Sometimes Accompanied by Strange Sights on Board Ship.

AROUSING THE BRUNKEN CREW.

and a Motley Crew It Is on a Tramp Steamer-The Ancient Art of Shanghaling Still Flourishes-The Remorseless Boarding Master and His Victims.

Many readers who have perused with rightcone indignation in the sea tales of gine room, when the sailor who had fought Captain Marryatz, Dr. Smollett and other the captain came up to me. shanghaling and kindred cruel practices are out of date in this civilized and sentimental tramp steamer would be an unpleasant rev



DRAWN OUT BY THE STEAM WINCH.

elation to such a reader, as it was to a gen tleman who recently sailed from New York to Porto Rico and back on a British tramp steamship. He would find that conditions in the forecastle are not much more tolertoday than they were a century ago, and that noor Jack is still a prev to remorse less boarding masters and unfortunate circomstances that make his life worse than one of actual slavery.

The gentleman above referred to thus described his experience in conversation what has become of me.'
with a New York Sun reporter: "When we "Do you mean to say t started, the first thing that struck me was the remarkably small number of men in sight. They were so few that it looked as - and one quartermaster were going i.e ship to Porto Ricc. The steward was stretched out on the floor of his statercom dead drunk. The first and second mates were on duty, but the former was in such a condition that he navigated the decks with great difficulty. The only man in sight before the mast was the quartermaster-perfectly soler.

"I saw as soon as we were under way that the captain was worried. It was not hard to tell that it was the condition of his crew that worried him, but he took off his coat and went to work. Everything was levely in the engine room, the Scotch engineer and his two English assistants being steady men and the four coal passers straight enough to shovel coal.

"As soon as we were outside and all communication with the shore cut off the captain began active operations with the invisible crew. His first step was to call the hief mute aside and give him a talking to. What he said I do not know, but whatever it was it was very effective, for the mate straightened up and from that moment was as sober as any man on board. Putting the quartermaster at the whoel and the second mate on the bridge, the captain and chief mate went forward.

"The five men who were shipped before the mast and who had been brought on board by the chipping master an hour or two before the vessel sailed, all under the influence of liquor, and at least two of them ors are so plenty now that there would be tiful Mercedes, on the day of their beunable to walk without assistance, were then pulled out of the forecastle one by one. Five men the shipping master's contract called for, and five men he had delivities the first contract called for, and five men he had delivities the first contract called for and five men he had delivities the first contract that all decreases, on the day of their storage that are a plenty how that there would be no object in crimping men in this way extend the way of their storage that are a plenty how that there would be no object in crimping men in this way extend the way of their storage than a plenty how that there would be no object in crimping men in this way extend the way of their storage than a plenty how that there would be no object in crimping men in this way extend the way of the constantly during the pulled out of the forecastle one by one five men the shipping master's contract the contract that are constantly during the pulled out of the forecastle one by one five men the shipping master's contract the contract that are constantly during the pulled out of the forecastle one by one five men the shipping master's contract the contract that are contracted to the contract the contract that are contracted to the contract that are contracted to the contract that are contracted to the contract the contract that are contracted to the contracted that are contrac ered, dead or alive. They did not come out willingly, either, in most cases. The first two who appeared were too limply drunk to offer any resistance, and they were dragged out by the heels and rolled and shaken about the deck till they were able to stand. The third man was a powerful fellow with a rich brogue, who was apparently aching for a chance to fight the whole crew. He was sober enough to know what was going on, and the two officers seized him by the shoulders and dragged him out.

"A captain, you understand, has no right to strike a sailor except in self defense or in case of mutiny, but this fellow was no sooner on his feet outside than he aimed a furious blow at the captain. This was precisely what the captair, expected and de aired, and though the sailor was double the officer's size the plucky little captain polished him off beautifully in one short round and made him cry for mercy and promise to obey orders. As fast as the men were pulled out and sobered up they were stood against the rail, and three repentant mutineers were now in line waiting for fur-

"The fourth man came out without resistance. He had been among the drunkest of all when the battle began, but the scuffling had partly sobered him, and he crawled out, pulled himself together and took his place in the line, where he made No. 4. He was by long odds the finest looking man of the five though slightly He had the most sailorlike appearance, too, in dark blue trousers, shirt op at the throat, sailor hat and sheath knife in his belt, all brand new. But curiously enough he had never been on board a shin before that day. He was an American mechanic who had been shanghaled. However, I must not get ahead of my story,

There was only one man left now in the forecastle, another big, burly fellow, and be gave more trouble than all the others. He was sober enough to know what was going on, but still drunk enough to be obstinate and determined not to come out. The room he was in was so small that he could brace himself effectively against its two ends, and the combined strength of the captain and the first officer was not sufficient to dis-

Put him on the winch, Mr. Humphrey. the captain ordered, after unsuccessful of forts had been made.

"The chief mate produced a stout rope and fastened it securely around the man's legs; then took the other end of the rope to the forward winch and attached it and started the winch.

You'vegot to come out. Mr. Humphrey said, as the winch started. This was evi dent when the rope began to tighten. Either the man must come out or the front come 'I'll come out?' the man shouted, when

the rope began to take firm hold of his legs. As he spoke he let go his hold and was dragged by steam to the foot of the winch, where the mate untied him.

"The whole grow before the most were

now murshaled along the rail, and the two I carried off the caterpillar, and alarmed officers began to search them. Flashs of severy one in the village where I was siquer were found in all conceivable places then living to whom I showed it.—Recin their clothing and as fast as found were ords of a Naturalist in the Amazon. thrown overboard. Tien, with the men still standing in line, the forecastle was searched. There was enough whisky there to have kept the crew glorious throughout the voyage, but it all went over the side. hour later the five men were at work, but still moving about as though buil dazed. The steward was shaken into comparative wakefulness, and shortly after dark we had our first meal.

while we were cating. They don't know

what they bring on board. The boarding use keepers put a bottle or two in a man's kit before he cances on beard, of course charging him well for it. Yes, that's about a fair sample of the the day of a voyage. At the end of a voyage we discharge all the men before the mast and hire new ones for the next trip. That is the custom, because it saves paying and feeding the men while gowns made for Princess Charlotte when we lie in port. The quartermaster we keep, and of course the two mates and the engineer and his two assistants. That makes seven of us, including myself-enough to ship on a pinch without anybody forward and quite enough to overpower the men, no matter how ugly they are.

"That night everything began to move imbroidered in a silver cama with a ber-like clockwork abourd the ship, and you for to match, tastefully worked in floral would not have suspected that there had designs to form festoons round the bot-been any trouble. Next morning I was torn, the sleeves and neck trimmed with standing on the upper deck, just aft the en-

long a voyage it is."

far as he knew; some one must have signed them for him; that he had been on a spree

the forecastle and fighting with the capfool of himself. sailors came up to me and asked about the

duration of the voyage, what ports we were to make, what our cargo was, and so on. None of them had any recollection of coming aboard the ship or signing the articles. These things prepared me for a peculiar in-terview with the American, which I had that evening. I noticed several times in the afternoon that he seemed to be watching for a chance to speak to me, but there was always some one in the way. That evening, however, while I was standing in the moonlight leaning against the open sky-light of the engine room, he found his

'Excuse me,' he said, 'but I think you are an American. 'I am an American, too,' he went on, 'and I'm afraid I've got myself into a devil of a scrape. I have no idea them were gorgeous with gold and silver how I came aboard this steamer, but the mate says I've shipped for the voyage and have got to go. I have a wife and family in Springfield, Mass., and they'll not know "Do you mean to say that you were car-

ried off against your will?' I asked him. "'I can't say whether I was or not,' he replied. 'I certainly did not come here intentionally, for I never was on board a ship before and know nothing of a sailor's work. I am a molder and make good wages in Springfield. Last Tuesday I came doon to New York to attend to some business, and having to stay over night I went into the ermine. Unfortunately there is no de-Bowery to see the sights. There I drank scription of the millinery which accomtoo much bad Bowery whisky, I'll not deny that, and I remember getting sequainted with a man who seemed a good fellow and taking more drinks with him. That is the last thing I remember distinctly, though I have a hazy recollection of being in some dirty bedroom and having whatever I wanted to drink. I had about \$40 in my pockets when I went into the Bowery, but when I other special protection, hangs suspended woke up resterday aboard ship my money to a silken cord round the neck of a was gone and I had a new shirt and a whole sailor's outfit."

"Naturally I took an interest in his case, he being an American, and I spoke to the

captain about him. "There isn't anything I can do for the man, the captain told me, 'except make his work as light as possible for him, and off than if he stood by the ship, for we'll probably be the first vessel coming back from there. He has been advanced \$15 out in mediaeval folklore. of his \$18.50 wages, so he will have \$3.50 coming to him when we return to New York. The boarding master and the sailing master of course got the money. Sailhelp it. I have to take what men I can get. This landsman's ignorance of the business is a loss to me, but what am I going to do? Such fellows will get drunk and let them-



"EXCUSE ME," HE SAID, "BUT I THINK YOU ARE AN AMERICAN."

selves be taken down Water street, and then they're in for a sea voyage sure. He's lucky that he's shipped for only a month's trip. We might be bound around the Horn or to Calcutta, and then it would be all the same with him." "When we were approaching New York

on the homeward voyage the captain told me that if I took any interest in the kidnaped American I had better see him clear of the wharves, or the boarding house sharks would have hold of him again sure, from the bosom of her dress. The woman turned .- New York Sun. and he'd be shipped off on another voyage before he got the bad rum out of his head. Cor. St. Paul Globe. It was no unusual thing, he said, after a man had once been shanghaled in this way, to keep him going from ship to ship, keeping him drunk always on shore until he almost forgot that he had ever lived any other life. I saw my man safely off for Springfield, and wish him better luck next

sailor against his will. The other four whenever they had a chance to talk to me, deplored the miserable system which makes shore.

A very large caterpillar stretched itself from the foliage of a tree which 1 was examining, and startled me by its resemblance to a small snake. The first three segments behind the head were dilatable at the will of the insect, and had on each side a large black pupillated spot, which resembled the eye of the snake. It was a poisonous or viperine species mimicked, and not an innocuous snake. This was proved by the imitation of keeled scales on the crown, which was produced by the recumbent feet as the caterpillar threw itself backward.

The Religious Billposter.

Massachusetts legislators, according to the notices posted on the fence surrounding the statehouse extension, will neve have a chance to go heavenward. Some one interested in their welfare has issued an invitation which reads, "Come to Jesus." Under these encouraging Those fellows don't know how much words is the hopeless announcement, "This way is closed."-Boston Post.

OLD TIME TROUSSEAU GOW

the married Prince Leopold of Saxe-Co-

Here is the description of the wedding gown: "The wedding dress was a slip of white and silver atlas, worn under a frees of transparent silk net, elegantly a most rich suit of brussels point lace."

All very fine, but what, prithee, thou quaint old fashion writer, are "cama" old time novelists stories of the outrages "'Mister,' said be, 'I hear we're bound quaint old fashion writer, are "cama perpetrated upon scillormen, doubtless confor Porto Rico. I wish you'd tell me how and "atlas?" "Mantua" is almost as obsolete a part of the vocabulary of fashion. "I told him, of course, and asked him but we still recognize behind it the imwhether he had not made inquiries about age of a flowing cape. But "atlas?" It ege. A voyage on a Nova Scotiaman, a it before he signed the ship's articles. He is a connudrum. And "camal" An Yankee sailing craft or even a modern said that he had not signed any articles, as Egyptian riddle. It seems to have been quite popular, whatever it was, for another of the trosseau gowns was of white for several days, and that the first thing he remembered was being dragged out of the trosseau gowns was of white the remembered was being dragged out of der laid over white satin. In this case tain. He was very repentant about it; said the mantua was of rich gold brocade, that the captain did exactly right and with blown roses richly woven in and hoped that he had not made a very big trimmed with gold lace. Of the other gowns of this old time bride, one was of of of himself.

"Throughout the day two more of the transparent net richly embroidered in the bright and dull tones of silver; another was of fine white india muslin worked over in little spots wrought in filigree gold and flounced with brussels point; another was of silver tissue trimmed with silver lace.

In addition to all this gold and silver finery, there were two whole dresses of brussels lace, valued respectively at 300 and 360 guineas: also two of British blond net, specially worked for her royal highness. The last but one of the gowns described was a white muslin morning gown, trimmed with three broad rows of valenciennes lace. All the gowns, it will be noticed, were white, and most of thread.

But the going away gown of the Princess Charlotte is enough to make a modern bride gasp. It was of the richest white silk, trimmed with a broad foot ruche of white satin, headed by two deep flounces of brussels point. The short sleeves and low bodice-imagine a decollete traveling gown!-were veiled in the same lace. With this was worn a peliase of white satin, lined with sarsenet and trimmed with broad bands of panied all this magnificence. Of course the hat must have been white and enormous, with sweeping plumes and voluminous lace veil .- New York Sun

No Thief Will Touch It.

A costly ring, unguarded by police or statue of the Maid of Almadena, the patron saint of Madrid, in one of the most frequented parks of the Spanish capital. It is set with valuable diamonds and pearls, but there is not the least danger of its being stolen. The greatest thief in Spain would sooner steal the I'll do that. I can't put him ashore till we plate from his own mother's coffin than get to Porto Rico, and then he'd be worse to even so much as touch the uncanny relics. Its history is curious and interesting, being equal to anything related

It was made in accordance with a special order from the late Alphonso-XII, who gave it to his consin, the beau-Queen Christina. She died soon after his sister, Infanta de Pilar, who died within a month after. Again the ac- at 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning. cursed circlet started on its deadly rounds, next finding a place upon the finger of Christina, daughter of the Duke Montpensier. In less than 100 days she. too, was dead. Alfonso then put the so doing. Is it any wonder that such a harbinger of death can safely hang on a statue in an unguarded square.-Philadelphia Record.

A woman has been arrested at West and notorious window smasher known to suffer for it. nue, in front of the offices of Drs. C. V and L W Seebe, and arrested on susde plume is Mary O'Brien, but my real name is Mrs. E. J. Haley, and my busband is a well to do St. Paul druggist. I came here to smash Dr Carl Beebe's windows. Why do I break windows? is well dressed and quite good looking .-

A savage mountain iton was turned loose at Ridgeway, and two nours later a large band of norsemen and a pack of hounds began a chase. The iion had been in captivity a year and a baif. Its "However, you see how easy it is for a feet were tender and limbs unused to New Yorker to be carried away and made z exercise, and it had traveled only a few miles when it was treed. A cowboy lassoed it and pulled it down from the them worse than slaves to the 'masters' no tree, and it was taken tuck to town to a wagon and again placed in its cage The chase was witnessed by many people from Ouray and the entire population in and around Ridgeway - Curay (Colo.) Cor St. Longs (Hobe-Democrat.

A Tuesle with an Alligator

A boy fishing discovered an alligator in a ditch between Lakes Gore and Minnie, in the southeastern part of Orlando He raised an starm B T Knht cam with a small rope and lassed the san rian. A terrific struggle then began Mr. Middleganf arrived presently. His as was brought into play and several large gashes were cut in the reptile's head He measured eight and a half Times-Union

Goes to School Fuithfulls. The crown prince of Japan, who bears the euphonious name of Yoshinito Harunomica and is now thirteen years old. is made to recognize that there is no royal road to learning. He attends the high school in Tokio and in his school report of last term particular mention is made of his diligence and of the fact

A BRAVE DOG DEAD.

HE RAN WITH THE FIRE ENGINE UNTIL ONE DAY WHEN HE FELL

About of the Charging Horses.

Everybody in the Eighteenth ward that ran with 14 engine. Chappie was a faithful attendent at all fires in his attack for the increased facility of con-When the doors were thrown open he nature of things the defense, striving much in his train. On the previous evening raced in and out with an absurd energy, only to prevent being beaten, whereas his excellency had been direct in the true playfully snapping at everybody, tumbthe attack fights with the determination
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for better use of this appropriate to the turn of the unclassified men of saying plainly as words:

time to be lost; rush her along.

of 14 engine speak regretfully of him. bound ahead of the galloping team furi onsly barking and springing up between of the defense will be increased. and urging them on.

Arrived at the fire, Chappie became a himself on the driver's seat, comfortal kery, the general idea seems to be that able time for taking the evening meal, for bly wagging his stub of a tail as he it was all a gain to the side which the law of Confucius has so set it for all watched his comrades at work. Now thought more of killing its enemy than time in China. and then he would indulge in a short of avoiding being killed itself. It enorbark of encouragement. The plucky mously facilitates the maintenance of rell up to the Dupont street restaurant, terrier had not escaped unscathed in his firediscipline within the battery, permits and frolicking with the galloping horses. He of continuous fire even at the most rapid lost a piece of his tail at one time, had a rate, for no smoke interferes with the leg broken at another time and received laying of the guns, and above all things from whom they were separated by 20 numberless bruises,

One Saturday box 322 was pulled, and them to see the results of their fire. to go, the fire being on Broadway, be picking up an exact point to aim at,

tween Ninth and Tenth streets. maimed Chappie.

The dog came of the best blue blood skillfully supply the deficiency. in England, having been imported by gameness characteristic of his breed, tual fighting begins, and something of and scarcely a whimper betrayed his an Indian's craft and natural keepness the firemen were for shooting the dog cover will have to be much more exary, and every wire was pulled to further and putting him out of his misery, but tensively utilized. With the vanishing such ambition. Merchants who can draw him. A canvas bandage was rigged or and Chappie was suspended in it.

case, calling several times the following will be wanted.-Iron Age. Tuesday. There was a little hope on Tuesday evening, but as the night wore on the brave dog gave such evidence of suffering in his suspended position that he was taken down and laid upon the demand for pocketknives and a very band of ambitious guests and thus get himaccepting it, and the king then passed straw. It became plain from the ani-conspicuous increase in the demand for the deadly little jeweled band of gold to mal's agony that he was fatally injured pocket scissors. Up until recently al. jumping into the fire. To the unspeakable and opiates were administered. He died

Chappie weighed about forty-five handy for sharpening pencils or any pounds. His ferocious looks utterly be similar purpose. Now, however, the lent of burning sandal wood odorferous lied him. He was especially attached fashion has grown to keeping a knife alto any one wearing a fireman's uniform, but he was friendly enough to civilians, carsed jewel in his own casket of precious and the children of the neighborhood relics and lived less than a year after were his playmates. The only time he lost his temper was when a policeman hove in sight. He could not tolerate that kind of a bluecoat and could tell it at a glance from a fireman's uniform. None of the finest made 14's house a lounging place while in uniform. A policeman once used his night stick on Superior who is thought to be the erratic | Chappie, and the whole force was made

as Harriet Beece, who created such a The firemen of 14 engine are full of sensation in Ashland recently She was reminiscences of their dead playfellow. noticed acting strangely in Tower ave | Remarkable stories of his intelligence are told. He understood the signals and would not stir if the alarm denoted a picion. She told this story. 'My nom fire out of 14's district. While strangers were permitted to make friendly advances outside the door, a snarl and gleam of ugly teeth warned against trespassing inside. Chappie was left in the house on guard upon one occasion. Fire Oh. I like to hear the crash and jingle. Commissioner Martin came in, but was I use a stone like this," producing one not permitted to leave until the men re-

Movable Curtain Pole. A firm in Birmingham, England, is manufacturing a new style of pole for hanging portieres in such a manner that the curtain will not interfere with opening the door. One of the brackets supporting the pole is attached to the door frame, the other being fastened to the door itself. A joint in the pole on the line of the hinge of the door allows the pole to swing back with the door when opened. The pole is held loosely in the bracket on the door and slides over a small roller in the bracket when the door is moved.

One of these fixtures, all brass, with rod three-quarters of an inch in diameter, sells for about \$1.50 all complete.-Philadelphia Record,

Sweet Solicitude. Husband-My dear, the air is very damp tonight. You'd better wear your furs.

Wife-I have them ready. Husband-And tieyour boa on closely. A little exposure often leads to sore throat, and sore throat leads to diphtheria, a most dangerous disease. Wear your thick rubbers, too, and good thick shoes, and warm gloves, and, my love, I feet. He is responsible for the loss of think you'd better wear a warm veil. many ducks dogs etc. - Cor Florida One can't be too careful when one's life insurance is in arrears, and yours is .-New York Wenkly.

Giving an Order, Small Boy-Mamma wants you to send her up quarter of a pound of coffee and a

Careful Ger-Isn't it a quarter of ten and a pound of coffee she wants? Small Boy-Well, it's somehow that way, and-oh, I forgot; send us up a that during the whole of lass vary his barrel of onions and half a dozen Ber-imperial highness did not miss a single muda potatoes and a peck of eggs/1800w day's attendance. - London Tit-Bits() | don't forget. - Good News.

SMOKELESS POWDER IN WAR.

It filves Many Advantages to the filds Making the Attack.

The introduction of smokeless powder has had considerable to do with a change of tactics on the field of battle. In the Good Natured Little "Chappie," of 14 absence of the smoke screen on both Engine-Always Knew When His Ma- sides, the company officers not only find | thine Was Called Out and Always Ban it easier to work together, but can control their men and judge the effect of their fire on the enemy to a far greater degree than was formerly possible. From knew Chappie, the white bull terrior their point of view this increased power district. Stretched out in front of the cealment smokeless powder confers on the furors was the dinnergiven by the Merchange the first ringing of the gong the defense. It is true that the latter than is Exchange of Chinatown to the would open his eyes. With cocked ears also profits by the same increased power minister plenipoleotisty from Peking, he would wait to see if 14 was wanted of control, but they argue that from the Yang Yu, and the score of pig tailed diplofar better use of this new powder than trade in the Mongolian colony to stuff the "Come, now, get a move on your no the former. Put in another form, it representative of the Celestial empire with comes to this: The heavier and more ac- all the delicacies known to their cui Chappie is dead now, and the firemen curate the fire whistling over a trench, the harder it is to make men raise their street, near Commercial, in a three story It was on the way to the fire that heads over it to take aim. Smokeless structure, with balcomes in the oriental Chappie was in his glory. He would powder makes it easier for the attack to deliver such a fire; hence the difficulties the teeth of an alligator on edge. To this

onsiy carking and springing up between the horses' legs. Spectators would close their eyes, expecting to see him trampled men stationary on the defense cannot. American hacks piloted by acute Jebua or crushed, but from under the flying escape the depressing influence of the hoofs Chappie would come racing again dead and wounded lying around them, lead the procession for a moment, then but the attack leaves all these evidences and in some degree even up matters by back to the horses, biting and barking of the fight behind it. So here again the advantage is on its side.

With reference to the question of the easonable creature, again installing use of smokeless powders by the artil- the minute. In Peking this is the fashioncheers the hearts of the men by enabling

Chappie started to pilot the machine to As a means of concealment it is of no ular bridgerooms by admiring female rela-Twenty-third street and Third avenue, use at all, for even at extreme ranges of It proved a tough trip for the dog. He 5,000 yards and upward the flash of disturned up with a fore paw broken in two charge is always distinctly visible, and places after the excitement was all over. at fighting ranges the flash enables one It was bundaged and he was placed on to note exactly the position of the enethe sick list. In spite of that he an my's guns. This was not always possiswered 316 on the next night, running ble with the old powders, for the smoke ahead on three legs. He didn't have far obscured the object and prevented one's lipotentiary would take a seat somewhere

The artillery will be far from regret-Probably the broken paw hindered ting the loss of the two clouds which him, but somehow he got under the hung, the one in front of their own and Chinese lithographed eloquence in his pockhorses' feet and went down. As he the other in front of the enemy's guns, righted himself either the pan of the en | Smoke is a cover added to that furnishgine or the pumps caught him in the ed by the ground, and no one has ever beeled. It promised to be a great night for back and crushed him to the pavement.

been anxious for his opponent to have
the Chinese language, and in expectation
The stout heartest fellows of 14 engine covers which he himself could not turn
of a prolonged flow of eloquence a brasa could have cried as they returned to to advantage. If both are deprived of their quarters, tenderly bearing the this cover victory will belong to him who, all else being equal, can most

Maneuvers will hereafter probably William Walderf Aster. He had all the take place over larger areas before acsuffering. Dr. T. D. Sherwood, a vet- will be needed on the part of staff offierinary surgeon, who examined him, cers, Smoke has been so good a cover found a fractured spine, a broken leg on many occasions that its absence will and severe internal injuries. At first impose new conditions, and natural afterward it was decided to try and save poetry of the smoke battle the prose of a him. A canvas bandage was rigged or new era will begin, in which combat him under the delicate pretense of being two billiard cues above a dry goods box will be more like a game of chess in hard pressed and soaked their silver nd Chappie was suspended in it.

Dr. Sherwood took great interest in the dispositions of old qualities and virtues

Pocketkuives and Scissors. Any hardware store clerk will tell you re is a marked falling off in the most every man carried a knife, not for the purpose of protection, but to have it preferred to those carried in the pocket. On the other hand the convenience of pocket shears is so great and they are now made so cheaply and more convenient than formerly that men now so until quite recently.-Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Ind., recently discovered in a trench leading from an artesian well a good ter dog. This well is eight miles north of Huron, S. D., and is 1,250 feet deep.

Everybody was confident that the reparation a distant corner of the ball. tile came from the well, as there is no other water for miles and miles. Es in the markets of Chinatown, was dishead was shaped like that of our com- cussed with evident pleasure by the plenimon catfish, its color was similar to that

Many conjectures as to what the anitwo. A genius (Protens) belonging to the same family as the above (which we take to be Nectures), and found in caves in southwestern Austria, is blind and colorless. Mr. Zimmerman states special cally that the puppy found by him had a good pair of eyes and was dark in color. Lake Byron, twelve miles north of where this batrachian was found, is said to furnish good fishing .- Forest and Stream.

Where Artists Blunder

"I never saw an artist yet who could correctly paint a horseshoe," remarked a friend of mine, pausing before a Broadway picture store. "They invariably paint it with an equal number of nails on each side-sometimes three, sometimes four, and even five nails. As a matter of fact, there are four on one side and three on the other, the extra nail being on the inside of the foot, where the greatest strain comes."

Which reminds me of the lines of a distinguished American poet in which of stuff on bills of fare? he sweetly depicts the drowsy cattle on a summer's day lazily lapping the cooling waters of the crystal stream. The same peculiarity is also poetically attributed to the horse and other animals the model of the poet having probably been the house cat,-New York Herald

Livery of Parint Maids. English parlor maids wear a distinct livery, not often, though occasionally, seen in New York houses. This consists usually of a plain, long, black or dark wool@ skirt, a loose, open jacket of the same material, and either a white vest with gilt or ornamented buttons or a

vest made of livery stripes. With this

are worn cap and apron.-New York

FEASTED IN SILENCE.

A CHINESE BANQUET RUINED BY A MONGOLIAN WARD M'ALLISTER.

ean Francisco's Colestial Four Hundred Flunged Into Gloom and Anger by the Wanton Dupileity of Its Instituating So-

ctal Dictator. The Four Hundred and more of China-The restaurant is situated on Dupont

style and a profusion of tinsel, red paint, tomed luxury of a ride in a four wheeled

The hour of the dinner was 7 o'clock to

Precisely at 7 o'clock the macks began to the auxious but delighted pork butchers, eigar stuffers and fish peddlers be gan to roll out and elbow each other up stairs in the trial of the plenipotentiary, diplomats in costumes that looked like the hand painted nightshirts conferred on poptives. The merchants were also attired in long flowing garments of the robe de nuit

The guests were soon seated without any ceremony, but with much sorrow, for a cold blooded social plot developed itself the moment that the banquet hall was reached. It was expected, of course, that the plenin the main banquet hall, where the orators of Spofford alley, which is noted for its elequent speakers, would have a free whack at him. One fat pork butcher had a roll of et, and several Jackson street and Cum Cook alley fluoriers were about as well band and an extra stock of rice brandy had been provided. The unexpected, however, happened, as always does occur on momen-

The Ward McAllister of Chinatown is a aleck pawnbroker who does business back of the Jackson Street theater. His dictum is supreme court law on all social questions within a radius of six blocks of his store, and be naturally fell into the position of chief director of the night's festivities. He had been much sought after for several days by aspiring merchants who desired to sit as close as possible to the plenipotentitheir checks for four figures approached watches. He has done a roaring trade for several days, but his prosperity is at an end. It is suspected that he tacity allowed at least 50 merchants to believe that he could rub elbows with the plenipotentiary. Matters reached such a crisis at 7 o'clock that there was nothing left for the Mongolian self out of the frying pan, so to speak, by consternation of the guests, the head of the grand procession did not stop when it reached the middle of the spacious banquet punks and delicious birds' nest sonp, which, ways on the desk, and as the knives are next to boiled canliflower and corn beef generally of a high quality they are and cabbage, is the most fragrant of all

kitchen concoctions.

Right straight ahead went the plenipo tentiary, piloted by the Mongolian McAl-lister, and before the paralyzed merchanta could catch their breath the minister and snit were out of sight in a snug chamber at carry them who never thought of doing the farther end of the banquet hall, where all that could be seen of them was the oc-casional flutter of the plenipotentiary's fan Salamander from Artesian Wells.

Mr. H. G. Zimmerman, of Albion, from the vox populi.

A distressing silence fell on the assem-bled merchants, and dark and significant sized and very lively mud puppy or waMcAllister, who, after ushering the plenipotentiary out of sight, took a seat with a

potentiary and the diplomatic corps, for of the catfish, and it had busby external gills, besides four legs.

Meaning the cather the animal procession of the cather the series of the screen from their room, but the motiey crowd in the main hall had neither Many conjectures as to what the ani-mal could be were made; some persons chewed mechanically on their shark's fins thought it principally fish, others lizard, and went through the pretense of shoveling and the most general conclusion was rice and mince duck with their chop sticks. that the thing was a mongrei between the but their appetites were gone, and the only thirst that afflicted them was a thirst for vengeance on the man who had bumiliated

and betrayed them.

After feasting for an hour and a half in this sequestered nook the plenipotentiary and suit reappeared, and bowing to the merchants, who kowtowed right and left, strode down stairs to their carriages and rattled off to the Stockwell theater.

The Ward McAllister of Chinatown let himself out of the restaurant through a skylight, and at the latest accounts was awaiting the society reports of the banquet in The Spofford Alley Gazette on the roofs of Chinatown.-San Francisco Chronicle

The Wrong Man.

First Citizen (Dugout City)-Chargem, the plumber, has shot a man, and he says he did it to dignify his trade. Second Citizen—Did he shoot the rescally bookkeeper who makes out his bills? First Citizen-No; he shot a newspaper paragrapher.-New York Weekly.

A Substitute. A. Larcarte-Why do they put such a lot

T. Abledhote—So that you'll est less. You know Bacon says, "Heading maketh a full man."—Newport Daily News.

two weeks ago for murder It was the gonaut. first execution in Switzerland for twenty-five years, capital punishment having been abolished in 1857, and that method of inflicting punishment having been reanmed only recently

Thus far the United States fish commission has not extended its operations with respect to the archicial breeding of salmon into Alarka.

ADMIRAL JEAN BART.

The Bluff Old Mariner After Whom the French Warship Is Named.

One of the French warships which took part in the Columbian naval review at New York was named the Jean Bart. As the ship was one of the first class, and attractsequently a great deal of attention, no little curiosity was aroused by its name, which to most people seemed a strange one. In books of reference people were told that Jean Bart was a French admiral who flourished at the close of the seven-teenth century, and who, beginning life as s fisherman, rose to high rank and became a popular hero, but none of the current biographies contains any of the curious and amusing anecdotes about him which have come down from the time when he lived. One of these stories will serve to show what sort of man Jean Bart was. When he had made a brilliant record as a kind of buconneer and shown that he was a much abler sea warrior than any of the officers of noble birth who commanded the navy, King Louis XIV made him first a lientenant and then the captain of a frigate, in which position he greatly distinguished

One day, while several elegant courtlers were waiting in the great monarch's ante-chamber for an interview with the king, a rather rough looking sailor came in. courtiers and attendants were greatly shocked, but the sailor announced that be was Jean Bart, and that he had come to see the king. One of his men, Keyser, had been condemned to death for killing a man in a duel, and he was going to ask the king

to partion him.
"But, M. Io Capitaine," said the attendant, "have you a royal invitation entitling you to an audience?"

"A royal invitation!" exclaimed the captain. "What do I want of that? The king and I are good friends. No need of all that nonsense between us! You just tell him that Jean Bart wants to talk to him, and that'll be enough!"

"But I can't announce any one who hasn't an invitation," said the attendant.
"All right," said Jean Bart. "Pil annunco myself:"

He bounded toward the door of the king's apartment, very much as if he were start ng to run up a mainmast. The attendant, with pale face, placed himself before him,

"But the king's orders! Don't you obey the king's orders?"

"Oh, well," said the sailor, "If it comes to that, I'll wait. I won't go against the He sat down among the astonished courtiers, took out a pipe and some tobacco, struck a light with his flint and tinder and

began to smoke. The attendant protested that no one smoked in the king's ante-chamber, but Jean Bart insisted that when he was waiting he always smoked. "Put him out," some one whispered, but no one ventured to do more than whisper it. Soon the king learned what was going on and ordered Jean Bart ushered in as soon as he should have finished his pipe. The interview, in which Jean Bart conducted himself with all due respect to the

king, ended in the granting of Keyser's pardon, and Jean Bart came back into the courtiers' presence triumphant.

They all crowded about the bluff captain, very obsequious to him now, and completely blocking his exit. He was in great haste to carry the pardon to Keyser.

"Oh, tell us, M. Jean Bart," the courtiers began to exclaim, "tell us how you got out of the harbor of Dunkirk when you were blocksded there by the English fleet!"

"You want to know, eh?" asked the cap-"Certainly!" they exclaimed, crowding atill more closely about him.
"All right, I'll show you just how 'twas ne. Look here. I'm Jean Bart, ain't I? Well, this room is the barbor of Dunkirk, and you fellows are the English fleet block-

whack! bang! whack! Jean Bart laid about him, now administering a cuff, now a kick, and very forcibly clearing a way to-ward the door. As he reached it he ex-

"And that's the way, gentlemen, that I got out of Dunkirk harbor when I was blockaded there by the English fleet! Good-The warship that bears the name of this

redoubtable sendog should be a formidable antagonist.-Youth's Companion.

The Shab's Cat.

The shah of Persia has a great affection for cats and is so foud of them that he has some 50 feline favorites which are generally to be found in his apartments, and to which he has assigned officials and attendants of their own. They also have their own ape-cial room where they assemble at certain bours to have their meals. On his summer excursions they all accompany him, being carried by special men on horseback in cages lined with velvet. The favorite of the lot used to be a large gray cat called Babr Khan, which may be translated as

Prince Tiger.

When the shah lunched or dined, Bahr Khan was always always let into the room, and sometimes his majesty fed the cat with his own exalted hands. Once, while in camp, Babr Khan disappeared and was searched for in vain. A servant who had made fun of the cat and been heard to remark that it was better out of the way was arrested on suspicion of having caused the animal's disappearance. He was car-ried to Teheran in chains, flung into a dungeon and was never beard of again. Nor was the cat .- New York Tribune

How Puris Utilizes Bats.

Almost everywhere in the world, except in Paris, rata are considered as a troul some nuisance to be gotten rid of by any means possible. The Parisians, on the contrary, convert this nuisance into a useful member of society and a source of revenue. In Paris rats are collected from every pos-sible source and placed in a great pound, where the carcasses of all animals dying in the city are thrown. These remains are speedily disposed of by the rats, which leave behind nothing but the cleanly picked bones. There are no such scavengers as rata. Four times a year these rats are rounded up and killed, and their skins are utilized in the everywhere admired form of gant de Paris, to decorate the hands of loveliness the world over.—Philadelphia

Such a hue and cry as is raised about the

exeravagance of the women of our day, and yet at the court of St. James-in a dress of velvet embroidered with gold, which is said to have cost no less than \$1,500—Marie de Medicis had a gown sown \$1,500—Marie de Medicis had a gown sown with 22,000 pearls and 3,000 diamonds, and her example was followed by lesser personages, who cheerfully expended more than their incomes on gowns so laden with precious stones that their wearers could scarcely move about in them. Mms. de Montespan, the beauty who reigned at the court of Louis XIV, were at one great court festival "a gown of gold en gold, and over that gold frieze stitched with a cer-tain gold which makes the most divine stuff that has ever been imagined," a A man was guillotined in Switzerland of Mme. de Sevigne.—San Francisco Ar-

An Invalid Mother May No a Blessing. I know some homes where a sick mother makes herself a blessing. She is as whole-some as circumstances allow. Wendell Phillips' wife was always an invalid, but with respect to the archical breeding of salmon into Alaska. Its attempts in this line have been limited to the Columbia and Sacramento rivers.

ahout your almonts, but about your blessings. Count up what you have, not what you have not.

—Mary E Spencer in St. Louis Globe-