What Philadelphia Eats.

During one year alone Philadelphia has devoured 185,475 slaughtered and from the hatchet had to lay for the city 15,984,600 dozen eggs. Over 312,183 bar- Harbor, from Mount Mitchell to the rels of apples had to be shaken from the Adirondacks. trees and 3,063 carloads of potatoes dug up from the ground. During the twelve months the city made havoc of 11,118 ment. packages of dried green peas, 119,521 packages of dried fruit and 355,337 packages of berries. The cooks consumed 16,489 tierces and 75,031 tubs of lard, and in the kitchen and on the table kneel in thankfulness; the dear walls disappeared from view the tremendous which take us to their loving embrace amount of 256,591 tubs, 33,384 firkins and hide us from the comfortless world and 87,846 boxes of butter. A huge heap of crackers must have been swallowed along with the 226,459 big boxes of

During one year Philadelphia con-sumed nearly 3,500,000 bushels of grain, including nearly 1,500,000 bushels of corn, 877,508 bushels of wheat, 98,425 bushels of rye, 1,056,300 bushels of barley and 203,600 bushels of malt. Out of these 877,508 bushels of wheat were manufactured 195,002 barrels of flour, and from this flour were baked 52,650,-540 loaves of bread. Most of the flour used by the bakers and the good housewives is shipped from the northwest, already barreled. This manufactured into bread would easily swell the total to nearly 150,000,000 loaves, or their equivilent to a certain extent in rolls, buns and bakery.

Philadelphia eats daily an enormous barbecue of 510 calves, 1,410 sheep, 1,510 Press. hogs and 7,550 poultry, besides a huge banquet of at least 6,000,000 oysters, 525,528 eggs, 856 barrels of apples and 9 carloads of potatoes.—Philadelphia Rec-

### Wrecked by a Mirage.

A mirage in the Carribean sea was the cause of the total loss of the new American barkentine Steadfast, while bound from Port of Spain to Philadelphia. When the Steadfast sighted the lofty peaks of St. Croix the atmosphere assumed a peculiar light color, and it became impossible to detect the sky from the island, everything assuming a similar shade and color resembling the cirrostratus clouds, hiding the entire lower portion of the island. The peaks and mountain appeared to be twenty miles

The tops of the mountains seemed to be inverted, the tall cocoanuts appearing to grow from the sky to the earth. The sugar grinding mills were pouring their smoke downward, and the workmen working upside down. The Steadfast was kept under easy sail and perfect con-Everything went well until a grinding sound was heard, and a sudden tremor went through the ship. The ves-sel crashed over the reefs and was soon fast on the rocky shore, where her wreck still remains. The mirage made the island appear twenty miles away.—Boston Transcript.

### The Cost of Italian Opera

Talking of money reminds me that Signor Vianesi says he left the Paris opera, where he has been conductor for the last four years, because the salary was not large enough and the work too exacting. He received \$2,400 a year for ten months' work, and very hard work at that. He comes to America and gets \$8,000 for seven months. Mr. Abbey's salary list is a formidable one. Miss Van Zandt gets \$1,000 a performance, Miss Eames, \$800; Lasalle, the French baritone, \$800; Mme. Albani, \$600, and five other singers from \$400 to \$500. There is a chorus of eighty, averaging \$20 a week, or \$1,600, and an orchestra costing \$2,000 a week.

The expenses of giving opera with such a company cannot fall below \$5,000 a performance, so that even at five dollars for a parquet seat, the price for the coming season, Mr. Abbey may not make a fortune. The average cost of the German performances at the Metropolitan last season was \$2,600.—New York Epoch.

### The Wedding Flower. The flowering of the "Wedding Flow-

er," at Kew this year, is an event of more than ordinary interest, both to botanists and horticulturists. It is the giant not only of the genus Iris, but of the whole natural order to which it belongs It is found wild only in a small island

off the east coast of Australia, thousands of miles distant from the habitant of any other Iris. While all other Irises may be grown out of doors, or with a little protection in winter, this one is happy only when treated to subtropical conditions. Its value in horticulture is due as much to its stature and elegance of foliage as to the size and beauty of its numerous flowers.

The flowers last only one day, but there are so many of them that the flowering season extends over a long period. This Iris is known far and wide as the

wedding flower.-London Garden.

### A College President's Chase.

Harvard men who attended chapel one morning last week were very much sur-prised to see President Eliot pursuing one of the students as the men were leaving the building. Those in the immediate vicinity heard a very short but animated conversation. "Young man," said the president to the individual in question, who turned around surprised, "young man, excuse me, but you have my hat." It was indeed true. In the confusion of leaving the chapel the student had picked up the wrong hat and was making away with the president's best tile.—Boston

Cleaning a Marble Statue.

Commodore Perry's marble statue in Cleveland, having acquired such a heavy coating of smoke and soot as to render it unsightly, was recently scrubbed, but with the effect of making it look worse than ever. The black came off the "high lights," and the smudge is deepened in the shadows. And, though the brave old sailor never did a mean thing in his life, they now talk of giving him a coat of whitewash. - Cincinnati Times-Star.

Found Him at Last. She had been away all summer. The

mountains had felt her stately tread; dressed calves, 511,142 sheep, 548,940 the sea had taken her to its ever chang-hogs and 59,290 barrels and 97,390 boxes ing bosom and folded her in its billowy of poultry. The hens who were spared arms. She had flirted from Old Point to Bar

She had tasted the sweets of hope; she

had drained the bitter cup of disappoint-

Now she is at home again. Home, the Mecca of the weary pilgrim; the Canaan beyond the wilderness: the altar around which we all

gone out in June as the birdlet from its

At the front door her dear old father. who had been at his desk ten hours daily all the weary while she was away, met

"My daughter!" he said, holding out his arms to her. Like a tired wanderer, footsore and

eartsick, she came to him.

Trustingly, confidingly, restfully, she laid her soft white face, in its frame of golden hair, upon his bosom.

"At last," she murmured, "at last I have found some one to be a popper

to me. And the dear old father, in, the tumultuous joy of having his darling child didn't catch on .- Detroit Free

### Three Costly Hothouses.

This is the season of the year when the great army of gardeners employed by New York's millionaires who have a fad for flowers are putting their hothouses in shape for the winter. I met Jay Gould's chief gardener yesterday and he told me that everything was in excellent shape at the railroad king's \$500,000 hothouse up the Hudson. A lot of choice plants and exotics have just arrived from India and other eastern countries.

John Hoey's difficulties have not deterred him from looking after his pet flowers in his grand hothouses at Hollywood, N. J. I am told his chief gardener has had several conferences with Mr. Hoey during the past two weeks about his favorite flowers and their care. Mr. Hoey is passionately fond of flowers, and selects the seeds and bulbs himself, and to conceal his identity. Indeed, it is prevents return. Verefer by permission to C.E. at times superintends the work of his surprising, though Englishmen are as a Elkington, 125 Locust Avenue, San Francisco: gardeners

Another man who has a half a million dollar hothouse is the Standard oil king. John D. Rockefeller, who has a palace on the Hudson. It has not been completed long and his gardeners are constantly receiving new additions. Mr. Rockefeller says he will have the finest flower show in the world in a year or two. - New York Telegram.

### Crime Decreasing.

All the criminal returns published of late have happily tended to show that crime is decreasing. The judicial statistics for the past year bear the same testimony. Whether under the head of "criminal classes at large" or "in local and convict prisons and reformatories, the figures show a steady decline. The same is true of the houses of bad character, by which is meant such as are the resort of thieves, depredators and suspected persons. In England and Wales there are 2,688 houses of this description.

shops, because if they are known resorts of such characters, why are their licenses not withdrawn? Is it for the reason once given by a French administrator that they serve the ends of the law by providing places where those who are wanted by the police can easily be found? The known houses of receivers of stolen goods had declined from 778 two years ago to 724 last year.-London

Rewards to the Good and Bad. Every schoolgirl and boy in Bellmore, L. I., knows Lawyer George A. Mott. A few days ago he visited the village school in that place with the pockets of his overcoat bulging out with prizes for the pupils. The prizes were for good conduct and excellence in different studies. More than a dozen boys and girls were made happy. Two prizes still remained, and then Mr. Mott requested the teacher, Miss Fish, to call up the worst boy in the school. A bright eyed urchin named Clinton Moore was produced by Miss Fish in response to Mr. Mott's request, He was presented with one of the remaining prizes and promised to try to do better. When Mr. Mott asked for the worst girl in the school one, saucy Jennie Hicks raised her hand. She pend received the other prize.-New York

What Is "Trotty?"

I ask for information. I have been reading lately a very clever novel about English artist life and English smart society. Twice over in the story a smart young woman is made to describe certain articles of costnme in a bride's trousseau as "quite too awfully trotty for words." I have never to my knowledge heard the phrase "trotty" used in that sense. Is it an epithet of London amart society? If so, what is its sup-posed derivation? Is it imported from America, as most of our slang phrases lately are? Any information on this point kindly supplied will be rewarded with the best thanks of this writer, who feels a considerable interest in slang, but likes it genuine when he can get it. -Justin McCarthy in New York Herald.

Robert Shaw, of Snow's Falls, Me. went to sleep in a field the other day, and when he awoke he was minns a good pair of trousers. Field mice, which swarm in Oxford county, had gnawed the garment into shreds and carried it away

Recent experiments upon the electrolytic generation of pressure from gases formed in a closed space have been very successful, and a pressure of 1,200 atmospheres has been obtained

Open Cars to Be Remodeled. The days of the street car, grips as well as trailers, having the seats arranged crosswise instead of parallel with the car, are numbered." This remark was made a few days ago by a well known Chicago physician who is the

many street car employees as well as "Why do you say that?" was the query

medical examiner for an accident insurance company which insures the lives of

of a friend. "For this reason-the cars built with the seats crosswise almost invariably have footboards running alongside so that the passenger may get on or off the car 'at any spot in the road,' as the sport would say, and these footboards facilitate a passenger in getting into danger. Home again, and a peace had come to For instance, the rules of all the car her she had never known since she had companies require the passenger to get on or off the car on the side nearest the sidewalk. This rule was intended to keep the people off the track of the car going in the opposite direction. But these rules are not obeyed, and street car companies must pay damages when any one is hurt, and the conductor has no opportunity to stop his car if the passenger takes a notion to get off without signaling him to stop, and many people are injured while getting off a car while it is in motion-sometimes by being struck by a vehicle or another car, sometimes by slipping on the treacher-ous footboard or by making some kind of a misstep.

"The car with the end door as the only means of exit is the one which protects the company from many damage suits. The open car with the running footboard may be cheaper in construction, but statistics will show that nine-tenths of the accidents caused by getting on and off cars occur on open cars or grips with the cross seats and running footboards. I think there should be a city ordinance against their use. Besides, the street car companies will some day awaken to the fact that cars of that style sometimes cause in one minute damage equal to their first cost."-Chicago Times

Albert Edward's Slumming Experience. There are just now stories flying about of the Prince of Wales visiting the 'slums" under a rather comical disguise, but though it is known that the prince, accompanied by Lord Carrington, made himself acquainted with the "seamy" side of life, very little art was required rule familiar, more or less, with the appearance of their future sovereign, how often his presence in a place where he is not expected passes without recognition.

Some years ago the prince, quite in-cognito, traveled down to Folkestone to was some time to wait before the arrival of the steamer, he strolled about on the quay and ultimately went out with a boatman of local fame for a short cruise in the channel. When they got safely back the prince remarked, "Perhaps you would like to know who I am?"

"I don't know as I cares; it ain't no odds to me," came the reply.
"Well, I'm the Prince of Wales."

"The Prince of Wales!" ejaculated the old mariner, giving his customer a playful dig in the ribs. "Get along with yer!"-London Cor. Chicago Times.

## A Storehouse of Electricity.

Minnesota, not to be behindhand in marvels, tells of an electric well which It seems rather odd to be told that of one of its citizens claims to have been these 345 are public houses and 265 beer discovered near Red Wing recently. According to the story the drillers had drilled about 150 feet when they lost their drill rods and a diamond drill. The whole business had dropped to nowhere in an instant. There was quite a force of air coming out of the hole, and the men said there was no use going any farther, because there wasn't any bottom. They concluded to fish for the rods and drill, but as soon as the rods were dropped into the hole they began

to shiver in a queer way.

One of the men took hold of the bar with a pair of leather gloves, and he was knocked down. Then Hollywell touched the rope and got a shock, because it was wet .. There seems to be a perfect natural storehouse of electricity. It is generated in some way in that pocket where the drills went, and there is enough of it to execute a whole county at once un-der the New York law.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### A Grand Old Commoner.

Though essentially a modest man, Mr. Smith had a certain pride of his own. Public rumor was always conferring a peerage upon him, and I suppose that had he lived he would have accepted one. But he was proud of his inde-pendent and "self made" position as a wealthy commoner. "You see," he said to me, "I have no aristocratic connections, no family interests; indeed, I haven't a male relative alive except my own boy. I am completely unprejudiced and unfettered." He was aware of the advantage this gave him. He was rich and a plebeian, and his colleagues had confidence in him accordingly as a strong administrator.-Pall Mall Gazette.

### Question of Telephone Charges

A proposal has been made by Dr. Strecker, of Berlin, which seems to solve the question of telephone charges. He proposes to levy a fundamental charge to meet the expenses for installation, maintenance and depreciation, in addition to a time charge, to meet the working expenses. Nothing could be fairer than to charge for the use of the telephone according to the duration of conversation, and Dr. Strecker proposes to use a clock which goes as long as the conversation lasts.—New York Telegram.

### Two Deer Fight.

The gentlemen comprising the survey ing party now working for the Bear Valley company up Millard's canyon, were on Monday treated to a sight which selom comes to men in this center of civilization. We get the story from Messrs Pollock and Ross, transit men of the

The men were working up the canyon

about a mile above the Millard House when they heard a peculiar, crashing noise. Looking up they saw on the cliffs high above the stream, and about a quar-ter of a mile from them, two noble bucks standing, with heads lowered, about ten feet from each other. Thus they stood eving each other and pawing the dirt for fully a minute. Then they made a simultaneous spring, and came Phœnix Like has Arisen together with a noise like a falling tree. So violent was the concussion that the animals were thrown back until a distance of ten or fifteen again intervened between them. The men, fascinated with the sight, watched the deer go through the same performance again

and again. Finally, after a more than usually violent rush, the bucks did not separate, but struggled as if apparently trying to push each other back. It soon became plain to the men, however, that instead of pushing they were pulling away from each other. In other words their horns had become locked, and from raging combatants the bucks became frightened animals, and were only bent on securing a divorce. Messrs. Ross, Pollock and party then conceived the idea of taking advantage of the helpless condition of the bucks and capturing them. They made a great rush for the scene, but before they reached it the deer in their struggles approached too near the edge of the cliff and both of them fell to their death in the pool below. When the party reached the water the deer were found locked in each other's horns quite dead.

The gentlemen thought to skin the deer and bring in the hides to lend an air of authenticity to the tale, but the law is so strict as to having in your possession the hide of a newly deceased deer, no matter whether the deer dies of la grippe, commits suicide or falls out of a balloon, that they forbore.—Banning

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Tea, by the way, is one of the most notoriously adulterated arricles of commerce. Not atone are the bright, shiny green tess artifi-cially colored, but thousands of pounds of substitutes for tea leaves are used to swell the bulk of cheap tea;; ash, sloe, and willow leaves being those most commonly used. Again, sweepings from tea warehouses are colored and sold as tea. Even exhausted tea leaves gathered from the tea-houses are kept, dried, and made over and find their way into the cheap teas.

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