RTY NOT TOO LATE

MAY WIN RICHES AT LAST IF YOU WORK HARD.

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Work

You Must Have Accumulated Expee, Learned Wisdom, Be Possessed Good Sense, a Sound and Vigorous ty and a Clear Head.

sell Sage is one of the very few rich men of the present age whose a were well started while the rs were yet on the snnny side of This may seem a strange statement, it's a true one, and, remembering rity, no one has cause to feel dis-



SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

aged in his quest after wealth, even he has passed the 40 year limit and is a poor man. It is true that there a hope unless something or other has accumulated before the 40 year it is reached, but that something d not necessarily be money. The as of that wisdom which is acquired by by experience are often of greater he than mere dollars, even in the pait of wealth, but in order to make per use of what you have learned so win riches after 40 you must also re found out how to continue, and must have conserved your physical ental powers by right living. It's ifficult thing and requires the exerof every ability, this getting more an ordinary share of this world's is in the face of the fierce competin of today.

There are four other fortunes besides e's that stand out pre-eminent in rica because of their size and the t that each was made great almost and the possibility of dissipation by efforts of one man. These fortunes made by Jay Gould. Commodore erbilt, John Jacob Astor and John Rekefeller. Only the last named of It was an "organ," and Bennett was no men is now alive. He was well ted by 40, but he was not rich bead peradventure, since, although his ations before that time had been on large scale, he was yet liable to miss and go to the bottom of the financial at any time previous to his fortieth lay. His position, moreover, was at of a man who, in order to win, have faith in himself and his mion. In faith he was not found ting. He believed that the supply petroleum was practically inexhaustand he went ahead on that basis. ompanions in business sometimes red with him: but, encouraged by example, they all continued, and the has been the upbuilding of a rekable group of Standard Oil for-

into the river and harbor transportation business some time in the sixties. At AMATEUR SHERLOCK. 40 he was started in this line, but he was not rich. His wealth came later. Charles A. Dana, the rich and bril-

liant editor of the New York Sun, was a poor man at 40. After his college days he was an enthusiastic social reformer -who would think it now to read The Sun?-and as such became one of those who texanted the famous Brook Farm.

Then he was a writer for the managing editor of the New York Tribune, under Greeley, at the moderate wages of \$20 a week. When the civil war came, Mr. Dana was made assistant secretary of war by Stanton and detailed to duty much of the time in the field. After the

war he thought himself well qualified to conduct a newspaper and chose Chicago for its location, but the venture was so flat a failure that some men would have been clean discouraged. Dana was not. He went to New York and bought The Sun without money of his own. He was sure his plans, revised after his experiences in the west, where he had published an "organ," were good, and he sneceeded in making a few capitalists see the matter as he saw it. The result was as he expected.

James Gordon Bennett, the founder 30 and 40 when he started his paper, but it was years after that when he became rich. His life down to the day the was issued had been a succession of reverses. He had worked with a fierceness that knew no discouragement for wages a third class clerk of today would turn up his nose at, and he had saved every cent he possibly could. In 1832 he left

the New York Inquirer, on which he had been employed for some time, and, full of hope, started the New York Globe, but this venture failed, and for the same reason that Dana's Chicago paper failed, some thirty odd years later.



A T. STEWART.

Dana. to newsboys and individual purchasers | turned at 6 in the evening.

LEAVES FROM HIS NOTEBOOK ON SIGN PICTURES OF BURGLARS.

What Chalk Marks on the Front Stoop or events. Gate May Mean-On the Other Hand,

chievous Boys Which Mean Nothing. Indians, The amateur Sherlock Holmes has

added another chapter to his little notebook which records the significance of portioned. trifles that are important clews to the

ink, eigar ashes, marks on the finger and Micmacs, in Nova Scotta, being emthe particles of dust in the folds of an ployed by the whites in communicating umbrella are all eloquent to this observ. With them. ant seeker after truth as revealing sistency and the various degrees of at- in another world.

mospheric moisture under which they There is no similarity of language bewill be reduced to a fluid state, while tween the Indian dialects and any Asiattoothpicks and matches as characteristic ic tongue. The only bond of union beof various restaurants and localities are tween them and the earlier Asiatic full of meaning.

Now it appears, by what the amateur plements and the like. of the New York Herald, was between Sherlock Holmes has been revealing in a moment of confidence, that the dead walls of New York, stoops of houses, basement entrances and area gateways first number of his little penny sheet are the signposts of the criminal classes, and that what look like the rude scrawlings of boys are in reality the secret symbols by which burglars communicate with each other.

your front steps may mean that your house has been spotted and will be broken into on a certain date. A rude draw. conquest. ing on the area railings may to the en-

second basement window, where the ocrat. latch is broken."

this sign language to such a high degree of perfection shows considerable ingenuity in its design, but no attempt is made at accuracy of drawing, as that would attract attention. The sign pictures of the burglars are made to look as much like the rude scrawls of schoolboys as possible.

Three figures were found scrawled on the gateway of one house. The information thus pictorially conveyed was to the effect that the house was tenanted by a for belts, with four straight out loops a journey to the moon. Had his gas been lady, one woman servant and a boy page. That he was a boy page was indicated by buttons on his coat, and the servant

resemble a print dress. Another picture in the notebook of more fitted to edit an organ than was easily deciphered, as it showed merely a

fierce bulldog guarding the house, a By 1835, however, Mr. Bennett had warning to all members of the fraterrevised his notions of the sort of paper nity. The next sign, taken from a house he was fitted to run, and one morning in the suburbs, was more mysterious and he got out the first issue of the paper complicated, but upon a study it finally that was to win so much for him. His resolved itself into the announcement office was in a cellar in Ann street. The that the man who lived there went out sleeves made in four puffs, the upper counter over which the papers were sold to business at 9 in the morning and re-

was a board resting on the heads of two Another picture gathered by the amabarrels, and the seller of the papers was tenr Sherlock Holmes during his pains-Bennett himself, seated behind the taking investigation of this subject board in a splint bottomed chair. The showed accurate information, as was paper made a sensation even on the first subsequently discovered, upon the part d'Irlandes. day. Bennett had written most of its of the sign writer as to the interior of contents himself and had slashed right the house. It indicated that there were and left. None was too high, none too three electric bells on the windows, and low, for him to attack. The small edi- that one woman servant was employed. s, of which John D. Rockefeller's is tion was exhausted before noon. Next A crude drawing taken from under the greatest, and some say the greatest | day the edition was larger. The growth | edge of a stoop indicated that the servwhole world. Jay Gould got rich | continued, too, but it is doubtful if it | ant there had been "squared," and this

In Brazil there are said to be 300 hanguages and dialects spoken by the Indi-

The picture writing of the Mexicans was a very complete system of recording

THE AMERICAN INDIAN.

Imported diseases, such as smallpox, They May Be Ouly the Serawis of Mis- have been singularly fatal among the

> As a general thing the hands and feet. of Indian men are small and well pro-

Nearly all the Indian tribes had a doings of the criminal classes. Spots of rude system of hieroglyphics, that of the while quoting it in full :

Most of the Indian tribes had some times, places and occurrences in which form of belief in a future existence, and people may have been engaged. There is nearly all indicated this belief by placwhole literature on the muds of New ing food on the graves of the dead or York and vicinity, their color and con- providing implements and arms for use

> gas to be formed from these latter materials is a gas never yot generated by any other person than myself-or at least applied to any similar purpose. 1 tribes is found in the mode of life, imcan only venture to say here that it is a

Fort Hill, on the bank of the Little Miami, in Ohio, has a line of earthworks nearly four miles in length surrounding it, and at various points the wall must have been over 20 feet high. There are many antiquities in Ameranimal life. Its full secret I would ica which were such at the coming of make no difficulty in disclosing, but the whites-the monoliths of Copan and that it of right belongs to a citizen of Chalk marks under the edge of one of Palenque, the monuments on Lake Titi- Nantes, in France, by whom it was concaca, in Bolivia, and those of Mansiche, ditionally communicated to myself." in Peru, were all old at the time of the ons gas evolved by the force of Poe's

In almost all Indian languages the imagination has not a little in common lightened eye of the initiated mean: word meaning "men" or "brave men", with the argon, whose acquaintance we "This man has a burglar alarm on his was used as a tribal name. This is the are now privileged to make some 50 second story windows and keeps a revolv-significance of Onkwe Onwe, used by years later. The "particular metallic er under his pillow, but the silver is in the Iroquois; of Lenni, Illiniwek and substance or semimetal," used by Hans the butler's pantry on the first floor, and other names of Algonquin tribes, and Pfaall, has its fellow in clevite, from the house may be entered through the also of Apache .- St. Louis Globe-Dem- which we have been led to understand argon has been extracted when treated

#### THE FASHION PLATE.

cloth or crepon. Embroidered yellow pique is another example, of being 37 times lighter than

blue serge gowns. Dresden and chine ribbons are used however, that Hans Pfaall had to make

heavier, how could he have dropped a Waists of white and gray dotted mull, couple of ballast bags on the head of

was indicated by a short skirt, dotted to , and caffs, are also elegant novelties.

the amateur Sherlock Holmes was more utility costumes with sailor hat en suite. in white make very neat and pretty Few summer dresses look cooler or chemistry .-- Westminster Gazette. prettier than natural linen colored

lawns made up simply and trimmed with insertions of white lace.

black chiffon over pale yellow satin has one being very flat, to give the effect of

For cool days at the seaside and in illustrated in the form of composition

POE KNEW ARGON. THE WAR AND THE MISSIONS. The Poet Wrote of the Third Constituent

#### Danger to Them. of the Atmosphere. Will Lord Rayleigh and Professor Every one interested in mission work Ramsay have to share the honor of "spotting" the third constituent of the atmosphere with Edgar Allan Poe? It certainly looks like it, if we consider the evidence adduced by a correspondent of a French journal, who has been dipping into the "Tales of Mystery and Imagination." The passage upon which occupied with a greater or less force of this gentleman rests Poe's claims is missionaries makes it necessary to look contained in "The Unparalleled Advenat the situation fairly and candidly.

ture of One Hans Pfan IL " It is worth In Korea the Presbyterian board oc-"I then took opportunities of conveyterior. Of these Fusan and Gensan are decide. ing by night to a retired situation east of Rotterdam five iron bound casks, to contain about 50 gallons each, and one of a larger size; six tin tubes 3 inches in dinmeter, properly shaped and 10 feet in length; a quantity of a particular metallic substance, or semimetal, which I shall not name, and a dozen terior stations to that city. demijohns of a very common acid. The

constituent of azole (nitrogen), so long considered irreducible, and that its density is about 37.4 times less than of less; burns, when pure, with a greenish flame and is instantaneously fatal to anxiety.

It must be confessed that the mysterirepresented.

with an acid, after the manner of the veracious Dutch balloonist. If the new Fuchau, Shanghai, Hankow and Tien- London News. tsin, all of which are mission stations, relieves the situation very much, as there are very few other cities along the coast that might suffer from an attack. almost the only one of importance being Chefu, where the Presbyterian church and the China Inland mission have a large force of laborers and considerable property. The greatest danger, however, to the Mynheer Superbus Van Underduk, and

missionaries, as we have said, is not have disappeared above the clouds alfrom the Japanese fleets, but from the most before the worthy burgomaster had hostility of the Chinese to all foreigners recovered himself? The romancer, even without drawing distinction between when he is a man of science, must sure-Europeans and Americans on the one ly be allowed a little latitude with his hand and the hated Japanese.-Inde- questions concerning the race, pendent

## A MYSTERIOUS PROJECTILE.

THE ORGAN.

position Known as the Fugue.

are first emitted. However los

The organ as it existed in Bach's day,

#### At a Recent Test In Russia It Produced Amazement Among the Experts.

The so called magnetic shell, which has been used at the trials of English armor plates at Okhta, near St. Petersis an instrument peculiarly suggestive burg, has made an extraordinary record. in regard to the realization of the finest The shell was fired at soft St. Chamond plate at right angles, and the penetration was 10% inches. Another shell penetratprogression of melodies in polyphonie ed 16 inches. One shell was discharged combination which is most completely at a 6 inch Harveyized plate at an angle of 20 degrees. The projectile passed and misses are provided to replace only instrument in which the sounds are starched shirt waists.—Chicago Record. sustained with the same intensity for any required length of time after they Further trials will be made but for

Further trials will be made, but for

MURDERED BY MISTAKE.

### Where They Are Located and the Possible An Extraordinary Story of a Father Who Killed His son For Another.

An extraordinary story is reported in castern Asia will watch with concern from Tarnopol, in Galicia. A peasant the war which has just broken out, manuel Adam Gawrydo, whose property anxious lest any personal friends be in is in a small village near Zbaraz, in danger and mission enterprises be seri- Unifield, cut his own son's throat with a ously hampered. The fact that all three kitchen knife by mistake. Some weeks countries involved are mission fields ago a Hobrew merchant, Solomon Barb, and that the prominent cities of all are bought old Gawrydo's stock of honey cultpaid 50 florins in advance to make o bargain valid. When the time for clivering the honey came, the peasant lectared that he could not keep his word cupies Scoul, Fusan and Gensan on the and was prepared to pay any damages east coast and Pyeng-Yang in the in- to the merchant that the rabbi might

the only places liable to injury from They both went to the rabbi, who the Japanese fleet. But the work in said the peasant must pay the merchant both places is comparatively recent and 10 florins damages. This he did most not so well established as at Sconl. The willingly, and both went away together. Methodist board has little established On the way home they stopped at a waywork outside of Seoul and has with- side inn and did not leave it till night. drawn all its missionaries from the in- It began to rain, and the peasant asked the merchant to pass the night in his

The Society For the Propagation of house. The merchant accepted, and the Gospel, Church of England, has they went home together. The peasant some missionaries at Seoul and Che- prepared a bed of straw in the barn, mulpo. In Second the missionaries are and when the merchant had laid down practically safe, being under the care went to his own room after carefully of the United States legation and the locking the barn door. This frightened protection of United States soldiers the merchant so much that he got up, from the ship-of-war at Chemulpo, the felt his way about until he found a sechydrogen. It is tasteless, but not odor- port of Scoul. So far as Korea is con- ond door, which was bolted from the cerned, therefore, there need be no great inside, left the barn and started to walk back to the inn.

In Japan the principal port that may In the meantime the son of the peasfear attack from the Chinese flect is ant returned home half drunk, and find-Nagasaki, occupied by the Reformed ing the barn door open walked in and (Dutch) church, the Methodist Episco- dropped on the bed of straw prepared pal church and the Church Missionary for the stranger. He was soon fast society of England. It is probable, how- asleep. The merchant on his way to the ever, according to the latest reports, inn met a gendarme, who asked him that the foreign fleets will protect this where he was going so late. Barb told city, and thus the missionaries there him all that had happened, and the gen-need fear no attack. The same may be darme, thinking he had a dangerous said of Yokohama and Tokyo, where al- man before him who was lying to avoid most all of the missionary boards are suspicion, asked him to go with him to the peasant's house. There they found Attention will be especially attracted Gawrydo in the act of washing his to China, for there, aside from the dan- hands, which were stained with blood. ger of injury from the Japanese fleets, When he saw them he exclaimed, "Surethere is the still greater danger of inju- ly I killed you an instant ago!" The ry from the hostility of the people. The gendarme searched the house and in the action of the foreign governments in barn found the son of the peasant dead, enforcing the neutrality of the ports of with his throat cut. The peasant was Amoy, Canton, Ningpo, Chin-Kiang, immediately arrested. - Vienna Cor.

# STUDYING HUMAN NATURE.

### Novel and Valuable Scientific Work Now Being Carried on In Washington.

A new kind of scientific work is being carried on in Washington, in which the testing of 25,000 school children mentally, morally and physically is the preliminary step. Dr. Arthur McDonald is conducting the work under the auspices of the United States bureau of edneation, and the results when arranged and tabulated are expected to throw valuable light upon a number of mooted

For example, it is desired to know whether boys of the laboring class are less bright than the sons of the well to do. Are they as well nourished? In London not long ago investigation proved that the children of laboring people in that metropolis were better nourished-that is to say, weighed more at the same age-than those belonging to higher social strata, the latter being fed on too much candy and cake.

The work here being unfinished, conclusions cannot be stated. To begin with, the height and sitting height of each child were taken. Long bodied races, generally speaking, are inferior. through the plate and backing and fell It is desired to know if long bodied about 400 yards beyond, a performance individuals are less clever or less strong than the short bodied of the same race Are long bodied boys and girls apt to be stunid? Long her

#### gas is not precisely regarded as "a con-One of the special features of the latest Paris gowns is the Marie Antoinette stituent of nitrogen, " it has at least been declared by some to be an allotropie modification of it. No doubt the phys-Lawn collars traced with jet and ical and chemical qualities of Edgar steel are worn on simple gowns of Allan Poe's gas are not exactly those of argon. But what of that? Instead, for novelty used for collars and revers in hydrogen, argon, we understand, is very much heavier. It must be remembered,

at the back and no ends.

solid colors, with white linen collars

Pale blue duck suits dotted or striped

A blouse waist of accordion plaited

Its Peculiar Fitness For the Form of Comand as in most essentials it exists now. a cape.

Among the laces that are in greatest favor this season are pointe de venise, and most complete effects of harmony, moresque, chantilly, pointe de milan, of modulation and of that simultaneous broderie anglaise, valenciennes, pointe

the monntains pretty bodices of challie known as the fugue. It is so for two or and fine French flannel for young girls three reasons. In the first place it is the

TURF TOPICS.

The fraternity which has developed fichu.

re 40, but the founders of both the aderbilt and Astor fortunes were er 50 than 40 before they had got ugh together to be able to consider iscives really rich, and the same ts, less than those above mentioned, yet sufficiently well to do to be ken of as wealthy by all the rest

Samuel J. Tilden had made some ing of a name for himself before he is 40 and had become known to some ent in politics, but he did not begin devotion to the legal profession ch won for him great wealth till erward. Henry Villard, who has been and rich and poor and rich again, 41 when, in 1874, he began his ations in Oregon railroads, but nine ats later he counted \$5,000,000 as his n. His subsequent financial fall is remembered, and so is his rise in to millionairedom after he was Webster Wagner, whose sleeping drawing room cars go wherever go anderbilt lines of rail, was a staagent at a small place on the New tk Central when his fortieth birthsame, in 1857, and he so remained



### JAMES GORDON BENNETT.

" years longer. But after he had and to get his scheme for the comof travelers introduced he shortly a very rich man.

bough Levi P. Morton had made me before he was 40, he was be gover again at the fourth decade tor he had failed in his mercantile ness after moving from Boston to w York, and the second fight was al-

as hard as the first. John H. Starwhose steamboats are known to all "dwell in or visit New York, had st of his wealth to win at 40. He s bern in a little town in the interior the state, where he carried on a small ig business and kept the postoffice. A age of administration-Starin voted Scott, but Taylor was elected-deed him of the office, and he somees found it hard to make payments in they came due. Finally he beaght himself of the value of adver-& He increased his business in way to some extent and later went thing .- New York Tribune.

fact, both men got rich through that ad- to expect.

vertisement. a tunnel larger than any constructed be was 47 before he even began to gain his fortune

The late A. T. Stewart is not often mentioned nowadays, so quickly do men forget the very rich man who fails to found a family, but it is not many years since his name was a synonym of boundless wealth, and he has left striking monuments in the metropolis in the buildings where he carried on his busi ness and his palatial Fifth avenue resilence, now used for a clubhouse. Yet Stewart did not become rich before 40.

wealth.

enough after reaching middle life to make them famous might be extended far beyond the limits of this article, but prove the trath both of the old saying that "while there's life there's hope, and Dana's pet warcry, "We may be

happy yet, you bet!" M. I. DENTER.

# A Substitute For Gold.

A French technical paper, The Jour nal de l'Horlogerie, declares that a new amalgam has been discovered which is a wonderful substitute for gold. It consists of 94 parts of copper to six parts of antimony. The copper is melted and the antimony is then added. Once the two metals are sufficiently fused together : little magnesium and carbonate of lime are added to increase the density of the material. The product can be drawn, wrought and soldered just like gold. which it almost exactly resembles on be ing polished. Even when exposed to the action of ammoniacal salts of nitrons vapors it preserves its color. The cost o making it is about a shilling a pound avoirdapots.

## English Oleo.

The oleomargarine factory of the Earl of Jersey, near London, turns out 5,000 pounds of oleomargarine every week. It was the London Saturday Review which once called oleomargarine "that Ameri can erime against humanity and the " but it would probably regard "Jersey" oleomargarine as the proper

would have succeeded after all had not house presumably was just ready to be a pillmaker, then well known to all burgharized. Some of the booty expected the world, offered to insert a large to be secured, together with warnings as standing advertisement in the paper to possible difficulties to be met with, and to advance the payment money for were indicated by sign pictures of silver be said of many lesser financial the first quarter. The pillmaker's con- spoons, coin and plate, together with fidence in Bennett and his Herald was the statement that the place was "A1," justified. The advertising brought enor- but there were significant sketches of a mous sales of pills, and also it tided the dog, a revolver and electric bells to pat paper over its most critical period. In the thieves upon their guard as to what

Frequently the burglars, says the Adolph Sutro, now mayor of San amateur Sherlock Holmes, put these Francisco, who well nigh immortalized sign pictures on houses remote from himself and won great wealth by boring those to which they refer, and in this case the identity of the latter is revealed fore or since for the drainage of mines, by mysterious symbols. This was the case with a rude drawing of a house discovered on a street corner. It represent

ed a tall house with a line barbed with an arrowhead leading to the roof from the street and indicating that the best method of ingress was through the roof. The street and number of this house were also shown by a succession of numerals which only the initiated could understand.

Don't get frightened when you see chalk marks on your front stoop or area gateway. The probabilities are that He was a merchant before that time, to they are merely the idiotic scrawls of be sure, and was counted a successful boys. At the same time examine them one, but he was not yet certain that he closely, and if they seem to point to burmight not find, after all, that his busi- glarious intent or design it might not be ness plans were inadequate and that he a bad idea to report the matter to the might yet have to give up the race for police. The latter will probably laugh

at you among themselves, having not The list of men who have become rich yet developed many Sherlock Holmes propensities, but the fact that the signs have been noticed will, in some mysterious way, soon be known to the crim I need not pursue the subject further. 1 inals, and these enterprising gentry may have written enough. I am sure, to be frightened off -New York World.

He Wasn't the First.

They were engaged. That was apparent from their actions. They were to gether all the time, and he tried to an ticipate her every wish. They wandered

on the porch in the moonlight, earnestly talking about nothing. Moreover, he could play the flute, and they would occasionally steal away from the crowd around the hotel, and he would entertain her with solos. But she was more worldly than she looked, and one night some of the other gnests overheard a conversation that

was unique, but not intended for their "Shall I get my flute?" he acked. "Oh, yes, do," she replied. "Do you like to hear it?" he in

quired, fishing for a compliment. 'Indeed I do "What shall I play this time?"

"Anything you wish."

"Well," after a few minutes spent in thought, "don't you think the 'First Kiss' waltz would be veor appropriate?" He wished to be very complimentary, but somehow he seemed to have made a mistake.

"No, I don't," she replied shortly. "Why not?"

"Yon're about three years too late. -Pittsburg Dispatch.

Prima Donna, 2:0914, pacing, is being converted to the trot.

An offer of \$150,000 has already been when we are dealing with long suspenmade and refused for William Penn.

Be careful not to feed to horses green opportunity of playing the bass with the hav that has been "heated" in curing. Greenlander, 2:12, will at any time be matched for \$5,000 in a five mile grasp of a single player a full and exdash.

The officials of the Detroit Driving fords. Thirdly, and in the case especialclub have figured out that its inaugural. running meeting netted about \$25,000. R. H. Fry, the king of the English part a grandeur to the entry of the bass ring, and the biggest bookmaker in the world, never even saw a horse race until he was over 30 years of age.

The dam of Five Ply, the sensational gelding who made a record of 2:241g at, the great organs of Germany. Lima, O., is understood, from the reply of the driver, to be "Damfino."

Governor McKinley of Ohio exhibits incipient traits of humor. He informs a New York editor that apparently the horse business is in a more stable condihe treated the organ, as Spitta truly obtion than polities.

serves, merely like a larger and more powerful harpsichord. Without the aid Jockey Simms has instituted a libel suit against Jerome K. Jerome for the slander in regard to driving a horse to to do otherwise, and the English organ death June 17, from Newmarket to Cambridge and back.

The Bennings track, near Washington. "huge house of the sounds," the thunhas been leased by August Belmont on der of which was stored in the organ used to play Den Thompson's part in behalf of a syndicate which is said to gallery of many a Lutheran church .comprise many prominent New York, Fortnightly Review. turfmen.-Horseman.

enraged farmer, as he stumbled over the old darky who was enjoying himself in the green middle of the watermelon patch. "I've caught you at last-you

down the red heart of a fat Kolb Gem, "boss, for de Lawd hit wuz all a axcerdent how I come heah. I wuz walkin 'long de railroad des ez hones' ez could be, when 'long come a freight train, en 'fo' I could cl'ar de track de engine hit me en th'owed me clean over de fence whar I is now, on when I fall I land ker-blamm ! on dese heah melons, en busted 'em all ter picces; en when I

come to I wuz so hongry dat I des pitch in en eat up what I done busted. "-At-Lanta Constitution.

A "Bicycle Face."

during the winter. The clerk had a habit of dispatching a boy after a bucket of of coal; bring it in and set it down." of the boys up to his desk and said, "Charley, go and get a bucket of coal." In a few minutes the boy came lugging it in. He walked up to the stove and stood there without placing the scuttle on the floor. The clerk looked at him fiercely and exclaimed: "Well, what's the matter with yon?" The boy hesitated, then looking at the shall I-I set it down?"-Indianapolis Sentinel

## Plans of Paris Exhibition.

He Was Particular.

The Paris exhibition of 1900 is to cost more and to contain a larger area of buildings than the Chicago World's fair. Part of the scheme for laying out the grounds consists in the demolition of the Palais de l'Industrie and the conversion of a part of it to exhibition purposes. An avenue will be built to connect the Champs Elysees with the Esplanade des Invalides.

a note the present no plates of the requisite may have to be sustained, its full value is there till the moment the finger quits used, which were manufactured specialthe key, a quality which is invaluable ly for the purposes of the trial, being so shattered as to be useless for future sions and chains of sound. Secondly, the tests. The general impression among military experts is that the magnetic feet on the pedals, leaving the left hand shell is not a new shell at all, but simfree for the inner parts, puts within the ply a new invention adaptable to any modern projectile. tended harmony and a freedom in manip-

One of the shells that had undergone ulation such as no other instrument afthe secret process was exhibited. AIthough it had passed through one of the , ly of fugue compositions, the immense armor plates, it was in an undamaged volume and power of the pedal notes imcondition, and as it showed no traces of fastening whereby the new invention part in the composition such as no other could be attached to it the spectators medium for producing music can give concluded that the improvement must us. In the time of Bach this splendid be a cap of softer metal held on to the source of musical effect was confined to top of the shell by magnetism. This nurses the hard point of the shell at The English organs of the day had in the impact and so helps it to penetrate general no pedal board, and it is probthe surface of the plate until it reaches ably owing to this fact more than to anythe softer metal behind. This, at all thing else that Handel's published organ events, is one of the guesses at the prinmusic is so light, and even ephemeral ciple of the novel projectile. - Pittsburg in style as compared with Bach's; that Dispatch,

NEARLY A PANIC.

#### of the pedal it would be rather difficult Actors Rehearsing a Flay Cause Excitement In a Chicago Hotel.

There came near being a panic in the of the day was in every respect a much reading room of the Great Northern the lighter and thinner affair than the other day. Archie Boyd, the actor who called "The Country Squire," was here some weeks ago to consult Con T. Murphy, the playwright, as to alterations

In a hotel not over 1,000 miles from in this play. He wanted a new second Indianapolis there is a clerk who is act, and after talking matters over with any trouble of this kind. Mr. Lehmann very strict with the employees who Murphy he left the latter hard at work come under his orders and rules the on his manuscript at his Lake Bluff bellhoys and porters with an iron hand. home,

The employees have come to understand One day last week he wired Murphy his ways, and it is needless to remark that he would meet him at the Great that his orders are usually obeyed with Northern at a certain time and read alacrity. A large stove heats the office over the altered play with him. The author was on hand at the appointed time, and so was the star. Together coal and saying in a peremptory man- they repaired to the reading room and ner, "Jimmy, go out and get a bucket set about their task. Mr. Murphy read quietly until his enthusiasm overcame One cold day last winter he called one him. Then he threw caution to the

winds and exclaimed: "My God, you have stolen my child!" folks, and then he edged uneasily toward the end of the table. "Tis false," roared Boyd. "I am no

kidnaper. "You lie!" exclaimed Murphy in

clerk appealingly, said, "Please, sir, lond tones, throwing the manuscript aside, and the man from Oregon started for the door, while a commercial man from Toledo leaned back in his chair to see it out.

> man to see what the trouble was. When he told the latter what was up, he apologized profusely and wanted to buy pop for the party. When Boyd plays in Oregon, the stranger will be in the andience.-Chicago Times.

ally tall. Tall people are most often strength are forthcoming, those already | long headed. Tall races are superior. The question naturally follows, Are long headed children superior mentally When it is said that a man has a long head, is there not significance in the remark?

Are tall children, then, superior? Nobody knows as yet. These are among the things which Dr. McDonald is trying to find out. In the classification the 8,000 negro children in Washington schools have been kept separate, so as to compare them with white children. How do they compare in respect to brightness, weight, physical measurements, etc.? The colored child surpasses the white child up to 5 years of age in mental development, then the white child goes ahead. Comparisons of girls with boys naturally follow. At the age of entering womanhood girls weigh more than boys. That age with city girls arrives a year earlier than with country girls -Boston Transcript.

#### The Name Aroused Her.

Mr. Rudolf Lehmann declares that he once found political animosity of great service to him in painting a portrait.

His sitter was a London lady who belonged to a family renowned for its stanch political opinions. It was the height of summer and very hot. The lady was inclined to be stont, and under "The Old Homestead" and who starred the influence of the heat she now and last season in a new play of his own then fell into a nap, to the serious annoyance of the painter.

Her husband, who knew her weakness in this regard, asked Mr. Lohmann in the lady's absence if he had experienced could not deny it.

"Very well," said the husband, "the next time it occurs you just mention Mr. Gladstone, and you will have no further difficulty."

The artist took the hint, with immediate effect. Henceforth the lady was almost too wide awake .-- Youth's Companion.

### Sage and Gould Are Out.

Russell Sage and George Gould are said to have disagreed of late, and their relations in a business way are so severely strained that there may be an open A guest from Oregon, Ills., looked rupture at any moment. The Gould up from a letter he was writing to the and Sage interests have always been closely united. George Gould's wife and his sister Helen, seconded by the family physician, have, so runs the story, induced him to give up working as hard as he has been doing and to take life easier. The purchase of the Vigilant was in furtherance of this plan. Sage, whose whole being is wrapped up in money making, has no sympathy with this programme and is much The author and star had shifted to a displeased at young Gould's long abquiet love scene, when Landlord Eden sence in the present critical condition came in at the request of the Oregon of business affairs .--- Washington Post.

Not Sharp Euough.

"Why, Madge, that was a splendid chance to cut him. "

"I know it, but I was too dull to take advantage of it."-Detroit Tribune.



His Presence Accounted For.

"I've caught you at last !" cried the

old thief, you !"

"Boss, ""said the culprit, as he galped on the beach together, and they sat out