## JAMES INCH'S DOWNFALL.

A R. JAMES INCH is one of the ! mest staid and dignified citi- doctor, nervously, zens of Parlor City. He never rinks, he never smokes, and it is his er. em conviction that Hades is yawning or every man, woman, and child that days cards. He is a plilar of the local Methodist Church, has publicly demeed dancing as an invention of the vil, progressive euchre and pedro arties as greased poles to the realm of only yielded forty-nine men. aran, and trolley parties as an even pore sinful diversion than any of the ther forms of amusement to which he opposed. One might imagine from Inch, who, having made up his mind ants point him out to strangers as heir model citizen, and can't say did you get here?" ough in praise of him. That is besuse Mr. Inch is a sterling business car," replied Mr. Inch, with dignity. in, and so generous and charitable that his follow townsmen are willing around this car anywhere, did you?" overlook his radical views on things the amusement line.

Mr. Inch had an experience some

One bright sunny morning early in his home. He had gone ars were full of lunatics who were be- clamation of: ig transferred from New York to the

Lor! but they do curse!"

"Do you suppose I could go look at alongside. em?" asked Mr. Inch, who immedimy as a Christian man to go and the arm. eak a few words of admonition to

"You'll have to ask the said the doctor, soothingly. "It'll be

Mr. Inch rose from his seat and startlain duty. He felt that the keepers wood?" cried Mr. Inch, indignantly. ould refuse him admission to the car, rtunate. It was not a difficult piece him down the platform,

This is my story, this is my song e couplet, sandwiching it with strings oaths, which sent chills chasing each er up and down Mr. Inch's spinal He attempted to talk with e man, but he might as well have ed to converse with a log of wood. thers with whom he started conversaved to say no more.

"When we get to Parlor City," he ey get this crew out of the car, and in I'll go out myself and go home." Mr. Inch's resolution was the result a little speculation as to what would ppen to him if the keepers discoved that he had entered the car and ingled with this crew of violent and sponsible men.

At the station in Parlor City on the ie morning that Mr. Inch boarded e train twenty miles away stood fifth keepers from the State asylum ting for the consignment of lunaes from New York. With them was ung Dr. Blank, on whose shoulders sted the responsibility for the safe sportation of the lunatics from e station to the asylum. Dr. Blank worried. It was the first expedion of this kind he had commanded. and he was mightily afraid that someg would go wrong. Only a month ore he had received his appointment e asylum, and escape or revolt due tone. lack of proper precautions would, he away." v. mean the loss of his place. He as relieved when the train rolled in bd a keeper jumped from the steps of ar, touched his hat, and announced

doctor remarked.

Well, march them out as soon as down the platform. ii can," said Dr. Blank, and he eck off the men as they were handover to his keepers.

hustle the unfortunates out. Mr. Inch crouched low in his sent and rm and called: "That's all."

on the sidewalk pending the arrival of

"There must be another," said the "You counted wrong," said the keep-"No, I'm sure I'm right, but I'll count James Inch, the model citizen of Parthem again," said Dr. Blank, and he jor City, the piliar of the church, and did so, with the result that his first fig- the greatest philanthropist in the coun-

"Search the car," called out the doctor, and the keeper proceeded to do so. his wife, proceeded to destroy the fam-

his that Mr. James inch was an un- that sufficient time had elapsed to ren- dows and mirrors with a poher for a pular man in Parlor City. Such, der it safe for him to leave the car, had sever, is not the case. The inhab- risen and was making for the door.

"I just walked in from the other

"Didn't see a man hide himself Now it happened that some minutes before the train reached Parlor City the red-headed man who sat next to eeks ago that came pretty near Mr. Inch had slid to the floor, and cud-

ocking down with one blow the died himself up under the seat, Mr. plendid reputation he has built up for Inch had seen him do it, and had marmself in Parlor City. It was a most veled at the man's ability to stay in one they did not believe him. Nevertheless in all its stages. He would not believ infortunate experience for Mr. Inch, position so long. To tell of this inci- the truth came out in time and Mr. out it provided amusement for his feldent, however, was to admit that he had Inch of Parior City is as respected and consequences of his act; and when he ow citizens for days afterwards, and been in the car for some time, which me of them are not through laughing would scarcely do, so he simply said in made a statement in the local paper of Burke and Fox, who refused to vote a tone of mild astonsihment:

"See a man hide himself? How ridic ngust Mr. Inch boarded a train bound ulous," and the keeper, impressed by Parlor City at a small his tone, passed by and started searchsome twenty miles ing at the upper end of the car.

Mr. Inch continued toward the door, nt there the night before on bust- reached the platform, and stepped ss, had missed the last train back, slowly down. Mr. Inch's personal apnd a night on a corn husk mattress in pearance was not what it usually was. ie local tavern had ruffled him about A night in a country hotel, with neither much as he had ever been ruffled in hair brush nor comb in the morning, it out of the building again,-New to the navy. The amendment prevailed, s life. Mr. Inch had not been in the showed on him. Contact with the ain five minutes when he heard a elbow of a lunatic behind him had put ightful racket in the car behind him, a most disreputable looking dent in his nd on inquiring of the conductor what derby. His appearance was altogether meant was told that both of the rear | bad enough to justify Dr. Blank's ex-

"Ah, here he is. This way, my ate asylum on the hill back of Par- friend," which he made when he saw Mr. Inch descending to the platform.

"They're in charge of keepers, all Mr. Inch heard the remark, but paid ght," said the conductor, "but they no attention to it. Instead of obeying. excited every now and then, and I he quickened his pace toward the other Il you the keepers have their hands end of the platform, but before he had life. She is trying to learn how to be While Seward, Summer and Chase were gone a dozen yards Dr. Blank was

"This way, my friend," said Dr. ely made up his mind that it was his Blank, swinging Mr. Inch around by

"What do you mean, sir?" said Mr. Inch "Dunno," was the conductor's laconic "Keep quiet, now, keep very quiet,"

all right if you keep quiet." "Why should I keep quiet when a d back. He decided that he would not loafer grabs me by the arm and swings sk permission to do what was his me around as though I were a log of

"Get back into line," said Dr. Blank. he made up his mind to slide in un. "Get back into line, and let's end this served, take a seat, and watch his nonsense," and he grabbed Mr. Inch since to distribute advice to the un. by the collar and proceeded to drag

work, as the keepers were pretty Mr. Inch lost his temper then, and sy when Mr. Inch opened the door swung his right around toward his d walked in, and they didn't notice captor's jaw with vicious violence. m at all. He gradually worked his The blow landed, and so did a second One advantage of this system is that ay to the middle of the car unnoticed and third, sent in with equal precision. the howling crowd of wild-eyed men. Dr. Blank hung on, though slightly nd ensconced himself in a sent beside dazed. He couldn't hit the man back. red-headed individual who was There is a State rule forbidding keepvinging his arms round in most reck. ers or doctors to strike an insane perss fashion and singing in a shrill son, no matter what the provocation, The doctors have but one mode of defense. It is the hypoderinic injection, raising the Savior all the day long." and each doctor carries a syringe load-Over and over again the man sang ed with a special preparation which will take all the life out of a man in five minutes, cause him to sleep for several hours, and bring him around after his slumber in a decidedly weak mental condition.

While Dr. Inch was banging Dr Blank on the nose and jaw, the docons looked at him so blankly that he for was maneuvering with his free on realized it was a hopeless task. hand for his syringe. While the strugnd settling down in his seat, he re- gle went on the keepers kept their eyes on the other insane men. They couldn't leave them to go to the doctor's assistgured to himself, "I'll just wait until ance. The struggle was apt to excite them, and a general outbreak was to be prevented above all things.

Dr. Blank was was getting played out when he managed to reach his syringe. haul it out, and jab it into Mr. Inch's neck. The effect of the injection was instantaneous.

"I'm stabbed!" yelled Mr. Inch, slapping both hands to his neck and drop

"I'm d-n glad of it," remarked Dr Blank. "You're the toughest one I ever tackled," and he motioned to a keeper. who was coming toward him on a run to come faster.

"We've found the other man," said the keeper, when he came up. "Of course we have," said the doc-

tor, with sarcastic emphasis on the "He was under a seat in the car, went on the keeper. "You've made a bad break here," he went on in a low "Come up here, and let's get

"Great Scott!" roared the "isn't this one of our men?" "No," said the keeper. "He's a citi-

zen who wandered into the car. "Let's cut this quick," said the doctor. "Tell the boys to march around to the north of the depot and I'll join you "Yes, sir; fifty in each car," said the there," and away went the doctor in one direction, while the keeper went

So much interest had been manifestfuled out a notebook and prepared to ed in the crowd of insane men that few people on the platform had noticed the struggle between Dr. Blank and Mr. They took the last car first, and Dr. Inch. The few who had seen it went lank drew a deep breath of relief away when the insane men were en the fiftieth man stepped to the marched off, and so a little later, when a station hand came across the re-Now for the other car," he said, spectable Mr. Inch asleep in a pile of erily, and the keepers commenced freight, his clothes torn and dirty, his hat ripped through the middle, and minus his collar and necktle, he threw as passed by. Mr. Blank, notebook in up his hands in astonishment. He and, sang out, "Forty-nine," just as called other station hands, and the visitor who he thought was a custoe keeper escorted a man to the plat- men in the baggage room came, too, and their eyes nearly popped out of agent?-Somerville Journal

their heads at the sight of James Inch. Parlor City's respectable citizen, in so deplorable a condition. They were a beartless crowd, those station men, for they called a policeman, and the policeman hauled Mr. Inch out of the freight and started dragging him toward the station, Mr. Inch the meanwhile sleeping innocently on. Half way to the station the policeman gave out and Mr. Inch was allowed to take a short doze

It happened to be on the main street of Parlor City that the policeman left his prisoner, and as the afternoon was as bright and sunny as the morning had been, the inliabitants were out in great numbers. Any attempt to record here the comments of the people on Mr. Inch and his condition would be futile. Suffice it to say that the downfall of

try, was known for miles that night. One man was missing. There could And the next day there was more to be no doubt about that. The car had talk about. Mr. Inch slept for five hours at the station house, and then went home, and, refusing to recognize The first man be encountered was Mr. lly china. He burled plates around un. silence. When he was denied a place "Hello," exclaimed the keeper, "how and the next morning woke up without the slightest recollection of what had happened. He recalled the strug-

but she didn't at all. solicitation the superintendent restored fully answered him. him to duty, and he and his victim are York Sun.

THE LITTLE FRENCH GIRL.

Is a Ministure Woman and Is

Taught All Feminine Arts. However innocent she may be, a littionality. She does not romp; she is State house yard at Concord. demure and quiet in her games, which nor would he like his wife's bosom friends, in whom she confides, and who never leave her any better.

Mothers, therefore, permit few if any intimacles, and these are all winnowed and selected with the greatest care. the name of friend is not carelessly be stowed right and left; it takes time and good reasons for simple acquaintance to rise to that rank. The mother not only wards off little boy cousins and intimate girl friends, but she discourages the little girl in showing off her knowledge out of the class room, for she is fully aware that nothing could be less attractive in the eyes of the expected lord and master than a blue stocking.

A bright little girl I could name had. by chance, picked up some astronomical scraps, together with other scientific facts, which allowed her to shine now and then. One evening, while playing in the garden, she heard a friend of dred times have found her ignorant tion of his name.-Century. than have seen her "show off," or capable of committing the enormity of contradicting an older person. "I hope," she said jestingly, as a sort of excuse, "that when she is eighteen the poor little thing will have forgotten a great part of what she knows to-day!"-Cen-

Obstinate Royal Patient. "A king has the right to die, but not

throne, acted upon the same principle, though he did not embody it in a paradoxical epigram. For more than fortyeight hours he refused to be bled, notwithstanding the urgent persuasion of his physicians and the Empress. Finding all persuasion useless, Dr. Wellye plainly told the Czar that, having refused the aid of science till it was too late, he had no resource left but the aid

"But I have an idea that that will ove a broken reed to you," said the blunt physician, a worthy predecessor of Zachariu. "I am afraid that religion will be of little use to the man whose obstinacy in refusing all medical aid is tantamount to suicide."

Thirty hours later the eldest son of Paul I. had breathed his last,

The Benefit. Algernon-For a long time I was in doubt whether to kiss Miss Maude or

Alfred-Well, what did you do? Algernon-Gave her the benefit of the doubt.-Washington Times.

Talk about lightning changes! Did ou ever watch a business man greet a mer, but who turned out to be a book SENATOR JOHN P. HALE.

Public tilfe.

When Hale took his seat in the Sen-

ate he was the only member of that body who defied the discipline of but) the old parties, and dared assert ht absolute political independence. He stood alone until 1849, when he wajoined by Chase and Seward, who were re-enforced in 1851 by Summer. Therwas something dramatic in his solitary anti-slavery man. That body then conthan it had bad for more than a generainterest dictated the policy of the Gov ernment at home and abroad, as it had cone from its beginning, and made and anmade politicians. Hale knew that his single-handed warfare against it would invite ridicule, sneers, insults and threats. He knew that he must face the seorn and contempt of the very valuable paving rock, which south and the chilling neglect of the then commanded a big price from the South and the chilling neglect of the North. But he bravely stood in the breach. He took no counsel of his fears, and would not be bullied into til he was tired, then smashed win. On Senatorial committees on the pretext that he "did not belong to a healthy time. He went to bed after backing at Political organization" he ridiculed the some furniture with a carving knife. Proceeding and made it tell in his favor. One of the finest exhibitions of his courage was given soon after he took his seat in the Senate, when he cast gle at the station, but that was all. His the only vote against a resolution wife pretended to believe the story of thanking Generals Scott and Taylor for his having been stabbed in the neck, their victories in Mexico. This vote was sure to be misunderstood and mis-For several days the cold glances of Tepresented, and all parties regarded it former friends and acquaintances an. as suicidal; but it was sufficient for noyed him. They all said, "Yes, yes," him to know that no other honest and when he told of his remarkable tem- consistent course was possible for those porary aberration, but he could see that who had condemned the Mexican war his convictions to avoid any personal honored as he ever was. Dr. Blank pleaded the high authority of Chatham, the matter over his signature, and that thanks to the commanders of the Britmore than anything else exonerated ish army for their services in America Mr. Inch. As for the doctor, he was in our revolutionary struggle-a strictsuspended, but at Mr. Inch's earnest ly analogous case-no Senator success-

Mr. Hale's humanity was equal to now the best of friends. The doctor his courage. While a member of the doesn't carry his hypodermic syringe. House he moved an amendment to the except in the asylum wards now, and maval appropriation bill, abolishing the he has declared that he'll never take spirit ration and prohibiting flogging but failed in the Senate. This motion was renewed in the Senate in 1849, and in 1850, after an impassioned appeal by Mr. Hale, flogging was abolished, but the spirit ration continued until 1862. He was justly proud of these aminer. achievements, and they are appropritle French girl is much more of a little ately commemorated on the pedestal woman than a child of any other na- of the statue recently erected in the

As an anti-slavery leader, Hale folare often imitations of a grown person's lowed his own methods of warfare. the mistress of her house by means of forging their anti-slavery thunderbolts, her dolls, furniture, kitchen and dishes. and firing them at the enemy at long Feminine arts are still a part of every range through the press of the Northwell-arranged French education. Men ern States, Mr. Hale was using his spring wheat growers, also, have learn fearful speed probably for thousands really care more for these accomplish- l'ghter artillery on the skirmish line, ments than for others, as they make and in well-executed flank movements. stay-at-home wives who look after In 1850 he was prompted by the prestheir households; and as a Frenchwom- once of a pro-slavery mob in Washingan's principal aim is to please her fu- ton to introduce a resolution for the reture husband, every mother prepares 'mbursement of persons whose propher daughter for this end. This is why crty should be destroyed by riotous asshe does not permit too close an inti- semblages. Foote of Mississippi de- ble is turned under, thus drying the to throw the smaller fragment out into macy with little boy cousins, because nounced this resolution as intended to soil. Most of the wheat roots are kept space. That fragment kept on turning, ten years later a Jealous husband would protect "negro-stealing." Addressing near the surface, for the rains do not and was soon fashioned into a globe. e a dislike to these friendly cousins: Mr. Hale, he said: "I invite him to visit penetrate farther than the cultivator We see it to-day and know it as the him beforehand in all honesty that he could not go ten miles into the interior Lefore he would grace one of the tallest trees of the forest with a rope around his neck, with the approbation of every virtuous and patriotic citizen; and that

if necessary, I should myself assist in the operation." Mr. Hale answered: "The Senator invites me to visit the State of Mississippl, and kindly informs me that he would be one of those who would not the assassin and put an end to my eareer. . . . Well, in return for his hospitable invitation, I can only express the desire that he should penetrate into one of the dark corners of New Hampshire; and if he do, I am much mistaken if he would not find the people in that 'benighted region' would very happy to listen to his arguments and engage in an intellectual conflict with him, in which the truth her father's exclaim: "What a dazzling might be elicited." The popular instinct star!" "That is not a star, sir," she at once labeled the Mississippi Senator said; "it is a planet." Her mother was as "Hangman Foote," and the epithet in despair, for she would rather a hun- is still instantly recalled by the men-

A Russian Artel.

An artel is an association of persons who agree to throw their lot together and stand by each other for better or for worse. If the artel is "productive," the members work together and divide equally what money they earn; if it is same time to publish the truth about his may be a man's personal gifts or defito the office of artelman is shoe money hog. -that is, a small sum granted as a compensation for the shoes worn out while tramping about transacting official bus-

A Woman Hater Indeed. An opulent gentleman in the north of England, who had for years shut blinself out from female society, died not long since, leaving a will the terms of which displayed in an unmistakable manner his hatred of womankind. ignoring females entirely, all his male relatives were provided with legacies, but on this condition, namely, that the single ones were to ferfelt their inheritance the moment they were married, and the married ones were not to come into theirs while their wives were liv-

"My family," said Miss Antique, "came over with the Pilgrims on the May flower."

"Did they, really?" explained flicks. seasick?'-Harper's Basar.

A REMARKABLE POND.

A Picturesque Fi ure in American Blastet Into Existe ce and New Ha-

a : I demay he p tation. Cradled at the foot of a circling group or hills lies the most mysterious and at the same time ghestly sheet of water in Alameda County, California. For years it has borne the name of "Blair's pond," and during its exist ence has hidden beneath its dark sur face more human bodies than any similar patch of water of its size in these appearance in the Senate as an avowed regions. Indeed, there has not been Accordingly the next day his manager tained more able and eminent mee 1875 until the present time who has to do the actual leap, while the actor not been obliged to record on the death should slip back under cover of part ton, and it was completely under the rolls some victim of the weird pond of the tower wall and descend by a domination of the slave interest. That and, strangest of all, each one of the safe, but unromantic ladder to his martyrs to the dismal hole has been dressing room. The manager provida good swimmer.

Prior to 1872 there was not even a suggestion of water on the spot. At the illuston might be kept up with that time a firm of stone contractors the audience, and sent him to the thenamed Bates & Wells realized that after to practice. The man made the hidden in the hills was a quantity of city of Oakland. They conceived the idea of opening an extensive quarry paving, which was to be done. long lease was obtained from Blair. the owner of the land. Then the first quarry in Alameda County was open-

With time the better quality of rock became scarce, so orders were given to sink a wide shaft and work out the lower stratum. This task was undertaken in the summer of 1873, and had progressed with such good results that the hole was gradually enlarged until it covered a considerable area. Then, again, it became necessary to go deeper into the hill.

This time extensive preparations were made for blasting. When all was ready a mighty charge was adjusted. and with the explosion which followed a vast torrent of water spouted forth

from the excavation. Refore the astonished workmen had time to realize what had happened they were knee-deep in the flood. Their tools were submerged, and it was with difficulty that the mules attached to the carts were rescued. The cars on the tracks remained laden with rock. and to-day, if the pool were drained, complete equipment would be found in the pit.

So sudden was the deluge that within an hour where once stood a prosperous quarry nothing was to be but a rising mass of water.

As soon as possible every effort was made to empty the new lake, but in vain. It is always full of water, but never overflows .- San Francisco Ex-

Shallow Plowing for Wheat. It used to be said that wheat would bear deeper plowing than ony other grain crop. If the furrow brought to the surface one or two inches of subsoil, that made the soil firmer and less I have the honor to reside, and will tell ables a farmer cheaply to get a large ing on its axis, and in the course of old-fashioned way.

> Unlucky "Quarter to Six." head floor walker of a mammoth dry- away that it cannot be seen by the ingoods establishment, which employs habitants of our planet.-St. Louis Reover a thousand people, lose their places public.

on account of "a quarter to six." "A quarter to six" is the hour at which preparation is made for closing the day's business. At that hour the male clerks begin to cover their stocks and the female clerks commence to arrange themselves to go home. Usually a number of ladies come in at this hour. and the clerks, eager to go home, in answer to questions of customers, usually say, "We are just out" of what the customer happens to want,

Day after day we discharge girls for this reason, and fifteen times out of twenty you ask a girl why she lost her place and she will invariably answer on account of "a quarter to six."

A Civilize ! Gorilla. At the aquarium in Berlin there is big gorilla whose habits are a great deal more correct than those of most of "consumptive," they share equally in o'clock in the morning, takes a bath, the expense incurred. The most mark- and uses soap without hesitation. When ed characteristic of these associations his tollet is completed he takes a cup the right to be ill," said Louis XVIII. is the perfect equality which prevails of milk, after which he eats two big to his doctors, forbidding them at the among their members. No matter what loaves of bread with Frankfort sausages and smoked Hamburg beef, all of ciencies, from the moment he enters an which he moistens with a glass of heer. Alexander I., perhaps in imitation of artel he is simply on a par with his At 1 p. m. he takes a bowl of soup, the Bourbon he had helped to his comrades. He must bear the burdens with rice, potatoes and a wing of chickthey bear, and he receives the same re- en. He uses his knife, fork and napkin wards. In his turn he will be the ar- like a born aristocrat, but when he telman, or chief of his artel; in his turn. thinks his keepers are not looking he too, he will be as hewer of wood and discards the implements of civilization drawer of water. As the former he will and plunges his muzzle into the bowl, be neither richer nor poorer than as the as if to give evidence of the melanlatter, for the only emolument attached choly fact that even a gorilla can be a What I mean is that vacation gives

The ! rute. "Could you spare me a little money this morning, dear?" said she,

"Really," the brutal husband replied with a barsh, dyspeptic laugh, "judging from the biscuits, I thought you had more dough to burn."-Cincinnati

He-Without joking, Elsie, I do adore you. When I look at you there is such a commotion in my breast. She-And in mine, too, Harry; it must be the lobster salad.-Tit-Bits.

Theory and Practice. A-What are you now going to do with all the money you made by your pamphlet against marriage? B-I shall set up nouse with my Anna!-Elderstedter Wochenblatt.

It takes as long to get spoons and plates returned to their right owners "How very interesting! And were you after a church social, as to clear up a field after a battle.

HIGH ART JUMP.

"othern's Substitute Made a Hit, but "Dundreary" Was Mad.

It is related of the elder Sothern that he was once acting the hero in a romantle play which required his leaping from a window in a tall tower to the stage below where he alighted on a mattress behind a wooden rock and immediately made off rapidly into a forest. One night he hurt his ankle and vowed be would leap no more, coroner in Alameda County since hired a professional circus performer ed the circus man with a costume precisely like Sothern's, to the end that Jump and set up a loud complaint.

"What's the row?" inquired a young member of the company, who happened to be at the playhouse.

"Why, see here," exclaimed the pro easy. A man with a wooden leg and two glass peepers could do it. Now, if they'd let me turn two somersets in the air I wouldn't make no fuss."

"Capital!" cried the actor. "Do it. "You think the old cove wouldn't mind?" said the athlete doubtfully. "Mind!" returned the young player: why, he'd be ticked to death, and probably raise your salary as well. Besides, it would bring down the house. Do it, by all means."

That evening when the part of the performance was reached wherein the hero took leave of the heroine Sothern was gratified to see his substitute crouching in the shadow of the casement ready to leap.

good-night - good-night, "Love, cried Sothern.

"Stay!" pleaded the herotne, clinging round his neck; "stay, that leap is death!" "Nay, nay, sweet; 'tls honor! I leap,

'tis true, but what in my heart doth bear me up? Thine image, love! Goodnight-good-night!" He kissed her frantically on the fore-

head, tore himself from her embrace and rushed across the open space into the shadow. "Jump!" he hissed between his teeth. Out into the air shot the circus-man, whirled around twice like the flywheel of a steam engine and lit like a bird on the highest point of the rock. The applause came in thunders. The man bowed stiffly and walked off into the wings with his arms folded.

Unfortunately, the remarks of Sothern are lost to history.-Chicago Post

Days Were Ones Short. When the earth was young, says Dr. Ball, the eminent British astronomer, it turned on its axis so rapidly that it pervious to water, thus lessening the made one complete revolution once in injury by freezing and thawing. But every three hours! The earth was Western winter wheat growers, and liquid then, and it spun around at that ed a plan that is even better than deep of years. The sun caused ever-increasplowing, because it costs much less, ing tides on the surface of the great They do not plow at all, merely culti- liquid planet, and at last it burst in vating the surface among the grain two. But the break was not in the stubble and seeding on that. The middle of what had been the great. wheat makes just as good a fall growth, swift-revolving globe of liquid matter. and even better, than where the stub- It was to one side, and the effect was has gone. This saving of plowing en- moon. The larger piece also kept turnacreage into wheat, and if he gets a ages became the spherical, habitable fair crop he is ready to undersell the earth. The smaller fragment of the Eastern wheat grower, who keeps on great original globe, being held in place plowing for wheat in the expensive, by the attraction of the larger, has been going around the earth ever since, but has been gradually increasing the distance between itself and its pri-Seventy-five per cent, of the people mary. Some astronomers believe that we discharge every year, remarked the eventually the moon will get so far

> How "Uncle Sam" Got His Name The nickname, "Uncle Sam," as anplied to the United States government, is said to have originated as follows: Samuel Wilson, commonly called "Uncle Sam," was a government inspector and the barrels were marked "E, A." not familiar to Wilson's workmen, often joked upon the extent of his possessions. The joke spread through all the departments of the govern-

"I suppose," said the school teacher's acquaintance, "that you are sorry to see vacation coming to a close."

"No," was the reply; "I think it lasted long enough to serve its most important purpose.' "You mean that the pupils and their

instructors have had a chance to re-

cuperate?" "No: that is an unimportant incident parents a chance to realize that their children are not the angels they always teratice, thus equalizing the weight. assume them to be when they get into When the pressure is removed they die trouble at school."-Washington Star.

Fond Mother-This is my son Clarence. He is only 13, but he has written some beautiful poetry. Friend-Then there is some hope

Fond Mother-I'm so glad to hear you

Flattery Didn't Ge. "In eating well I praise the food,"

quoted the star boarder. "Yes, and you're the most gushing fulsome and persistent blarney that

the landlady.—Detroit Free Press,

front than in the back.



The newest novel by Rita bears the euphonious name of "Kitty the Rag." Miss Braddon's latest novel has just

John Gordon has written a life of Christ for the young, entitled "The Children of Gaillee."

appeared in London. It is called "Lon-

don Pride."

Andrew Lang's "Myths, Creeds and Religion" is the latest work to be placed on the "Index" by the Pope.

A new edition of the press works of Swift is shortly to appear, with a blographical and critical introduction by Mr. Lecky. The edition will probably extend to eight volumes.

A special winter number of the London Studio is to contain an article of Stevenson's never before published. It and getting the city's contract for the fessional, "this 'ere drop is too dead Monastler in the autumn of 1878, and is an account of the novelist's stay at was originally intended to serve as the opening chapter of "Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes."

Marie Corelli continues to rage in England unabated. To one who has read her ranting and inartistic "Mighty Atom," it seems incredible that her London publishers have just completed an eleventh edition, making an aggregate of 78,000 volumes of this book alone. At the Nottingham Public Library note was recently taken of the first hundred books issued after the annual stock taking. Eleven of the number were Marie Corelli's; Crockett followed with six, Edna Lyall with five,

and Hall Caine with four. The unique fine art work called "The, Book of Beauty," containing fifty large portraits of titled ladies of the later Victorian era, is to be handled on this side of the Atlantic by Geo. D. Sproul, of New York. The list of portraits comprises most of the great English ladies, from the Princess of Wales down, and naturally includes a number of transplanted American heiresses. The artists who did the work include Lord Leighton, Prof. Herkomer, Sargent, Constant, Duran, Millais and Cabanel, The American edition is limited to 300 copies. The work is issued in two imperial quarto volumes for \$100.

They Come Back.

Advertising solicitors are often met with the argument that the individual or firm name he solicits is so well known that advertising is useless. We have known a number of implement and vehicle manufacturers who argue this way. It is true that probably every dealer of any importance in the United States had heard of their house. We have seen younger competitors, by judicious advertising and hustling, pass them in the race for business. Then these concerns that were too well known to advertise would awaken to the situation and their advertisements would again appear; but while they were sleeping their wide-awake competitors must necessarily have made inroads into their business, which, with fair treatment and business-like methods, they will hold.

The Hilton, Hughes & Co.'s fallure is a striking example of an immense house, probably known all over the country, but presuming on their name they reduced their advertising and paid little attention to it. Their competitors kept their names prominently before the masses, and told what they had to offer, and gradually trade began to drift from the larger house to those enterprising firms who let the people know

that they were after their trade. Let the largest house in any line stop advertising and note in what incredibly short space of time a larger business will be built up by somebody who works while they sleep .- Farm Machin-

Hardships for an African Explorer. I have always something the matter with me which interferes with my efficiency. Now it will be a wretched ulcer near my knee-joint to hinder my walking; at another time one near my right elbow to weaken my arm and give of beef and pork at Troy, N. Y., about me unsteady aim in shooting. Then I 1812. A contractor, Elbert Anderson, am cured of these, and feel miserable purchased a quantity of provisions, and feverish; but suap shots of deafening quinine make me strong and cheer-Anderson's initials, and "U. S.," for ful, and fit to bear the strain of a few United States. The latter initials were days' visit from malarial neuralgia, which seizes my head, makes tende who inquired what they meant. A every tooth, and stabs me unmercifully facetious fellow answered: "I don't with acutest pain, till my head is achknow, unless they mean 'Uncle Sam.'" ing with hammering throbs, and the A vast amount of property afterward eyes, through pain, are curtained by a passed through Wilson's hands mark- mist. In due time I recover from this, ed in the same manner, and he was and become dyspeptic, or cannot wear my largest shirt because of a swollen spleen. I gradually reduce this, and then blisters on the feet, and erysipelas ment, and before long the United in the ankles, make walking the worst States was popularly referred to as "Uncle Sam."—October Ladies' Home is as the bubble in a spirit-level; it moves and changes its position, but never ceases.-Century.

Bear Heavy Pressure

Piscatorial authorities of highest repute say that fishes and mollusks living at a depth of more than three miles under water have to bear a pressure of several tons, the weight being that of the superincumbent brine, which exerts its power from all sides alike. The reason that they are able to bear this tremendous weight is because they have exceedingly loose tissues, which allow water to flow through every inalmost instantly.

Sleeping Apartments.

The amount of effete matter given off

by the skin and lungs during sleep makes it imperative that care should be bestowed on sleeping apartments in keeping the air sweet and clean. The body odors, which are so perceptible in a close room as one rises from the Friend-Yes, when they are so young bed, cannot but prove injurious if prop as that it is easier to lick it out of them. er attention is not given to ventilation of the room and clothing. Every article of bedding in use should receive its daily airing in the sunshine and

> Unsoficited Testimonial. Next Door Neighbor-I heard your

wind.

ever sat down at my table," snarled daughter practicing her scales on the piano at a very late bour last night. She has a remarkable touch,

After a woman passes forty she has Mr. Kajones-My daughter? Thunto begin to make her skirts longer in der! That was the cat running up and down the keyboard!