wearer and half conveal her identity. The latter it hardly does the former effect it certainly will have when put on, as it should be, with the thickest part coming well below the eves. This far it is only shown in black, and has had a somewhat dampened pleasure, howthe upper portion thicker and of a dif- ever, in spite of the fact that no offense only one's hands to bite at, is, to say the ferent net to the under part, the upper | was taken. They were giad perhaps that | least, unpleasant - H. P. Whitmarsh in piece ending in woven scallops or a they had only intended to stay over night. Century

straighter-eage. It recalls rather the But it is a satisfaction to know that effect of a mask, though it is of course

Velvet and Ribbon Sashan. The long ribbon sashes reaching to the The reform is gathering momentum edge of the gown continue in vogue, not the center of the back, where they are arranged in small bows, while the long arranged in small bows, while the long ared as that of St. Patrick on the 12th of ends reach quite to the edge of the skirt. A problem which wears upon the gray By the by, to be effective, these decora-matter of the brains of many society tions should always be of velvet ribbon. with a more picture-que variety of more done. There is before the election a matter of the brains of many society tions should always be of velvet ribbon. -Ladies' Home Journal

> The Money Is Ready. Some of the wealthy citizens of New York have pledged \$10,000 for the establishment of free kindergartens in the city if Sarah B. Cooper, the successful founder of the kindergarten system of Francisco. Two hundred and sixty

a book to answer the question, "Shall Girls Propose?" He takes the affirmative and declares there is no sense in a propose marriage to a clever woman and debars his brilliant sister from express-

Women Editors.

known weekly papers edited wholly or he returned to freland he had visions partly by women. And in addition to these old ones there are several new literary and psychological newspapers which have lately been started. The voice say, "We pray thre, buly youth, psychist is edited by Emma J. Nicket | come and henceforward walk amongst inc on, and Poet Lore, which is devoted to Helen Clark. - Detroit Free Press.

What the Red Cross Women Have Done. Clara Barton, president of the Red loads of grain are now ready to be trans- the tales that are tald. Some of where a ship can be made ready to carry it across the sea. Iowa women are very enthusiastic in this relief work, and the contributions received by her for the ly from women - Washington Letter.

A Woman for President.

John Hooker, of Hartford, suggests woman should now be called to the as a desirable candidate, and says he is: fessors Wilder and Revard, of Brooklyn. country as well as George Washington threes, three being a sacred number.

good mortgages, and owns a \$20,000

Mme. Bedichen bequeathed \$5,000 to lege, both English schools for women. just given \$40,000 to Oberlin college to be added to the general endowment

Always pack your freezer before putting in the mixture to be frozen. This will do away with many crushing disappointments, in the form of lumps of salt in the sherbet or cream.

The girls of the Woman's college, Baltimore, have decided to don the cap and gown. They are to be worn on all college days and on all college occasions.

If the feet become frostbitten soak them for one-half hour in a strong, hot Patrick! solution of alum water, and if one application is not enough two will be a cure.

Buffon told his friend that his wife had a great influence over his composition. "I am always refreshed and aided by her advice."

The Boy Does His Work Again. There had been a stir and a bustle in the children, purchasing supplies and watching the progress of affairs the lady was glorious sunset, and suddenly felt an or

in front of an open window for half an about tired out on the day of the expected whelming desire to see a young brittee hour.—Her Point of View in New York company. Just after dinner a telegram camping out-his first summer came from a New York consin saying that Point. Then she distinctly heard him call he would arrive on the afternoon train her name three times. She was seize with a bride The announcement caused a commotion The house was in no condition to receive a | dent that the boy was ill, perhaps dying. bridal party, and could not be arranged with all the work on hand. The districted a letter from her brother saying. wife burst into tears, and the children

had seldom seen their mother in such a suddenly I saw you distinctly in a long mental state, but by such energy alone white robe. I called your name three could she have given the unexpected and at times, and so found that the man at the any other time welcome visitors a suitable mext post heard me. It makes me very reception. She prepared a creditable sup-anxious about y n." New York Evening per for them and all was going on smooth. Sunly, when in a momentary hill of the con-versation the eldest child, still a "small boy." precipitated a squall me sent of a clear remarking to the guests When, but my minutes was mad when The youngster could not understand the

agony that swept over his mother's face, the anger that clouded his father's love nor the embarrasement and mutual glauces his paster's bursting into tours and I ing the table. The truth of the remark in the light of the obvious preparations for company was palpable. The angered fa-ther was the first to recover and sensibly Wife was exceedingly busy when your

telegram came, and the louise had been teglected. She hardly knew how to wel come you properly and I have no doubt was much scorred. Please overlook that lad's remark. I assure you you are welcome to my house." The stay of the bride and bridegroom

ABOUT ST. PATRICK.

A FEW OF HIS STRANGE ADVEN-TUTES AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

The Larry builtidayd Shorts of the brists Same's Line-Dev. Historical Person. ages Are Strended in as Much Math and betweeting Expendice Lors.

"st Particle" nor Iristmus was learly to say to another the other day, "was the

dents. The people whose patron in is are one of the most absorbingly and roman tically interesting nations of the world They have never been, for twissers that are well understood, a rich or a cultivated per ple. They are rough and simple in the character, but they have warm bearts, to der, partie and often grote-que insugmi tions, and a rich peculiar, and mechan-

All these qualities are strangely nelvecannot leave the great work in San in their national traditions and especially cannot leave the great work in San in the stories of St. Patrick. Sometimes the result seems to have a second irreerence, but it may be surely trusted the there is no such intention and that no wain't received more penisone teheration from his people than does the patron sain

of Ireland.

The unembeddished history of St. Pat. A "speculative bachelor" has written his life is meager and confused. Wale Scotland and France all claim his birth, with the weight of probability in favor of Wales. The date was about 373. When custom which permits a stupid man to be was about states years old be wa stolen by pirates or maranders from the

north and sold as a slave in Ireland. For seven years he tended swine on a ing her preference. That women have mountain in County Astron, and then he proposed is asserted, and Queen Victor escaped to the Continent, where he became ria, Mme. De Lesseps, Patti, Baroness deacon, priest and hishop. He came Burdett-Coutts and Mrs. Hopkins-Searles | good family and the seclesiastical name of are cited as illustrations. Indianapolis Patricius was given him by Pope Celes tine, who sent him back to Ireland to con vert the people. The accounts differ about his age at this time. Some of the dates Women editors are on the increase in given indicate that he was about thirty, the United States. There are many well others that he was nearer sixty. Before Among them was one of a man named Victoricus, who brought him letters. one of these were the words, "The voice of the frish," and as he wast them he beard a

After this he spent his life in preaching the study of Shakespeare and Brown- haptizing and working miracles and ac ing, is edited by Charlotte Porter and complished the practical conversion of the Helen Clark — Detroit Free Press about 120 and was burned at Downpatrick. Even in this plain, account it may be seen that there is something which approaches the border line between history and legend. Cross of America, reports that under | But when pure legend is considered there the ausnices of the Red Cross 300 car- is no end to the variety and ingenuity of ported free by the railroads to any port so generally known and trusted that they amount to history in the eyes of the people of the country, while there are others which | The Combination That Resulted In the it is hardly possible to suppose were ever believed by anybody

When St. Patrick first begain to talk to work has come in small sums, and most the Irish of the Trinity they did not be lieve him, till be picked a shamrock and illustrated the doctrine by the three leaves growing on one stem, and then they were converted and the shamrock because that as we have had twenty three men sacred to St. Patrick. It is said by oth presidents already, it is fitting that a ers that the shamrock worn on St. Par shamrock was held sacred by the Druids place. He names Mary A. Livermore in Ireland before St. Patrick's time, as was also the mistletoe, whose leaves, confident that she would govern the well as berries, were like xise arranged it

St. Patrick's followers once suffered American sky, a degrees below our horizon. ida Rehan, the actress, is said to be gather ice and snow. When they had ries are also told in a different form. When the saint was a child be gathered some hits of ice, and his nurse told him house in an excellent location in New that he would be better employed in gotta ering firewood, whereupon he breathed o the ice and it took fire. When he was sold. as a slave it is said that the price was a Girton college and \$5,000 to Bedford col- kettle, but it was at once found that the hotter the fire was made under the kerti-Mrs. Dickinson, of Fairport, N. Y., has the colder the kettle became, till it was to turned in disgust, and St. Patrick was a stored to his former master, when the ket

tle again boiled properly.
Of course the saint's most famous achievement was ridding Ireland of spakes. It has been related that he called the serpents together to the top of a moun tain and compelled them to swallow one another till there was none left, but this seems improbable. A more authentic so count is that he drove them out by lost ing a drum, and that in his enthusiaknocked a hole in it, which an angel at once came and mended. One lingh snake he chained in Lough Dilveen, telling it to stay till Monday, and even to this d every Monday morning, the snake out in good Irish, "It's a long Monda

It is interesting to note here that Plinsays that serpents are never seen on Irela and that the leaf prevails against the bits of snakes and scorpions. Not only did 2 Patrick drive out the snakes, but, as eye body knows, he made the soil itself init leaf to serpent life, and even the wood th grows on it has a similar property, for it said that King's college, at Cambridge. built of Irish wood and that spiders a never seen in it. New York Tribune.

Experience of a Brother and Sister. An acquaintance in Chicago was lying ill from nervous prostration. While the family was at dinner she looked out on with fear, and when her family came to her she related the incident and felt confi

Thirty-six hours afterward she received strange thing has happened to me. I was re made to hostle out of the way. They doing guard duty yesterday evening when

A firstelul Bear.

I remember a bear in the Zoological gar dens at Edinburgh who was one of the first patients indebted to chloroform. He poor beast, suffered from toothache, and would sit up for hours, with his claw in his mouth, attering the most terrible greans. After the operation he showed saw in it a representation of our Lord's his gratitude-in a sort of way-for ne passion. The filamentons processes are nor the embarrossment and mutual glaness of the to "tog" the death. James Paya of the guests. Sail less could be explain in the stated Landon News Things That Annuy a friver.

The diver, as the reader may imagine gets many scares when below A lifteen foot shark, magnified by the water and making a beeline for one, is sufficient to make the stoutest heart quake, in spite of the assertion that sharks have never been known to attack a man in dress. Neither is the sight of a large turtle comforting when one does not know exactly what it is, and the coiling of a sea. snake around one's legs, although it has

ONE OF THE IMMORTALS.

M. Brunstiere Has Achieved the Highest Literary thomas in France. M. Ferdinand Vironatiers, who has been appointed to succeed M. Buloz in the ed-

Horship of that great French magazine The Revue des been agentributor to the magazine for a considerable period. His pest tion in French litsecurity may be ow-Illusted from the

fact that he attainhighest homorousmont in France election to the or was the more Emile Zola, but Dirmetters got 22

M. BREATTHERE. votes to Zola's 4. It must not be forgotten however, that Zola is very impopular with wheeling is not an infaliable millication of superior to though it certainly is a great dis. Life,

in July, 1969, M. Brometiers was educated first at Masseilles and then at the Lyces Louis leterand in Paris. After completing his studies in three schools be prepared himself for the higher termal school exmaking a second attempt, and he turned his attention to literature, in which field he soon attracted attention by his critical articles and scholarly contributions to the Revue des Dorx Mondes and the Revue

gient to secure his appointment as lecturer on the French language in the very normal school whose examinations be had failed to pass as a young trop and brought him the His works, which mumber some dozen volnmes, are mainly critical essays on Prench literature, but he has jublished besides a number of annoted editions of French classic

The scandal attending the somewhat precipitate retirement of his probossor, M. Buloz, is recent enough to be readily recalled. He "turned up missing" one day in July last, and investigation showed that he had fled to escape the systematic extortions of a gang of blackmailers, who had already succeeded in fleecing him of the fatalous sum of 16,350,000 frames. They wrote him letters threatening to expose his relations with a number of dissolute women if certain sums of money were not forthcoming and fearful that his wrongloing should come to his wife's ears, he weakly paid the money demanded. Then the blackmailers increased the frequency and amount of their demands, and in his frantic efforts to satisfy their voracity Buloz drew upon the funds of The Revue and finally fled from Paris on the verge of ruin and disgrace.

ASTRONOMY AND PHOTOGRAPHY.

Discovery of a New Star. Many people imagine that new stars are aiways discovered by looking at the sky with a telescope, but the idea is errouseous. Many of the most important mostern discoveries are made by photography. A photographic plate is placed at the end of a telescape where the evepiese usually is, and the stars record themselves on this instead of on the retina of the eye. When the astronomer examines the plate, be carefully notes every object upon it and is not likely to miss a new star. That is how Mrs. Mins Fleming discovered the star Nova Norma though she was at Harvard university, in Massachusetts, and the star in the South

Mrs. Fleming is a young Scotchwoman who has been doing astronomical work a She is at the head of a regular staff of wo



MISS, MINA PLEMING.

men employed by the university in what is known as the Draper memorial work, which is sustained by the liberality of the widow of the late Dr. Henry Draper of New York. Harvard has an observatory in Peru and the photograph by means of which the new star was discovered was taken there last July. About a month ago the negative came into Mrs. Fleming's hands for ex amination, and she made the discovery which has already immortalized her, for i a few days—as soon as the verification could be made—the wires flashed is all over the world that a woman at Cambridge had discovered a new star.

This is not Mrs. Fleming's first impor-

tant astronomical discovery, for hers is the honor of having discovered the first plane tary nebula ever found through photography, and she has propounded and proved theory according to which certain classes of stars are found to be variables by the pres ence of certain bright lines in their spectra Nova Normae is a new star in a double sense, for its spectrum shows it to be in much earlier stage of evolution than on sun, which in turn is not near to old as some of the other stars. This is not saying that Nova Normer is not many thousan years old, and it is quite possible that it has hitherto remained unknown to astron omers for the reason that its light, though traveling at the rate of 86,000 miles a sec ond, has only recently reached the atmo-

The Passion Flower.

A great many lovers of flowers who have not made botanical lore and levend a study often ask themselves or some friend why the "passion flower" is so called, and not one time in a dozen is the correct answer given. It was so named by the first Spanish settlers in the new world because they imagined that they taken to represent the crown of thorns; the atyles, the nails used in fastening the Saviour to the cross; the anthers, the marks of the five wounds; the leaf, the spear that pierced his side; the tendrals the cords or whips with which he was scourged; the column of the ovary, the upright of the cross; the stamens, the hammers; the calyx, the "glory" or halo: the white out, purity; the blue tint, heaven.

"Calvary clover" is a still more wonderful representation of the crucifizion. In that flower persons of vivid imagination can see in the meanderings of the prone upon it .- St. Louis Republic.

CLAMS THAT CRAWL.

SHELLFISH METAMORPHOSED BY A FREAK OF NATURE.

A California Factor Makes a Startling qeer fish called the midshipmite carries He Had Reclaimed and Planted with Wheat He Wants to bell that.

A genti@nan, who lives near Lemoore, Tulare county, was in Fresno yesterday. and in conversation with a reporter begave the following account of a most peculiar musance that is greatly annoying farmers to that locality. The gen-

tieman, whose name is D. Ennis, says. "Lake Tulare has failen about four reach Academy. feet. This means, of course, that nearly His principal con- a mile of low nearly level land that borders the lake has been rendered dry and cultivable. There are large numbers of shellfish, such as clams and mussels, in the take, and the receding water left some of them high and dry on the land

"Vast quantities of them have been plowed under, and the morst, warm splendid specimens of both. ground preserved them and maintained

"But the most remarkable thing is much as the clams and mussels that were deposited on dry land have grown well defined legs or claws from the unaminations, which however, he failed to der part of the shells, or rather that part pass. The war of 1800 prevented him from of the shell which lay underneath when the clam was in repose.

"My eldest daughter Kate first noticed this abnormal growth during a ramble around the place. She gathered a few of the mussels in her apron and brought The regulation thus acquired was suffi- | them up and showed them to her mother and to me. We did not inspect them closely, but saw that three distinct little profrusions, in triangular shape, marked of them, which seemed larger or further evolutionized than the rest, we saw tiny legs or feelers wiggling about. As I have just said, we didn't pay much attention at that time to the shells Kate brought in-

> "However, I had occasion to go down over my land, where wheat had been sown. It was coming up nicely and was from one to three or four inches high in the most favorable portions of the field. I noticed many mussel shells lying around. Some of the shells were split and broken, while others were in-

"On the part of the land that had been reclaimed I observed that the wheat was nibbled off, and that little masses of half masticated sprouts were lying around pretty thickly. I was willing to attribute the nibbling to the water fowl and jack rabbits, but I was for a time at a complete loss to account for the chewed up masses of tender shoots that dotted the ground in all directions

"I stopped and began to think. Soon I noticed that the clam shells were quite plentiful where I stood. A sudden movement near my feet caused me to stoop and investigate. Here I saw the most surprising thing that ever came to my notice.

"The moving object was nothing more nor less than an evolutionized claim or mussel, walking on its three legs, while with the sharp edges of its shell it was biting off and chowing the young and tender grain. I was simply amazed, but soon recalled the apronful of mussels. which my daughter Kate had gathered

"I stooped down and tried to pick up the clam, but it ran away at a tolerable rate and I was compelled to knock it over with a singletree which I was carrving. I gathered it up and it snapped viciously at my fingers and tried to wiggle away.

"On examination I saw that its mouth, or rather the mussel portion of the creature, was full of young wheat, and that a green saliva was present where colorless juices exist in the water living animals. "Now, my theory of this transforma-

tion is that nature has determined not to let this helpless creation starve, and with that end in view has endowed the stranded animals with a means of locomotion on land, and further given them a faculty for existing on the food that has hitherto been foreign to their taste. "As you know, the wheat sprouts are

exceedingly tender and full of nourishing juices. The clam with its three legs walks about and nibbles a mouthful of sprouts; then he begins to masticate When the juices are extracted ite retains the fluid and expels the fibrous portion of the plant, and by virtue of his reorganized nature he is nourished quieted. and grows fat in his new line of living "Of course I am greatly interested in

the evolutionized claim or mussel as he exists on the reclaimed lands of Lake Tulare, but I am out nearly nine acre of as promising grain as ever grew by reason of their depredations. We farm era don't have much time to study science, and I don't know what may exist in other parts of the world, but I must say that nothing similar to this discovery has ever been mentioned in any books or papers I have read.

"The clams seem to have lost all de sire for water. I am preparing to guard against future encroachments, and will hire enough men to chase them off the place, after which I will build a claimproof fence around my ranch or else seil doubtless they circled about in search of some known inndmark which would have out cheap to some one who hoots at this statement of what is Gospel truth and can be proved by a dozen of my neighbors, who have lost more or less wheat and alfalfa in the same way."-Fresno (Cal.) Expositor.

Arrested for Christening. A curious lawsuit has been instituted

in Shenandoah, Va. A few Sundays ago the wife of David Jones brought their to have had the power of jumping infant child to the Episcopal church to tree to tree, there exists a people who be baptized. Before the ceremony began Jones arose and exclaimed: "Hold on! If you christen that child you do it against the wish and religion of the father. I am an English Baptist." The wife said it was her wish to have the child christened and the minister proceeded with the ceremony. The husband then had the elergyman arrested under a law which states that a father has the spiritual and educational control of his child until it grives at the see of maturity. The case has been sent to court, where it will be tested. Boston Journal.

Venit, Vidit, et Supsit in Thirty Minutes, The record for quick time in love. from moisture in a drought, they will perial courtship and marriage was broken in for want of water and their bodies will dry The record for quick time in lave, Pairfield, Ia., by an old gentleman from away. The frog's bones are so soft that Keokok county, who came, met an old lady, fell in love with her, proposed, gas accepted, procured a license and was married to her all inside of thirty colors of the petals the outlines of a minutes from the time he first laid eyes cross with the figure of a man stretched on her.—Cor. Chicago Herald.

IN OLD OCEAN'S DEPTHS.

Living Lanterns That Are Herne About to Light Up the Durkness.

Away down in the dark depths of the ocean there are living lanterns that are borne about to light up the darkness. A Discovery on Some Swamp Land Which the brightest and most striking of all these sea torches.

Along its back, under it and at the base of its fins there are small disks that glow with a clear phosphorescent light like rows of shining buttons on the young middy's uniform-in this way it gets its name, middlypmite, by which young sailors in the navy are often called.

These disks are exactly like small bullseye lanterns with regular lenses and reflectors. The lenses gather the rays, and the reflectors throw them out again. There is a layer of phosphorescent cells between

the two, and the entire effect is as perfect as if made by some skillful optician. Many other fish have "reflectors," many have "lenses," but the "midshipmite" is the only kind that has such

The fish is so constructed that when it is frightened by some devouring sea monster it can close its lenses and hide that they have entergone a metamor itself in the darkness. It can turn its phosis, or have been evolutionized, mas. lantern off and on at will, and then it is always "filled" and ready when wanted.

Another marine animal has a luminous bull-that hangs from its chin, and thus throws the light before it to warn it of the approach of enemies. Still another upholds a big light from the extremity of the dorsal fin. Others, again, have constant supplies of a luminous oil that runs down their sides from the fins, making a bright and constant light all around them.

Most of the jellyfish are phosphorescent. These live far down on the very floor of the ocean, where it is always the bleached side of the shells. On one dark and gloomy. The dwellers in these watery depths are provided with lights of their own shining bodies and fins, which illumine their home with a strange though no doubt cheerful glars. -E. A. Matnews.

Unclaimed Price Money.

Three hundred thousand dollars in undisputed prize money still remains in the treasury awaiting claims by sailors to whom it belongs. Uncle Sam merely holds this sum as the left over balance of a trust fund. Unhappily those to whom it is owing are mostly dead and will never ask for their shares.

Their bones have been scattered by shipwrecks all over the world, though the names of all of them are written in the government's book, with the amount in dollars and cents due to each. It is only occasionally nowadays that applications are made for awards of cash from this deposit of treasure. Eventually nearly all of it will be turned over by congress to some other purpose for lack

of claimants. This money represents a part of the great sum derived from the sale of captured vessels during the rebellion. Nearly all of these craft were blockade runners, and of the latter nine-tenths were owned in Great Britain. Some of the finest steamships ever built were used by Englishmen for running the Union blockade during the war. British naval officers got leaves of absence, during which they commanded blockade runners. Blockade running is a very peculiar business. There is no penalty for it under international law except the confiscation of the ship and her cargo. The people on board of her are treated in all other respects as if they were transacting a legitimate mercantile business. At the earliest opportunity they are let go in peace.-Washington Star.

Absentminded but Ready. Fred Sharp was one of those absentminded men who do the queerest things with perfect unconsciousness of what they are about. For instance, he one day sat down in his room to eat an apple, but when he had carefully peeled it, he deliberately threw his knife into the fire, put the apple in his pocket, and began to eat the peel

Once, however, Fred's forgetfulness stood him in good stead. He was buying olicloth for his kitchen floor when, looking out, he saw a runaway team rapidly approaching. The single occupant of the carriage tried in vain to stop the frantic borse, and

serious disaster scemed certain.
Out rushed Fred, and in his forgetfuless he took with him the roll of oileloth which he had just taken up. On came the frightened horse, and was close upon our hero when he made a lunge at the beast with the big bard roll and bit him so fair ly between the eyes that he fell to the ground and was at once laid hold of and

This act made Fred famous, and some of his acquaintances wanted to know why be didn't get a patent on his new method of stopping runaways.—Youth's Companion.

The homing-by-instinct theory is entirely disproved by the races which have taken place from Rome to Belgium, a distance of between 800 and 900 miles, nearly half of which was over country entirely new to the birds. All the birds engaged in these races had been flown from the south of France to Belgium, whence they would have found their way back in one or two days, but of the hundreds liberated in Rome not one returned before eleven days, and in the first race in a fortnight

only four out of the number dispatched.

The country was new to them, and lirected their flight; but the objects with which they were acquainted were hidden from them by the Alps, and it was only those few that, flying along the coast, succeeded in reaching the south of France, and then saw objects with which they were acquainted, that returned to their Belgian homes.-Nature.

People Who Never Saw Wood. While the Hytopagi of Ethiopia are said culiar race was discovered by Sir John Ross in latitude between 76 and 77. So

weight of wood that, seeing a beam lying across the deck, they attempted to lift it and were surprised they could not do so.— New York Journal. A Woman's Question for Men. Why do men waste so much time and paper, pens and ink in writing about wom-

Ignorant were they of the properties and

en! Why not take a more important topic, men, for instance!—Cor. Boston Globe. The Juley Frog. Frogs are nonly juice. If they try to take more than a short journey away

they leave scarcely any skeleton.

Castile soap is a natural product of the state of Nevada. Nevada is fast becoming the chief soap producing state of the coun-