Great Britain has refused to assent to the partition of China. She prefers a retaining wall to a partition.

There is a suspicion that the reported discovery by a Maine man of a perpetual motion machine that would saw gruntled or expectant politician.

A French physician says that "the raise the rest of the woman.

There is nothing very remarkable in a Chicago girl marrying a blind musician in East Liverpool, Ohio. Love ts said to be blind. Besides, marriage with a Chicago girl often has a tendency to open one's eyes.

Paris policemen have been supplied with electric dark lanterns, by means They were employed successfully in a. recent raid in the Bols de Boulogne ou pean diplomacy to appeal to the head of the homeless persons who sleep there the church to take part in the settleat night.

Bret Harte says he has written over 600 short stories. Yes, but those he wrote previous to 1876 were worth more than are those he has written since. He has become prolific at the expense of that quality which lent such a charm to his earlier work.

A precedent interesting to women has been established by the London County Court. A lady brought suit against St. George's vestry for damages from the careless driving of a water cart, which drew so near the sidewalk that her dress was sprinkled and spolled. The Court awarded her seven guineas.

The Philadelphia free libraries claim they have the greatest circulation in the world. From Oct. 30, 1805, to Sept. 30, 1896, 1,256,004 volumes were circulated, exclusive of the reference books consulted in the library buildings. These figures, if correct, exceed those of Manchester, England, Chicago and Boston, hitherto considered as the largest in the world.

The old practice of disposing of a certain undivided portion of land which is sold for taxes is still maintained in several States, and at such a sale in Kansas City not long ago a man is recorded as having purchased a vigintillionth of a square inch, in other words that portion which would result in dividing a square inch by 1 followed by 120 ciphers. Here is a pleasant problem for a winter evening.

The London Times is responsible for this: "It is not generally known that the talented wife of Mr. McKinley was called to the American bar in the early part of 1893, and that she enjoyed for a long while the distinction of being the only lady of the legal profession who pleaded on behalf of clients before her own husband, who was the judge of the circuit in which she practices." Amertenns who want to learn things about themselves that are not so will do well to read the English newspapers.

An Englishman has compiled a life of Grover Cleveland for a series of blo graphical works issued by a tirm in London, which will be a curiosity in the way of inaccuracies, if those quoted In an article from London are a sample Fortunately, a newspaper of London has called attention to a score or more glaring errors, and perhaps the book will be corrected in a subsequent edition. An American life of Gladstone no erroneous as to statement of fact would be laughed out of print in Lon-

An extraordinary instance of hered: tary tendency to suicide was told by Prof. Brougedel in Parts lately. farmer near Etampes bauge? houself without apparent cause, leaving a famfly of seven sons and four daughters. Ten of the eleven subsequently collowed the father's example, but not until they had married and begotten children, all of whom likewise hanged themselves. The only survivor is a son, who is now 68 years of age and has passed safely beyond the family hanging age.

The enforcement of our immigration laws appears to be having a good effect in preventing objectionable persons from coming to this country and in turning the tide of undesirable emigration to South America. The effect is only beginning to be perceptible at the ports of entry, however, and it will be many years before the mischief already done in the country, at large can b overcome. A long course of external vigilance and internal improvement is needed to make the population of this country all that it ought to be, or even what we like to believe that it is now.

The Philadelphia papers say the effort of the Union Traction Company b provide some cars exclusively for male smokers has proved a fallure. The smoking cars have been provided all right and conspicuously labeled, in addition to which the conductors notify every woman essaying to board one of these cars that it is a smoking car, But in spite of signs and conductors' aunouncements every smoking car carries more women than men, and the smokers have to enjoy their eigurs regardless of the presence of women or go on their way smokeless, as they did before smoking cars were provided.

Sixteen young women of Renovo, Pa have organized the Edelweiss Social Club, the purposes of which are to furnish entertainment for invited young men. They have engaged a club-room and are arranging it in a delightful manner. Just what the initiatory ceremonies will consist of the young ladies will not say, but one of the girls has admitted that a kiss and a hog shall be the password for all male members. The young women who are the prime movers in the novel club declare their street corners during the winter, and, heit.

inasmuch as the club girls are all pretty and fetching, their object will doubtless be attained. Lovemaking will not be The sun has swept away the night, allowed under penalty of a fine. The With golden clouds and rosy lightgirls will darn stockings and kuit mitens for the boys, but the latter, in order to be available for membership, inust refmin from smoking, chewing Above the branching sunlit trees and drinking:

Our army, which is about 25,000, cost last year a little over \$16,000,000, which was \$640 a man. This is rather The buttercups and daisies fair, expensive, as compared with the cost of maintaining soldiers in Europe, But Repeat the salutation there, it should be remembered that our men. And murmer to their friends, the bees wood was nothing more than a dis- it should be remembered that our men get good food, and that the cost of transporting soldiers in a country that is 3,000 miles wide and 2,500 miles fumes of gasoline will raise the voice from north to south is slightly different of a woman several notes." A match from the cost of shifting men about in added to that combination will also a country no larger than many of our States. The soldiers deposited with the paymenters during the year \$420,338. The modest wild rose of the vale. which is doing pretty well in economixing on \$13 a month.

The well-known shrewdness of Menelik of Abyssinia is again made apparent in his appeal to the pope to interent in his appeal to the pope to inter-vene in the dispute between Abyssinia Fits on, unmindful of the hour, and Italy. The willy African monarch has benten the Italians by force of arms of which they can see 150 feet away. and established the integrity of his country, but he knows enough of Euroment of the trouble. His attitude from the first of the war to the present day has indicated a quality of statesmanship, combined with generosity, personal bravery and great military skill, comparable to any such in evidence among Europeans.

> The Supreme Court decision upholdng the constitutionality of the Wright irrigation law of California is of great importance to the arid region of the West, settling, as it does, the right of taxation for irrigation purposes, and deciding the fate of about \$20,000,000 of irrigation bonds. The decision will give a tremendous impetus to irrigation and farming in California, Oregon, Washington, New Mexteo, Colorado and Arizona, and the last five will undoubtedly pass laws modeled upon the one which has just been sustained. Rusiness which has practically been at a standstill waiting for the settlement of this question will soon feel the influence of the favorable decision,

The performance of one's duty, especially in the case of an officer of the unremunerative loans of quarters when law, often brings unpleasant expert ences, and those of the late Judge Parker of Arkansus were peculiarly so. He presided over the United States court of the Western district of that State and bad criminal jurisdiction over Indian territory. In that time he sentenced 160 men to the gallows and sent over 6,000 men to the penitentiary. The death sentences averaged almost eight a year. Considering the present state of lawlessness in the territory and the cheapness at which human life is held there, it would be interesting to know what Judge Parker's ideas were ity sat on him. He looked cheerful he neek, kissed lovingly the tears away, stranger, not at the kindergarten, but on capital punishment as a deterrent influence on crime.

Following the lead of Chicago, a New York dry goods house is about to start | smiled. Espying the bank president he a little school in its own premises rushed toward him. tions one or two hours every day, as ed one out with the sure confidence of the thought Newspapers had denounce fiest creeps into his heart, and the attialso those older ones whose early acceptance. The bank president was a ed a gross neglect right at that spot. The of his earliest infancy comes to oling has been neglected. In one regular customer. with competent teachers and all the living said: modern accessories of a first-class felks, don't ye?" school room, where the employes of the store are given free education. In Milwankee one of the greatest breweries conducts a school, library and reading room for its employes, who are over 10,000 in number. All three were est he child's expectant face. tablished despite the profests of those who said the advantages would never keep it for me?" questioned the boy. be utilized, and all triumphed from the outset. The school compares favorably with the best public schools in the city; the reading room is well patronized, and the library is employed to its his sense of the unfitness of this child full eapacity.

Fruits in Labrador.

In spite of the latitude and the Arctic urrent, Labrador, that almost uninhabitable strip of territory which lies mal. to the northeast of British North America, is the home of much that is de-Retous in the berry world. Even the outlying islands furnish the curlew berry and bake apple in profusion, and upon the mainland in September and part of October a veritable feast awaits

There are three varieties of the blueserries, blackberries, wild red currants. baving a pungent, aromatic flavor, unequaled by the cultivated varieties; naish berries, raspherries, thry white capillaire tea berries, with a flavor like some rare perfume, and having just a faint suggestion of wintergreen; squash berries, pear berries and curlew berries, the latter not so grateful as the others, but a prime favorite with the Eskimos, who prefer them to almost any other; and lastly, the typical Labrador fruit-which, excepting a few scattering plants in Canada and Newfoundland, is found nowhere else outside the peninsula—the gorgeous bake-apple.

These cover the entire coast from the St. Lawrence to Ungava. Their beautiful geranium-like leaves struggle with the reindeer moss upon the islands, carpet alike the low valleys and the highest hilltops, and even peep from banks of everlasting snow. Only one berry grows upon each plant, but this one makes a most delicious mouthful. It is the size and form of a large raspberry, but the color is a bright crimson when half ripe, and a golden yellow when matured. Its taste is sweetly scid.-Toronto Globe.

Mexican Burials,

The Mexicans have a queer way of ourying the dead. The corpse is tightly wrapped in century plant matting, and placed in a coffin hired for about a shilling. One or two natives, as the case may be, place the coffin on their heads and go at a trot to the grave, where the body is interred, and the coffin is then returned. The wealthy class use the tram cars as hearses, and the friends follow beside the car on foot.

Subterranean Temperature It is estimated that the temperature of the earth at a depth of 200 miles is | ped. A jam of people, cars and vehicles | great city to have a little newsboy object is to get the young men off the not less than 18,000 degrees Fahren-

GOOD MORNING.

Says to the waking world below, Good morning.

The curling smoke wreath floats afar Before dissolving in the breeze, And signals to the last dim star, Good morning-

That nod and whisper in the breeze, Good morning.

The song bird singing in the grove Has turned his voice his mate to greet. And, waking her with thoughts of love. Sings tenderly, in wood notes sweet, Good morning.

Its face turned up toward the sky, Sonds perfume on the summer gale, And breathes to all with fragrant sigh Good morning.

Across the mead from flow'r to flow'r, And says, with most coquettish air, Good morning.

And so from meadow and from hill. From passing breeze and glancing ray m mossy glade and rippling rill. Comes borne to me a bright and gay Good morning.

A SMALL DEPOSITOR.

Thomas K. Ober, in the Philadelphia

Public Ledger.

The bank president walking down the street in the morning sunshine was portly in figure and leisurely in bearing. He was kindly in face and manner. He was a self-made man, and a particularly successful one, but he had not forgotten hard knocks, cold shoulders, and other foriorn conditions belonging to self-making. He did a regular cash business on the street appre clated only by himself and certain youthful venders of papers. He never made change with small newsboys. He had a soft-principled belief in easing up business matters for youngsters who get up at five in the morning, rain or shine, heat or cold, to sell papers. It had been said-though the bank president had never confessed to such unbusiness-like methods-that he made "Inck was down," and the streets particularly cold and ley, and boys' faces blue and pinched. He had a theory that hot meals helped lads to endure the cold. He remembered his baked beans and coffee.

The bank president was deep thought this morning over business

matters involving thousands. Down the street, on the alert for something or some one, stood a newsboy, not even the average in size and vigor. His clothes were poor, his face. thin, yet a plucky little air of prosperwas cheerful-for he whistled, not as saying with a brave show of cheer; at the mother's knee-becomes a preone does to keep up his spirits, but from lightness of heart. Occasionally he lingled some coins in his pocket and

"Morning paper?" and the boy handof the large dry-goods stores of Chicago | nickel and paper made, the little fellow "You keep money for and cable company.

> "Yes, my little man, why?" "Will ye keep some for me?"-this sald very engerly.

"Want to open a bank account?" queried the man, looking quizically into "If that's what ye call it. Will ye

"You're rather a small customer, but guess you'll do," remarked the banker: for a certain softness under the left slide of his overcont front made havor with

So, down the street the newsboy and banker walked, the latter oddly interested in this small waif who thought him a safe keeper of a newsboy's cap-

The teller's window separating them.

business affairs began. "Your name?" and the bank president looked over his gold-rimmed eye-glasses with an air of formality quite depress.

ing to the boy, standing on tiptoe to see and to be seen. "James Hanna," he answered very timidly.

"The amount you wish to deposit?" the voice very business-like

The youngster suddenly felt the magnitude of his request and the insuffi ciency of his finances. Falteringly with the weight of his andacity upor him, he replied, "Seventeen cents," Nor a flicker of a smile came to the bank president's face. The lad felt reassur-Gravely the certificate of deposit made out and the little fellow handed over two nickels and seven pen-

"Hy the way," said the bank presi dent, looking down from his good height upon the tiny, bright-faced boy, searching for an undilapidated pocket in which to put the precious documen that guaranteed his worldly wealth, "We pay people for the use of their money. Call again in a week, and I'll increase your deposit by a five.

The child's face beamed, "If I have luck, I'll bring some other money, too," he proudly said.

"Hope you will," answered the big man, heartify.

"Interesting depositor, that," he re marked, as the child tradged out, "May be a bother to encourage him, but couldn't spoil his pleasure."

Then the bank president began on weighty matters, but more than once that day he smiled and thought, "A boyish prank for two, but bless me! how could I refuse two nickels, sever peunies, and his confidence in me. I'll make his bank deposit grow. Bless the little chap! the smallest, plackiest depositor 1 ever had "

The bank president took his constitutional in the foremoon. He entered his die coupe when banking hours were over. Where a broad avenue curved abruptly round a little park, the carriage stop-

ble, He heard it presently from a rough | ways from that fateful day two "speman who spoke with an unsteady voice; cials," strong of brawn and strong in "A little newsboy fell under the cable, law, guarded the dangerous curve. cur. It makes feller weak to see his But who tooked out for that first

pluck." mind had dwelt on newsboys somewhat sometimes made him shiver at his faththat day.

conclusion, and plunging through the the wrong that made him-little manicrowd, forced his way on until he reach- try, oh, so bravely, to "take care of ma." ed the limit which policemen's power maintained. There he caught a glimpse puble indignation of the man who gave of a small form, but he seen heard a to newsboys brighter times; that turned valce shrill and determined say: "I sell the power of his valce and aid against yer don't yer try to drag me out. You wrong of the saleon. Sometimes, when

boasted of their strength, had faces white as the child's face, whose little body lay pinned down by that great

The little fellow piped out clear and strong again: "My name is James Hanna. I want my mm. She lives at"-the bunk president but the rest. He except the eye of a policeman.

"Just let me get to him. I know the

The grim polleeness cleared a path. Next moment the bank president was kneeling by the child, a pity and a tellderives upon his tale that made the plucky small voice bresh and say: "I'm awful glod it's you. I mant my ma."

some the jack serews."

form again. much," quite pluckly he said.

"You little herol" thought the man. The ambolance stood waiting for the mangled little body. The bank prest stage of absolute dependence upon cows.

dent noted () under his breath. "The child will de aurses or governesses? What moral

from the mere shock."

before in his fleet horses, nor in the flits before him between merning calls. dexterous driving of black Abe, but luncheons, meetings, tens, drives, dinnow! that trust in him of one small pers and theater parties? What does child could be repuid.

ldent as goully as he could. She was learns that which is not good. too used to sorrow to cry out. She Many a man has stood at the forks of looked so young to be the mother of the | the road in his life, broken-hearted and boy; so young to have so sad a face: perplexed, only to have his mother's The man's heart felt a sudden wrath words, uttered to him when a child, that she must suffer yet again.

pital the little fellow lay quite still in | the best thing in the world to a man is bls white hel. He gave a cry of joy to have had a good mother, watchful, when they came in. The mother gave | tender and auxious, as only a mother one smothered sob. Was this her boy? can be where her child is concerned. In This philful, while, death-pinched face) these supreme moments the lessen He put his arms around his mother's taught-not by the nurse, not by a Now, ma, don't cry. I san't hart much. clous recollection and a benediction. I den't feel hardly any peth. I wasn't means then a man's salvation. And in careless. I tried to get out at the way that quiet moment a man thinks of a of one car and the other coming around | good mother as he never thinks of any the gorner knocked me down."

The bank president grounest herory comes into his eyes, a feeling of softof his must be the victim. Shame on and breathes to himself the most prea day and night school is maintained. -a mere haby to be working for his the cowardly criminal neglect of city clous of all words: 'Mother.' It re-

The mother sat beside the bed, her fermine how much that word will mean boy's hand close to here. The little to the men of to-morrow," follow spoke quite strongle-

"It was a boss day for papers. I'd. sold 'em almost all. I say, ma, you of a public man placing her solicitude

mly hope was in her son, was some- health, thing to bear silently. Keep down said. After the nomination had been made comment on your honor, little dying Senator Palmer returned to the hotel, shielding and of happiness. Make no him complaint. There may be ather things | "Well, malam," said the Senator, then cable cars that mangle a child's shaking her hand warmly, "what do life, but these, O child, are your own, you think?" not a great city's care!

as brave, when, after a short silence, it to the dining-room this minute?" went on:

"I want my cost, ma. Where's my

The nurse laid it across the moth

The child tried to sit up, but failed.

The Voice said cageriy "I want to show you somethinghe pocket, ma. The banker there, he

The little fingers, now so blue and hill, after some citoris, found it-a lithe folded paper, so white, so unterly inharmed that its completeness made note terrible the fact of the dear child's BY HOW WAS TORN

"Read it, ma, read it." The tears were blinding her. mid not read.

"Now, ma, don't cry. I ain't hurt auch. You ask the doctor there." The voice was growing weaker

Type got some money to the bank Pm a depositor. Pm saving it for you." That eager, living face slipped from he bank president's wight. He waped his eyes. He turned uside, wrote for a moment upon a slip of paper, then is a

understand the act. The eyes turned with a wlaifel look to the crong man. The little voice was quite weak now but utilite courageous; "I am't hart much but if I don't show

up next week to get that five, I wishyou'd give it to my ma." "I'll do it, my dear boy.

The wan face brightened. The volce said laboredly, as if in explanation, "I'm trying to look out for-ma-you

Brave little heart! to work to love-to The reply came: "Full stop, sir,"

So short, so sad a life. So pittrul : death. Yet meither we quite unavailing. It touched the fatherhood of a blocked the way. The bank provident trampled hown. It quickened with relet down his carriage window to get, if | morse a railway corporation to know

possible, some knowledge of the trou- the plucky little lad had died. And al-

wrong that sent the Bittle fellow out to The bank president felt a shock. His work upon the street! the wrong that er's step? the wrong that made him "Wait here," he said to his black have poor clothes and poorer home?

It was this wrong that touched the questioned for his zeal, he made reply: The bank president feared he knew "I am doing it for a depositor-the that voice. He tried again to see the smallest, plucklest, most powerful depositor I ever had. He tried in his "Get jack-screws, Hurry, for God's small way to right the wrong, butsake?" the people cried, and men, who | well-he died,"-Orphans' Banquet,

A MAN'S GREATEST HELP.

The Best Thing in All the World Is to Have Had a Good Mother. Noting the tendency of mothers to es-

cape the cure and responsibility of training their own children, resorting to nurses, governesses, kindergartens. etc., Edward W. Rok, in the Ladles' Home Journal, vigorously contends that woman should consider her Godgiven "duties" to her children vastly paramount to every "claim" that can 1st describes a curious scene which he he made upon her time. "It is one of the most baleful tendencies of the times," writes Mr. Bok, "that young children are placed so much and so en-"And you shall have her, too, thy hoy, tirely in the hands of nurses, and so far I'll fetch ber. Keep up your grit. Here gway from their mothers. I do not think that women exactly realize what | attracted the wasps apparently because He wrote down the address and half the early teachings and influences of a they could so easily see the files that rose to go, but the child's hand pulled mother mean to a man when he alighted upon it. They invariably bit at him. He knell close by the little reaches years of maturity. The time off the wings, sometimes the legs, and which a boy spends at his mother's occasionally the heads of the flies, and "He sure to tell ma I ain't hurt knee is never forgotten by the man carried the bodies away, probably to Our morally is learned there. Our feed their larvae. Three or four huncharacters are formed there. We are dred flies were thus caught in about most impressionable when we are in a twenty minutes from the backs of two others. What sort of a recollection is "There'll be no time to lose," he said. It for a man to look back to a line of stimulus does he receive from the rec-He gave his orders quickly, clearly. offsection of a mother inevitably rending The black face under the fall hat re- some novel and resting in a languid sponded with a smile and with the suppor with fan and smelling bottle? hearty words: "Pil fotch you, sale." What moral fiber is instilled into a The bank president never had felt joy | child who sees his mother only as she a boy learn at the knee of a nurse? He found the mother and told the as- Good? Perhaps. But just as often he hat she must suffer yet again. come before him and point him the When they arrived at the great has way. It is then that he realizes that other woman. A look of tenderness onsciously, he looks upward mains for the mothers of to-day to de-

Wifely Solicitude.

It is always pleasant to see the wife don't know how swell I be." He glane for his personal well-being above her ed at the bank president with a wan pleasure in his advancement. It is said smile. "Just wait till I get well again that Mrs. Palmer, the wife of the Illi-I'm going to take care of you because nots Senator, no longer young, who was nominated for the Presidency at A sense of horror checked him. This Indianapolis, was quite opposed to the trouble that sent him, a little fellow, out choice of her husband for this honor. upon the street to earn his pennies if he | She was afraid that the strain it would could; that made the mother feel her put upon him might break down his

Bear bravely your hard loss of where Mrs. Palmer came out to meet

"John," she said, "Fil bet you haven't The voice was not so strong but just | had a bit of lunch. You come with me They marched off to luncheon with to further talk.

Big Cotton Presses. Of the many cotton presses which were in operation in New Orleans sixty years ago the two principal ones were he Levee cotton press and the Orleans cotton press. They were large and massive buildings, each occupying, like most of the others, a square of ground, The Leves cotton press was built in 1832 by a company bearing the same name at a cost of \$500,000, and was two stories high. It compressed some 200,one bales of cotton a year. The Orleans press, also fronting on the river, occupied an area of 632 feet by 308, the building nearly covering the whole space. Tids press, which was begun in 1821 and completed in 1835, cost over \$755,000, compressed about 150,000 bales per annum, and could store 25,000 tales of cotton. Its immense length

Broke the Rabin.

it with the other upon the mather's George Henry Emmott, who has just figure of a rose visibly budding, growleft the faculty of Johns Hopkins Uni- ing, opening, spreading its petals, and seventeen in reason a thousand first. ... vecaty to return to England, was early finally shriveling and dying, the whole ulpred in the bud by an preverent process occupying but a few minutes. apportant point in his lecture, he was ple to the representation of growing the habit of dictating it to his stu- objects are suggested. cuts verbation, aunouncing every point of punctuation, and using the phrase full stop" for period at the end of a Another habit was that of mended the fortifying of a number of briefly reviewing each day the points our seaports and the enlargement of

If a man is clever at "tasting" at



Cities Buried by Sand Storms. Sven Hedin, the Norwegian traveler. has discovered on the north side of Kuen Lun Mountains, and in the edge of the great desert of Gobi, the ruins of towns which he thinks were buried The largest town was nearly two miles and a half long, and a canal connected it and the surrounding country with the Kerija River. The houses had walls of plaited reeds covered with mud and then coated with white plaster, and on these plaster walls were well-executed paintings of men, animals and flowers. Poplars, apricots and plum trees had evidently flourished there before the invasion of the sand.

Wasps Defend Cows.

correspondent of the Irish Naturalwitnessed while watching his cows in riving at his destination, Mr. Ports the field. He noticed many wasps buzzing around the cows, and upon stopplng to observe what they were about he found that they were catching and killing files. A white cow in particular

Science and Great Cities. Professor Brewer, of Yale University, in a recent address called attention to the interesting fact that at the beginning of this century not a single city in Christendom had so many as a million inhabitants. In 1800 Paris had 548,000, and in 1801 London had 864,-000. Great cities could not exist then as the advance of science has enabled. them to exist to-day. Science has helped the cities not only by conquering pestilence, and teaching the laws of health, but by enabling them to draw their supplies from the remotest quarters of the earth, instead of being dependent for food, as was the case at much about lectures, sah, and w the opening of the century, upon the thought we'd rather hab de cash al region of country immediately sur- done sold dem tickets for a dollar, six rounding them.

The Highest Clouds. During the past year a committee of the British Association for the Ad- once told Max Muller he paid her is vancement of Science has been engag- highest compliment she had ever a ed in measuring the height of clouds | ceived. Stanley was very fond of is with the aid of photography. Simul- ny Lind, but when she stayed at it taneous pictures of a cloud are made father's palace at Norwich, he alway by two cameras placed 600 feet apart left the room when she sang. 6 and connected by telegraph wires, evening Jenny Lind had been singu From the amount of displacement of Handel's "I know that my Release the cloud caused by viewing it alter- liveth." Stanley, as usual, had left in nately from each end of the 600-foot room, but he came back after the me base-line, its height can be calculated. was over, and came shyly up to Jen Some of the "mackerel-sky" clouds Lind. photographed were seven and a quarter | "You know," he said, "I didn miles high. The loftlest clouds whose music; I don't know what people not elevation was thus measured belonged by admiring it. I am ver, to the type known as cirrus or "curl- deaf, as others are color-blind. Be cloud," the height being a little more he said with some warmth, "tells than seventeen miles.

Measuring Its Own Velocity.

By means of an electrical device experimenters, acting for the United States Board of Ordnance, have recently succeeded in obtaining photographic records of the motion of a projectile while yet inside the hore of a cannon, The projectile carries a rod of wood attached to its front end, and copper rings, encircling this rod at fixed intervals, successively form electric contacts as the rod is driven from the gun. Each of these contacts produces an automatic record on a photographic plate. The Scientific American, in describing the apparatus and experiments, says that the shortest distance traveled by the projectile between two successive records was 3.7 centimeters, which is a little less than an Inch and | Even the preacher can profit by I a half, and that some of the time intervals between the records were only one | Dr. John B. McFerran in the West

two-thousandth of a second. Seeing a Rose Grow.

An Ingenious Frenchman has suggested a way in which a rose, or other flower, could be caused to appear growing and unfolding in the presence of a roomful of spectators. He proposes to employ the kinematoscope, a magic lantern so arranged as to produce moving figures on a screen by means of a series of photographs of living objects, each successive photograph having been taken only a small fraction of a second later than its immediate predecessor. But for the proposed new application of this instrument the photographs need not be made so near to gether, since they are to represent changes which require several months for their development. Beginning with the first appearance of the bud, several thousand photographs of a growing rose are to be taken, just near enough together so that the change of form in the flower is almost imperceptitile, until it has attained its complete gave it a very imposing appearance to pieces. These photographs, being passed as transparencies, in rapid succossion, through the kinematoscope, that of the peculiarities of Prof. there would appear upon the screen the when the professor came to an Many other applications of this princi-

Fort Blunder. General Miles has recently recom-

some of the posts along our frontier. "Ab, Mr. P ...," he said, one day, One of these is Fort Montgomery, that shortly after coming to Baltimore, "can stands at the outlet of Lake Chamyou tell me the lawst thing I was say. plain. The mentioning of this longforgotten old fort recalls a queer fact connected with its beginning, and long After that the Professor rarely used ago fergotten. In 1941 it was decided to build a large post at the entrance to Lake Champlain, and work was begun grocery store, and in geiting free After a good deal of work had been lunches, he ought to be able to get his done it was found that the walls of the fort were over the lines dividing the thetic.

United States from Canada. Work as stopped and a survey made and pane the work was torn down. Later of was ascertained that part of the wa of the post were still over the dida line. An agreement was made with English Government, which san ; the United States that part built me and the outline of the old fort was an pleted, but as these mistakes in nicknamed "Fort Blunder," Work a stopped on the old post at the brain out of the late war, and since that the it has been under charge of an et nance sergeant. Soon work will be sumed, and if the recommendations General Miles are carried out the post will be converted into the large and most strongly armed post in a country, as it is the intention of a General to have a large number of the of towns which he thinks were ago. largest guns made by our ordnanes a partment to protect the entrance of a lake on which, a few miles below, located Plattsburg Barracks, one the most important posts on our Candian frontier.—Cincinnati Enquire.

His Fare.

Archibald Forbes, the famous accorrespondent, once told an amage story connected with a lecture was he delivered at West Chester, Penns vania. On arriving at the station that place a negro hackman press forward, and offered his services take the lecturer to the hotel. Ong asked the backman what his fare un

a comprehensive grin, "if you'd je gib me a ticket to de lecture, sah, dg, all I ask, and I'd be right glad to ge "Why, certainly," replied Mr. Forba feeling that here, indeed, was an a expected tribute; "I'll give you one; as

"Well, sah," replied the negro, vi

haven't you a missis?" "Yes, sah," was the prompt rep-T's got a missis."

"Well, you shall have one for le too," said the lecturer, who forthes requested his agent to hand the man the tickets. That evening he loss about the hall for his colored admire but saw nothing of him. The pr morning, on ordering a back to get the station, he discovered that the vehicle was driven by the same ma "I didn't see you at the lecture is

night," said Mr. Forbes. "No, sah," replied the darky, frank "I was not dar." But I gave you tickets for yourse

and your wife," said Mr. Forbes : natural astonishment. "Yes, sah," returned the backing with one of his broadest smiles; in you see me and my missis don't kee

Stanley's Compliment. Dean Stanley actually suffered from listening to music, and yet Jenny Lat

when from a distance I heard you say ing that song, I had an inkling of win people mean by music. Somethin came over me which I had never h before; or, yes, I had felt it once before in my life." Jenny Lind was all and tion. "Some years ago," he continue "I was at Vienna, and one evening the was a tattoo before the palace F formed by 400 drummers. I felt shill en, and to-night, while listening to jet

singing, the same feeling came of me; I felt deeply moved." "Dear man," she added, "I know b meant it, and a more honest complime I never received in all my life."

Few things are more useful to a po lic speaker than readiness in turning Interruption to his own advanced is shown in a story told of the late Be Christian Advocate. In closing a speech at a mission anniversary at Jacksonport, Arkans

An Effective Retort.

1856, he stated that once he was shifted ingly timid when called upon to tak collection, but that he had learned take the shirk by the throat and si "Pay me that thou owest!" Just then a man sung out, "Tel heard it said that they would put "

your tombstone, 'And the best This created a laugh; but the deci stood silent. A tear stole down

cheek, and in a subdued tone he bol the pause: "Do you know what I told them? said. 'If you'll add the rest of the res

"and was carried by the angels to All ham's bosom," I wouldn't care." The effect was electric; money rate into the treasury, and shouts made 2 roof tremble.

Saved by His Kite. The New York News prints a stor

a boy twelve years of age, named lim Grimes, who went on the roof of apartment house where he lived ! a kite. He swung the kite over the of the house, and started on a run ward the front to give the kite a rise The kite soared gracefully upus but James, in his excitement, for about the open-air shaft, and stell into it. He shot downward three

space, a distance of almost fifty for When the people reached the c they found the boy unconscious. the kite tugging at the string grad in his tightly shut hand. A doctor immediately summoned, who dec that beyond the great shock the was uninjured. He revived and so was walking about the room. The doctor expressed surprise !

boy's escape from instant death, accounted for it on the theory man pulling of the kite broke his fall. "No man is so worthless that a d

date will not treat him with gree

No woman is competent to the kin question; she is too gra