### OLD TIME LEGAL METHODS.

to Hang Men. The testimony of a ghost would not after the "45" an English soldier wandeath. Years passed and then came a story of a communication from another world.

A farm servant declared that in the night a spirit had appeared to him declaring itself to be the ghost of the etill unburied. The highlander must see to their decent interment and have the murderers, two men named, brought to justice. The highlander promised, but did not keep his word, and a second and third time the spirit appeared and upbraided him for his breach of faith. Alarmed at last and no longer daring to delay, the man called a companion and went to the spot which the spirit had indicated and there found the bones of the murdered warrior concealed in a moorland tract called the hill of Christie.

The story of the highlander came to the ears of an anti-Jacobite, who caus ed the matter to be brought to trial before the court of judiciary, Edinburgh. There the tale was corroborated by a woman who had seen a naked figure enter the place on the night spoken of by the man. It was an age of superstition in a district more than commonly given to superstition, and the jury seemed disposed to find the two men charged guilty of the murder, but it happened that the principal witness spoke only Guelle. "Now." said the counsel for the defense, "in what language did the ghost speak?" "In as good Gaelie as I ever heard in Lochaber," was the reply. "Pretty good for the ghost of an English soldier," said counsel, and that question and comment saved the necks of the men at the bar. The jury could believe in a ghost, but not in an English ghost speaking Guelle.-London Standard.

#### Following the Flag.

When our soldiers went to Cuba and important consideration. Willis T. Morgan, retired Commissary Sergeant U. S. A., of Rural Route 1, Concord, N. H., says. "I was two years in Cuba and two years in the Philippines, and being subject to colds. I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which kept me in perfect health. And now, in New Hampshire, we find it the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds, bronchial teed at Charles Rogers, druggist, Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

In voting to build "the largest battleship affoat" the House of Representatives seems to have taken unfair advantage of the fact that the Hon-R. P. frequently results from neglect of clog Hobson, though already nominated for ged bowels and torpid liver, until conyears before breaking into that body.

ASK ANONYMOUS VACKO

#### THE BANANA PLANT.

#### When the Evidence of Ghosts Sufficed Each Tree Produces Only One Bunch of the Fruit.

The banana plant is not properly a now count for much in a court of law, tree at all. It has no woody fiber. It is but the day has been when it has a large, green, fleshy plant, with big sufficed to hang a man. There was a leaves six or eight feet long and some ghostly accuser in a case with which times two feet broad. It grows to a the readers of Scott are familiar. Soon height of ten to fourteen feet or ever more, according to the variety of dering near Braemar met a violent plant and the soil and climate. Each tree produces one bunch of fruit only. which is really the terminal bud of the plant, just like an ear of wheat or barley. It has no branches, and when the fruit is ready, which is twelve or fifteen months from the date of plant soldler, whose bones, it is said, lay ing, the tree is cut down and done with.

But while it is growing up and maturing its fruit it is at the same time sending up from its roots other young plants or suckers - perhaps eight or nine of them. Each of these will produce its own bunch in turn, some of them in a couple of months after the parent plant, and there will thus be a regular succession of fruit. Many of these suckers have to be dug up and planted elsewhere, or they would be toe thick on the ground.

And there is this peculiarity about the banana: You can plant it at any season, and the fruit ripens all the year round. When once a banana field has been planted out, all that is necessary to be done is to keep it clear of weeds and keep thinning out the multiplying suckers.

#### A Curious Wooden Watch.

The most curious timekeeper perhaps that has ever been made in this country was the work of one Victor Doriot, who lived at Bristol, Tenn., in the last century. This horological oddity was nothing more or less than a wooden watch. The case was made of brier root, and the inside works-all except three of the main wheels and the springs, which were of metal - were made from a piece of an old boxwood rule. The face, which was polished until it looked like a slab of finest lvory, was made from the shoulder blade of an old cow that had been killed by the cars. "Doriot's queer watch," as it was called, was an open faced affair, with a glass crystal, and the Philippines, health was the most Wis pronounced an elegant piece of werkmanship by all the watchmakers in east Tennessee.

#### 4 Wonderful Memory.

Hortensius, the great Roman lawyer and orator, had a memory of extraordinary scope and tenacity. After compoing a speech or oration he could repent it word for word exactly as he had prepared it. On one occasion he went to an auction, where the business was carried on during an entire day, troubles and all lung diseases. Guaran- and at evening, for a wager, he wrote down a list of the articles that had prior to the conquest by the Romans. been sold and the prices, together with The Britons before the time of Christ the names of the purchasers, in the order in which the purchases had been

#### An Alarming Situation

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THE MAN BEHIND THE BIG PLUTOCRATIC GUN: WHO IS HE?

#### AN EMPEROR'S TASTE.

#### It Was the Origin of a Common Saying In Austria.

An anecdote which was current of Ferdinand I. of Austria at one time greatly delighted his subjects and gave rise to a common saying. One summer day he was bunting in the Syrian mountains and was overtaken by a violent thunderstorm. He sought refuge in a farmhouse whose occupants were just then at dinner, and his fancy was caught by some smoking dump lings made of coarse flour. He tasted them, liked them and asked for more, and when he got to Vienna, to the horror of the royal cooks, he ordered the same dumplings to be served up dally. The courtiers were scandalized that such a coarse dish should figure or the menu, and even his physicians remonstrated against the use of such

. The emperor had always been the most pliant of men, but he now showed that he had a will of his own and persisted in gratifying his new fancy. Finally the physicians pretended that it was dangerous to his health to be living on dumplings and insisted on his giving them up. The hitherto docile sovereign stamped his foot and declared that he would never sign another official document if his diet were denied him.

"Emperor I am," he shouted, "and dumplings I will have!"

To prevent a stoppage of the government machinery opposition was withdrawn, and his majesty clung tenaclously to his dumplings. Then the imperial phrase became proverbial, and thereafter when any one insisted on gratifying a silly whim some one was sure to say:

"Emperor I am, and dumplings I will

#### RELATING TO IRON.

#### Discovery of the Metal, According to Various Authorities.

The Bible speaks of Tubal Cain as the discoverer of Iron and the father of smiths. The Egyptians imputed to Hephaestus the same honor, while Pilny mentions it having been discovered by Dactyles on Mount Ida after the forests on the mountain side had been destroyed by lightning. This was about 1,432 years B. C. Jeremiah and Ezekiel both mention iron in their Scriptural writings, the latter specially mentioning two qualities of the metal and calling one bright iron, which was probably steel.

Moses mentions an iron furnace, and Job speaks of it as being taken out of the earth. Thousands of years before the opening of the Christian era the Egyptians used iron in making sickles, knives and such things. Sparta first used iron for money. Britain also used it as a medium of barter and exchange

used to export iron to Gaul, and after the Roman conquest the conquerors established extensive smelting works, which existed at least as late as the Baxon conquest .- St. James' Gazette.

When chasing the butterfly of loveliness there is one thing to keep in mind and that is chose the right kind-Tea or Tablets, Frank Hart, Druggist,

#### NAMING A TOWN.

#### How Abilene Came to Be Selected by

They lived in a log house on the west side of Mud creek and were the first settlers on the town site, although no town then existed nor was there one until 1860. Then C. H. Thompson, who had moved to the county from Leavenworth, bought from the Kansas Pacific Railway company a tract east of

Hersey's and laid out a town. When it came to the naming of the future city Mr. Thompson went to Hersey and asked him to suggest a

"No," was the reply, "let my wife do it. She is a great reader."

Mrs. Hersey was a graduate of a seminary in the east, and her little library, which she carried with her in her wanderings, was one of the ties that bound her to the girlhood life. She was a devout Methodist and knew her Bible from "cover to cover." When she was asked to name the town she turned to the New Testament for suggestion. There, in the third chapter of Luke, first verse, she found this: "Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea . . and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene."

"Call the town 'Abilene,' " said she. "It means 'City of the Plains,' and that exactly describes the location."

So Abilene it was, and in the fight for the county seat, wherein it contest ed with Newport, Smoky Hill and Union City, all long since passed away, good fortune attended it, and the new town became the county capital for the 378 dwellers then in Dickinson county.-Kansas City Star.

#### Fleshmaking Food.

Cream gruel, according to an eminent English authority, is the ideal nourishment for thin folk. A teacupful taken at night immediately before retiring is said to give marvelous results. To be at its best it must be perfectly made, then thinned with sweet cream. Taken in that condition and warm, it is agreeable as well as fattening and produces just that sense of satisfied hunger essential to ideal rest. It is claimed that perseverance in the treatment yields such apparent results that the cheeks can be seen to expand from day to day.

#### The Pepper Vine.

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#### Sarcastic.

"Yes, my dear; I believe in transmigration of souls. I may be a brute in my next life."

"Wouldn't that be discouraging-or don't you care for a change?"-Hous-

#### In Plain Words.

"What," asked the judge, "was the cause of the altercation?"

"I didn't see anny, yer honor, but it was him callin' me a liar that shtarted the fight."-Chicago Record-Herald.

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#### Deadly Serpent Bites

the world.

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