Of course the corset trust has come to stay. Beware of the man who knows more about the business of other people than he knows about his own.

The czar doesn't let a little thing like a peace conference interfere with the extension of the Chinese railroads.

A trust has been formed to control the output of patent leather. This ought to make patent-leather shoes come higher.

The perfumers have formed a trust. Possibly it is designed to offset the olfactory invasions of the fertilizer oc-

Gradually it is dawning upon the world that the fountain of youth is not a fountain at all. It is a hypodermic

Arkansas has a woman who claims to have jilted Funston and married another, but he got along swimmingly just the same.

That French duel over whether "Hamlet" was lean or fat in its latter phases somewhat recalls the old con tention about Bacon.

Mr. Carnegle doesn't seem to appre clate the kind offices of the multitude of persons who want to help him avoid the disgrace of dying rich. A woman bought a husband recently

for \$75. Evidently she is not a subscriber to the sentiment in the song, "I Don't Want No Cheap Man." If, as Collis P. Huntington says, the

"best way to become rich is not to talk too much during business hours," how does this apply to barbers and book agents? Mrs. Willie K. Vanderbilt does all

her own marketing. If Willie hopes to keep up with his better half he will have to chop the kindling wood and feed the cat. Someone has discovered that English

sparrows are useful because they destroy dandellon seeds. Almost everythe sparrows, however.

Forty inmates of a certain penitentlary struck recently for shorter hours. In order to have preserved the fitness of things they should have made it "years" instead of "hours."

A French doctor asserts that he can grow hair thirty feet long on a bald fatigable work, through the long days head. The statement is preposterous, of course; but even if it were true, who wouldn't rather have a bald head than the breaking point; neglect of family hair thirty feet long?

The parent who offers kidnapers reward with "no questions asked," may be doing the best possible for the return of his own child, but it's pretty certain that he is belping along the kidnaping of some other parent's child.

Last year the people of the United States used about 71,000,000 pounds of society keep individuals in a very devton, which cost \$10,000,000. The Secre- il's dance to avoid extinction. Few ary of Agriculture favors another at tempt at raising this commodity in this country. Several efforts have been made to grow tea in the Southern States.

A New York man has filed a petition in bankruptcy, claiming that the income of \$30,000 a year which he receives from his grandfather's estate is not sufficient to enable him to keep his debts paid. What that poor fellow needs is a job that will keep him good and busy about cleven hours a day.

The singular lack of patriotism dis played by the vast majority of Chinese is not confined to the common people but vitlates all official circles. A Chinese naval officer recently returning to China after three years' study in Germany at the expense of the Chinese government, was asked whether be would serve his country in case war arose, or join some other nation. His prompt reply was, "Wait and see which comes out best."

The sad business of executing the law in the cases of criminals convicted of murder, in the American States which retain capital punishment, is undergoing a change which cannot but be regarded as for the better, Two of the leading States, New York and Massachusetts, have adopted it, and humane sentiment in the country generally favors it. The electrodes are merciful, and are less theatrical than the gallows. The purpose of capital punishment is not to fill the living with horror, but, first, to put the offender definitely and forever beyond the possibility of repeating his crime, and, second, to convince all persons who have criminal possibilities in them that the law will be enforced if it is broken. Together with the enforcement of the law there goes, in the States which have already adopted the electrical method of execution, a firm prevention of sensational reports, which are debasing to the public sentiment. The word "electrocution," which is popularly applied to this process of inflicting capital punishment, is a bad and incorrect one. It is not properly formed from any classic or English originals, and is not found even in the dictionaries which were written since the word came into use No one word describes the method of execution, which can only properly be

described as execution by electricity. The fact that modern civilization has been longer established in the Hawallan Islands than in any part of the United States west of the Rocky Mountains will come with au element of surprise to many readers. The foundations were laid by the mission aries, who builded so well that, when gold was discovered in California, and the mining camps were contending against lawlessness, which necessitated the organiation of the Vigilantes, Hawaii was enjoying a constitution and good laws, electing members of its own legislature, arguing its legal

questions before its own courts, sut SURE DEATH TO TICKS perior and subordinate, sending Its children to school and attending church itself. Some of the Americans who have recently landed on the Islands without capital, tools or a trade, intent only on "developing a new country," have discovered that they are half a century late.

The abolition of the exile system by the Russian government is a step to ward a humane administration in criminal affairs by the czar. Whether this idea is a result of his efforts for universal peace or whether his rescript sprung from a determination to abolish transportation for political crimes matters little. But evidently the czar or some of his ministers have been reading history to some purpose. While the building of the trans-Siberian rail way was primarily a military enterprise, even the government of Russia could not afford to maintain that gigantic system for the transportation of military stores and soldlers solely, and It became a matter of prime importance that the Siberian territory be developed to such an extent that it would support the rallway system that has been constructed through it. So long as Siberia remained a penal colony its advancement was an utter impossibility. The history of Australia shows that it did not become a prosperous colony until it ceased to be a Botany bay for the detention of the criminals of

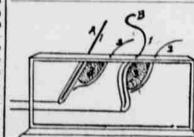
the British islands, nor did the English colony of Virginia become a desirable home for British emigrants until the transportation to it of criminals came to an end. The capabilities of Siberia are beyond calculation, and once it ceases to be the home of Russian convicts it will attract the emigrant from the more thickly settled portions of the empire, and become a department of the government that will be rich in the products of agriculture and of its mines. Russia will have fewer men and women who are criminals when transportation to Siberia ceases to be a punishment for political offenses, for nothing has stimulated misdeeds of that character so rapidly as the inhuman barbarities of the exile system. There are both policy and humanity in this new movement in Rus-

The more we observe the great fight for life that goes constantly on in the world the more we come to think that what the average individual needs is not so much more wealth as more leisure. Time is more than money. Now body would prefer the dandelions to a man to earn that tangible success by which the world Judges merit must sink all his finer aspirations in the slavish routine of money getting. Whether you observe a great railroad. a prosperous store, a successful newspaper, or any other thriving institution be assured it stands for immense personal sacrifices by the men that have made it what it is. Constant and indeand often far into the night, with no let up on holidays; mental strain to and friends; constant preoccupation of mind that drives out the thought of recreation; and absence of all opportunity to broaden out by cultivating the liberal side this is part of the price a man must pay for success, whether it is his own personal success or the success of some institution for which he stands sponsor. The fearful demands made by our condition of n ever have any lelsure. get away from business," is the universal excuse, and the result is, men become machines and poor machines -they get rusty and crusty and barnacles; they slave themselves to death to work to the pattern set by their neighbors; they wear out rapidly and they feel too poor to get out and give some one else a change. Enlightenment is going to be the liberator of our race, and for enlightenment we must have more leisure. Socrates and Robert Louis Stevenson rebelled at drudgery and spoke boldly for leisure as few men have done. But we will continue to go on in our self-destructive career, until, in due course of evolution, we have run our course and a new society, with new standards, and new aspirations, have superseded

WHY SOME HAIR IS CURLY. Professor Thomson Demonstrates and

Illustrates the teleuce of It. Prof. Arthur Thomson recently exhibited a model to illustrate how nat-

ural curliness of hair is produced. According to the explanation three factors require consideration in the production of curly hair: (1) the hair shaft, (2) the hair muscle, and (3) the sebaceous gland. Straight hair is always circular on section, and is usually thicker than curly hair, which is ribbon-like and fine. In order that the muscle may act as an erector of the hair it is requisite that the shaft of the hair embedded in the skin should be sufficiently strong to resist any tendency to bend; unless this be so the lever-like action necessary to produce its erection is destroyed. When the hair is fine and ribbon-like, the



HOW CURLY HAIR IS PRODUCED. (A. a straight hair; B. a curty one.)

shaft is not sufficiently stout to resist the strain of the muscle and naturally assumes a curve, the degree of curva ture depending on the development of the muscle, the resistance of the hair. and the size of the sebaceous gland. The curve thus produced becomes permanent and affects the follicle in which the hair is developed, the softer cells at the root of the bair accommodate themselves to this curve, and becoming more horsy as they advance towards the surface retain the form of the follicle: the cells on the concave side of the hair being more compressed than those on the convex side. In this way the hair retains the form of the follicle after it has escaped from it.

A man who lives on hope will spend his old age at somebody's else expense.

GOVERNMENT HAS ESTABLISH. ED BATHS FOR CATTLE.

By the Use of Medicated Dips Each Animal Is Given a Clean Bill of Health-Will Greatly Benefit Southern Stock Raisers.

The new government regulations concerning the shipment of Southern cattle have now been in effect long enough relieve the Southern stock raiser

and Northern buyer of many difficulties previous ly prevailing. The government seeks to preserve North-

CATTLE TICK. ern cattle from Texas fever, to which Southern cattle are subject. The fever is transmitted from beast to beast by means of ticks. In midwinter there is no danger of infection in the North because frost, which is fatal to the fever tick, protects uninfected cattle. With the new regulations there is a boon in the shape of a special treatment for ticky cattle, which provides all the im-

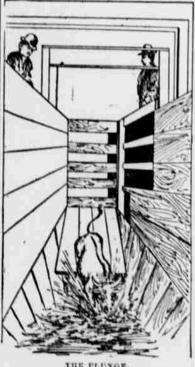


READY FOR THE PLUNGE.

munity given by frost as a cleaning agent. All infected or suspected cattle must be dipped in a medicated bath, fice. If there be anything in heredity, and the dip serves to give each particular bull, cow, calf or steer a clean bill Liberals and premier of Great Britain of health. Consequently the cattle industry of the South has received a helping hand that will be appreciated in that and other sections of the country. There are at present only three authorized dipping stations. They are Fort Worth, Texas; Mammoth Springs,

Ark., and East St. Louis, Ill. The dipping apparatus consists of a tank fifteen feet long, nine feet deep, and so narrow as not to permit a steer to turn around in it. Side walls ten feet above the surface of the ground serve as "splashers," and also more securely confine the animal while it is undergoing treatment. The entire in side of the tank is lined with zine to keep the contents from leaking out and becoming wasted. The tank is filled nearly full with a dip. This is a concentrated dynamo oil, saturated with flowers of sulphur, the sulphur being about one-half of 1 per cent, of the contents of the tank.

The operation of dipping consists in driving the steer into a short alley, or chute, which is then closed behind the animal. The steer is thereby left standing on a hinged platform. This gives way with the animal which slides with a plunge into the black oily liquid. The beast is submerged. and walks out by the inclined bottom of the tank, saturated with the mixture. Then that steer is troubled no more with ticks, and may rub up against healthy animals without danger of infecting them. The dip mix-



ture is sure death to fever ticks. The dipped steers are detained in a pen after the bath, where they are allowed to dry. They are inspected by government veterinarians, to see if they have been thoroughly treated, before being

Several States have been working with the above formula, and the board of agriculture of Missouri is so well satisfied that the dipping process entirely eradicates the ticks which cause disease that an amendment was passed in the Legislature of that State authorizing the admission of Texas and Cherokee cattle into Missouri. The State board of agriculture of Illinois has been experimenting on Texas cattle at Rockford. Governor Tanner of Illinois has opened the State to dipped cattle, with a certificate from a government officer testifying that the cattle have been treated. Other States will

doubtiess follow suit. In establishing dipping stations plication must be first made to the Secretary of Agriculture, and permisdon granted before action concerning their lecation and construction is com- chair. WHERE FOUR EUROPEAN BOUNDARY LINES MEET.

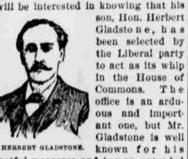


To be on the frontier line of four countries would be a novel experience to most men. But it is the common and daily lot of the police and customs officers shown in the accompanying picture. A step in one direction and they are in Germany; another step takes them to the Netherlands; another to Belgium, and another to the neutral territory, independent since 1814, a self-governing country of about five square miles in extent, with no army and no import duties. The German policeman on horseback is flanked by the Dutchman, the Belgian constable and a German customs officer standing in that order, and the representative of the neutral territory has his throne on a rock which is the highest part of the Netherlands.

menced. The bureau of animal industry furnishes inspectors at each station.

CHIP OF THE OLD BLOCK.

the "Grand Old Man" Become the Liberal Whip. Admirers of the late William Ewart Gladstone, England's "grand old man," will be interested in knowing that his



office is an arduous and important one, but Mr. Gladstone is well BERBERT GLADSTONE. known for his tactful measures and has an extended

parliamentary experience. Mr. Gladstone was born in 1854 and received his education at Eton and University College, Oxford. Much of his political training he received from his father, and under the latter he act ed as under secretary of the home ofhe may yet become the leader of the

THE LATE MLLE. RHEA.

A Foreign Actress Who Became Thoroughly Americanized.

The death of Mile. Rhen marked the closing of a remarkably successful dramatic career. Rhea had thousands of admirers in this country and whenever she was announced to appear in anything seats sold at a premium. She



MLLE. RHEA

was born in Belgium fifty-five years ago of French parents. Owing to the dissipation of her father's fortune she was early thrown upon her own resources and sought the dramatic profession as a means of gaining a living. After playing with marked success in the principal cities of the continent she came to London for a vacation in 1881. Becoming interested in English she determined to play in the language and in one month went on the stage with the part of Beatrice in "Much Ado About Nothing." Shortly afterward she came to America and began a series of tours which brought her be fore the people of nearly every importand city in the United States. She never afterward returned to Europe, except for brief visits.

FOLDING CASKS AND BARRELS.

Knock-Down Device that Saves Ro

and Freight Charges. The casks used in many industries are necessarily so well made that they are delivered with their contents on the express agreement that they are to be returned when empty, and the cost of the return shipment of these casks is a very serious expenditure. With the view of cutting this expense down to a minimum, Phillis Mayotte, of Escanaba, Mich., has invented a knock-down barrel, which will reduce this item to the very lowest notch. In his design the barrel heads and staves differ but slightly from the usual type. The hoops, however, are of metal chains instead of flat iron bands, and the end links of these are held together by means of tightening bolts, by which means the tension is at all times regulated. The chains are held securely in place and prevented from slipping by means of plns, which are driven into the staves. When it is desired to ship the empty casks the tightening bolts



KNOCKDOWN CASE.

are unbooked and the chains released. allowing the parts to separate entirely. In this shape many barrels may be shipped in the space usually taken up

A woman with several men folks in her family has to go away from home occasionally to get to sit in a rocking

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over-Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young-Funny Selections that You Will Enjoy. Amateur Sportsman-What did

bring down, Pat? Pat-Yer dog, sur; blew his head all

Amateur Sportsman-Where's the Pat-Picking at the dog, sur.-Har-

One Inducement. Sandy Pikes-Did Misty Moods die hard, Billy?

lem Life.

Billy Coalgate-Nope! Very smooth. Sandy Pikes-But I always thought Misty had scruples 'gainst shifting off de mortal coil?

Billy Coalgate-So he did, Sandy; till he heard de doctor say he wus goin' to his restin' place, an' den he just passed away wid dat sweet smile.

An Object.

Rich Uncle-Are you always se miet, Willie? Willie-No. But ma said she'd give

me a quarter if I behaved and didn't say anything about your bald head. Harper's Bazar. Prof. Arthur T. Hadley, a Young and

"Do you understand English?" in-

Prof. Arthur T. Hadley, who sucquired the visitor. ceeds President Timothy Dwight as "No," answered the attache of the head of Yale University, is one of the most popula. and capable professors Chinese court. "Nor Russian?" of the college. He was graduated

"No. There's no use of our learning any of those languages. All we need to do when anybody speaks to us received the degree of M. A. from Yale is to take it for granted that he is telling us to move on."-Washington

Gobang-If you don't make your dog

Hewitt-How do you know he

Hewitt-You must not believe every-

thing you hear.-St. Louis Republic.

Lessons in Finance.

"Conscience-money? It is the 50

cents your mother leaves in my pocket

Knew What He Wanted

Gimme a dime's wuth o' dried beef

an' sum crackers," sald Uncle Josh to

"You have evidently made a mistake

"Wall, now, I reckon I know'd that,

b'gosh," said the old man, "an' ef dried

beef an' crackers hain't dry goods then

Great Luck.

"Talk about luck!" exclaimed the

Spanish statesman, as he completed a

"Do you refer to this country?" ask-

"I certainly do. What other govern

ment would have the good fortune to

sue for peace and get damages?"-

Opinion of a Scoffer.

"How do you feel about this dress

"Well, no pretty women will go in

"Because after they adopt it they

Scrimble-So sorry I've none of my

work to show you. Fact is, I've just

Mrs. Macmillions-What a pity! I

flid so much want to see them. How

soon do you expect them back?-

"I've lived in this country all my

life," said the old inhabitant, "and I

hain't never had no trouble with no-

body, 'cept the durned national guv-

ernmint, an' the only reason the guv-

srnmint th'owed me in jail wuz be-

kase it didn't understan' me."-Atlan-

A National Affront,

alliance with the British, Hopper."

"You are not enthusiastic about our

"No; I don't want a thing to do with

them until they call their English

sent all my pictures to the academy.

ed the cheerless companion.

"How do you know?"

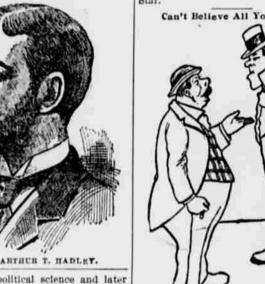
when she cleans out all the rest."

"What is conscience-money, pa?"

stop barking I'll have to complain.

Gobang-I hear him every night.

Can't Believe All You Hear,



barks?

call 'em."

\$20,000,000.

reform?"

for it."

Punch.

ta Constitution.

sparrow home."

Washington Star.

won't be pretty."

PROP. ARTHUR T. HADLEY.

YALE'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Gifted Writer and Student.

from Yale in 1876 and has been connec-

ted with the university ever since. He

in 1887. He was first a tutor, then in-

structor in political science and later a professor in this branch. He is now professor of political science and political economy.

He was born in New Haven April 23, 1856, and is the son of a Yale professor. He has always lived in New Haven. He held the office of labor commissioner of Connecticut for two years and was one of the most fearless officers the State ever had, being especially popular with the workingmen. He is well known as a writer on railroads and as a statistician and student of the labor problem. He is one of the youngest of college presidents, but his brilliancy is admitted by all and good results are expected from his selection.

CHICAGO'S DAILY COW.

the young lady in charge of the ribbon she Would Need to Be 127 Feet High counter in a downtown store. and Give 131,000 Gallons of Milk, If one cow was to give all the milk in the place," she smilingly replied. consumed daily in the city of Chicago "This is a dry goods store."



CHICAGO'S DAILY COW.

cows to supply the average demand. The milk comes into the city in 16,400 eight-gallon cans. To feed Chicago's daily cow takes each day about 3,000 tons of food exclusive of water. It is estimated that 17,000 people are directly engaged in gathering and distributing the milk supply. If there are 2,000,-000 people in the city, each on the average consumes a little over half a pint of milk a day.

A Bostonian Colloquy. "Before I give a definite answer to your proposal of marriage, Mr. Tioklowell," the Boston maiden said, in calm, even tones, "I must know what your convictions are in reference to our duty toward the English sparrow." "Miss Howjames," replied the young

secuted but interesting bird is identical with that of Thoreau." Rather than confess that she could not at the moment remember anything Thoreau had ever written concerning the English sparrow the proud Boston

maid slowly yielded.-Chicago Trib-

man, "my position as regards that per-

Curious Offer.

A firm of English ten merchants offers to every married woman who buys a pound of its fifty-cent tea for five consecutive weeks a pension of \$2.50 a week in case of the death of her husband, provided he was in good health when she began to buy the tea-The pension is to continue as long as she remains a widow.

Literary Tendencies.

The average man who writes these days. He thrashes old straw o'er. And makes two leaves, at least, to grow Where one leaf was before. Detroit Journal.

LET US ALL LAUGH.

JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VA-RIOUS HUMORISTS.

Circumstances Alter Cases Teacher—What does s-t-i-n-gy to Bright Pupil-It depends upon application of the word. Teacher-Explain.

Bright Pupil—If applied to a nu spells one thing, and if applied a bee it spells another.

He Wasn't Superstition.
She—Do you believe the howing of dog is always followed by a death?

He-No; not always; some

man who shoots at the dog is a ;

Compensatory Advantages. "I rather like this time o' year."

"You don't mean it?"

"Yes; when I get home at night; wife is so tired that she lets me to my own way about everything.



Mother (to her son, just home fre college)-What is that number on per overcoat for? Son-It's the coat-room number-

was at the theater. Mother-But here are your trousn! You didn't leave them at the contract too, did you?-Heltere Welt.

Hard to Discipline. "War seems to be very much the those old genii who get out of thebe des in the Arabian Nights." "How's that?"

"Why, it is easier to let it loose that It is to cork it up again." Bitter Words for the Office Boy. "Please, sir, can I get off this after aoon? My grandmother's dead."

"Yes; but it's too bad. I was gold to give you my ticket to the baseled game." From a Mascultue Standpost "It's queer," said the your war, that poor, dear John never wit

word to me about remarrying Inc. ly can't understand it." "I don't see anything so very remarkable about that," rejoined her barber uncle. "I suppose you are not the one he thought it was his duty to warn."

A Natural Deduction. "The world is mine!" exclaimed Monte Cristo, just before the curtain

"Say!" yelled a Spaniard from the gallery, "are you the feller the al 'Uncle Sam?"

Circumstantial Evidence. Husband (after the performan-I didn't enjoy the show very mat!

forgot my glasses. Wife-Perhaps you did, dear, a

our breath doesn't indicate it" Punished for His Honesty. PROTE CARPEREN

"So your boy is in the House of Correction?"

"Yes, I'm sorry to say! He ses the ways so honest and when be sole anything he always brought it book and that's how he got caught."-listere Welt.

A Way Out. Irate Customer-See here, your man, I bought this hair tonic free you, and it is absolutely worthless Clerk-We can't help that, sir. Irate Customer-But you guaranted each bottle?

Clerk-Exactly, sir, but we didn't guarantee the tonic.

Connublat Bliss. Titled Husband (shrugging shoulders)—You took me as I am of dear. You'll have to put up with American Heiress-I can put up with you easily enough. It's what I put \$ for you that hurts. Short Engagement. "Is this sent engaged, Miss"

the flirty hat drummer. "No, sir, but I am; so you land any show." Then the drummer drummed his for

gers and looked out at the flying see nery.

Around the World. Around the world in thirty three days is the possible pace set by Prince koff, the Russian Imperial Minister Ways and Communications. To make the circuit in this time modern for ships and railway trains are alone of sidered, but with these available the routes specified he gives the time as follows: Bremen to St. Petersburg by rail, 11/2 days; St. Petersburg a ladivoctock by rail at 30 miles an hos-10 days, Viadivostock to San Fracisco, via Hakodate Straits, 10 San Francisco to New York, 414 days To New York to Bremen, 7 days. present shortest time for circuiting the globe is given as follows; New York is Southamptom, 6 days; Southampton b Brindisi, via Paris, 31/2 days; Brinds to Yokohama, via Suez. 42 days; Yokohama to San Francisco, 10 days and San Francisco to New York, 412 dark

or 66 days in all. First Advertisement. The first advertisements ever known were placed on the doors of St. Past

Cathedral, London.