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A DEFENSE OF THE LIAR.

The Position In Society, Politics and Com-

merce of the Prevarienter. For many years the wise men have insisted upon the importance and beauty We read that all the glorious and lovely productions of the arts depend upon the truth as upon a solid and enduring foundation. We read that poetry and beauty rest upon the conpenial substance of truth as a statue upon its pedestal. But the man has not as yet arisen who has given the other side of the question justice or yielded due praise to the efforts and worth of liars. We respect and revere the truth. We adhere to it in theory and in practice-a thing rare in the adherents of mere opinions-but we believe in justice though the beavens fall, and in all the good, old fashioned axioms. In all truth, however, to speak paradoxically, the liar, as an element of practical advancement, has been too long ignored. It is time that the pen and the brush should do him homage.

Who sets the great enterprises affoat? Who is the originator of vast investments and the instigator of magnificent projects?

The liar. Who is it that flosts the bonds, discounts corporations and consolidations? Who is it that has settled the wild lands of the west and made Uncle Sam no longer a freeholder? The list.

Who is it that originates "booms" and distributes capital from the unwary to Who is it that makes wildcat mines

successful and sets a prize upon human ingenuity?

Who is it that gives the impulse to polities and the trend to political economy? The liar.

The liar has as many guises as Porteus. Anon he wishes to make your fortune, and again he wants to borrow a dollar. But he is always pleasant, affable, agreeable, whether engaged in the soliciting of millions in world stirring plans or in attempting to secure a free lunch. The truthful man will affront you with rude candor and hold up your faults brutally to your notice. But the liarhe will do nothing of the sort. He will make you comfortable and happy. He will put you at peace with the world and

with destiny. Whether he is in commerce, in politics or in the show business, whether he is offering you a position or asking a favor, let his merit be recognized. - Minneapolis Commercial.

This ruler is currently imagined to allow his ministers to do all his work, while he himself lives a life of luxurious indolence. The very reverse is the rule. The one man in all the Turkish dominions who works morning, noon and night, whose mind never rests from effort to carry his people through the difficulties which beset had system and lack of means, is the monarch. The minlaters work little, the sultan incessantly Not only is this well known, but an intimate of mine is an aid-de-camp in daily attendance upon his majesty, and my ideas gleaned from him have given me a hearty respect for the personality of the present bearer of the crescent.

Since his accession he has scarcely left his palace. Here be labors with konest fidelity to effect the impossible, for the had Turkish customs are like the laws of the Medes and Persians. The system is as rotten as the people are hard to teach. Moreover, the sulfan is the simplest and most plainly dressed man in his domin ions. The unpretentions courtesy of his personal bearing, his apparent lack of egotism, his rather pale, nervous, fatigned looking face, are dignity itself, I have never seen a more patriarchal ceremony or one of higher tone than the quiet procession of Selamlik.-Harper's

Thirty-three Years Without Food. A queer story, and one which renders it more than the proverbial grain) before swallowing, comes with first class recommendation all the way from Engwas opened, and to the surprise of all ferent occasious since the Chaplins have Bispham in Century. looked after the welfare of their dead relative's pet, and each time it has been reported that the bat was still in the land of the living, although occupying other day if it was injurious to chew seen in 1892.—St. Louis Republic.

Feather Trimming. The great controversy over the wearing of feathers is developing considerable heat. There is no appreciable effect yet of the pleas on behalf of the bright the action of the jaws causes the gastric an important influence on a large num- it till they fairly dry up the saliva supber. On the hats recently made for the princess and her daughters there are ally nervous. This will cause indigestrany feathers, but we are told there are tion."-New York Recorder. none except from birds which are used for human food. Most of the hats are o the half Alpine shape, now coming into fashion. One of the neatest contained elora.-London Correspondent,

A New Strel Process.

A new method of producing steel has been suggested to M. Jules Garnier by M. Meissan's diamond making experiments. He claims that it is successful. The steel is instantaneously made by placing a bar of iron and a stick of charcoal together in a parallel direction in an electrical firebrick furnace of a temperature of 1,000 degrees and subjecting them to a strong current. M. Jules Garnier expects that his discovery will revolutionize the steel industry. - Exchange.

An Cypent Call. She-One of the legs of our sofa is broken. Will you come around right away and fix it? Carpenter - I'm very busy just now, miss.

Won't tomorrow do? She-Oh, dear, no! It must be ready by 740 this evening.-Life.

GURACOA, A QUEER ISLAND.

Dependent Upon Rain For the Water Su ply-Some Odd Customs. Curacoa is one of the queerest little islands of the Caribbean sea. It lies Co miles north of Venezuela, is about 60 miles long and 12 or 14 wide, and it has a population of more than 50,000,

There is no means of procuring fresh water on the island except by saving rainwater in reservoirs. A number of wells have been bored under the supervision of the Dutch government, to which It belongs, but each ended in failure.

A curious statement regarding the Sorings is made by the inhabitants of the island. They say that in each and every case after a certain depth was reached the tools dropped out of sight, indicating that there is no solid foundation to the island. The borings were made in low places and through hills, and in about 30 different places, each with the same ultimate result. A few wells have been dug to a lesser depth and brackish, unpleasant tasting water is obtained from them, fit only for manufacturing purposes

The approach of the rainy season is always an interesting time there. The water in the reservoir is low at this time, and the natives eagerly await the opportunity to gather a fresh supply Clothing is never washed there in fresh water, but at all hours of the day the beach is alive with women beating the clothes with clubs on the rocks.

The houses are all built in the Dutch style, and are mostly of stone, with tile roofs. The streets are very parrow, in some places so narrow that it is possible to shake hands with the occupant of a room across the streef simply by leaning out of the window.

There is a scarcity of young women in the island, but an overplenty of old and wrinkled dames. It is said the young women leave home as soon as they are of marriageable age and seek husbands in Caracas, Venezuela, or some other South American city. Yet there are some of the prettiest girls there a traveler ever set eyes upon. They are the daughters of Dutch fathers and Spanish mothers, and the mingling of the two bloods has produced a beautiful race, which is growing quite numerous there.

Three-quarters of the population is of African descent, or mixed African, Spanish, Dutch and Indian. A few Indians, said to be descendants of the Caribs, are still to be found on the island living in huts of straw.

Their sole business in these days seems to be the peddling of lottery tickets. Everybody invests in the lottery there, and as there are drawings each day the peddling of tickets forms quite a paying business.

Some of the Africans there are magnificently formed, especially those employed along the lagoon in loading and inloading steamers and ships. They are at home in the water and will dive under a steamer for a "real" or 10 cent

Of late years they are forced to wear suits while sporting in the lagoon near the settlements, but as the lagoon extends in the center of the island several miles each way they may be seen every evening making their way in punts to a point beyond observation where they can enjoy themselves untrammeled by clothing

The Maca pruen, or monkey plum, is the favorite fruit, and the parrot is the favorite bird. For \$1 a young parrot that can talk in Spanish may be purchased, and a mocking bird can be had

None of the liquor which obtains its name from the island is made there now, The Dutch have taken held of the mann. facture of the liquor and have transferred the business to Holland.-New York Herald.

Booth as Billposter.

One story of Booth's trip to the Sandwich Islands remains with me. He had gone there in 1854 in company with his comrade, Mr. David C. Anderson, en route to Australia, and they were to play in the Royal Hawaiian theater. They had hired a native to paste up the bills announcing the performance. This had to be done with a preparation named 'poe-poe," made from a vegetable called 'tara-tara," which is a favorite food in Honolulu, but the poor man was so hunwould do well to thoroughly salt (give gry that yielding to temptation he incontinently ate up the paste, and to their surprise no bills appeared. When the reason was ascertained, they feared to land. Thirty-three years ago, in 1800, a trust another native, and it was theremember of the Chaplin family died at fore agreed that as Booth was the young-Blankney, Lincolnshire, and was laid in er he should act as billposter, and it came the family tomb. This particular Chap- to pass that every night after the perlin was a naturalist, and among his formance Edwin went about the city other pets had a large gray but. That with his play bills and bucket of paste but was permitted to enter the tomband and put up with his own hands the postwas sealed up alive along with the corpse ers announcing what the company would of his dead master. In 1866 the vault play on the following night. And he assured me that he did this honestly and the bat was alive and fat. On four dif- did not cat any of the paste!--William

Chewing Gam. I asked a very famous physician the quarters with the dead. He was last gum-not that I do it-and he answered:

"Yes and no."
"And how?" I inquired. "To chew gum for five or ten minutes after a meal is absolutely beneficial," said he, "especially for hasty enters, who do not half masticate their food, because plumaged birds. The hat boxes of the juices to flow, and that is good. But so Princess of Wales have just been peeped | few people can use and not abuse it. They into, and what was seen there may have get the gum in their mouths and keep at ply, bring on a headache and get gener-

Never In Time. The late H. J. Byron had a horror of funerals, but was once prevailed upon to black cock's tail feathers. A little color attend that of a fellow Bohemian, After has been introduced, showing that the waiting long at the cometery entrance, princess is bringing her mourning to ... he and his companions followed a fune ral into the chapel, and when the service was half over, discovered that it was that of a stranger. Their friend's funerai had not come yet.

"Ah," said Byron, "just like poor Bill -never in time!"-London Million. A light supper, a good night's sleep

and a fine morning have often made a hero of the same man who by indiges tion, a restless night and a rainy morning would have proved a coward. - Ches-

Sir Boyle Roche said, "Single misfortunes never come alone, and the greatest of all possible misfortunes is generally followed by a much greater."

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well and deing well whatever you de without thought of fame.

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INSURANCE MYSTERIES.

Many Remarkable Cases of Swindling Brought to Light.

DEATH SUCCESSFULLY SIMULATED

The Remarkable Performances of an Eng lish Woman-How a Frenchman Took Charge of His Own Funeral-The Monson, Meyer and Austin Cases.



tile fields of wicked ingenuity is the swindling of life insurance companies, either by simulated death or The records of the tries for the past 50 years furnish many instances of frauds, and three notable cases of recent date have at-

Lieutenant Hambrough, who was mysteriously shot in Scotland, Monson, who was charged with murdering him, has been acquitted by a Scotch verdict of "not proven" and is likely to collect the \$100,000 insurance on the young lieutenant's life. The fate of Dr. Meyer, who is accused of making a business of poisoning men and women and collecting insurance on their lives, has not yet

A more recent case is that of John C. Austin, whose heirs were awarded \$16,-250 50 in New York the other day in a suit brought against the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Insurance association. In the summer of 1891 Austin insured his life for \$15,000 and three days later was reported drowned at Coney Island. His clothes were found in a bathhouse, but the body was never found, and there was some unusual-not to say suspicious-circumstances connected with the alleged drowning. The insurance company was not satisfied with the proofs death, and the heirs brought suit, At the trial the defendants produced a witness. who claimed to have seen Austin in the Adirondacks a year after his disappearance and introduced a photograph of Austin in bunting costume alleged to have been taken in 1892. But the jury decided that Austin

Up to date the attempted frauds on life insurance companies are, first, the very rare one of pretended death, which may be artificially induced by certain drugs; second, false certifications through bribery or forgery; third, false personation of the applicant and deception of the medical examiner and substitution of a dead body. The only case of successfully simulated death on record occurred in England many Years ago and, strange to say, the same woman went through the simulated death performance on three distinct occasions be tween intervals of many years, and her "husband" or "father" or "brother," who man on each occasion. The pair were sucresaful in each instance.

erty stricken gentieman of the subures of atory where he made various chemical ex-London, then a gambling army officer of periments. When short of funds one day, Queen square and finally a Liverpool merchant. Life insurancemen in speaking of live with her daughter at once. She died the case say that so successful a series of frauds by the same person appears wonderful at the present day, and that the woman either possessed that power of simulating death of which there have been a few remarkable instances in history or that the Brooks, died suddenly, with intervals of physician was british. One Franz Tomatscheck in Berlin some

irresistible curiosity and disguised beyond recognition, had attended his own funeral. chant in Bordeaux, France, named Vital made out the death certificate, and soon Douat, insured his life for 100,000 francs in afterward the London life companies paid His widow a little later presented berseif Walter's life insured for \$65,000. The broth-at the insurance office with the legal docu-er was a hard drinker. Palmer, the chemmentary proof of her husband's death, The company somehow "smelt a rat" and and he died shortly. He then applied for went to London he put up at Ford's hotel the companies refused to settle be never he got a French waiter to write him out a certificate in English, purporting to be he would do a wrong act.
signed by Dr. Critti, to the effect that Vital In November, 1855, John Parsons Cook's Donat had died on the 29th of November,

This certificate was presented to the register of deaths at Plaistow by Douat himself. The certificate was registered, it be

865, of ansurism of the heart.



OHN C. AUSTIN IN HUNTING COSTUME.

[From the photograph shown in contt.] ing stated that the body was then lying at 22 Ann street, Plaistow. On that very day Douat procured a certificate from the reg-ister of deaths, and thereupon the sexton of St. Patrick's cemetery at Low Layton ordered a grave to be dug. Donat under the name of Bernardo then paid the burial fee and designated the following Sunday for the funeral. He then under the name of Rubini coolly went to an undertaker and purchased a full size coffin, in which he placed a thick lining of lead. Douat had the coffin conveyed to the cemetery from a certain house, he himself being the chief and only mourner. In the chapel of the cometery, Rev. Father McQuaid officiating. the "remains" of Donat were consigned to

the earth, It was Sergeant Druscovitch of the London police who found all this out. But when the sergeant made his discoveries Donat had come to this country beyond his reach. Donat was doomed however. In 1806 he went to Antwerp, where he attempted to obtain from insurance companies a big sum of insurance on goods shipped on a vessel. He produced invoices represe that the cases and barrels contained \$10,000 worth of cloaks and laces. The cases got guited on the dock, and, lo and behold! they developed into two barrels of tar, and the cases were found to contain rosin, chips, alcohol, powder and charcoal. He was sen fortune to fall into the river. On his traced to death, but the French government claimed him under the extradition "All bets are off, Jim. None of act, and for his attempted fraud on the in after em."-London Tit-Bits

Paris Life insurance company he was se tenced to penal servitude when it got him

Here is an interesting drowning case: I K. Boswell of Muncie, Ind., on Sept. 13 187), started for St. Louis with his wife. He purchased two tickets for \$3. ach. good for 10 days, of the Railway Passenger company of Hartford. His life was in sured for \$10,000 in the Franklin Life of Indianapolis. He was president of the local board of the company at Muncie, and he was so highly thought of that he was not only made president of the board, but when he insured his life for \$10,000 the company did not ask for a cash payment of the premium on the policy, but took his note for six months. Boxwell and his wife on Sept. 22. 1871, left St. Louis on the steamer St. Luke. At midnight Mrs. Boswell gave the alarm that her husband had fallen overboard while sick, "I saw Mr. Boswell falling backward and overboard," she said. sprang to catch him where he sat on the rail with one arm round the stanchion, but could not. I saw him reach the water there was a spinsh, and all was over. Search for the dead body was made. I was never found. The agent of one of the life companies James Boswell had insured himself in wrote to the company, "Boswell was one of our best citizens, of the best habits, respected and esteemed by all who

The Franklin company was sued by the wislow. The verdict was in her favor for \$11,000. This was set aside and a new trial granted. Boswell had now been "dead" three years. The case was again to com-This was in 1874. About this time



there was Judge L. S. Howe in Galesburg. Ills. He was playing croquet with some ladies one day when two gentlemen recognized him as the long lost Boswell. H admitted it and suddenly went south, leav ing his trunk as security for a loan of \$200. It was plain that Mrs. Boswell was in the scheme, as it was proved that she had vis-ited "Judge Howe" in Galesburg and had

passed there as his neice. She was arrested, tried and convicted and sentenced to pris-Boswell was captured in Michigan in July, 1874, and escaped punishment on the technicality that a man and wife could not

Here is a case that completely outdoes Meyer if he is guilty of what he is charged with: William Palmer lived in Rugely, a little town on the line of the Northwestern milway, England. In 1856 he was a fine looking man, 35 years old. He married the beautiful daughter of Colonel Brooks of was partner in the schemes, was the same the East India service. The girl's mother had received from the colonel a life lease of his estate. Palmer was a fast liver. He In the first attempt the man was a pov- loved horse racing and had a private laboric appealed to Mrs. Brooks. See went to suddenly four days after she reached the Rugely home. By her death Palmer's wife became owner of the Brooksestate, but unone or two years between the death of each There remained one. At the mother's death time back was heavily insured. The funeral the estute would pass to that little one, took place. But when a disinterment was Palmer had his wife's life insured Palmer and his wife's life incured for

had the contents of the coffin were found \$15,000. A sporting friend of Palmer's, and engages him, in tones to be overto consist of stone and straw, and it was named Bladen, called upon him soon after-ascertained that Tomatscheck, impelled by ward to collect a debt of \$3,500. He fell sick at Palmer's house and died. Palmer's "family physician" said the cause was core-Here is another and a most remarkable braifever. A year afterward Mrs. Palmer case of the same kind. In 1865 a wine merthe Paris office. Then he went to London, the \$75,000. Palmer then had his brother ical experimenter, gave him gin to drink, investigated. It seems that when Douat the insurance; but, strange to say, when under the name of Roberti. While there renewed the application. But Paimer was such a good man! No neighbor suspected

horse won at the Shrewsbury races \$10,000, beating Palmer's. The latter had bet heavlly, and his losses were great. Besides he had forged notes to the extent of \$65,000, and exposure threatened him. Cook was worth \$60,000, and Palmer had obtained Cook's signature to many notes. He got Cook to visit his (Palmer's) Rugely house train and registered at the hotel, and in that month (November). Palmer gave Cook something to drink and gave him some pills. He died two days afterward. The 'family physician" said the cause was apoplexy. The post mortem revealed evidences of poison. Palmer was tried for murder chance to sell his trunk and gave him and found guilty and was hanged. The the impression that the proceeds of the body of Mrs. Paimer had been by this time 15 months in the grave. It was exhumed, It was found that she had died from the effeets of antimony, which was detected in all parts of the body. The body of the broth-er Walter was exhumed. It was found that prussic said had killed him.

Palmer's high social position and the Insurance companies from suspecting any wrongdoing. Just before the revelations as to Cook's death Palmer had tried to insure the life of his groom, George Bates, for \$123,000. Palmer, in his application, described Bates as a "gentleman of independent means." He had also at the same time tried to have the life of the postmaster of Rugely insured for \$20,000. The denonetheir lives.

Oatmeal, Indian meal and hominy all require two things for perfection-plenty of water when put on to boil and a long time for boiling. Have about two quarts of oiling water in a large stewpan and into it stir a cupful of catmeal which has been wet with cold water. Boil one hour, stirring often, and then add half a spoonful of sait and holl an hour longer. If it should get too stiff, add more boiling water, or if too thin boil a little longer. You cannot beil it too much. The only trouble in cooking oat meal is that it takes a long time, but arely this should not stand in the way when it is so much better for having the extra time. If there is not an abundance of water at first the onimeal will not be very good, no matter how much may be added during the cooking. Cracked wheat is cooked in the same way. - Exchange.

Her Deduction.

Mrs. lituge-Mrs. Nexdoor told me. nce wanted to marry that Miss Upton. She wouldn't have you, I presume.

Mr. Bings-Did Mrs. Nexdoor say Miss Upton refused me? Mrs. Slings-No, she merely remarked

that Miss Upton had always been a very sensible girl.—New York Weekly.

Unfair Fishing. Two cabmen a short time ago had a fish ing match for half a sovereign and drinks.

Suddenly one of the jarvies fancied he had a bite, and being overauxious had the misfortune to fall into the river. On his re-"All bets are off, Jim. None o' yer divin WILYBARNSTORMERS

TRICKS WHICH ARE PLAYED BY IM-PECUNIOUS THESPIANS.

iome of the Mcthode They Use to Take the Guilible Landlord Into Camp-Timely Arrival of the Comedian's Friend-The Truck Trick

Any one who knows the look of the 'barnstormer" can tell him at a glance. It is the fine days that bring him out. Little is seen of him on wet and rainy days, but give Old Sol just half a chance and you wonder at the array of immaculate lines, cigarettes and Prince Alberts exhibited by these fly by night stars, whose ways of securing an existence are as ingenious as they are manifold. The men, with but few exceptions, are burbers or waiters who do not work at their trade, as they are either, too light for heavy work or too heavy for light work. The ladies are as a rule the possessors of good homes, which they desert to follow their cherished calling. A company of Keystone talent leaves

Philadelphia to play the state of New Jersey. Their stock in trade consists of a \$25 bank roll and several bundles-not trunks-of wardrobe, Of course they are in possession of their ability, which is not appreciated by New Jersey natives, and after making several stands, playing, or anything of that sort. She has pursued by angry hotel keepers, they go ashore on the rocks, and with one accord all nows point toward the Quaker City. The ladies have little trouble in securing transportation, as they are experienced in the art of telling the coninctors a story calculated to soften a heart of steel. They ride, and before reaching the Delaware river have "touched" the accommodating ticket puncher for 3 cents each with which to pay their ferry fare.

Not so with the men, as they care not for varnish covered cars, but prefer riding in what is known to the professionals as a side door sleeper, but which the railroad calls a box cur. The comedian has secured possession of his value, which he has expressed to his destination. On reaching home he redeems it from the express company and hies himself to some theatrical hotel, where he secures room and board for a week, at the end of which time he is unable to pay and informs the hotel man that he is expecting to sign with Manager So-and-so and will settle in a day or two. After hearing this song for four weeks the landlord takes charge of his grip and advises him

to find other quarters.

Happy thought! His friend, Tom Blower, has arrived in the city, and as Tom is dressed-in their language-out of sight, our comedian hunts him up. and after a short confab with him Tom can be seen walking in the direction of the hotel fately occupied by Comedy. Reaching there, he calls at the desk for our comedian and is informed by the proprietor that he is not in, whereupon Tom becomes agitated, and in a confidential tone tells the hotel man that he desires to engage Comedy to work the rest of that week, as his comedian has been taken ill. "Why!" he exclains, "I must get him at any price, as he is the only man in the city acquainted with the lines and the finest comedy exponent in the country.' Comedy now strolls in, and Toms falls upon his chest with joy heard by the landlord, to complete the week with him at a salary of \$50. The landlord is happy and already hears the fingle of the simpleons due him.

Tom here informs our friend that he whereupon the landlord is told that his wardrobe is in the grip, which is handed him instanter. He and his friend Tom depart arm in arm. But they never come back.

Several years ago a company stranded near Philadelphia, and all but the leading man returned to New York, he remaining with headquarters at the hotel in which he was stopping, expecting, as he told the country landlord, a money order from his wife. At the end of three weeks no money order had made its appearance, and the Thespian's trunk was taken into the storeroom as security by the hotel man. The day following this move a young lady alighted from the a very short time became acquainted with the leading man. She wanted to buy a trunk. He would sell her one and stated to the innkeeper that he had a chance to sell his trunk and gave him sale should apply on his board bill.

The trunk was removed to the actor's room, where the contents were taken out of it and wrapped in a paper, after which the lady was called in to examine the "keister." She was in love with the style and make of it and paid the actor medical certificates had prevented the life \$10 in cash for the same. The bundles were lowered out of the window by the actor and expressed to Philadelphia. The lady paid her bill at the hotel, amounting to \$1, and that afternoon left for this city in company with the leading man, who was none other than her husband, and in whose pocket quietly reposed the baggage check for his trunk, which the ment in the Cook case consequently saved day before had been the property of the confiding hotel keeper, and who, to this day, had never received a cent from the proceeds of that sale. A common practice followed by these

catch-as-catch-can managers is to give the country hotel keeper an order for the amount of his bill, payable at the box office in the town to be next played, to which place they agree to pay his railroad fare. They reach the town in the early hours of the morning, and the traveling hotel man is put to bed with the company's manager, who lies awake until he is assured that his companion and creditor is sound asleep, when he arises and in a few moments is in possession of the order he has given on the box office, having extracted it from the clothes of the unsuspecting sleeper, who, when he discovers his loss, has nothing left to do but to return home a much wiser man .- Philadelphia Times.

No one can be called educated who has not saif knowledge. It underlies all true wisdom and saves one from calling that virtue in himself which he calls vice in another.

The first newspaper published in Holland appeared on the morning of Jan. 8, 1636. It was called De Weecketycke Conrante Van Europa. It is now the Haarlem Courant.

Great Britain got two of her possessions from pirates—the Leeward islands in Borneo and Sarawak in the northwest of Borneo.

TWO SCHOOLS OF MUSIC.

Mr. Uptowne Platte Graphically Describes Them as He Finds Them.

"Talk abood your different schools of music," said Mr. Uptowens Flatte the other day, "I'll tell you what's a fact, we have representatives in our flat of the two schools which are the most remote from each other at any rate. In the spartment under ours there is one of those democratic go-as-you please um-dab players, and overhead there is a young woman who is the representative of the highest kind of a plassical school."

What kind of a musician did you say you had underneath?" asked the reporter.

"An icuedah player."
"A wast!" asked the man again, more

mystified than over. Why, an usu-dah player, of course Didn't you ever hear one of those flends who sits down at the plane and plays 'Umdair, um-dab, um-dab-dab-dab, um-diddy-ab-dab, um-dab-dab-dab, from morning until night and then from night until

The reporter sadly acknowledged that e had had an experience of that sort.
"But I'll tell you what's a fact," Mr. Flatte rattled on, "the playing of the na skan bloow stairs would make an e machine green with envy. For downright chilliness it heats anything which I have ever beard. A refrigerator must be an unnecessary article in that house. She ought to save money for the family some way, anyhow, because her musical education has cost a small fortune, I suppose It is a genuine circus to see her play, though, and I suppose she takes enough physical exercise at the piano to obviate

siano, and when she begins to play her favorite piece, opus something or other, she begins way down by the bass keys. Bangity, bang! bang!" she begins, and then there is a pause. After what seems to be an interminable time she takes a military post and announce their arrival running slide up to the other end of the sench, and lifting her hand gracefully she touches one of the keys lightly.

he necessity of horseback riding, or tennis

me of these long benches in front of the

"Then she goes in her trance again, only to come out after awhile and repeat the same thing. I was scared when I first heard this, and I had begun to think that she had become suddenly galvanized, or hypnotized, or paralyzed, or something of that sort. I started to run for some water when my wife caught me by the coat tails and told me in a stage whisper to sit down. The player came back to the world again, and the way she pounded those keys was a caution. The man who makes the thunder on the stage wasn't in it with her. This part was short if it wasn't sweet, and then, seeing that there at their sleeves, when they will sit up was going to be another of those painful pauses, I slipped around the corner. She awoke just as I returned. Away she went again from one end of the bench to the other and then back again. I'll give you a pointer on the fact that they were runs. No walking about them. Why, if she had been a boy her mother would have had a fit for fear he would have worn out his trousers.

"I suppose I'm ignorant," he said sadly as he finished his luncheon, "but there is no use of taiking, I couldn't stand it, so I told the landlord that I should find a new flat next month."-New York Tribune.

Mr. Spurgeon's Method.

It was Spurgeon's custom to defer ostenble preparation until Saturday evening. Frequently when visiting him on that, his usual day for seeing friends, I have the other man on their way home. inquired what his subject was to be next morning, and he has replied that he knew no more than myself, and has asked me to suggest a text. Lasked how he would set about it and he said in substance:

"After 6 o'clock family worship I bid my friends good night and take a turn in the garden or my study, revolving several texts. Presently one strikes me, and I write on a page of note paper a brief outlibrary can supply. The language comes when preaching. This for the morning. I do the same on Sunday afternoon for the evening. People say I am original. No; I tremely well aimed shot. Dogs racing use all the good things of others I can lay along the battle front will dodge bullets must report for dress rehearsal at once, hold of. Some of my brethren spend two by running zigzagr and develop a maror three days writing their serms. I have velous talent for taking advantage of this advantage, that I can be reading and every cover, running through the highgetting material all that time."

It would be absurd to infer that he was not original because he made use of the researches and suggestions of other minds. lects. But he never slavishly borrowed or mitated. All that he read and observed, held in solution, crystallized around his and can find their way back home is a own thought and shaped itself to him, not manner not wholly explicable on the All he uttered had become Spurgeonic.-Good Words.

A Wonderful Piece of Furniture.

An inventor has contrived a new combination in furniture. When it stands upright in the drawing room it looks like an easel holding a portfolio that one might easily fancy filled with choice prints. But there is a curious little knob on the top pling of the horses. The dog sentry which, being pressed, lets down the front announce his discovery in a more dis of the portfolio. Instantly a pair of slen-der steel legs let themselves down from somewhere to support the front of the portfolio, which proves to be the shelf of

At back of that are numerous pigeonholes, buxes and all kinds of conveniences for holding things, together with ink after a pause of allence and keen atter stands, pencils, rulers, calendar and all the tion will announce his suspicion by his other equipments of a reliable desk. In growls, getting more frequent rathet the top of the easel frame also is set a tiny clock, like the watches set in ladies' brace lets, only larger. Another easel of the same design lets down into a dressing table, with much pale blue upholstery, and a large beveled mirror and many brushes, boxes and all kinds of appliances develop, of the wind, and infantry from nearly -Cahinetmaker.

Ancient Objects as Amnlets. Ancient objects of various kinds are util- to and fro or crouching down and jump ized as amulets, some charm being imag-ined to belong to them. Thus the little cylinders of stone which the Babylonians of old employed for seals are often seen dangling from watch chains. For the same purpose jewelers mount in gold or silver small fossil trilobites-crustaceans found in rocks that were formed perhaps 10,000,000 years ago, the ancestors of modern lobsters and crabs. - Washington Star.

Anglomenia. Chollie-Oh, she is perfectly lovely! She paid me such a compilment. Fweddie-What was it?

Chollie-She said I was so un-American Fweddie-How delightful!-Detroit Free A Limit to His Devotion.

"Dabbles is passionately fond of art," remarked the young man. "Yes," replied the peppery girl, "and yet not fond enough to stop trying to make pletures."-Washington Star.

Handers-Doctor, I'm getting so near sighted that I can't recognize people in the street. What shall I do for it? The Doctor-Why not pay your debta?-Elmira Gazette.

They Knew Him. Robbins (a very poor shot)-These birds seem to be very tame.

Lawson—Yes. You must have been out.

here shooting before. - Truth. No Alternative.

Clara-Don't you think he is lovef Maud-That may be, my dear, but he's toe wealthy not to .- Hella

DOGS FOR USE IN WAR

HOW THEY ARE TRAINED IN A UT. TLE TOWN IN AUSTRIA

The Intelligence They Display Is Simply Marrelous - How They Hunt Out and San cor the Wounded and Lost-Scenting in Enemy When Five Miles Away.

Some 80 miles west of Victors thele. tle market town of Wels nestles in the foothills of the Austrian Alps, which here rise in hold cliffs from the banks of the Traun.

The forests of the neighborhood are too open to harbor much game, but, stranger stopping at the summer bad of the little town might easily be led to believe that the citizens must be the most indefatigable hunters of the Amtro-Hungarian empire. From memis till night, and sometimes till long after dark, he may hear the echo of shots and the barking and howling of dogs approaching the fown or dying awayis the distant hills, and occasionally as swered from far and near, as if all the sportsmen of the northern Alps had not in convention.

For this is one of the stations where Kriegsbunde-war dogs-are trained,

The plan of training does for military purposes was first adopted by the French garrisons in Algiers, but has since been tried with great success in Prussia, Italy and especially in Austria, where four footed messengers have for many years been taught to carry letters to the snow bound villages of the Alpine highlands The shaggy collies used for that par year make the best war dogs and can be trained to race in a bee line to the next by a peculiar bark that is at once recopnized and answered by the shout of a

sentry. They will also range a long chain of hills in quest of wounded soldiers, and either dash back to report their discoreries or stand guard at the side of the cripple till an ambulance party coms near enough to be signaled by a long drawn howl.

Trainers send out three or four of their shaggy pupils at once and ascertain their proficiency by all sorts of ingenious tem Soldiers instructed to act the part of helpless cripples will hide in thickets or caverus and keep still till the dog tags and reward his sagacity with a piece of 8033802°C

They then try to rise, but pretend tals too weak to walk or even to shoot and ask the dog to call for assistance. If his is near, Collie will set up a loud howl, repeated at shorter and shorter intervals. till the signal is answered from the niley below. If his appeals should remain unheeded, he will mount the next rock and look about as if to impress the layer the land on his mind, and then dash of

to summon help from headquarters. Should two cripples intimate their need of aid at the same time, Collie will guide the rescuing party to the hiding place of the one farthest away, and he them to pick up or somehow assist the

Messenger dogs carry letters in a small bag wrapped around their collar and will permit only the proper officials to touch that collar. A noncommissioned officer. displaying the insignia of his rank, may venture to remove the bag, but the dog will follow him and see to it that he gets him an answer.

Private soldiers are "stood off" with a uniform of the enemy cannot stopus messenger with amything but an erest grass or along the safe side of rocks

and fallen trees. Picket post doors are selected from a different breed. The half shepherd, laif wolf dogs that carry letters and hum to cripples are not entirely devoid of sest manner not wholly explicable on the theory of keen eyesight. But for diciency in the role of sentries they yield the palm to a species of deerhounds that

do their best work after dark. On picket duty a well trained senting of that bread will scent the approach a a troop of cavalry before a man, with his ear on the ground, can hear the trancreet way than the Scotch widow wh screamed through the citadel of Luck now when her "inner ear" heard the ap proaching bagpipe of the McGregers Phylax on scenting danger will step up close to his uniformed companion, and than louder, as the cause for alarm be-

comes more unmistakable. The best dogs of that breed have "challenged" cavalry from a distance of three to five miles, according to the direction two miles. They can be trained to announce the approach of a known friend in a quite different way-viz, by leaping ing up by turns, but without the wars ing growl of the danger signal .- F. L. Oswald in Youth's Companion.

A Massage Stone. A "massage stone" is coming into use

in England that is made of ungland china and provided with a sort of dorsal lump for holding in the hand and has the rubbing surface slightly undulated. not to say ridged. The stone is white and even when used on recently washed skin it soon becomes darkened, showing that it squeezes a good deal of material from the pores - London Letter.

Suicide.

Jumpuppe-I have just hit on a difnition for a suicide. Jasper-What is it? Jumpuppe-A suicide is a man who cannot bury his troubles without bury ing himself with them .- New York Her-

Garden Hose in Paris. The hose used in sprinkling the plazas of Paris is a queer contrivance. It consists of lengths of iron pipe, each length mount

ed at the end on short axles having two small wheels and the lengths joined to gether by short pieces of flexible hose. New York Sun. Saving Labor.

Young Housewife (in the kitchen) - Cook what are you doing there? Cook-I'm washing the fish. Young Housewife-Oh, that's totally are necessary. It has been all its life to the water. - London Tis Rits.