To Protect Lives of Rullroad Men. An ingenious and simple instrument has been devised for the protection of surface men at work on the railways. The inventor, Sir William Arrol, was led to apply his mind to this matter in consequence of the numerous fatalities which have lately occurred among that class of railway servants in England. The instrument consists of a steel spring connected with a portable electric battery and bell by a coil of wire two or three hundred yards long. When the spring has been bolted into position on the inner side of the rail and almost flush with the top of the rail the battery is carried to the neighborhood of where the workmen are engaged, the connection being kept up by the coil of wire, which is unwound to the necessary length.

When a train comes along the spring is depressed by the flanges of the wheel as they pass over and two metallic but-tons, one on the under side of the spring and the other on the upper side of the sole plate, are brought into contact and complete an electric circuit supplied from the battery, ringing the bell at the battery and thus warning the workmen of the approaching train. The instruments are to be kept at the signal boxes along the line so as to be readily available by the workmen. Sir William Arrol does not intend to patent the invention. His sole desire is to render the surface man's life a less dangerous one and he gives all railway companies permission to manufacture as many as they please. -Chicago News.

Big Guns in China.

The Pekin Gazette contains a curious memorial from the viceroy of Canton respecting 102 71-centimeter guns manufactured by Krupp on the order of Chang Chihtung, the late viceroy of the province. The viceroy says the guns are excellent in every respect, but they do not suit the fortifications for which they were intended. The damp climate of the province and the white ants, "which eat anything and everything," would destroy them; the district is so hilly that they could not be moved, the coast is composed of wet sand, in which the wheels would get fixed immediately; the guns are too long for the embankment on which they were to be placed and could not be turned around; there are no horses in the province to drag them, and if there were there is no forage for them; finally, the horses in the adjacent provinces are so small that if they were imported they could not drag such heavy guns. The obstacles being so numerous and insurmountable, the memorialist asks that he may be allowed to transfer the guns to his brother, Li Hung Chang, for use in the north, payment to be made for them when he can. Should he receive any money from his brother on this account, the memorialist promises to report the fact. The emperor authorizes this course to be followed.

Death Above Her and Death Below. Clinging for her life to a rough beam while a flying express train thundered and swayed above her head! Swinging in midair, with death above and below her, until almost exhausted by fatigue from the terrible strain!

This was the dire predicament in which Miss Norah Oldham, of Nashville, was placed, and it was only due to her cool judgment and calm presence of mind that she was saved from death. In attempting to cross the railroad trestle which extends from Cedar street to beyond Line, she was run down by an express train, the engineer of which, Dickson, was trying to enter the Union depot on time and had been running unasually fast for some minutes. She was compelled to let herself down on the

Dr. Talmage's Athletic Son Mr. Edward T. H. Talmage, the sec-ond son of Dr. John F. Talmage, was born twenty-four years ago in the house in which he now lives, at the corner of Joralemon and Clinton streets. He was educated at the Polytechnic institute, afterward completing his studies under private tutorship with Professor Caskie Harrison at the latter's school on Montague street. At the age of nineteen Mr. Talmage entered the offices of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. railroad, where he remained for some time. His health becoming somewhat impaired, Mr. Talmage spent a year in California, which he devoted to the outdoor life of a sportsman, gaining much benefit thereby. Two years ago, shortly after his return from the west, he was made a member of the New York Stock

exchange, being at the time of his admission next to the youngest member on the floor.

Mr. Talmage is a member of the Crescent club, and is one of the financial committee recently engaged in negotiating the funds to carry through the building of the Bay Ridge house and making other improvements contemplated in connection therewith. He is a member of the Hamilton club, and his name has recently been added to the membership list of the Riding and Driving club. Mr. Talmage is an enthusiastic lover of equestrian pastime, and is a sportsman of considerable skill. He is active in the social interests of the Heights, and is a member of the Brooklyn Heights assembly .- Brooklyn Life.

Clement Scott Coming to America. A private letter from London brings the information that Clement Scott, the dramatic critic of the London Telegraph, is to visit America this winter. Mr. Scott is one of the best known first nighters in the English capital. He is stout, gray haired, has a gray mustache, wears eyeglasses and is rated the best authority on the drama in England. He has many friends, but an army of enemies. He has made and unmade many playrights and actors. His dramatic authority, and his article is nervously awaited after the performance of a new play. His judgment is usually good. He finds a good deal of fault, but is lavish

in praise for good work. A nice paragraph from him will someactress who is little known and not appreciated, and his condemnation of a new play is usually the end of the venture. Taken all in all, he is regarded as eminently fair and just. He has never used his position to injure any one. What he has done has been from conscientious motives.

Mr. Scott is a patient student of the drama. He has the best theatrical library in England. He will be warmly welcomed in America, for he has been particularly agreeable to American actors and actresses, and many dinners and receptions will be given in his honor.-Foster Coates in New York Mail and Express.

A Chinese Governor.

Tshang Yao, the governor of the province of Shantung, who died recently, was one of the highest dignitaries of the Celestial empire. He had a highly adventurous career. Born in lowly position, he was obliged to flee in his youth on account of having murdered the tormentor of an old man. He became a robber and soon stood at the head of all the man in question only \$500, on the the brigands who made the province of strength of a provision that any member Hunan unsafe. When, during the re- receiving an injury while engaged tembellion, the chief town of the province was threatened, the governor issued a hazardous than the one given in his cer-proclamation in which he promised the tificate, he shall be entitled only to such d of his dan man who hter to would save the town from the enemy. At the head of 500 bandits, Tshang beat off the attack of the rebels, and led his bravery, the almond eyed beauty. great integrity, and died poor as he was born. He was called by his people, on account of his charity, Tshang, "the blue sky." It is said, however, that he was not always just toward Europeans, and especially the missionaries.-London News.

adical English Fashlous Bon't Go The recent refusal to sanction with the customary prompt enthusiasm several of the most radical changes in the regime that have been made of late years by London swells has had a decidedly discomfiting effect upon our English cousins. Their confidence of leadership has received naturally a severe shock in consequence. From all accounts the London swell mob is passing through a period of experimentalism. As a result men's fashions abroad have not been so unsettled in fifty years.

The heavy swells continue groping aimlessly after the elusive innovation. For their independence at this time, therefore. Americans have cause for self congratulation-the more particularly so on account of the very divergent character of some of the foreign ultra speculations. Advanced copies of the recent London fads in coats and top coats, had they been tried suddenly on the New York public, would have created almost a riot in the streets. The English swell, be it known, can dress himself up as his fancy dictates and the yeomanry makes no outcry.

Now that we have thrown off the shackles of slavish emulation and blithely accept or reject what we want, or what does not appeal to the sense of the fitness of things, the English fashion framer will come down from his oracular eminence and in the future pose with ameliorated despotism in the light of guide, philosopher and friend. I am that the sentiments above set aware forth would have been regarded a few years ago as rank heresy, but they verify the aphorism of Brer Rabbit that "the world do move."-Clothier and Furnisher.

An Ingenious Prisoner.

It is seldom that a convict turns the hours of his enforced confinement to such good purpose as an inmate of a Maryland prison. His term of imprisonment is thirteen years, on a conviction of horse stealing, of which he insists he was innocent. By working overtime he has earned such sums of money as to enable column is still regarded as the standard him to purchase books, of which his cell contains over 200. A short time ago, when electric light wires were being placed in the prison, he became interested in electricity and bought some standard works on the subject. The result was the construction of half a dozen times mean five pounds more a week on different electrical appliances, including the salary of some deserving actor or a burglar alarm, which he has just completed for the bedroom of the warden of the prison.

Another result of his industry is a lock which is so arranged that hammering on it drives the bolts deeper into their fastening. He exhibited a model of this lock to the warden, who was so pleased with it that it was at once adopted for use in the prison. Castings for the locks were made in the prison foundry, a lathe was set up in the prisoner's cell and he was relieved of all other tasks so that his entire time could be devoted to the manufacture of his locks, with which in a short time all the dormitories of the prison will be provided.-Exchange.

Against the Insurance Company.

A merchant who was a member of a mutual accident insurance association was killed, while hunting for recreation, from an accidental shot. The associa tion provided for the payment of sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$500, according to the occupation of the member. Merchants' certificates call for \$5,000; but the company paid the beneficiaries of porarily in another occupation more

Climbing Mountains in Iceland. The highest mountain in Iceland was scended last summer for the first time. The successful mountaineer was Mr. F. W. W. Howell, who was encouraged when he started for Iceland by information from the Royal Geographical society that the difficulties in the way of Phœnix Like has Arisen climbing the Oroefa Jokull were supposed to be insuperable. The mountain is near the southeast coast, and is an imposing sight from the sea. Mr. Howell made an attempt in 1890 to climb the mountain, but was defeated by the weather.

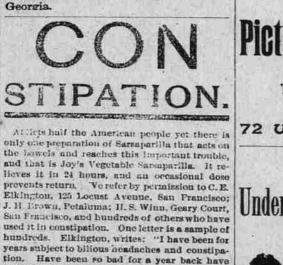
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On Aug. 17 last he left Sandfell, a little settlement on the coast near the base of the mountain, at 4 a. m., when of course it was broad daylight in that latitude? He was accompanied by two Icelanders as porters. He struck the snow slopes at 10 a. m., and it took him nine hours and a half to reach the top of the mountain whose sides are quite steep and covered with ice and snow. Though this mountain is the highest

in Iceland, its elevation was found by Mr. Howell to be only 6,550 feet, but owing to the latitude the phenomena of the snow slopes compare most favorably with those of mountains 10,000 feet high in Switzerland. Mr. Howell says the icicle galleries in the upper crevasses are particularly fine. This is undoubtedly one of the most successful feats of mountain climbing of the year, for the mountain presents as many difficulties as any of the Alps, with two or three'exceptions. It is comparatively easy to as-cend Mount Hecla, and the climb is made every once in a while by one or more tourists .- New York Sun.

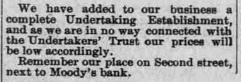
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outside of the track and hang on until she was rescued. - Memphis Appeal-Avalanche.

Kept Money in the Parlor Stove. One of our well known school teachers and her mother met with quite a loss recently, and a novel though costly one it was. They had saved some money during the summer, and had placed it for safe keeping in the parlor stove, this stove being unused, of course, during the summer. With the coming of the cold snap a fire was lighted, the money for the time being forgotten. When the purse was thought of, it had been entirely consumed. The ladies lost fifty dollars. They had used the stove before for a saving place, but everything had turned out well.-Lawrence Amer-

A Curious Orange Tree.

H. H. McClure has produced a curiosity in the shape of an orange tree, which in all probability is not exceeded by anything of its kind in this or any other country. Mr. McClure calls it his "World's Fair Tree," and intends, if possible, to place it on exhibition at Chicago. The tree is budded with no less than thirty-one different varieties of citrus fruits, including lemons, shaddocks and most of the fine varieties of oranges. The buds on the tree are only two years old, yet many of them are fruiting.—Apopka (Fla.) Advertiser.

To win a bet of \$1,000, Baron Paul de Side, a young French nobleman, shipped as a common sailor on the Red Star steamer Noordland during her last trip from Antwerp to New York. He says he wouldn't try it again for ten times the sum, as he was very severely worked during the voyage.

The new Maxim flying machine will be propelled by a light screw making 2,500 revolutions per minute. Its sus-pending power will be a kite 110 feet long by 40 feet wide. The motive power will be a petroleum condensing engine.

Five century plants, all in bloom, is the interesting and very rare sight, now to be seen in Los Angeles in the garden of the Church of Our Lady of All Angels. They are said to be growing about a foot a day.

A gentleman at Eastman, Ga., a day or two ago on opening a freight car discovered a hen hatching a nest of eggs which she had laid during a long railroad journey from another state.

A Snake Attacks a Wagon.

The following snake story is evolved from a Texas exchange: Thursday even-ing last while Judge A. McFarland and his son Guy were driving homeward they saw a large snake lying in the road. The judge attempted to kill the snake by crushing it with the wheel of his gig, but instead of "bruising the serpent's head" the judge's wheel passed over its tail. Instantly the snake coiled itself around a spoke, and at every turn of the swiftly revolving wheel made vicious strikes at Guy's face. Guy's only means of escape was a backward tumble from the gig, which he took, falling into a pool of dirty water. Then there was a mad boy as well as an angry snake. Strange to relate the snake freed itself from the wheel and attacked Guy in the pool. A shower of stones from Guy's hand finished the snake.

A Turtle's Unavoidable Delay.

During a windstorm in the early days of last June a tree on the farm of Mortimer Hamilton, in Jackson county, Ind., was blown down, and in falling a limb struck squarely across the back of a large snapping turtle and forced it down into the earth. A day or two since the limb was cut away "and the snapper, released from its imprisonment, trudged away, apparently uninjured, from its prison, where it had lain im-movably fixed without food or water for over four months .- Cor. Chicago Trib-

left her service recently the queen pre-sented him with a superb silver tes serv-ice as a token of the esteem in which she held him.

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injury. The Illinois supreme court held that home on the next day, as a reward for the beneficiaries were entitled to the whole \$5,000, as the word "occupation" Then he made rapid progress. He was in the bylaw has reference to trade, vonot able to read or write, but was of cation or profession, and does not preclude a member from the performance of acts which are simply incidents connected with the daily life of men in all pursuits .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Amusement for the Baby.

Mr. Waldrige surprised his baby Sun-day night. He didn't intend to surprise it; he intended to amuse. He had been to church, and on reaching home drew his revolver from his pocket to put it away. Baby reached for the weapon. If baby wanted it, baby must have it, so papa took out the cartridges-every one of them-and then to show baby how to operate the toy, he pulled the trigger. That was where the baby was surprised! It would surprise any baby to see its papa shoot the cook stove on a quiet Sunday night with an unloaded revolver, when the cook stove was quietly pursu-ing its vocation and digesting hird wood at the rate of an armful an hour .-Myrtle Point West Oregonian

It Was Hot.

Some wretch, who evidently delights to see mankind sweltering in perspira-tion, played a rascally practical joke on about two hundred passengers who were in the waiting room of the Staten Island ferry. For some reason, the arrival of the long expected boat was delayed; the crowd was therefore large, and as the night was intensely warm, the atmosphere in that close room was not only enervating, but distressing. The weather was unanimously voted to be the warmest of the season-hot enough to parboil a Hottentot. It was then discovered that the Turkish bath temperature had been caused by a practical joker, who had unfeelingly turned on the steam heat.-Yankee Blade.

The Potato with the Iron Mask.

The damp weather at Lancaster, Kan., caused a package of 5,000 postage stampe to become glued together in a solid block, making it necessary to return them to Washington. ter hole of which had grown a potato. When Queen Victoria's head gardener The iron was nearly in the center, and on each side was a growth nearly large enough to hide the iron, which formed a metallic collar around the center of it. -Amesbury Cor. Newburyport News.



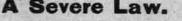
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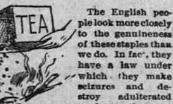
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