ODDS AND ENDS.

San Francisco has Chinese coopers

There are about 1,400 places of worship in London Charles Dickens' salary as editor of The

Daily News was \$10,000 per annum.

act wisely requires a combination of man-

The coast line of Alaska exceeds in length by 3,020 miles that of all the rest of the United States.

The ordinary young father thinks as much of the first baby as he does of the next seven put together.

A billion dollars would buy gowns for all the women in the civilized world and shoes for 500,000,000 homeless children

Dr. Johnson was partial to new honey and clouted cream, and all his life had a voracious attachment for a leg of mutton.

Shakespeare and Moliere are reported to be the only books Lord Randolph Churchill takes with him on his tour through Africa

The runaways on the Brooklyn bridge average two a month in summer and one a month in winter. Arrests average four a week.

There is nothing that so promptly cuts short a congestion of the lungs, sore throat or rhenmatism as hot water thoroughly and promptly applied.

When you incline to weary of well doing solace yourself with the Arab proverb, "The reward of good works is like dates, sweet and ripening late."

It is calculated that Wordsworth, nature's poet, walked during his lifetime a distance of nearly 200,600 miles, and what splendid use he made of his saunterings!

The Y. M. C. A.'s of the country now own property worth \$12,500,000. One thou-sand and eighty-three persons are engaged as paid officials, and there are 225,000 mem-

Girls Are Afraid of Candy Now.

If there is anything in this great and glorious republic of ours that a girl likes better than any other one thing it is candy. Even the young man who unwillingly yields the major portion of his salary to her in the purchase of it can't hold a can-die to this sweet competitor. He puts, as it were, a rival in the field to steal away his gains. He hates to do it, too, worse than he hates to get up at 7 a. m., after sitting up until 12 or 18 a. m. helping her to eat it. He hates it not only because it is his rival, but because he knows that the manufacturer is making about 10,000 per cent. net on every pound that is sold. Cupid or no Cupid.-

Of course, in these figures reference is had to these candies that come in tucks and frills and satin boxes and bags, which are the only brands a veteran candy girl will accept. But the young man's turn has come now, and the candy manufacturer will have to suck a pebble for sweet enin' while the young man grins.

The girls are scared, and they won't eat candy any more, because last week a New Jersey young woman, on a visit to Washington, received a box of candy from her "beau" as she was leaving the national capital to nibble on daintily as she hustled homeward. She got home before the box was emptied, and then she hit it again. But it was one time too many, and the apparently succulent, saccharine and sincere chocolate drop in its soler suit of brown exploded with terrific force in her month and blew pearly teeth, and jaw bone splin ters, and rosy cheeks, and dimpled chin, and cherry lips, and peachblow skin all over the town of New Horeb and clear out into the suburbs.

Nobody who saw the dreadful sight had the slightest idea that there was so much in a chocolate drop of the regulation dimensions, but there was, and the girl got all out of it that could be got in the brief time at her disposal. Of course report of the accident-not the chocolate drop-flew all over the telegraph wires and dropped into the homes of the fair in every state, an

SHIPS PULL UP CABLES.

QUEER FISHING WITH PROPELLER eral Upton, who was at one time com-SCREWS OF BIG BOATS.

To think wisely is the part of a sage; to An Ocean Steamship Carries a Piece of Submarine Cable from New York to

Submarine cables laid in shallow wa-

ters are often exposed to greater risks and rougher treatment than the great ocean cables, which sometimes cost their owners a small fortune in repairs. Not long ago an ocean going steamship, in leaving her dock at Jersey City, plowed up the soft bottom with her powerful propeller, and secured a costly and valuable catch in the shape of about a dozen submarine cables, which enmeshed themselves in the blades of the propeller so effectively that all the cables were torn asunder, and the ship had to go into dry dock to clear her screw of the garlands of iron, hemp and Kerite with which it had become embellished-not to say erbarrassed.

The learned judge who presided over

the argument as to whether the telegraph company, which owned the cables. or the steamship company, which owned the inquisitive vessel, was the aggrieved party. decided in favor of the latter, holding that a harbor is to be kept free for navigation, and that a steamer is entitled to plow through mud as well as water, cables or no cables. If the cables were thought to be secure because they were lodged in two feet of silt, why, so much the worse for the cables, or rather for their owners.

According to the learned judge, ocean steamers possess the right of way through the silt. even down to hard rock, and the waters of a harbor for purposes of navi-gation have no "bottom." This is cold comfort for owners of submarine cables in harbors, but by way of adding insult to injury the very practical suggestion was made that cables might be laid in a species of submarine trench, and thus be kept out of harm's way when ocean steamers (or others) find it necessary to "take the ground."

TUGBOAT AND CABLE.

It is quite conceivable that the powerful machinery of an ocean steamer should make light work of gathering up and rending into fragments & dozen or so of submarine cables, but that a river tug should take to the same game and twist some hundred feet or so of heavily armored seven conductor cable into a bunch of Gordian knots is a little too much. The cable is the property of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and serves to connect the pole line across Staten Island with that running through New Jersey, the cable crossing the Kills between Linoleumville and Oarteret.

The tug caught up the cable in the most approved manner, according to the laws of harbor navigation, snatched it from its quiet resting place in the silt, and a stern battle between the pugnacious propeller and the inoffensive and defenseless (though armored) cable ensued. Needless to say, the propeller was victorious. The iron armor resisted vigorously, but it was never intended to withstand the attack of a river tug's propeller, so, after a stout resistance, accompanied by endless writhings and contortions, it succumbed.

The sea serpent itself could not have made a better fight. If the cable was vanquished, its enemy was also, at least This is their history: There was a certime, placed hors de con at. for so closely were propeller and cable in-terlocked in their deadly feud that the tug had to be brought to New York and put in dry dock in order to separate his sword blades, which were regarded of age and have been troubled with constipation them. The snarl contains about one hundred feet of cable, and bears strong evidence as to good construction. for many ages previous been renowned for sword making, it being supposed that once an herb that the Mexicans used to give us Few would believe that a cable could resist long enough to be twisted up into such hideous shapes instead of breaking almost at once. The cable, which is a which came to be taken for a fox, and resist long enough to be twisted up into seven conductor, Kerite make, has been down for about five years, and was found to be in perfect condition when repairs were made. Indeed, the snarl testifies

Unexplained. In Captain King's "Trial of a Staff Officer" an amusing story is told of Genmandant of cadets at West Point. The commandant's tent was a great place for fighting battles over again.

One day six or eight of us were gathered there, and the floor was held by one Liverpool and Back-Experience of. a of those blatant gentlemen who, having graduated before the civil war, and having had just as good a chance as the gallant band of ambitious young lieutenants who rose to be generals, had preferred the safety, ease and slow promo tion of mustering and disbursing duty. and whose only brevet was for the service of the "recruitment of the armies of the United States."

For some reason or other such men have often been prone to disparage the services of successful men, and to attribute the promotion over their heads of such soldiers as Upton and Custer to political influence. So Major — was on this day holding forth about luck in the line, ending with this startling state-No doubt the growing of ment:

"Well, now, Upton's another instance. Of course, I don't mean to say but what you fought all right, old fellow, when you got a chance, but you won't deny that there were fellows who went through the whole war with the regulars, stuck to their regiments or batteries, got wounded time and again, and only got a brevet; but here you are a lieutenant colonel, and never got a scratch!

Considering the fact that Upton had been wounded in three different engagements, he might have been excused for making a pointed reply, but he only ground where, as ill luck would have it. smiled quietly, as he sat writing at his a bristly thistle grew. Whether the fair desk, and said:

just as you do, I've no doubt.

Different Kinds of Gold.

"Most people suppose," says an assayer, "that all gold is alike when refined, but this is not the case. An experienced man can tell at a glance from what part of the world a gold piece comes, and in some cases from what part of a particular gold district the metal was obtained. The Australian gold, for instance, is distinctly redder than the California, and this difference in color is always perceptible, even when the gold is 1,000 fine. Again, the gold obtained which is taken directly from the quartz. Why this should be the case is one of the mysteries of metallurgy, for the placer gold all comes from the veins. The Ural gold is the reddest found anywhere

"Few people know the real color of gold, as it is seldom seen unless heavily alloyed, which renders it redder than age was abandoned for two reasons: First, because the loss of abrasion was so great, and, secondly, because the interior would be bored out and lead substituted, the difference in weight being too small to be readily noticed in so large a piece. These octagonal coins were the most valuable ever struck."-New York Tribune.

"Thou Diest on Point of Fox."

Fox blades were celebrated all through the Sixteenth and Seventeenth centuries for their excelient temper, and mention of them is frequent in English drama.

The Race Problem Even in Australia. Sir George Grey thinks that a barrier against the participation of New Zealand in Australian federation is to be found in the colored labor question, which he believes is one of the first difficulties which an Australian federal parliament will have to face. He has declared that the northern territories, if they are to be worked at all, must be worked with colored labor, and although he is opposed to the employment of Chinese labor, thinks that Kanakas and Indian coolies might wisely be employed in the north. Sir George Grey's information differs entirely from my own, which is to the effect that even in the event of a division of the colony of Queensland the majority of the people in the north would oppose the introduction of colored labor, and 1 regard it as most unlikely that this question will be raised in the

federal parliament, should it meet, or at least be raised with the slightest chance of a reversal of the recent policy No doubt the growing of tropical

produce upon the northern coast will be prevented, if I am right, but I firmly believe that the Australian people have made up their minds that the continent is to be reserved for white men, and that those industries which cannot be supported by white labor are not to be en couraged upon Australian soil.-Sir Charles Dilke in Forum.

Tradition of Scotland's Thistle.

Queen Scotia had led her troops in a well fought battle, and when the day was won retired to the rear to rest from her toils. She threw herself upon the amazon fought in the national costume "Well, there are lots of men who think of Scotland or not the tradition fails to say, but at any rate the spines of the offending plant were sufficiently powerful to penetrate the skin in a very painful manner. A proverbial philosopher has said that "he that sitteth upon nettles riscth quickly," and the same remark holds good with thistles.

Queen Scotia sprang to her feet and tore the thistle out by the roots. She was about to cast it aside, when it struck forth be ever associated in her mind with the glorious victory which she had just gained. Her intention was changed. She

Congress passed the bill authorizing the construction of the Brooklyn bridge alloyed, which renders it reduce that the construction of the Brooklyn bridge when pure. The purest coins ever made were the fifty dollar pieces that used to in 1869, after the secretary of war had decided that it would not impede com merce and navigation.

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Fate of the "Ark of the Covenant."

It will probably never be known what became of the ark of the covenant at the time of the destruction and plunder of the temple. Even conjectures concerning it are altogether useless. Some say that it was taken away and destroyed by Nebu-chadnezzar. The Jews believe that it was miraculously concealed from the spoilers, and account it among the hidden things which the Messiah is to reveal. It is admitted, however, from an examination of all Jewish writers, that the old ark was to that. never in the second temple, and there is no evidence on record to show that a new one was made.

It is generally understood that the absence of the ark was one of the important particulars in which the second temple was regarded as inferior to that of Solo mon. Josephus states that "the most holy place" was vacant in the second temple: certain rabbinical writers assert that place was simply marked by a stone. " The fact that Ezra, Nebemiah and the Macca-bees frequently mention the other sacred utensils, but never refer to the ark, seems to be an acknowledgment on their part that they knew nothing of the great memorial of the covenant.-St. Louis Repub-

As Aerial Top.

Street fakirs have brought out a new toy that neither runs along the pavement nor makes a noise if placed at the mouth. Men and boys who had gathered about a fakir at Stuyvesant park yesterday were startled when he cried "Look out." With a whizz and a whirr, something rose swiftly in the air, curved, and swept gracefully down

ugain. The new tay is an aerial lop, and the fakir sold several on the spot. It consists of a thin ring, with three spokes, mounted detachably on a slender steel rod. The spokes are flanged and twisted a bit. The hub has a band for a string. The handle of the steel rod is held in one hand, while the other pulls off the string with a jark. The wheel revolves rapidly and ascends. Some-times it will ascend several hundred feet, the height of flight depending on the force with which the string is jerked. -New York, Sun.

Eccentricities of Ministers.

Dr. Fisher, of Salem, had a singular way of satisfying his conscience. He was asked how he could read the Athanasian creed when he did not believe it. He replied, "I read it as if I did not believe it." Mr. Pyle, being directed by his bishop to read it, did so, saying, "I am directed to read this, which is said to have been the oread of St. Athanasius, but God forbid that it should be yours or mine!" John Patrior Wilson, when speaking of Nicodemus as referred to in the third chapter of John. rubbing his eyes)-What time is it? would uniformly say, "There was a gentle man of the Pharisees called Nicodemus." and when commenting on the parable of the ten virgins he used to call them the "ten young ladies."—St. Louis Globe-Dem ocrat.

SOME CABLE STORIES.

Not long age Frank Stockton contributed to one of the magazines a nonsensical story, in which a startling incident was narrated. By a stroke of lightning a steamer had been converted into an immense magnet, and had attracted to itself a submarine cable, which held it fast until the cable ship came to the rescue. This flight of fancy is not altogether without excuse.

catching up a piece of cable in the North river, and towing it all the way from New York to Liverpool and back without discovering to what mysterious cause the strange reduction of speed on the round trip could be attributed.

There is yet another story of a sound boat which fouled a submarine cable in New York waters and towed a goodly length of it to New Haven. There the piece of cable was cleared away, coiled down on the dock, and subsequently sold by the steamship company to another corporation whose business it is to maintain electrical communication between places. That corporation put the cable

To Preserve Shoe Leathor.

preparation which, it is claimed, when applied to the soles of shoes, has the effect of increasing their wearing capacity from five to ten times, besides making them waterproof. The preparation is applied after the shoes are finished and the soles are buffed. The right to use it has been sold to the Bavarian government for the army. The inventor says two weeks.-Lewiston Journal it has been tested in the German army satisfactorily.=Exchange.

An Every Morning Incident.

Mr. Suburb (slowly waking up and Mrs. Suburb (looking at watch)-It's three minutes of train time. Mr. Suburb (springing out of bed)-Tell Mary to hurry up the breakfast.-New York Weekly.

tain Julian del Rei, believed to be a Morisco, who set up a forge at Totedo in the early part of the Sixteent, century Constipation and sick headaches. G.W. Vincent, and became famous for the excellence of of 6 Terrence Court, S. F. writes: "I am 60 years as the best of Toledo. That city had for 25 years. I was recently induced to try Joy's for sword making, it being supposed that the Moors introduced the art, as they did so the "fox blade," or simply "fox" for are a certain cure in constipation and bowel any good sword. See "Henry V," act troubles." Ask for iv., scene 4, "Thou diest on point of fox." The brand came to be imitated in other places, and there are Solingen blades of comparatively modern manufacture which still bear the little dog of Julian del Rei,-Notes and Queries.

Sick Room Vagaries.

"It is curious to notice the moral effect of illness upon people," said a prominent physician the other day. For instance among my patients are a preacher who swears when he is sick and a gambler who prays. A 'successful and well There is a story of an ocean steamship known business man will not go to his bed when illness attacks him because of a morbid fear that he will never rise from it again. A lady of not the prettiest character has all her jewelry and fine dresses laid on the foot of her bed, I suppose to keep her mind from terrifying thoughts. A hundred other peculiarities are developed, but the most remarkable one to me is that of a professional man who reads up in current literature when he is really seriously ill because he 'hasn't time to do it when he's well."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

He Won't Do It Again.

An amateur beekeeper in Penobscot into service, and (so the story goes) is county learns a thing or two almost using it at the present time.—Herbert every day. Among other valuable les-L. Webb in Electrical Engineer. sons was this: While working among his hot footed charges he clumsily upset a hive He was shielded by uetting and A German chemist has invented a loose overalls and could watch with amusement the frantic jabbing of the 40,000 bees that covered his anatomy. After a moment, however, he thoughtfully stooped to pick up the hive. Then it was that the bees were amused. The loose overalls were drawn tight by the stooping process, and the beekeeper didn't sit down and enjoy himself for

Cost of America's Big Bridge. The cost of the Brooklyn bridge was \$15,000,000, which was \$3.000,000 in excess of the final estimate of the engineer, Roebling, who was appointed in charge of the work on May 23, 1867. Two years later he was injured by an accident, from the effects of which he died, and the engineering was carried through by his son.-New York Sun.

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