#### HELPING OUT NATURE.

ALL PARTS OF THE BODY SUP-PLIED EXCEPT VITAL ORGANS.

How a So Called Total Wreck May Be Benefited by the Advanced Processes and Inventions of These Days-Medical Science Stops at Nothing.

When one of Noah's grandchildren lost a finger in a haycutter or an arm in a buzzsaw, or had an eye put out or a leg cut off, or lost his hair or teeth, he was forced to go without the item thus deducted from his sum total for the rest of his mortal life. It is hard to credit the amount of patching up that may now be accomplished by the advanced processes and inventions of these days.

Suppose that a man has lost all four limbs, his hair, his eyes, his nose, all his teeth and a portion of his palate, and that he has a fractured skull and tubercles on his lungs. The gentleman may also be covered with the pits of an early case of smallpox and may have been presented at his birth with a large mole on his cheek.

First, of course, he will have his head trepanned by some skillful surgeon, and when he has had the tubercles removed from his lungs by a specialist in pulmonary diseases and has recovered from the exhausting effects of these two operations he will be in a proper state to have his eyes attended to. A rabbit is selected whose optics are of a color becoming to the subject, and one of them is transplanted by means of transference. Of course he could hardly expect to have both eyes successfully supplied in this way, but supposing he has good luck and one grows satisfactorily, the other socket. for the sake of beauty and symmetry, will be filled by one of the glass eyes now manufactured to such perfection. GETTING LIMBS, ETC.

His next proceeding will be to call in a maker of artificial limbs and be measured for a full suit of arms and legs.

If the patient is fortunate enough to well as many merely lame legs convey ing, will present, perhaps, a more symmetrical appearance than the originals they have succeeded.

cle and incapable of aching, will be supplied by any good dentist, and the miss-ing portion of the palate also will be furnished. Then the hair would naturally be his next thought.

But this is a long and painful process, so we will suppose that the subject contents himself with a wig. Fortunately in these days wigs are made which are entirely deceptive, and so far as appearance goes look quite as well as nature's own production. The writer of these lines has shared a room with the wearer of such a wig for several days and was not aware that his companion's Hyperion locks were not the proper growth of the weather not in head they adorned until in a burst of New York Star. confidence the truth was revealed.

HOW THE VICTIM MAY APPEAR. The beauty seeker next goes to that artist of recent growth, the "dermatolegist," who first destroys his mole by ectrosis" and then gets to work on the pockmarks. These are smoothed by a disintegrating process, which loosens up the fibrous structure of the scars and nooths down the whole face by a sort of planing method.

He is still disfigured by the want of a nose, certainly a most important lack in a human countenance. This feature may now be supplied by surgery by transplanting a fold of flesh from some living arm, which is held near the face to be repaired until a portion of the fold has grown fast in its new situation, and then is wholly separated from the arm and forms a fairly satisfactory nasal ap-

Here the former human wreck may walk about the streets or call upon his feminine acquaintances quite capable of appreciating their charms, for he has one available eye. He may smile also, for his molars and incisors are now plentiful and of pearly whiteness, and though his nose may be a trifle puddinglike and lack Grecian symmetry of line, his delicate completion and layuriant, felt to be a trifle burdensome."—New his delicate complexion and luxuriant hair largely compensate for this trifling

He will never, of course, be a satisfactory partner in the waltz, but his dig- Mo., heard a terrible cackling among his nified repose and symmetrical limbs geese, and on going to ascertain the must make him an ornament to the re- cause discovered that an immense gray ception and conversazione.

spair, and surgeons believe that we may the gander struggled hard to escape. soon expect to see the ill furnished cranium supplied with such qualities as

Pay in the United States Navy. Ordinary seamen get \$19 a month; seamen get \$24. Boys get \$10; apprentices, third class, \$9; second class, \$10; first class, \$11 a month; seaman apprentices, second class, \$19; first class, \$24 a month. The enlistment is for three You can enlist at the navy yard; to enlist as a boy or a third class appren-

tice you need not "know the ropes."— New York Sun.

Palpitation of the Heart. An excessive palpitation of the heart can always be arrested by bending double, with the head down and the arms pendant, so as to produce a temporary congestion of the upper part of the body. If the respiratory movements be suspended during this action the effect

There is a tiny village in New Hampshire which takes special pride in its weather vanes, and it certainly can boast a great variety of ingeniously contrived and weather and wind proof specimens

of these useful articles. They were evidently designed not only for use, but for ornament, and there is scarcely a barn of any size which is not decorated with a weather vane of a more or less complicated workmanship.

Most of these vanes were made many years ago by an old man who took great delight in carving the queer figares and planning their arrangement so they would go through various motions. It is said that he was in the habit of "trying" a figure, when he had com-pleted it, on his own barn, and then when he became satisfied that it worked properly he would carry it with great pride to the farmer who had ordered it.

There is one which still stands guard over a barn that has long since been deserted by its owners, who have left the lonely farm to seek their fortunes at the west. It is the figure of a soldier, whose uniform is greatly faded from years of exposure, but whose gun still indicates the quarter from which the wind is blowing by its position. Its evolutions when the wind is, as the weatherwise farmers say, "backing or hauling," are quite interesting.

The are animals of different kinds. such as cows, horses, pigs and bears, which are used as vane figures, and point with their heads, legs or tails, as the case may be. One figure of a horse, which has long since left its best days behind it, presents a startling effect from the fact that a horsehair tail has been inserted in the place of the old wooden one, and being of a length quite out of proportion to the horse's size, it sometimes in a high wind lashes the poor animal's head in a most uncanny way .-Youth's Companion.

The Padrone System

If there is any one so deluded as to imagine that the padrone has no existence in New York he should note the have one arm down to the wrist, he will maneuvers of a big, burly, coarse featbe supplied with a hand with which he ured man who watches the "chesanutta" can manage to write a little and feed and flower gang which pre-empts the himself quite perfectly. His lower limbs walks in West Fourteenth street, I will convey him from place to place, not stood at the corner of that thoroughfare very gracefully, to be sure, but still as and Sixth avenue one morning. It was 8 o'clock, and the gang, numbering their owners, and which, sitting or resting, will present, perhaps, a more symagent, was there in waiting. Each received a small amount of money, and The once total wreck is still bald, started off for his accustomed place. toothless and disfigured with pock- The padrone, or the agent, hovered in marks and a mole. An artificial set of the vicinity, and kept a close surveilteeth, quite as good as the original arti- lance over the men, and at the same time was on the lookout for approaching policemen.

Two precincts join on Fourteenth street, so the padrone has no time to shirk his duty. If a policeman passes He may have hair or portions of scalp along the lower side the signal is passed, transplanted to the uncovered cranium. and the Italians cross to the opposite When a bluecoat disappears around a corner they return. At 7 o'clock at night Fourteenth street is clear of these pests. They meet the padrone again and turn over to him the receipts of the day. Then they drag their bent figures down the avenue and take a short cut for some Mulberry street attic. Seven days in the week this routine is gone through with, cold or stormy weather not interfering in the least.—

> Specialists Increasing. "People demand more from a doctor nowadays," said a physician who is thinking of retiring on his fortune, "than they did when I began to build up my practice. That is, they demand more in some ways and not so much in others. Not many years ago it would have been as much as a doctor's reputation was worth to say to a patient: 'Now. look here, my dear sir, I know what's the matter with you, but I would rather not treat you myself. There is Dr. Bacross the way, who makes a specialty of the disorder you have contracted, and he can treat you better than I can for that reason. He may not cure you, of course, but in any case you will then feel that you have had the best advice available.' Now, fortunately, I can give such advice, and do every week of my life, without being thought any less skillful a physician by my patients. But at the same time the profession is running toward specialists, in the cities anyway, and for a doctor who began as I had to do to cover the whole field of ills that flesh is heir to, the amount of skill and experience and special training that York Tribune.

> > An Eagle's Big Contract.

John Bettorf, of Crawford county, eagle had buried its talons in a large Thus while the vital organs remain gander which with others was swimwithin the trunk and the gray matter of ming on a pond in the field. The eagle the brain is intact a man need not de- was unable to rise with its prey, while

Bettorf ran to the edge of the pond, and the gander at once swam to his masit lacks, and poets, painters, inventors ter's feet, who caught the eagle by the and philosophers manufactured out of neck and legs and held it under water the raw material of the idiot ward and until it was nearly drowned. He then the stage door contingent.-New York removed its talons from the back of the gander and conveyed it to a coop, where it soon recovered and became as active and as well as ever. The gander, however, was so severely injured that it died a few days after. The eagle measured nearly seven feet from tip to tip of wings.—Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Chapman's Pointer Cat.

Chapman Vanluvanee is fond of shooting English sparrows with a small callber rifle. He has a handsome gray cat that always accompanies him in the capacity of a retriever. When Mr. Vanluvance halts beneath a tree and elevates his rifle, the cat always locates the game, and generally nabs his sparrow the moment the bird touches the ground. Another peculiar trait in the animal's nat-ure is that he will not touch any other variety of bird, having cultivated an exclusive taste for English sparrows.will be only the more rapid.—Hall's Doylestown Democrat.

DIDN'T KEEP A DIRECTORY.

Druggist, Whose Store Adjoins a Large Dry Goods House, Has No Picnic. "I would like to look at your direct-ory, please," said I, the other day, on

entering a drug store on Sixth avenue, near Nineteenth street. The man behind the counter looked up with a weary expression and quietly

shook his head. "What's the matter," I asked. "Don't you keep a directory here?"

Again the head shake was repeated, and then I sought for an explanation. 'You see," said the druggist, "we are right in among all these large dry goods tores, and as their customers are mostly ladies of more or less leisure, our place would be fairly overrun with women all day long if we had a directory there in

"Yes," he went on, "we did keep a directory once, but it got to be such an intolerable nuisance that we either had to stop it or close out our business. I be-lieve," said the druggist, "that some women like to go into a drug store and look over the directory. Not, mind you, because they really wish to find out any addresses, but simply from pure cussedness. Maybe they think it looks businesslike. And then, you know, a drug store is a great place of rendezvous for the ladies who do shopping, and study-ing over a directory helps them to kill

time if the other party is late.
"You have no idea," he went on, "of the number of women who stop in here every day and ask foolish questions. Why, sometimes when I tell them we don't keep a directory they ask me whether I know where so-and-so lives, and a thousand and one questions be sides that might be answered in the directory, but which they never stop to consider. And then these women come in here and want to leave their bundles while they do their shopping elsewhere. They hold regular conversation bees, and interfere with customers passing in and out, and fairly worry my life out with their petty questions and annoyances.

"Stamps, did you say, miss?" he added, turning to address a young lady who had just entered. "No, miss; we do not keep stamps.

"I'd have to keep a branch postoffice up here," said the druggist as the young lady went out, and then he turned to some score or more of ladies who were waiting to receive attention.—New York Herald.

The Vice of Idleness

It is exceedingly difficult to understand the cause of this vice, or of its reported increase, but we incline to be-lieve that while it is in a few a sort of disease, it is in the majority nothing but a low form of selfishness, curable only by punishment, whether the natural punishment of starvation or an artificial one. The man hates the self suppression involved in work just as a savage does, but he can suppress himself if he chooses, and invariably does choose, if for any reason he passes under the terrible though avoidable discipline of a convict prison. The compulsion which usually falls upon the idle takes the form of bad food, bad lodging and want of tobacco, and it is not sufficient.

steady work, which presses and tortures and almost maddens the really idle, just as civilization, which is its essence, is a multitude of small restraints, does the savage. They will not put up with the suffering for the time necessary to teach them that it is endurable, and will rather break away into the desert, often a where there also is no work to do.-London Spectator.

Cabbage Palm Trunks for Submarine Use One hundred thousand running feet of palmetto logs will be shipped right away from Brunswick to Santiago, Cuba, This is a new article of export from this state, and bids fair to become an important factor in increasing Brunswick's already enormous timber and lumber trade.

Mr. W. F. Carnegie, the millionaire iron man, is largely interested in an iron mine near Santiago, and the order was made by his company. A great part of the timber is to be used in the construction of cribs to inclose a harbor near the mines in which ships can load. The rest will be converted into piles for building in this paper. a railroad across quite a large body of

A gentleman well informed in such matters said that this material would last an indefinite length of time under water, but could not very well stand exposure to the air. It is almost proof against the attack of worms, and is entirely free from barnacles. And while it will no doubt finally succumb to these two destroying agencies, yet there can be no doubt of its lasting at least twice as long under water as any other kind of wood.-Brunswick Times.

The Youth's Knowledge.

Is it that the average youth of today knows more geography in a minute than his father, when he was a schoolboy, knew in ten years, or is it that the father forgot nearly all of his knowledge immediately after closing the covers of his big geography? However that is, one thing is certain-that nine youngsters out of ten who can't count so many years as they have fingers can "floor" their as they have fingers can "floor" their whole grown up families on mountains, lakes, rivers and streams, cities, towns and villages and boundaries. They not only do this persistently and uncompronicipals but they restigate the streams of the stream of the streams of the stream of the streams of the stream o misingly, but they take particular de-light in making their sisters' callers flush to the roots of their hair with their terribly erudite questions.-New York

The Navy of China.

So far as the power of the fleet is concerned China is the eighth in rank. But the lack of proper organization, equipment and personnel renders her fine ves sels practically valueless for purposes of war. It may be said that China has no army, only collections of uniformed men, The Best of Wines, Liquors and Cigars and that she has no navy, but simply a number of naval vessels, with some of the inhabitants on board.—New York Herald.

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