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HE NEVER FOUND IT OUT.

Pathetic Tale of a Lost Pocketbook and a Charming Gown.

"What a charming gown that is!" cried the young woman with the picture hat. "I only wish I had one like it, but I never could afford it."

"Neither could I, my dear, if I hadn's

lost my pocketbook." "Good gracious, prosperity has af-fected your mind! I don't see how."

"Well, you see, Albert gave me the money to buy a gown. I told him it was not half enough, but he protested it was every cent he could afford. I cried for two days about it, and as he didn's give in then I concluded he was really telling the trath, so I started out to do the best I could. I went to every dry goods store in town and never worked so hard in my life, but I couldn't find what I wanted at the price. Finally in despair I decided to take the first piece I had looked at, and oh, Laura, imagine my horror to find when the clerk had cut off that pattern that I had lost my pocketbook!"

"How perfectly awful!"

"Wasn't it? I thought I should dia I knew I would have to tell Albert all about it some time, so I rashed around to his office to tell him in the presence of strangers, when he could not say anything dreadful. I wept and accused myself of carelessness, when he said he would advertise, for I couldn't remumber when I had it last nor how much money was in it. His partner was there, and he seemed to feel so sorry for me-he's an old bachelor-that Albert didn's soold much and actually gave me the money the second time."

"And you went and got the gown?"

It over." "But you never got that gown

"No, I didn't. The fact is, I found my pocketbook on the hall table where ad left it when I took out my car

much in the cars."

found it out?" 'He would have said a great deal if

he had found it out, but he never did. I knew he'd scold me for carelessness if and bought my gown. I'm so glad you like it, dear!"-Chicago Tribune.

Tariff of Wives.

In the earliest times of purchase a Miss Mary Proctor Takes Little Stock In woman was bartered for useful goods or for services rendered to her father. In this latter way Jacob purchased Rachel or horses; in Africa, cattle.

A poor Damara will sell a daughter for a cow. A richer Kaffr expects from three to \$0. With the Banyai, if noth-its atmospheric condition has changed so much that life of the character familiar ing be given, her family claim her chil- to the people of the earth could not now dren. In Uganda, where no marriage recently existed, she may be obtained for half a dozen needles, or a coat, or a pair intended as signals to attract the attenof shoes. An ordinary price is a box of then of our eyes. Miss Prostor enjoyed unrivaled opp percussion caps. In other parts a goat or a couple of buckskins will buy a girl nitics for the study of astronomy with her Passing to Asia, we find her price is distinguished father, and she is now winransing to Ania, we find har price is sometimes 5 to 50 rubles, or at others a cartload of wood or hay. A princess may be purchased for 8,000 rubles. In Tartary a womm can be obtained In Tartary a woman can be obtained

A GREAT LEGAL LUMINARY.

aful Career of President Carter of the American Bar Association.

"As a cogent and analytical reasoner h a without a rival," is the tribute New

is without a rive, is the tribule New York lawyers pay to the genius of James C. Carter, who was ressilly elected pre-ident of the American Bar association Lawyers love to hear him talk, and his appearance in court always draws a throng o interacted members of the profession. If is a man of cultue and profound learning a classical scholar and a close student of history, but not a jury lawyer. The aver-age jury would doubtless consider him somewhat prosy for the reason that what he said would be beyond them. His great arongth is displayed in his crudite and ogical arguments before the general term adges and the judges of the court of appeals or before such a learned body as the arbitrators in the great international Be ting sea dispute between Great Britain and

the United States. Mr. Carter was born in Lancaster, Mass. Oct. 14, 1827. He was educated at Derby academy, Hingham, Mass., and at the Harvard law school, and was admitted to the bar in 1858. Faithful study, hard work



and a natural talent for the law soon placed him on the high road to success. His fame is now international, and he is recognized as one of America's most tal-ented and learned lawyers. His counsel "Well, no. I had changed my mind about that piece of goods, it had such and international questions of grave im-cheap look, so I just went home to think port, and his clients rarely have a bill of

port, and his clients rarely have a bill of costs to pay providing they have a case of any strength to begin with. The most famous case with which his name has ever been connected was the great Alaska seal controversy between Great Britain and the United States pre-viously referred to. Mr. Carter was counfare to put in my glove. I am so careful sei for the United States, and during of money that I don't like to display the great legal battle before the arbitrator. he more than held his own with Sin "And what did Albert say when he Charles Russell, counsel for Great Britain and now lord chief justice of England. During the argument of the momentous questions involved the English press and the members of the commission pronounc-I knew he'd scold me for carelessness if I told him, so I just kept all the money and bought my gown. I'm so glad you the it dannie in the standard standpoints that was delivered by any of the eminent counsel engaged in the case.

NO SIGNALS FROM MARS.

the Popular Theory.

Miss Mary Proctor, the talented daugh this latter way Jacob purchased Rachel and her sister Leah. This was a Beena marriage, where a man, as in Genesis, leaves his father and his mother and cleaves unto his wife, and they become one flesh or kin-the woman's. The on the red planet to do the signaling price of a bride in British Columbia and "You can see how senseless the theory is, price of a bride in British Columbia and Vancouver island varies from £20 to £40 worth of articles. In Oregon an Indian gives for her horses, blankets or buffalo robes; in California, shell money

exist there. She also discountenances the theory that the double canals on Mars are

PECULIAR READERS.

SEEDY MEN WHO EAGERLY SEARCH WANT ADVERTISEMENTS.

Thousands of Residents of New York City Who Dally Peruse Those Columns of the City Papers Headed "Help Wanted." Many of Them Never Answer an "Ad."

Every morning in the year, Sundays and holidays excepted, from 10,000 to 12,000 able bodied men of military serving age peruse with apparent interest and concern, but with no expectation of betterment, the newspaper advertisements of "Help Wan ed." These same persons have been doin, this uninterruptedly for many years. Every one who knows anything about New York knows that the residents of the Bowery. Park row and Third avenue todging boness are great readers. A taste for periodical are great readers. A taste for periodical literature and a distaste for protracted is bor are their two best known attributes.

Every logging house tramp in New York, with scarcely an exception, is a fervent newspaper render. Just as soon as he has skimmed over the headlines of information from other countries and other cities of the

United States, he turns his attention to the "want advertisements" and reads these carefully. Indeed, any clerk of a lodging house will tell you that the portions of newspapers not containing these advertise-ments are often thrown away, while the lodging bouse patrons seek those papers especially in which such advertisements are a feature

But the remarkable part of it all is that merely read the announcements over, noth ing more. Thus a Bowery lodger will early in the morning have every want "ad" in the newspaper read, but should you be able to overtake him at noon and inquire how many places he has visited in search of he will shake his head ruefully as he for employment until tomorrow or the day

after. It is not, however, in lodging houses only that this strange craze for reading over la bor "wants" exists. You will find it in an equally pronounced form in any of the pub-lic libraries, where men wait their turn to peruse the advertising columns of news papers, while the ordinary reading matter is neglected. Ask one of these library pa trons how long he has been reading such announcements, and he will tell you the number of months or of years, as the case

may be. Ask him if he has ever secured a positio as the result of his reading, and he will shake his head. Ask him if he has ever tried to get a position which has been ad vertised, and he will also shake his head. Finally ask him why he does not at that moment start out and answer in person some of the advertisements. He will point to his clothes and say sadly, "How could a man with such an outfit expect to get a place?" If you are of a curious frame of occur to you when you started to read the troit Free Press. advertisements this morning?" You will get no answer. Your question brings the

where a close. What is true of the lodging houses and

the public libraries is true also of the parks, ferrybasts, street cars and cheap sa loons. Among a certain class of mem ployed men nothing in the way of period ical literature is so popular as the "want ads," but here again the case is the same Those who read them most diligently and most regularly never seek the positions which apparently they covet. Their re-scurches end with the perusal of the adver-tisements. They learn from these where help is wanted, and often what is paid for services of a certain specified sort, but this

routine of advertisement reading is gone

WEAKNESS OF HUMAN NATURE.

"Do you remember me?" inquired the man as he quietly slipped up to the city ditor's desk.

"I can't say that I do," replied the city editor, looking him over carefully. "You remember I was in here some time ago giving policies of insurance on bunches of keys?"

"Oh, yes, I remember now. I took

"Of course. All wise men do. At the same time, if you recall it, I told you I all the stories told of him are true, the had a great scheme for insuring umbrel- Brunswickers do well to be in a state of las on the same plan?"

come out? The man threw up his hands hope-

mly.

"Well," he said, "before that week was out I had my umbrelka insurance and in spite of the fact that all his powers company at work, with agents all over save this one, are as little developed as town. The success was immediate and phenomenal. Everybody wanted to in-

cents a year. The amount to be paid to persons returning lost umbrellas was \$3 like mental habit and stiainments, and "Ta persons returning lost umbrellas was \$3 -about the average price of an umbrella a man doesn't like to lose, you know. Agents turned in policies by the pocket-fuls the first week. I hadn't any idea Otto was but about 15 months old. He there were as many half dollars in circu- had just begun to talk then. lation as I received at my office. Second when his parents took him out for an air-

while all the lodgers diligently read all the "want ads," not 1 in 50 ever responds to the demands of the advertiser by calling. They week it was still going. Fourth week it rained. Fifth week umbrellas began coming in. I didn't know there were so

"Sixth week it was worse, and I began to investigate. Watched the people looks askance at the free lunch counter who brought them in and got the \$3. and tell you that he has postponed search Mostly people above suspicion-to look at. Discovered they had been stealing

them; always picked out one with our of people there reaching half way around the block waiting to get in. There isn't

Senator Perry J. Lewis tells a story on Congressman Joe Bailey, for which, however, he quotes Senator A. M. Carter of Fort Worth as authority.

"One day," said Lewis, "Carter and Joe Bailey were standing on the stree: when they saw approaching them a darky mounted on a frisky and spirited horse, whose fine appearance caught the horseflesh. Carter hailed the darky and "That's a pretty spirited animal you discovered that there were books and newspapers in the house of his parents, remarked:

A SMALL KINDNESS. BRIGHT CHILD OTTO.

AT THE AGE OF 21 MONTHS HE READS WHATEVER HE SEES.

file Father Is a Butcher and His Mother Not Learned - They Feared Lest Their Babe's Proceety Meant Bodily Disease,

but the Doctors Said Not. They are having no end of exciten in Brunswick, Germany, over a lettered baby. This youngster's name is Otto Pochler, and he is but 21 months old. If

as on the same plan?" "I believe I do recall it. How did it ome out?" The man threw up his hands hope-tright, notwithstanding his tender age, as on the same plan?"

after he has once mastered the alphabet in which the matter is written or printed,

OTTO POEHLER, PRODICY.

tile eyes rested and finally made it cle

that he was anxious to be told their me

phenomenal. Everybody wanted to in-sure his umbrella. The premium was 50 Well to do as German butchers go, is not

week they kept coming, and I began to think of plans for a great building on signs and placards upon which his infan-



tag on it. Didn't know there were so many people who thought it no sin to steal an umbrella; never thought of that when I got up the company; wasn't an umbrella in the lot worth \$3: didn't know so many people wore cheap umbrellas; something rotten in Denmark. Just come up here from my office; string

money enough left in the fund to buy a ferry ticket with. I've come here to see if you won't lend me that amount. I'm not going back, but I notice in the paper that Mr. Dingbat, the well known president of the Umbrella Insurance company, having been suddenly the instruction given. called to China, left this morning by A day or two later he was sent out over way of Windsor and Quobec. Do I get the price of a ferry ticket? Thanks." mind and desire to further prolong the con versation, you will add, "Didn't that fact in a condition of partial paralysis.-De-And he went out, leaving the city editor

One on Joe Bailey.

isfaction words containing it that were fancy of Carter, who is a lover of fine read to him. The next day the precoclous youngste

are riding, old man. Is he a good run-ner?" ""Well, no, sah, he isn't much of a runnin hoss,' replied the rider.

runnin hoss,' replied the rider. cannot

The Gentle Little Wessan Who Gave It Re ceived a Big Reward Many years ago, when sewing ma-

they had been invented, a little elderly bachelog entered the parlor of his boarding house and in a way peculiar to himself made this request: "Which of you ladies will hem a con

ple of handkerchiefs for me?" There was a well bred sniff of disapproval, but not one assenting voice. The

ed from 1844 to 1847, the French army only one that broke the silence recomwere more in danger from African feaded him to take the handkerchiefs vers than from Algerian enomies. Sev. to a scamstress who attended to such eral things were tried as antidetes or work

proventives by the skillful army physi-"It's pretty lonesome to have no women folk belonging to you," said the clans. Finally absinthe was hit on as eld bachelor, "but I guess I can get the most effective fabrifuge, along. Thank you, ladies, for your kind- The soldiers were ordered The soldiers were ordered to min it

in small quantities three times a day ' and he bowed himself out. These At the same moment a timid hand with the ordinary French wine. The detained him, and a low voice said in luckless happy-go-lucky privates grow his car: to like their medicine, which at first "Leave them with me. I-I will see they swore at bitterly for spoiling with

that they are hemmed neatly. I have a they swore at bitterly for spoiling with friend who will do them-for com- its bitterness that beautiful purplevine. gar they fondly fancy is wine. But

"Take them," said the old bachelor when absinthe alone began to usurp that gruffly; "much obliged, I'm sure."

time honored place of claret in the af-She was a gentlewoman, although fections of the French army the evil heshe sewed for a living, as all women did came an unmixed one. in that day who did not teach school. Absinthe straight as a beverage is a direly different thing from absintha

She replied not to jeers of her companions when she sat in the parlor at her work, except to say that it was a small thing to do for a fellow being.

tonic. The victorious army on their "But he is a miser," they persisted. Nevertheless the handkerchiefs were triumphal roturn to Paris brought the habit with them. It is now so widespread through all classes of Parisian hemmed and returned to the owner, who did not offer to pay for them, but society-and Paris gives the eno to France-that Frenchmen of solerow and did within the year marry the gentle publicists regard the custom of absinthe soul who hemmed them.

The thereafter of their married life tippling as a vast national evil. reads like a fairy story. Both have passed away from the prosperity which surrounded them, but in the heart of the city of Boston there is a marble in France disastrous to a dreadful deblock that was built with the accumulated interest of the fortune bequeathed to their son, who is no other than Montgomery Sears, the millionaire. This story, unlike most stories, is true .- Detroit Free Press.

LORD RUSSELL'S BASHFULNESS.

hair the same tint as the beverage that The Great English Barrister Was Quite corroded his brain, possibly from an Diffident In His Youth.

odd fancy to have the outside of his In his "Journalist's Notebook" Mr. head correspond with or match the in-

Frankfort Moore tells a story of the side early life of Lord Russell. It may, he says, surprise some of those persons who have been unfortunate enough to find Byron, plus a tenderer, naiver touch, ing. It was not an easy thing to do this. nother says, but it was finally accom also fell a victim to the drug after themselves witnesses for the prosecution plished through perseverance, the child lis-tening with open mouth and wide eyes to George Sand gave the final smash to his in cases where Lord Russell has appeared fragmentary heart. Guy do Maupassant for the defense to learn that in his is reported to have burned his brains young days he was exceedingly shy. He away with the same emeraldine flames. the same route in charge of a servant, when he insisted that she should stop the has lost a good deal of his early diffi The brain disease caused by this drug is dence, or, at any rate, he manages to perambulator wherein she was pushing him prevent it betraying itself in such a way to read off the words on signs and placards that had before been explained to him. than alcohol or opium, it can only be as might tend to embarrass a hostile witness. As a rule, witnesses do not This done, he called for further reading its clutch on poor humanity. find that bashfulness is the most prombut the girl had read enough, in her judg-ment, and refused. At this Otto cried and inent characteristic of his cross examiafter dinner settler of digestive debts in

got red in the face, attracting the atten-tion of a passing gentleman, who asked the cause of the child's complaint. Being told, the gentleman read for Otto, who exnation But I learn from an associate of Lord Russell's that when his name appeared on the list to propose or to respond to a toast at one of the dinners of a patriotic hibited the liveliest manifestations of de light. Then there was a little lesson . society of which my informant as well the boy's request, Otto appearing to be especially pleased with the letter "D," reas Lord Russell was a member he would

What, then, is this dreadful drink spend the day nervously walking about composed of, and how is it made? The the streets and apparently quite unable answer is easy enough, though the procto collect his thoughts. Upon one occaess, to insure perfection in the evil, is sion the prond duty devolved upon him not so. Absinthe may be technically of responding to the toast, "Ireland a described as a redistillation of alcoholio Nation." Late in the afternoon my inspirits (made originally from various formant found him in a condition of things - potatoes, for instance), in disorderly perturbation and declaring that he had no idea of what he should which, to give it the final character, absinthium with other aromatic herbs say, and he felt certain that, unle

AWFUL ABSINTHE.

THE HORRIBLE DRUG WHICH IS POP-ULAR IN FRANCE.

Its Chief Ingredient Is Wormwood, and It

Poisons the Body and Burns Away the

Brains of Its Victims-The Wickedssi in-

During the Algerian war, which last-

mixed as a medicine or an occasional

The consequence of the use-and use

gree. Many men of remarkable bril.

their lives on the livid altar of absinthe.

Baudelaire, who translated all Poe's

works into French, had a terribly gro-

tesque passion for the plensant green poison. In one of his mad freaks this

minor French poet actually painted his

Alfred do Musset, who was the French

considered almost incurable. Far worse

compared to cocaine for the fellnom of

Yet we take it occasionally as an

this country, and quite often as an ap-

petizer or tonic before meals, while in

New Orleans, throughout the older quar-

ter, little cabarets, devoted almost ex-

clusively to the sale of it, are quite

liancy have offered up their brains and

toxicant In the World.

for a few pounds of butter, or where a rich man gives 20 small oxen a poor man may succeed with a pig. In Fiji her equivalent is a whale's tooth or a musket. These and similar prices else where are eloquent testimony to the little value a savage sets on his wife. Her charms vanish with her girlhood. She is usually married while a child, and through her cruel slavery and bitter life she often becomes old and repulsive at 25. -- Westminster Roview.

Sewage In Germany.

The claim is made for Germany of having the most complete and successful system of sewage disposal of any country on the continent of Europe. In Berlin, where the features of this system are so perfectly represented, the drains from the houses receive both the rainwater, the refuse water from the kitchen, etc., and the contents of the her father married an American lady, and which, by a natural fall, they pass to a dozen different pumping stations with-in the area of the town. From these the sewage, through the medium of combined force and suction pumps, procoods through pipes of 3 feet or still greater diameter to the land which the corporation of Berlin possesses, the material thence making its final exit through a system of conduits so arranged that, before reaching them, is parted with all its manurial power to the soil through which it is mi pass. The sewage water thus filtered eaches the river through the natural fall of the conduits in a comparatively purified state-New York Sun.

With Your Cup of Coffee.

The invalid who is tired of taking her egg tonic with sherry, and who dislikes the taste of a raw egg, may be glad to know that the egg may be effectually disguised in a cup of coffee. Prepare the coffee to the taste, with cream and sugar, keeping it very hot until ready for the egg, which must be beaten thoroughly in another cup, and the prepased coffee added by degrees to it. Drink it hot, and you will find it not only pala-table, but strengthening.—Philadelphia Times.

Baked Milk.

Put milk in an earthenware jar. Cover the opening with thick paper and bake in a moderate oven until the milk is as thick as cream. This is often palatable to invalids who do not care for milk -- New York World.

The capitol at Washington has cost more than \$20,000,000. It covers 314 acres, the dense is 307 fost high and 183 in di-ameter and is exceeded in size only by St. Feiser's in Rome, St. Paul's in London, Invalides in Paris and St. Isaac's in



MISS MARY PROCTOR.

water closets, conducting them to an the family came to the United States and arrangement of radial sewers, through made their home in St. Joseph, Mo., four years later. She made her debut as a lo turer at the Children's building at the World's fair.

On this occasion a stereopticon used, which fact necessitated the darkening of the building, and the young lec-turer, to her dismay, was compelled to face her first audience without a single note to aid her. She succeeded in passing through the ordeal successfully, and the experience led her to lecture without no She does not talk over the heads of her udlences, but presents great astronomical facts in such a simple, unpedantic man ner that a child may grasp her meaning She has spent many an hour in the ob-servatory with her father delving into the mysterics of immeasurable space and has become an enthusiastic and intelligent dudent of the wonders of the "giant sun

and his family" and the mysteries of the fixed stars—stars so many billion miles distant that if they should be snuffed out today their rays of light already on routs to the earth would continue to reach us for a score or more years after the stars themselves had ceased to shine.

The Animal In Man

When we speak of the animal in man, we do not necessarily dishonor ourselves. To be descended from and to inherit the fine To quality of altruistic love is our glory. I many that selfishness among miraals is, as a rule, the more lack of power to assist. One of the most valuable powers we have is neglected. I mean that of learning to understand animal language. They desire our co-operation as much as we theirs. Prince Krapotkie has not had too much stress on the fact that animal life is not so much a strongle for existence as it is a straggle to help others to exist. -St. Louis Giobe-Democrat.

The Only Kind.

Practical Father—I told you to oll the easters of that table so they would not squark, but you have not done it. Dutiful Son—I couldn't find the caster oll.—Good News.

In the tenement house neighborhoods o the east or west side of town, any news dealer will tell you that he has certain regu

lar customers for the cheaper priced papers who have for many years perused the ad vertised vacancies in employers' service A considerable number of these men, while out of work, are not the victims of penury or applicants for assistance on that ac count. One is a lodger in a house, long in arrears. Another resides with a mother a sister, a brother-in-law or a cousin. Still another is waiting for the return of "the busy season." A fourth has been laid up with a serious sickness, from the effects of with a serious sickness, from the effects of which he has but recently recovered. A fifth has lost his job, temporarily, as he says, and is only waiting to be called back All these men, the gross number of them mounting high into the thousands, are look ing for work. They read the want adver-tisements as a bounden duty, but though each call for his favorits advertising me each calls for his favorite advertising me

dium every morning he may constantly be seen in the vicinity throughout the day. and makes no effort whatever to respond to the advertisements which he reads. "You see that nigger," said a newsm on First avenue to a man who happened to be in the same vicinity when the conversa-tion took place. "He has been buying a pa-perto read the 'want ads' from me for seven

years, and the only work I have known him to do in that time has come to him from relatives or neighbors, and not as the result of anything he reads. Notwith tanding this he would as soon go without a night's sleep as his morning paper, and if the advertising sheet is missing from it be kicks like a steer?" It is not to be inferred that a majority of

those who read "want ads" in New York papers do not actually seek employment. The great majority do; the great majority The great majority do, the great majority get it. No man who has stood at the door of a New York shop, salesroom, factory or store, and watched the eager faces of the crowds who, soon after sunrise, gather about the entrance in response to an ad vertisement, could ever for one moment deny that the great majority of men out of work are but too eager to get again into the haroese, but it is worth remarking that the

harness, but it is worth remarking that the feelings which actuate them do not extend to many members of the lodging house contingent. This is a big town, and all kinds of people go to make up its popula-tion.-New York San.

An Oak Tree In Full Leaf In Winter. in the Goyt valley, about two miles from Whaley bridge, there is an old oak tree which has not yet lost last year's leaves. Every twig and branch is still densely covered, comparatively very few having fallen since the summer. Even

the late intense frost does not seem to nave affected them or lessened them in the least. They are of course quite brown and crisp, but the stalks are yet quiteelastic and pliable and adhere very tena ciously to the stems. It requires a good pull to detach them. The tree presents heightened by contrast with those sur rounding it, all bare and leafless.-Loudon Tit-Bits.

Peace In Europe.

Europe seems to be more peacefully disposed at this time than it has been at some other times not far in the past.

The nations over there had better not begin fighting. It would be dangerous an usher a rival whom he sees standing for them to do so. All the rulers declare that they are anxious for the mainte-nance of peace; they will show sound sense by maintaining it.-New York Sun.

""Oh, then he is a good trotter, I suppose,' remarked Carter. "'No, sah, he ain't no trotter neither,'

said Scipio Africanus. " 'Oh, I see,' ejaculated Carter; 'he is a

No. 1 pacer.' "'No, sah, dis hoss ain't no trotter,

nor he ain't no pacer needer.' "Well, what is he fit for anyhow?" asked Carter.

"Just ter prance aroun an look fine, boss,' replied the darky, 'an dat's why I has outen a compliment named him arter Marse Joe Bailey dar.'" - Galveston News.

Miss Russell's Fondness For Poker

I am informed that one reason of the little rift within the Perugini lute congolden diva has devoted much study. She likes a game of poker and plays it on the strict rules laid down by General Schenck. Her parties for this diversion are usually composed of four or five people, each of whom is a millionaire. But Miss Russell's income averages \$50,000, and she can afford to play. The limit is high and the betting lively. Signor Perugini, whose salary is only \$150 a week, could not sit down at such a game without risking his entire week's earnings. Consequently he was ruled ter for a German paper. "I can make out to solace himself with sen- the letters, but I don't know the words." timental arias up stairs while his wife timental arias up stairs while his wife was winning or losing a fortune down stairs. This isolation brought dis-quietude to his thoughts, and next morn-

ing he was perhaps not so cheerful a is something that has already marked him companion as a diva would wish at the as a being different from other babies breakfast table. -New York Press.

A Scene of Horror at a Funeral

A terrible accident occurred at the funeral of A. Scriber at Lamson's. The service was being held at Jacob Scriber's residence, when the floor of the dwelling suddenly gave way, and the coffin and inr. shricks of nervous women, together with

witnessed will never forget. To add to easy. the horror, a stove filled with burning coals fell and burst among the victims who were pinned down in the debris. Fortunately no one was killed, nor, it is hoped, fatally injured.-Cor. Utica (N L) Herald and Gazetta.

A Big Concern.

A commercial traveler was bragging about the magnitude of the firm he represented.

"I suppose your house is a pretty big establishment?" said the customer. "Big? You can't have any idea of its remarkable appearance, which is dimensions. Last week we took an in-

four bookkeepers were missing. That will give you some idea of the magnitude of our business."-Manches Guardian.

English Smartz.

First Swell (pretending to mistake for in dress clothes at the costroom of the

given to him. He succeeded in learning the German alphabet in three or four days by asking the names of the letters of who over happened to be nearest him. His par ents thought the whole matter so strang that shortly after they first noted his prococity they took him to the doctors to in quire if it carried with it any bodily weak-

ating many times and with evident ant

The doctors tested the child's temper by offering him the choice of books and pa pers or apples and cherries. He showed every symptom of delight when he saw the fruit, as any other child of his age would do, but when he saw the reading matter he left the basket at once, his eye shiping with the intensity of his joy and the former childlike expression of his countenance being immediately supplanted by a look of preternatural shrewdness. H to appreciate it!"

seized the books with all the energy of his sisted in Miss Russell's predilection for small person and began to read. noker. This is a science to which the At many of the long words he stumbled

and more than once was more than hope lessly stuck. This seemed to annoy him greatly, and he gave vent to his disap pointment in short impatient cries. All the books at first shown to him were printed in the German text. After a little some Latin works printed in the Roman type were handed to him. These we are told puz zled him not a little. He seemed to but hall comprehend them. Then he asked this question, truly astonishing to come from lips so immature as his:

"What is it?" and added, according to the faithful scribe, who reported the mat When there are no newspapers or books within reach, however, he seems to be satisfied with the things that usually enfected. "---Cincinnati Enquirer. gage the attention of little children, but let a bit of print be shown, and he forsakes his whistles and rattles instantly. He can hardly walk as yet, and he still nurses at

his mother's breast. From the doctor's the child was taken the people were precipitated into the cel. home in a street car, where he manifested The cries of the injured and the a tremendous amount of indignation be cause there was no lettering on its win the presence of the dead, combined in creating a scene of herror that those who vitnessed will maker forward. To add to

> This was not at all surprising," the gentleman said afterward, "for they were written in a shockingly had hand."

The doctors say there is no reason for Otto's parents to werry about his physical health, though they believe he is the most proceedious child on record. Herr and Frau Pochler claim to have no desire to exhibit the infant prodigy, and, as may be imag-ined, a number of German scientists have hown great interest in him. They pro pose to watch over his mental dev and if possible prevent its taking an un-

"Why are you so naughty, Johrnief It seems to me that with mamma worn of and papa with a broken arm you migs

Mexico has one evidence of civilization every city, in nearly every town, there are attractive bathhouses. However uses the town may be otherwise, the public bath-house is preity sure to be neat and struct-ive.

and bitter roots are ground up, or mail got the help of the man who afterward erated, in chemist lingo.

The chief ingredient is the tops and leaves of the herb Artemisia abainthium, or wormwood, which grows from two to four feet in great profusion under cultivation, and which contains a volatile oil, absinthol, and a yellow, crystalline, resinous compound called ab sinthin, which is the bitter principle. The alcohol with which this and the essentials of other arounatio plants are mixed holds these volatile oils in solu-

It is the precipitation of these oils in water that causes the rich clouding of your glass when the absinthe is poured on the cracked fee-don' le emblems or warnings of the clouding and the cruckling of your brain if you take to it steadily. Thus every drink of the opaline liquid is an object lesson in chemistry

Some barroom Columbus, ambitious to outdo Dante and add another lower circle to the inferno, recently invented or discovered the absinthe cocktail. A little whisky-the worse the better-a dash of bitters, a little sugar and plenty of feed absinthe make about the quickest and wickedest intoxicant in the world. The continued use of absinthe gives rise to epileptic symptoms as an external expression of the profound disturbance of the brain and nerves. One large dose of the essence of the wormwood indeed has been noted as causing almost instantly epileptiform convulsions in animals. But the drug is not without its uses from a broad point of view. As the name im plies, it is an anthelmintic, or a protiv sure cure for certain kinds of anima life that sometimes infest the intestines

peculiar property was well known to the Greeks, who had a wine infused Birds of the Woods and Grass Lands. Among our eastern American birds the

warblers, tanagers, vireos, shrikes, wax-In some parts of Germany wormwood wings, tyrant flycatchers, the woodland group of thrushes, crows, jays and wood-pockers are all tree lovers, for the most part is used in lien of hops for the browing of certain brands of beer, and it unques tionably has valuable tonic properties. nesting in trees, and if on or near the ground usually in the depths of tangled Absinthe is made almost everywhere, around using in the depths of tangled underwood. On the other hand, a number of species belonging to the large family of the finches (sparrows, buntings, etc.) are strictly birds of the grass lands, and this is true also of some members of the closely allied family of starlings, blackbirds and orioles, notably in the case of the fidel lark except in the extreme tropics, and the New York variety is just as good-or had-as any. The duty on French absinthe is very high-\$12 a case of a dozen bottles.

serenity of temper and a slight heightening of the mental powers, coupled with bodily inertia. This is the general

Whooping cough may often he recon nized in the early stages (before the couch has become characteristic) by the baby's dread of light, inability to bear light and by dilation of the pupil of the eye.

Keep the milk for the bables pure by boiling and refrigerating, and see that it is fresh. Wholesome as is this article of diet, disease lurks in it when it is not well kept.

It is the sensitive, nervous girl who blushes easily, while the girl stolid by ne-ture or who by education has her nerves under perfect control seldom blushes.

kry to be good." "Hoh!" said Johnnie. "That's just the time to be bud. No one can lick us for it." -Harper's Bazar. that some other civilized countries lack. In

ventory of the employees and found ont for the first time that three cashiers and

etrical course.

The Best Time.

became my informant, he must inevitably break down. "I laughed at him," said the gentle man who had the courage to tell the

The Coming Railroad Engine.

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story which I have the courage to repeat, "and did my best to give him confidence. 'Sure, any fool could respond to Ireland a nation, and you'll dc as well as any other.' But even this didn't give courage," continued my in-formant, "and I had to sit down and give him the chief points to touch on in his speech. He wrung my hand, and tion. in the evening he made a fine speech,

sir. Man, but it was a pity that there weren't more of the party sober enough "The railroad engine of the future will be a very different machine from those now in use," said T. C. Wilthat carries its own moral.

loughby. "In the first place, it will be so arranged that it will run in a vacuum by means of air pumps. It will be of torpedo shape, in order to offer the least possible air resistance, and the air which goes into the pumps will be utilized as an additional motive power to that obtained from the steam or electricity used. Such an engine could be constructed to make at least 200 miles an hour and would wear longer than any now used, for the reason that friction would be reduced to a minimum, A combination of the principles of the present locomotive and of the Pennoyer airship would result in a revolution in the mechanical world. I am not an inventor, but I know that such a machine is feasible and will some day be perof men, causing pain and death. This

with wormwood called absinthites. titmice, wrens, creepers, "nuthatches, wood

The first effects of it are a profound

rule; but, as a famous physician ence 13marked of a dreadful disorder in his lecture room, "Gentleman, the chief glory of the beautiful disease I am now explaining is the remarkable variety of its manifestations."-New York World.

orioles, notably in the case of the field lark, some blackbirds and the bobolink .- Proisseor Spencer Trotter in Popular Science Monthly A Mohave Bellef. The Mohaves believe that all who die and

are not cremated are turned into owls, and when they hear an owi booting at night they think it is the spirit of some dead Mo have returned. After any one dies they do not eat suit or wash themselves for four days. They had formerly an annual burn ing of property, and all would contribute something to the flames in expectation of its going up to their departed friends in heaven or "White mountain," as they call

it.--Yankee Blude. Eastern Roofs.

Eastern roofs are generally flat, for comfort during the summer season. The routs of houses in the cast are often used as outdoor gardens. The Greeks gave the roof a slight elevation in the middle; the Romans increased it to one-fifth of the span. The high pointed roofs of modern times are of German origin.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.