the man with the graft.

"All right," was the quick reply of

At the luncheen counter the one who could master the most English asked. 'Guy'munt pay?

"Oh, yes," respanded the host, think ing that the quickest way to inform good for the bill

tot, guy'munt pay." And they did - four cups of coffice eigh, half a dozen hard bolled eggs, three ham sand baked chicken, ice creum, a whole ple a cyclone might have paid it a visit by the time the Indians got through, and the bill that the "guy munt" clerk had to foot made his week's salary look

like 7 cents. "Guy'munt Leap good," grunted the brave as he picked his teeth in trace thire brother" fashion in the corridor "We cat here again." But it will not be in company with that particular eleck.- Washington Star.

In a column devated to instructive and entertaining chat about the empired, exment of the building are portraits of "worthy ald gentlemen" forgotten by "nine-tenths" of the visitors to the building and wonders somewhat who Richard Montgomery, Thomas Millin Charles Thousson and Francis Hopkin son should had a place in the memory of the painter and on the wall of the

senute basement. The writer and looked in Piste's "History of the United States" and could not find other Thomson or Hop kinson. When he goes to Quebec, he may find the mark to indicate where Montgomery foll while trying to cap ture the citadel and the house in which he died. At St. Paul's church, New York, he can find his tomb. Millin be can find as the president of the congress that received Washington's res ignation, and Thomson he will discover to have been regarded as one of the brightest men of the Revolutionary time, while he has but to look at the original Declaration of Independence to the best known of all signers because of the brilliancy and variety of his ac complishments.- New York Times.

A Point of Issue.

Several of the lawyers had told their stories, some of which ridicated the continued use of local verbiage and the absord lengtles to which members of the profession sometimes go in taking advantage of technicalities.

"A tank outsider," autounced the member of the profession who had been a good former, "a client of mine, terpretation that ever came to my knowledge. He was executor under a will that, indeng other provisions, requited the payment of an amonly to a proof of her being alive must be nor-lerock on which the executor struck.

The old lady proved ferrelf in the fiesh, drew her maney and went to California, where she spent two years without putting in her chaim. On he return she were in person and demaned the double allowance due her.

"The conscientions executor got or the will, studied it, scratched his head and finally funded down his opinion Madain, you are all to now. Ther

that, for I have the concurred eviden of my own eves. But I am present of no legal proof that you wore alive a gene ago. I am ug you know, with the restrictions of the will. I will pay the aunuity for this year, but must in You were not dead when the preciding annuity was present."

"It took me the belier part of a day to convince him that he should settle in full."-Detroit Proc Press.

Specularres and Theft.

Some stationers in constation of Londress perhaps has been figuring out the leadenal carpleyment of conviets. He consistes that more men and women who employers are the matienal, state or municipal governments full lute cell ways and come to intoward ends than those who work for priving individuals or corporations A very large proportion of the men and women who have been families of pub-He moneys seem to yield to the con stant temptation and begin to peculate, and some cycle avere that possibition is the corollary of specialities. As a matter of fact, most of the big and lit the thieves who is use a how they were led to take maney that did not belong to them declare that speculations of the sort or another brought them eventually bound the Lars New York

Our thicks Forks.

Another fact, has been found to As-syria, a bronce one like that discovered by Mr. G. Smith in 1873 at Konyan); It has two prongs and is made bronze. It is true that fingers we made before forks, but the latter have an ancient and honorable origin. Sun nel speaks of a "deah book of three were used in Europe in the fourteen and fifteenth conturies, and at Venice each person was served with one to hold the meat while he cut it. It may seem strauge that three prouged forks

POLLY LARKIN

contented with their lot, Polly, is to the catechism. remember to be thankful for something that has come into our lives." said a thoughtful little woman the other day. "It was sort of a hard lesson to learn at braves about the corridors. They left first," she continued, "for I am much more inclined by nature to be rather despondent and prone to look at the "Let's have a bite to cat," suggested dark side of things, and I continued this selfish way of living until I could that it is any great improvement on the do nothing but feel sorry for myself and found that I was becoming sour and embittered because everything did not but as I have said before, this is an age seem to be coming my way. I woke of fads and glass rolling-pas is one of up to the realization one day that instead of finding a bed of roses I was them that they would not have to stand sowing a pathway with thorns that wounded not only myself but others, Ugh," grunted the brave, "we ent I determined to shake off this morbid spirit and try and forget myself in being a little more thoughtful of others. One of my first steps in the new life was to agent at Taconia, had a hair-raising exremember to be thankful for mercies each and besides that a thirst for are that hitherto I had accepted as a mat- Narrows from Gig harbor in company water that was absolutely appalling ter of course. I could find so many The luncheon counter looked as though others worse off than myself when I to cross the Narrows in a small boat stopped to think of it. Others were When half way over a hoge whale suffering from some incurable disease, suddenly appeared directly in front of while my general health was good; yet their boat with his mouth wide open I had never stopped to think before and apparently bent on making a meal what a priceless treasure good health of the entire outfit. The whale came was and how much I had to be thank- up from the doth of the Narrows with ful for. Others had had the angel of out warning and looked big and ugly death fold its wings over their homes. The mariners say he was at least eighty and a vacant chair was ever a reminder feet long and looked twice that. But that the family circle had been broken, the whale was not looking for the boat, and the home could never be the same as was apparent a second later when a and the world never be so bright again. I had never been called upon to endure Birostris appeared in close pursuit. A this trial that has turned the brightness of life to many to the gray ashes of de- of anything else in the sea. Frazier had spair and made them ery out for one his 54 grizzly gun in the boa little ray of comfort from the loved one pulled it up to make a defer against who had gone hence. I had never the whale, but when he saw I manbeen in want, and had never expressed tidae he drew a bead on on of the a wish from my childhood up but what flaming eyes of the monster and fired. it was granted, if possible. I found out In another instant the sea was lashed I was one of the most unreasonable into a mad fury as the frenzied mancreatures in the world, and I had a ridae dashed about, with the whale aphard time-breaking myself-of-this un-parently dazed and helpless, not know desirable habit. Even now I occasionally have a fit of the blues and imagine strokes of the cars Lee pulled the boat I am dreadfully abused, or have the worst luck and have nothing to be the sea devil and in a momentary bill thankful for. Had an attack the other day and happened to pick up a paper before the whale started in to thresh with your article on the cruel treatment of chickens by San Francisco poultry dealers. I read the article through and found something to be thankful for right there. You may laugh, Palis. when I tell you that I spoke out loud

The other day I heard two little children discussing a visitor who had pun ished her little child very severely in their presence. They had never known what it was to receive a chastisement of that kind, for their parents believed in reasoning with the little folks and appealing to their sense of honor in stead of bumiliating them by whipping. It tead worked like a charm with them ad they were horrified when they sa their little companion receiving panisknight that left ugly red streaks or her little face and hands for some time venerable and of the testator. But afterwards, "Ain't you glad Mrs. B. on't your mother?" asked one little before each payment, and this is the tot; "and didn't she look ugly and mad when she was whipping poor little May?" "I'd be awfully afraid of her for a mother, and I'd hate her, too. 1 used to think she was so sweet and pretty, but she will always be ugly to me now. I'm thankful she ain't my mother, and I only wish poor little May could run away and have our mamma for her mother. She never whips, but is always sweet and good to verybody." "All I've got to say," said the other one, " is that I'm glad she isn't our mother, and I'm going to se better to May than I've ever been before. She needs somebody to love

seemed better after that."

Another case of something to be and Polly, don't you think that the proved of the requisit. world would seem much brighter and here would be more happy, contented resple here if we would only look brough thankful glasses. What if you fied, you may have health; and with out that all the money in the universe cannot make you happy and contented. Life is a burden to a confirmed invalid, who counts the moments that are free from pain as blessings from Heaven. They know what it is to toss restlessly through the long hours of the night, waiting form new day that brings them no relief. It would be a good thing for is all to bear this in mind, and when these ugly, despondent, little attacks some upon us like a thief unawares and rob us of our peace of mind and sur good common sense, to put on our thankful glasses, and if we don them in the right spirit we will surely see the world in a brighter phase, and, to add to the charm of the new vision, will find something to do for someone else, possibly to make their burdens lighter and forget ourselves at any rate for the time being

The game of "Authors," known to teethe LHS years before Christ Furks old and young, was being played by some of Polly's little friends the other day and they got authors sadly mixed 12, 1800. up with the catechism. None of them could read, but they were playing in did not come into general use until the good faith as they had seen some of the seventeenth century. Those made of older members of the family play the allver were long restricted to the high- game. "Have you got John Ruskin?" est classes, common folk not using asked Totts. "No, but I've get John them until about 1814. Four pronged the Baptist," said little May. "Rave On an average a cow yields 350 gallons Silk goods are said to take dyes more you got Longfellow?" "No, but I've of milk a year.

got Lazarue" "Have you got Judas SARAH AND THE "INDIANS." CHOICE MISCELLANY KEPT TALLY ON FIBS. Iscarlot?" "No, but I've got Wash-

ington Irving," and so this odd game Bernbardt Played redora For Them of "Authors," which doubtless had never been played just in that way before, went on. The strangest conglom- at 55 cents a head. "Do you know that I have come to books that Polly has ever known, but it was interesting and showed that the wee folks had had ample training in

The old rolling-pin of our mothers and grandmothers has a rival in the field of culinary work, for some one has invented a glass rolling-pin that rolls your dough as next as a pin. It has wooden handles and costs the modest sum of sixty-five cents. I cannot see old-fashioned wooden rolling-pin that them, and good in its place

BRIEF REVIEW

A Fight Between Sex Monsters.

Robert Lee, the Union Pacific general perience recently while crossing the with Gideon Frazier. They attempted gigantic and ferocious looking Mantida whale is more afraid of a mantidae than

ing which way to go. With a few bold on the opposite side of the whale from they succeeded in getting away just the water into foam in combat with its sursuer. The fight was short, however, for the mantidae was evidently disabled w the shot, and the whale succeeded getting away and ran down the ound, while its pursuer, after spendand said, 'Well, I'm thankful I'm not ing its rage in a fruitless attempt to get see "Fras." Hopkiuson's name, one of a chicken! At any rate, the world of the whale, dropped down into the turbulent water and out of sight.

Funny Men in Congress.

Congress always has its funny man ometimes there are two or three. The funny man of this House is Private John Allen of Tupelo, Miss. He has held the position for the past ten or twelve years. Before him was Smose Cox, whose heart was broken because the House would not take him seriously long enough to make him Speaker. Allen also has been handicapped by hi reputation as a humorist. He is the ablest man in Mississippi, and the best known, and yet he has never been able to secure an election to the Senate. This is Allen's last Congress, and so the place will be vacant soon. It will probably be filled by Champ Clark When Senator Mason of Illinois was in the House of Representatives, his repu tation was that of a humorist, and nothing else.

Women on Russian Railways.

According to a Russian correspondent the chief of the Riasan Ural Rallway has asked permission from the Minister of Communications to remait those women who have been passed by the railway school at Saratof to be employed. on the railway as station masters and sub-station masters, bigginge inspectors, rich in leaves, and the feliam is greenand telegraph superintendents, since in | w than that of its neighbor. It gives that part of Russia there is a great lack promise of abundant bloss using in its of educated and reliable men. The hankful for, and really, between you Marister of Casanumbactions has ap-

Telephones on Electric Cara-

Cars on one of The subsition lines in St. Lamis are being equipped with tele- restore of the flower of your spirit. are not wealthy and cannot have all phones. The instrument is placed in which is white, dark red and black he desires for the beautiful in life grat- the rear of each car, the negative wirebeing connected through the wheels to the mil, and the positive wire being fitted with a simple device resembling a jointed fishing pole, by which connection is secured with a private over head wire paralleling the redley. The motetuian is at all times able to comnonneste sincelly with the office.

Someone has estimated that twentytwo acres of hard are needed to sustain Thomas continued to be an honest, in a man on flesh, while that amount of dustrious elerk all his dife, and his land sown with wheat will feed forty- services were much appreciated by two persons; sowed to onts, eighty-eight; Clarence and his father in-law to potatoes, Indust corn or rice, (76 Metal.-There is no royal road to persons; and planted with the bread. success.-New York Commercial Adfruit tree, ever 6,000 people could be fed. Vertiser.

Most people talk about a million Willie-1 think I could die listening without realizing what it really is. An to Miss Triller sing. expert coin counter can count about Cr Nick-Ob. you may feel like dy \$3000 in an hour. If he worked ten hours a day it would take him thirry. through a free Ohio State Journal. three and a third days to thuish the In the present house of representacounting of \$1,000,000.

The silverware belonging to Queen

the world every year.

at 35 Cents a Read. Sarah Bernhardt, the great French actress, once played in Sullivan, Ind.,

It was many years ago, and Bernhardt was making a tour of the country. On the way from Louisville to Indianapolis the train was stopped at Sullivan by the news that a serious freight wreck had occurred a few miles up the road completely blocking the racks and making progress to Indian apolis impossible until the next day, "Very well," said the manager in exellent French and with forced calm-Since we cannot leave town

we will give a performance here,"

"Impossible," said Mmc. Bernhardt, also in French. "Quite impossible." "Not a bit," said the manager, and he went about it. The divine Bernhardt, being under contract to play a certain number of nights, was induced to consent. There was no "opera hense" in Sullivan, but the Masonic hall was rented, and some of the scenery was crowded into it. The local job office got out a lot of handbills in a burry, and messengers were dispatched to the adjoining towns to spread be glad news that Bernhardt, the dilise Sarah, was to play in Sullivan that night and that admission would

ie 35 cents. "No use trying to charge metropolithe treasurer, and that gentleman sighed and said he supposed not.

In the early evening there began to ome into town long lines of green farmer ungons, each holding a family party. When the house was full, the reat Bernhardt cautiously took a peep it from behind the filmsy curtain. "Mon Died" she eried, raising her weled hands. "Look at the Induins! But she played redorn for them, and the played until II o'clock.-Ph adel-

HE USED THE SALT TEST.

An Old Annehe Chief's Knowledge of the Human System.

phia Saturday Evening Post.

In the early days of Union Pacific milroading Victoria, Nana and Geron imo, the three chiefs of the Arizona Apaches, with 100 of their best bucks, mme through to Green River, Wy. They had heard of the "heap wagon and no hose" and had come to stop the

train. They made a lasso of rawhide, and 50 men on each side held on to the rope as the freight came down the Wesatch divide. The engineer saw when several miles away what the Indians were up to: so he whistled 'wifbrakes" and, opening his throttle, let her loose. The cowenteher struck the rope and hurled the Indians in all direcions, literally tearing them to pieces, hree chiefs went south to their cuctus plains very crestfallen.

Before they selected these men the old Chief Victoria had them all eat a piece of rock sait about as big as a secan, run swiftly about 100 yards, sit lown on a log or rock and cross their legs. Then he watched the vibration of the feet, which were crossed. The feet which vibrated the longest or had the longest strokes he declined to ac cept for a severe duty or a dangerous trip or for one that was at all bazard ms, but he accepted the feet which vibrated short, distinct and regular

Now, what did the old chief know thout pulsation of the arterial system at of heart netlen and indeed about salt in the system? I have lived near to Indian reservations and have had consion often to survey over their ands for railroads and other objects. and I have wondered where old Vie eria got his iden. Is not the child of sagebrush plains better posted than his pulcture brother? - Chicago

A Love Letter of Prince Bismarck.

"On my window sill, among all sorts of crocuses and hyacintles, stand two amellias which always inspire me with strange thoughts. One of them, wender and pretty, with its ornamen til crown (topi and soft, pule-very into-pluk blossoms, but little foliage ad only two buds, transports me to Redbetin, holds itself rather stiffly and see English. The other makes far a impression of beauty as you took d twisting lack of care in its printing From the midst of the foliage looks out a cond branch, but the crown is out what code prepara - Chicago Trib eight touds, and its color is deep durk ed and white in breezuher gay variega. tions 7: It is a large comparison, more ver, for I the net love immelling he n ise they are without eder, and you I here precisely on account of the fra-Here is a picture of the Man of Iron with his armor doffed. Harper's Mag-

Luck and Plack

Two clerks named Thomas and Clarrace were in the employ of a wealthy merchant. Thomas was always an industrious lad, but Clarence was much given to frivolity and was extravagant the steep that he was a Cassandra. start out to tell the plain, cold, raw in his habits. In after years Clarence married his employer's daughter and "bappened to come true." Forum. was made a partner in the business

Not Patal.

fives of the Japan diet there are 130 farmers, 23 barristers, 12 officials, 26 Abrahams Lincoln and Charles Day- merchants, d newspaper editors, 3 docwin both first saw the light on February | tors and 70 members without fixed pro-

Bicycles are generally considered Victoria's table is valued at \$12,500,000, very modern inventions, but some of the Egyptian chelisks bear figures About \$6,000,000 ballies are born into billimited on two wheeled vehicles, resembling the old velocipedes.

readily than any other fabric.

How We Get Our Salt.

"Please pars me the salt" is heard at table many and many a time in the course of a year, yet probably no boy or girl gives a thought as to how that most necessary article of diet is manufactured. Sait is so necessary that no human being can retain his health long. vithout it. This fact makes the subject ne of interest, but the various ways n which the mineral is secured form a theme that is more interesting still unmitigated llar?" said an amateur There are three general sources from cynic of Baronne street. "I don't mean There are three general sources from which the saft you secure at the growhich the eration, one by mining and one by Hy as molasses flows from a spigot on scraping from the surface as snow is

springs is poured. As the water is without any special attention from the great sait mines from which the pure a second nature. from a cost mine

rado desert. lying just north of the no to eight inches. In the smallplit the field is of dazzling whiteness. Eight iis banks and flooded this and but the water receded, and since they leave off. on the gathering of the salt has been first broken into furrows by a salt low, is then gathered and haulest way to the refinery. It is said the sait rust is due to innumerable salt springs below the surface.

Took a Glant Photograph An object that attracted considera-

lde attention at the Metropolitan Muenne of Art recently was a camera minting in the Wette gallery. It required the united efforts of three

bould fall to give the proper exposure would cost his firm \$28. atograph of the painting was three

ours and a quarter. Three gallons of leveloper and four of hyposulphite When asked why so long an expositive was necessary, the operator said that a get a full detail and color value a

ellow screen of glass conted with sum blen strong arise books mitch axed in front of the lens. This screen imaged the picture that passed nd sortened the high lights of the ainting to such an extent that the lark shadows gave up their detail just s capally its the bright places. The te was prepared with bine myrife storophyl in the emulsion and this decreased its regular sometiveness at loast 50 per cent

Only one painting was photographed hiring the day.

A Word For the Lunk

It is the popular thing nowadays to sy that a chief cause of bad health be of cooking. "The frying pair base the I more people than the sword" has come the tallying cry of one band of reformers. No doubt dyspepsix is ause as are excreating and too hasty eating. The man who has a tusty breakfast, a "quick hinch" and a big on huggedidiner may find it conresions to blame the cook for the reimself to blame. The fact that ever uring his much to do with the preten appeting If they were not tempt mg, if is not thirdy men would indulge a them for freely. What may not be he awful result if women generally, are ranglet to cook scientifically, s har-everything they prepare will be a miss as new effectual methods of binelistic moderation and common some on the part of the records who

England's Most Serious Problem Illusions respecting the

constitute of the Boot war were natu rally mecompanied by miscalculations ne to its cost. Inst before the war broke out Mr. Ston. I's prediction that ar shall get of cheaply if it does not and its more than 10,000 fixes and 420. (m) con" was considered as relications are his other warmings. But some time ago the bill already exceeded £100,000,-(sk), while it under all estimate of the present cost purs it at £2,000,000 a food for thought. My brother in law North As to casualties, the official re- 12 the Way, Insists that we would turns up to the end of December resistance a great mistake in trying to ported 51,687, including 12 138 deaths. Seed these flowers of fable out of our It is tog this time clear that in his should be Carnaryon (Det. 6, 1896) Mr. John Minley made the right retort to "Cassandra's propticey."

Status of a Watch.

A decision regarding the status of a watch under the national bankrupter law was handed down by Judge Lowell the United States district court in the case of Frank Furnisill a phumber. who recently filed a coluntary petition in bankruptes. Turough his counsel he petitioner contended that his watch was exampt both as being "wearing situred" and a "tool" necessary for nerying on his trade. The court, howcer, ruled against bin on both points. Boston Evening Transcript.

His Good Wite.

Gilbert-I believe in a man being the master of the Lorse. He should have the say in everything Mason-How about one naming of

Gilbert-My wife carry way to me in it is also punished. a very proper and wifely manner. She out of appreciation of her hundbee- a whole season-

THE ASTONISHING RESULT OF ONLY ONE DAY OF COUNTING.

An Investigator's Discovery of What an Enormous Bouquet of the Flowers of Fable Adorns the Daily Speech of the Average Mortal.

"Do you know that the average Amerlean is a hopeless and incorrigible and a warm day in summer. He does it un-At Syracuse, N. Y., in Michigan and consciously, habitually, automatically lust as his lungs expand and his An Expert in Pawnbroking Who Res uting sats, into which water from sair heart pulpitates and his hair grows, raun away by the sun the salt re-rest of his system. He does it because mins. In a number of states there are the can't help it. The thing has become

ock salt is taken as are blocks of coal | of had all this brought home to me." continued the amateur cynle, "by a In southern California there is a salt very simple little experiment which I field where the mineral is scraped up in tried on myself and a few others no huge beaps, refined and placed on the longer ago than yesterday meraling market. In this region, called the Colo- | 164 you over see a pocket counting mahine? Well, it's a little device shaped Mexican line, is a tract covering 1,000 like a watch. Whenever you press the icres, 264 fort below the sea level and stem the needle on the dial jumps a overed with soft to a depth of from point, and it registers in that way up to several thousand on the principle of eyelometer. They are used by anyours ago the Calorado river broke budy making long counts and are very landy, because they never forget where

"But, to come to the point, some growing adostry. The crust of salt thing happened to remind me of our national vice of untruthfulness as I was getting up yesterday, and I determined to 'keep tah' on myself and aserain. If possible, how many actual, ut and out lies I put into circulation in the course of the day. I chanced to have one of the little counting machines I have just mentioned, so I sliped it into my pocket and started out.

"The first lie I told was right at the bout four feet wide and five feet door. Smithson was passing and stophigh that stood all day in from of a ped to shake hands. 'Hello, old man!' said i. 'Delighted to see you,' when as a matter of fact I was detect sorry to nen to focus the instrument. The are him, because I owe him tenperator said that the plate used was give the counter a squeeze and hur targest ever made and that if he ried on, but before I get to the office I had jogged it nine times.

"What did I jog it for, did you ask? The time required to get a good on trivialities, mere trivialities, but at the same time point blank lies, every me of 'em. Whenever I opened my mouth out dropped some confounded hyperbole. I told Jones the loke by inisted in springing on me was the best ever heard' and then made a double ally in assuring his wife she was lookng remarkably well when she was soking exactly like a scarecrow, old another friend I never laughed so much in my life as I had at something or other, I don't remember now what, and still another that I hadn't slept a vinic for three nights when I had neualgia lately all lies, hold lies, in spite f their barmlessness.

"When I reached the office and look ed at the dial, I was horrified. 'Good henvens? I said to myself. It seem a be physically impossible for me to special the plain truth in the paltriest. matters. I'll just remain perfectly

"Boggs is our head bookkeeper and a pillar in one of the suburban church es," continued the amateur cyule. "He wears rubber overshoes in wet weath er, cultivates sandy side whishers, enrries a ginglato umbrella, belongs to a a national disease, but it is not true that the cosm should be chiefly blamed. all the other marks of severe respecta bility I had supposed him to be the unintersence of east from veracity, but when I sat down in cold blood to put in on record I was astounded at the blase fashion with which he frivoled with the truth I pushed the button on him 15 times in 27 minutes; then he not into a whispered conversation with a caller, and I lest the thread of his remarks. But I am certain if I had sen in earshot the counter would have had hard work keeping up with the

That relieved my mind somewhat and fater on, when I made a quiet test if several of the other fellows in the ffice, I came to the conclusion that I cas to worse than the average, but the exerage was pretty tough. As far a my investigations went, the invole lerk held the record. He is a guidelesert of chap, with modest manners and freekled nose, and I never suppose be find any unrightation concealed h ds peg topped crantum, but he forced me to push the indicator up exactly 22 15 minutes. During the last part of the strench, however, he was riving to trade off a secondband bley le, and that naturally swelled the re-

"Of course I soon realized that the a'ca of beepling count on my own menmelty was entirely impractical and chandoned the effort, but the other lata has furnished me with abundant fatly speech. He says we lie continu ally and systematically because every lody else lies, and a man who would rectangular truth about everything in ife would be little better than an anarchist. He would apset all establish ad standards of value and make it nec essary almost to recast the language Besides, nobody would believe him But my brother in-law is a doctor added the number eynic thoughtfully. and maybe that makes a difference? New Orleans Times Democrat.

Chinese Era.

The "Chinese era" begins B. C. 2607 with the accession of the Emperor Yao who first devised a calendar for the Chinese dividing the year into 365 days with an extra day every fourth year

Censorship in China.

The censorship is a very real thing China. There any one who writes immoral book is punished with it blows of the heavy bamboo and ban ishment for life. Any one who reads

The special expert sent abroad by said she didn's rare what name I gave the agricultural department in search the little fellow so long as it was lien- of new seeds and edible plants has ry So that's the name I gave him brought back an "ever bearing straw-

A MOUNTAIN LAKE.

Oh, limpld listener, in your placed sout Are mingled all the songs that brooks have son When years and years, the shaggy hills among. They habbled of their trials, with foamy and Until, all wearied, having reached their goal, you softly soothed their sorrows and their fears.

the motivels the stolld mountains stand the motions the stolid mountains stand About you, dre't in garb of gorgeous green; At early dawn their mirrored shapes are seen a shimmering outline, painted by the sen, Upon your face, athourt the gleaning and, or fade from view until the day to done.

A fixing figure of sternal rest You typify the changeless tate of man When, having coursed mortality's brief span when the bills of Time, his life shall end,

BUSINESS OF THE SOAKER

Ris Regular Customers. in the neighborhood where paws. shops abound the sonker flourishes. The sonker acts as middleman between the pawnbroker and his customers. He explains his mission and accounts for

his usefulness thus; "The people down here employ me." said he, "not because they are ashamed to be seen going into a pawnshop themselves, but because I can get more for the goods than they can. There's an art in pawning a coat or a ring, just the same as in everything else.

"I've known people to go into a pawnshop with some old article to pawn and to look the proprietor over with a supercillous air, as if they considered themselves so far above him socially that he couldn't touch them with a 40 foot pole. Naturally, for sheer spite, the broker offers them only about half as much as they would get if they approached him properly. Having had a wide experience of my own, I know how to avoid such difficulties. I am not servile, but I am polite and respectful, and as those two qualities touch the most generous chord in the broker's bosom I get all I want on the proffered chattels.

"As recompense for my services I charge my customers 10 per cent commission. I have regular customers, and then, of course, I do many odd jobs for occasionals. There are fam-Illes down here for whom I pawn the same things over and over again, one week after the other. On pay day they take their things out of soak. Three days later they put them in again, and the next pay day they take them out again. And so it goes, month after month. I canvass the houses just like a book agent or corn plaster peddler or insurance solicitor.

"'Anything to be pawned today?' I

"And if there is I take it around to some shop and raise the necessary dough and take it back and get my commission. Once in awhile I come across somebody who abuses me and calls me a shark, but I'm nothing of the sort. I'm earning a decent living at a legitimate business."-New York

New England Youngsters.

One of Detroit's lawyers, who has had such professional success as enables him to spend a portion of each summer in a quaint New England section, brings back some very interesting

"I take my outing in one of those parts," he says, "where the farms are so run down that you can't hope for a good crop of anything unless it be beans or goats. One of the consequences is that the young men have to find some other part of the country is which to make a living, and I'll wager that there is not another community in

"Knowing me to be a lawyer, some of the residents called me into a conference about the township treasurer who had been guilty of advancing a teacher \$2 on her salary without the consent of the trustees. There was not a man there except myself who was

of past 82, and two were over 90. "While I was making a talk in favor of the treasurer and trying to minimize is transgressions without offending the selectmen, as they called them, & man of at least 65 slouched through the door and took a seat.

"'Just a minute,' said one of the oldest vererans as he interrupted and glowered at the intrider. 'How often have I quoted that there quotation to on bout old men for conneil and young men for war? This is a council Now you just can out till we go brough. Willie, If there's any a'rest s be made, we'll call on you.' And Willia went without turning a word. -Defreit Free Press

Finding Days of the Week.

The prematurely aged young man those duty it is to get up The Recrd's "Answers to Correspondents' olumn says that queries of the same asture always come in bonodies. They seem to be epidemic. Just at present a great many proper seem eager to now what they of the week they were bern on, and it keeps him thesy figuring the dates out. He has a system Which he uses and for the benefit of others who may be in sourch of like in-

formation it is herew (in given: For Bestance, take Jan. 15, 1868. A man born on that date writes to know what day of the week it fell on. In order to ascertain this divide the figures representing the year by 4, rejecting the remainder, if any. To this dividend and quotient add the number of days in the year to the given date, in clusive, always reckoning 28 days in February. Divide the sum by 7, and the remainder will be the number of the day of the week, 0 signifying Saturday. Here is the illustration, taking

Number of days to Jan. 15

Thus, by this calculation, which is infallible, it will be seen that Jan. 15, 1868, fell on the fifth day of the week. which is Thursday.-Philadelphia Record.

"There's a whole lot of difference. remarked the freekied fanatic. wishing you were dead and wishing you were in heaven."-Indianapolis Sun.

You know I fielt after the hearty man- berry." It is said to produce fruit for The expression is still used with this Yard was once any stick, rod or pole ner in which she deferred to me, I months on the same plants, and a meaning when applied to various parts ought to yield a single point merely small patch will supply a family table of a ship's equipment, as yardarm, sallyard and the like.