be ready for an emergency. is connection it is well to rethe blaze.

hatte derchief moistened and wrapped a piece of wet flannel will answer.

should smoke fill the room, rememwith the wet cloth over your face, n your hands and knees and to the window.

ear in mind that there is no more If you keep a firm hold of the rope or

One of Sothern's Jokes.

known London restaurant. The hour of meeting was fixed and Sothern arrived some few minutes before the appointed time. An elderly gentleman was dining at a table at some little distance from that prepared for the two actors. He was reading a newspaper which he had comfortably arthe shoulders said: "Hello, old fellow! Who would have

thought of seeing you here? I thought you never"- The assaulted diner turned around angrily, when Sothern exclaimed: "I beg you a thousand pardons, sir. I thought you were an old friend of mine-a family man whom I never expected to see here, I hope you will pardon me,"

The old gentleman growled a reply, and Sothern returned to his table. where he was presently joined by Toole, to whom he said:

have mistaken him for a friend."

immediately with a result that may

Mrs. Gilbert and Augustin Daly. stage life are those connected with the believed they could make it in time, never called him Mr. Daly-that is, we never stand the disappointment or the older ones, who knew him well.

"He never bothered much with Jim Lewis and myself. He had more trouble with John Drew and Ada Rehan. They were young and needed looking after, you know.

dark blue majolica vases which were the bane of my life. They were always lifted the sick boy tenderly from the ner that you had to have the dreadful ambulance and hurried him to the gate. things always on your mind or you Here another disappointment met would run into them.

them in the storeroom, but he had tak- run around to the freight gate, the boy en a fancy to them, and they remained. laying back, white as death, and only them down, and it was smashed to bits.
The governor never said a word, but he looked volumes. He was arranging the interior for a new play a few days later, and in one scene I had to faint baggage-masters paid no heed to the

when she fainted.'

"That was all, but I knew that he knew how that vase was broken."-New York Herald.

Cloquence and the Pen. Our worthy foreinthers were fond of

oric—and were not always quick to perceive the dividing line between the moreover, to have regarded the extraor. stand the awful strain he had been dinary as contributing an added and under, and whether he realized how kindred element to the impressive near he had come to being left. The Many of their epitaphs show this, but dream of the soldier boy must have few more completely than that of an been sweet and peaceful that night, for estimable matron who perished untimely in Newburyport in the eight that much nearer home and mother

Her tombstone on the crest of the burying hill is yet easily legible, with was at her post bright and early, and no more trouble than scraping a bit of speaking words of encouragement here lichen here and there and kneeling to and there, and bestowing smiles that push away the long grass and intrud are like beams of sunshine in a sick ing daisies. Thus it reads:

Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Mary McHard

The virtuous and estimable Consort of Captain William McHard of Newbury Port, who midst the laudable exertions of a very useful and desirable Life, in which her Christian Profession was well adorned, and a fair copy of every social virtue embraces of ber friends (and the throbbing heart of her disconsolate family confess'd their faires prospects of sublunary biles were in one moment dash'd) by Swallowing a Pea at her own table. whence in a few hours she sweetly breathed her Boul away on the 8th day of March 1778, aged 47. of Virtue fied to Realms Above and a solemn to all below the Stars, is Erected by

-Youth's Companion.

Beardless Soldiers. Modern warriors generally wear hair give them a martial appearance. But

POLLY LARKIN

States, a mere boy, and he laid in the t. Salt thrown upon a fire The mention of home or parents brought himney is burning will help to a torrent of tears, and his constant cry giving him some very good advice. was, 'I want to go home! I want to If a are once gets under headway, a go home?" "Can't you do something becomes a necessity. A slik for that boy?" asked the "angel of distance, quietly folding its white the matter with him now but homesickness and it's going to kill him." ber that it goes first to the top of the Off posted the "angel of mercy" to room and then to the floor. Wrap a Colonel Girard to see what he could do blanket or woolen garment about you, in the matter, and after hearing the story he went with her to the ward to see the boy. "Well, what do you want?" asked the Colonel, whose heart langer in getting down from a three is as tender as a woman's in spite of his by the Milesians, since most of the lostory window than from the first floor soldierly gruffness. "I want to go calities of Ireland connected with tra-That inveterate joker, Sothern the very strengthening," said the Colonel, rant classes still resort as pious pilgrims actor, had made an appointment with ironically, as he turned to the nurse seeking relief from their infirmities. Toole, the comedian, to dine at a well and asked how long he had been there. They drink of the sacred waters and strode out of the room followed by the while repeating prayers; and it is a "angel of mercy," who waited until asked, "Well, what are you going to circling was formerly done "groveling ery detail of the 'business' or action is do about that boy, Colonel Girard?"

was worth living after all. until time to start for the boat next day. Everything seemed to go wrong, unraveled. They were late getting precisely similar manner. started for the boat that was to connect "See that old boy? I'll bet you half with the overland train. But reclining a crown you daren't go and give him in a chair in the back of the covered a slap on the back and pretend you wagon with the "angel of mercy" and efforts to make the distance in the few "He was very set in his ways, and if minutes allotted to them. "Saved," he took a fancy to a piece of stage fur- said the "angel of mercy," as they niture he invariably introduced it into drew up at the ferry; "we've got just every play. He had a pair of large, seven minutes." She dispatched one man to check the trunks, while they them. His chair would not go through "I had complained several times to the gate. They pushed and pulled, the governor and begged him to put and finally had to seize the chair and

"Well, one day I did knock one of his quick breathing and drawn face one sent to check the baggage. Back "'Tom,' he said to the stage hand, went the "angel of mercy" and apsee that that lounge is good and strong, pealed to them. "Please check this for Mrs. Gilbert is very gawky, and it baggage; it's for a dying boy, and he would rule the scene if she smashed it must get off on this boat," she said. It had its effect and the next minute she was speeding back with the checks, and saw her charge safely on the boat with his nurse, with just two minutes to spare. She got back home almost prostrated by the nervous excitement sublime and ridiculous. They seem, and wondering how her charge would every turn of the wheels brought him The next morning the soldier's friend room. "But what of the boy?" you ask. "Did he live to get home and did he entirely recover his health?" I will quote a few words from a letter recently received by the "angel of mercy," in

You would be interested in the vari- United States in 1859, and has since ous letters this lady receives not only made millions for the Standard Oil from the soldier boys, but from their Company. mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts. If she did not have a level head, it would be sadly turned by the various are so small that it takes 380,000 of sentiments penned in black and white them to weigh a pound. on their frontispieces. It is thought to for the kindness shown "Tom, Dick Alexander's invincible soldiers were all and Harry," as the case might be. bare faced. He compelled them to But she has one letter that she values shave for a sufficient reason-viz, lest so highly that it has found a place in ney around the world. the "ontside barbarians" of Asia should her cabinet of war curios and trophies. selze them ty their beards and so cap It was written by a soldier boy on a

which he says: "I owe my life to you, for

reached home I have entirely recov-

Polly to reveal the rest of the letter.

piece of cloth he had torn from his wearing apparel. He had no stamp, but his captain had placed the necessary mark upon the bit of pasteboard, and it came safely over land and sea and reached the one it was intended If you think there was only glory for without delay. Another letter was and no work for the members of the received from a boy in Manila who had kept on hand. Dissolve 20 pounds of Red Cross, during the last few years, run away from his home in New York common salt and 10 pounds of nitrate there is where you will find you are and enlisted under an assumed name, of ammonia in 7 gallons of water. mistaken. Talking with the "angel of but he was soon to return to the United tures," said an expert operator in that Pour this into quart bottles of thin mercy," the other day, she said: "There States and he wanted his mother and line to a New Orleans Times-Democrat glass, and fire grenades are at hand is much hard work about it, Polly, but friends to know that he was well and reporter, "Is the illusion they generally eady for use. These bottles must be a great deal of satisfaction as well to coming home all right. He told her produce as to the time they occupy tightly corked and sealed to prevent make up for loss of time and the ordeals that he belonged to a certain company while on the screen. What is known evaporation, and in case of fire they that one must pass through. I remem- and that she would remember him by a as the 'standard exhibition film' is 50 ber one incident that put me to bed little incident. "He had entered the feet long. It is used almost entirely almost a nervous wreck because of it. tent in Union Square occupied by the for comic scenes, trick pictures and natural flatness, at last disappears It was a soldier from one of the Eastern ladies of the Red Cross and that he had other effects that are got up in the down the round, elastic throat of the that water on burning oil scat | Presidio hospital dying from nostalgia, her." Strangely enough the little oc- a specialty. Every theater goer has flame, but that flour will extinder, or, in other words, pure homesickness. currence, one of many, did call the boy seen them, and I will venture the asto mind, and she wrote to him, possibly sertion that the average man will de-

members of the Red Cross.

BRIEF REVIEW.

The Healing Snake. It was probably in the character of a healer that the serpent was regarded gave vent to a storm of tears. "That's wells, the people of the poor and igno-Securing the desired information he circle about the fount on their knees curious fact, as we are informed by an they had got beyond hearing and then old-time traveler in Ireland, that this for from three to four people, and ev on the hands and knees or even lying carefully worked out in advance. Sup-"You get a nurse and see about getting flat on the ground and wriggling along pose, for illustration, that a comic burranged before him as he was eating him ready for the journey and I will like a snake." This must undoubtedly his dinner. Sothern walked up to him have the necessary papers ready to have been a relic of the ancient rites, and striking him a smart blow between start him off to-morrow evening." though the people had not the slightest Back she flew to the sick boy to tell idea of its origin or even that such a burglar hides; enter policeman, searchhim the glad tidings, and for the first religion had ever existed in their island. es the room, collars old gent; they

time in many days he smiled and In the same way they still on Beltane fight and roll on the floor while burseemed to wake up to the fact that life eve (Bel-tinne, or Bel's fire) kindle glar suddenly emerges and leaps out "Bale fires" on the summit of every of the window. That doesn't sound hill and send flaming wheels rolling particularly side splitting, but in the Then everything was hurly-burly down their sides, though ignorant that they are celebrating a day consecrated to Bel, or Baal, by their Phoenician and onds, and to that end each bit of acand there was so much red tape to be Irish ancestors, who observed it in a tion is carefully timed and made to

Colleges and Culture. ing, restoring and greatly broadening the nurse who was to attend him, sit-"Done!" said Toole, and done it was ting on either side of him, fanning him, to recognize the culture value of our of rehearsals the act is attempted begiving him stimulants and speaking own language and literature. A broader fore the recording machine. If everygiving him stimulants and speaking encouraging words which they did not and saner and more "humane" and body is lucky, it goes through on schedfeel, they made the long drive from the thorough and loving study of the liter- ule time, but the slightest hitch is fa-Presidio to the ferry. None of the party ature of our own race is the obvious way tal, and if one occurs the film is spoil- raise a goat, but it starved to death, then screwed down, and the following of the Mediterranean, and the wars of governor," said Mrs. John Gilbert. "We and they knew the sick boy could than an escape from a dilemma. It is No wonder it seems impossible to funever stand the disappointment or the long drive back to the Presidio. "He ening our culture than we have ever transpire in 50 seconds.
"But some of the most telling offerts won't live through the night if we do utilized or tried. We are approaching in composition pictures," continued the not get him off on this boat," said the it gradually. We had one generation operator, "have been the result of accinurse to the driver, who renewed his or more of rhetoricians and dilettanti as dent and were entirely unpremeditatteachers of English—the slipshod, easy ed. That was the case with a film that ling next door to a pickle factory. I old tomfoolery of general "English lit- I had a hand in preparing and that erature" courses. We now have a gen- afterward made a tremendous hit and eration of accurate and narrow English proved to be one of the best sellers philologians and text-tinkers. Presently we shall have, let us hope, a generation of broad and mellow scholars who know their subject technically, of and we sketched out a simple little course, but who likewise know it "hu- scene in which a tramp steals a ple manely." There is a new culture and from a kitchen window, is pursued by ing to pull a tuft of spear grass." The an adequate one in this direction. the dog and is last seen trying to scale landlord did not recover .- Detroit Free Surely we have been slow in coming the back fence with the animal hang- Press. into our inheritance.

Eruptions of Vesuvius.

Signor Matteucci, who has been studyover 600 feet. Last April the lava rose to within 240 feet of the top, when a series of explosions within the crater bethe air. One block weighed thirty tons picture. and Signor Matteucci estimates that it took 610,000 horse-power to eject it.

Deepest Well in France.

The deepest hole in France is a well in the coal mines of Ronchamp, Upper Seine, which was completed in Decemlined with copper where it traverses water-bearing strata. To complete it, sixty months were required. At thirty feet below the surface the temperature of the rock is 50 degrees Fahrenheit; at the bottom the temperature is 117 degrees Fahrenheit, although the highest temperature of the air in the shaft (without artificial ventilation) is 88 degrees.

Among the black hunters of kanga roos in western Australia are twentyseven women. It is a professional busi-I would have died if I could not have ness and there about 125 persons who make it their regular business to hunt ered my health, and"-but it is not for and capture the animals.

Petroleum was first discovored in the

Some of the screws used in watches

A man walking day and night without resting would take 428 days to jour-

cartridge-box in lead pencil, and the talike is not one in sixty-four billions.

MOVING PICTURES.

HOW THE SKETCHES ARE REPRO-DUCED UPON THE FILMS.

The Amount of Movement That May Be Crowded Into Fifty Seconds. The Greatest Successes Are Often Brought About by Accident.

"A queer thing about moving pic-

a gun on his shoulder, which frightened studios of the experts who make them clare they take at least three or four a matter of fact the picture is on the back. It is true that both eyes are visscreen less than one minute. You can lible, which is not the case when a and aerchief moistened and wrapped mercy" of the physician. "We have wings over the country, but still this ordinary 50 foot film of the kind to but this is simply owing to the fact easily figure it out for yourself. The mackerel or a conger is laid on its side, Mocation from smoke. Failing this, done all we can, and there is nothing lady finds plenty to do with other which I refer is put through the reproducing machine at the rate of 16 pictures to the second. Each picture is three-fourths of an inch broad, which makes the 16 measure exactly one foot, edge to edge; in other words, the film travels a foot a second-50 feet, 50 seconds. What gives it the effect of taking up so much more time is the inch in length and 5 days old carries immense lot of action that is usually crowded into the brief period it is in three-fifths of an inch long and about view. Until the moving picture was 2 months old, the left eye has crossed home," said the boy. "You are not ditions of these reptiles destroyed by St. invented I don't think anybody had over to the right side. Lemon soles ladder. Do not slide, but go hand over able," replied the Colonel, while the Patrick were esteemed places of heal- the least idea how much could be done when one inch long or 2 months old boy buried his head in his pillow and ing. To these spots, generally holy in 50 seconds. It seemed hardly time have the left eye on the edge of the enough to turn around in, yet when head, but when double that size and 6 the experts began to study its possi- months old both eyes are found on the bilities they found it was ample for right side. A sole assumes its lopsided hundreds of little pictorial comedies aspect by the time it has been hatched that have since delighted audiences all over the world. "It is entirely a matter of rehearsal.

> A subject is selected, generally calling glary is the topic. The business, in skeleton, might run something like this: Old gentleman dozing in parlor enter burglar; old gentleman awakes hands of intelligent comedians it can be made really very funy. The all essential thing is to crowd it into 50 secfit into each other bit like so many well geared cogwheels. The old gentleman's startled yawn, the burglar's The easier and better way of retain- glance around the room and every step, movement and gesture from be ginning to end is calculated with the utmost picety, and at last after dozens

> > ever put on the market. In getting up the picture our principal purpose was to introduce a large and very intelligent bulldog I owned at the time, ing to his coattails.

"The training of the dog was the main trouble, but I finally taught him to lay hold of anything red, and we sowed a big piece of flannel as a mark ng Vesuvius for many years, recently to the back of our tramp's coat. Red made a report on the activity of the photographs black, so it couldn't be volcano. From July, 1895, it kept con- seen in the pictures, and after a good stantly active for more than four years, many rehearsals the dog learned to the flow of lava ceasing in September, dash out at exactly the right moment 1899. The depth of the crater was then and nail the marauder, whose cue was then to rush for the fence and consume the remaining time in making an apparently desperate effort to scramble over the top. At last we got everygan. Some blocks of lava were then thing all ready, gave the word and projected 1800 feet perpendicularly into started the record machine to take the

"Immediately the little comedy began. The tramp appeared, looked around stealthily, saw the pie, hooked it and was having a feast when out sprang the bulldog and seized him by the coattails. He thereupon sprinted to the fence and was about to carry out the rest of the programme when, to our ber, 1900. Its depth is 3600 feet and its consternation, the boards gave way, utilizable diameter is thirteen feet The and he came down bang on top of the shaft is walled from top to bottom and dog. The film had about ten seconds to run, and it was occupied in recording happened. There was no hippodrome about it. Both parties were out for blood. When the fence fell, the bulldog had promptly transferred himself from the tramp's coattall to the tramp's calf, while that unfortunate person additional price executing a raised patsnatched up a broomstick and tried to pry him loose. They rolled over and put about 50 times as much action, and animation in the last ten seconds as had been crowded into the preceding 40. We finally pulled them apart, and oped that we realized what a prize we had accidentally secured. That earnest and impromptu wind up has convulsed audiences all over Christendom and made fully as much of a hit in Europe as it did at home."

> Hal Tien, of 4,400 tons, and under nat- one side. ural draft will have a speed of 23.6 knots per hour. At this rate she could cross the Atlantic in about four and s half days.

The new law in South Carolina against the pistol carrying habit makes it unlawful for any person except a The chance of two finger-prints being less than 20 inches in length or four pounds in weight.

FLATFISHES' EYES.

Migration Which Takes Place After the Creatures' Birth.

ide on the muddy or sandy bottom and pretend that the upper and spec kled side is a part of that bottom. This they do to avoid observation, for in spite of their awkward shape they are swallowed at sight by pertinacious ene mies, to the manifest discomfort of both. A greedy cormorant curling up and attempting to swallow a plaice, which tries to be as disobliging as posible, affords an object lesson not soon forgotten on the way not to behave at mealtimes. But the bird usually suc ceeds in its object, and the flatfish, in spite of persistent efforts to retain its cormorant. With a view to avoid unpleasantnesses of this kind, soles are wont to hide themselves in the sand, keeping only their eyes above the surface to act as sentinels.

In reality the dark surface of a sole, minutes in passing before the eye. As plaice or turbot is its side and not its that bountifully rich territory was a creature's birth passed across what we may call the bridge of its nose to keep company with the other eye.

The wandering eye begins its migration at a very early age-so early, indeed, that it is a little difficult to detect it on its journey. A plaice a fifth of an one eye on each side of its nose. When 2 months. When a turbot is half an inch in length, the right eye just begins to peep over the center arch of the bridge, at three-quarters of an inch it s half way across, and at an inch the passage is complete and the two eyes ook out from the left side of the head. -Longman's Magazine.

AN ABANDONED FARM.

t Surely Was Hard and Stony Land

and No Exaggeration. She was on the witness stand in her own behalf, being also defendant in the action. She was a sturdy widow, hard working, shrewd in a deal and garruus. A landlord was suing for back rent on a little farm she had abandon-

"You say that the land was hard and our and sterile?" suggested the attorey for the plaintiff.

"That's what I said, only I wasn't so persniffly about it, and I'll say more"-"Just a moment, please. We want invihing on this land of ours?"

"Land of ours!" with a sniff. "You never owned a thimbleful of it. Yes, I in, I raised a pigpen, and I tried to out of the dilemma. And it is more ed, and they must try all over again. poor thing! That ground wouldn't raise "Don't exaggerate, please. You say

the soil was sour?" "I couldn't exaggerate about that ground if I was a lawyer. In the morning when the dew was steaming off in the sunshine you'd think you was livkept my sugar in an airtight jar."

"Pshaw! That's ridiculous. I suppose the ground was so hard you could

not blast it?" "Nuthing of the kind. I'm here to tell the truth. But I'll tell you how hard that ground was. I had to crop my set onions out with a hatchet, and a blg gander I bought broke his neck try-

Bedrooms and Breathing. While no scientist, I think, will recommend less than seven cubic feet of air each minute for an adult. Dr. Reed gives ten as the smallest amount that will meet the wants of the body. All of this, of course, is not absolutely used, only needed that purity may be secured. The average room-12 by 10 and 8 feet high-even if the room is empty, will consume only 960 cubic feet, or enough to supply air for one person for about two hours. Now, when two or even four persons occupy such a room, the doors and windows closed to keep out the supposed "poisonous night air." It is not strange that the stench of vitiated air is overpowering to one who enters the room after breathing the pure air of heaven, such as the good Father intended for use.

Earbers of Spain. The barber's business in Spain is pe cultar in that he is called upon to ply his shears on donkeys as well as men. for it is an important item in the care of Spanish donkeys that they should be sheared as to the back in order to make a smoother resting place for man one of the liveliest scraps that ever or pannier. So, while the master held his animal, one of the barbers plied some enormous clacking shears and littered the ground with mouse colored hair, leaving the beast's belly fur covered below a fixed line and for a small tern of star points around the neck.

The tonsorial profession is an indis pensable one in a country where shav ing the whole face is generally practiced among all the humbler orders not to mention toreros and ecclesias terday, an there's you today.-Punch. it was not until the negative was devel- ties. But the discomfort to which the barber's customers submit is astonish ing Instead of being pampered, sooth ed, labored at with confidential re spectfulness and fulled into luxurious harmony with himself, as happens in America, a man who courts the razor in Spain has to sit upright in a stiff The fastest cruiser in the world has chair and meekly hold under his chin a recently been completed for China brass basin full of suds and fitting his The new cruiser is to be known as the throat by means of a curved nick at

> "Dear," said young Mrs Jellus, "I thought you ought to know There's a married man who is violently in love

with me.' "What?" be cried. "Who is he?" "If I tell you will you give me those earrings I wanted?" @

"Yes. Who is it?" "You."-Philadelphia Press. STARTLED THE CAMP CHOICE MISCELLANY

A PRANK THAT ENLIVENED A SNOW Flatfishes keep their white and blind BOUND MINING TOWN.

The Resurrection of a Supposed Dead Lawyer Was a Mutual Surprise to the Community and to the

Victim of the Tricksters. "Life in a mining camp when it is snow bound," said a prominent mining man of Chicago the other day, "is a dreary time, and men will do anything for the sake of a little amusement. The story I am going to tell you actually did occur, and at that time we all welcomed the joke as a godsend and made a hero of its perpetrator.

"The winter of 1893 rested an appallingly heavy hand on the Cœur d'Alene. Buried many feet deep under a mass of fleecy snow, the country lay prostrate. So intense was the cold and so heavy the weight of the snow that it was possible to work none but the richest claims. Ingress to and egress from feat that none but the hardlest man dared essay, for it was an even chance that death from exposure might be the lot of the one who attempted it.

"Wallace at this time was a thriving, busy, prosperous town where the artificial excitement of a mining boom everywhere betrayed itself. The shutting down of many of the mines had left a large number of men living in Wallace with nothing to do. Time hung heavily on their hands, and nothing was of too small importance to attract interest provided it held out the hope of killing a few hours of the dreary time of wait-

"Just at this period the most prominent young lawyer of the town fell ill. There wasn't anything particular the matter with him except a heavy cold and impending fever; but, being somewhat of a hypochondriac, he at once believed himself to be in a dangerous condition. He promptly took himself to his bed in the rear of his office, denied himself to all but two or three of his intimate friends, installed a nurse to look after his wants and promptly gave himself over to that luxury of believing himself to be really ill which is so dear to the hypochondriac's heart.

"The three men who were his friends and who were admitted to his apartment took advantage of the conditions surrounding him to perpetrate a practical joke that has since become famous in the northwest. They gave out the news that the lawyer, one Jack Greene, had died, and as his mourning friends they received the camp, which called in a body to express its regret.

"In the meantime Greene, in the next room, heard nothing, the visitors being naturally quiet in the presence of death. One of his friends went to the local undertaker and, informing him that Jack was dead, purchased a coffin. Alleging the hard winter and consequent hard times, he beat the underevidence, not opinions. Did you raise taker down one-half in his price. The undertaker, however, got even by supplying a plain pine box painted a deep black. This was placed in Jack's office, did raise things on it. It took two hills and in the dead of night lumber carethe three conspirators. The lid was day John Greene, followed by the entire population of the town of Wallace. Ida., was laid away in the cold, cold ground.

"About ten days later Jack, having entirely recovered his pristine health, appeared upon the street. To say that his advent created a sensation is to put it mildly. Three or four superstitious miners, thinking it was his 'ha'nt,' straightway took to their cabins on the hillside and to prayer and fasting. The only woman in the camp had a fit of hysterics and fainted dead away. Greene, bowever, stopped the general panic that his appearance was precipitating by stepping into the Crystal Palace saloon and there absorbing his four fingers of 'red eye' in a perfectly natural and earthlike manner.

"It was hard to tell whether the town of Wallace or Jack Greene was the more astonished by the explanations that there ensued. At length, when those present had become convinced beyond cavil or doubt that it was the spirit-although by this time it plenty was in Greene-they sent for the three conspirators.

"'What did you do it for?' was the question addressed in blunt and simple terms to the ringleader.

"'Well, I'll tell you. You see we wanted to run Jack for a town office and we thought in this way we could get a line on how he stood with the community. But'-and here be slapped a wad of newspaper clippings down on the bar in front of the astonished and aggrieved Greene, 'Jack, you won't do. Just read those obituaries and see what the people think of you. Why. after such a send off as that we wouldn't dare to run you for the office of picking fleas off a yellow dog that was locked up on the town farm."

Lucky Dog. Briggs-The Dudleys seem to think a

great deal of their dog. Griggs-Naturally; be is something they never quarrel about, as they do their children When the dog exhibits some bad trait, neither can declare that he took it from the other.-Boston Transcript.

Lots of Company. Stranger-You must find it very lonely on these bills. Shepherd-Lonely! No, I don't. Why, there was a man an a 'oss passed yes-

There is no law to prevent a woman It may be that a "divinity doth hedge from planting herself in front of a mil- a king," but there are those who still liner's show window and wishing she think it prudent for the royal personhad a bank account of her own .- Chi- age to have a doctor handy .- Boston cago News.

"Why did you shoot the plaintiff's dog?"

"Because be tried to bite me. "Even a dog is entitled to a fair trial You should only have tried to shoot

him. Twenty five dollars."- Exchange "You can convince a woman that the earth isn't round," said the breakfast cynic, "but you can't convince her that the druggist doesn't make 50 per cent profit on postage stamps."-Philadelphia Record.

An Australian's Book In Boston. An Australian woman has written a book about Boston. It must be interesting if not valuable, judging by the

following extract from a review of it published in a Melbourne paper: "Australians who read the book will get a fair idea of a center which has to be understood by any one who wishes to comprehend American literary development. Containing as it does Fancuil hall, 'The Cradle of Liberty,'

and the Bunker Hill monument, that marks the spot where The embattled farmers stood And fired the shot heard round the world. Boston is historically by far the most interesting city in the new world. It is the only one laid out with the irregularity needed for urban picturesque ness. It has on one side Cambridge.

with Harvard university, and on the

other the village of Concord, with its

memories of Emerson, Thoreau and

Hawthorne. "Though the most select, not to say supercilious, of American cities, it is distinguished as having once possessed as its leading divine Phillips Brooks and as its mayor the still more famous John L. Sullivan, the prizefighter. At all these and many other peculiarities

amusing manner." The Book Buyer in publishing this extract adds:

of the Hub Miss Allston pokes fun

in an irreverent but good natured and

"We have heard lately that Australians are much like Americans in many traits, but that information about Boston is British to the core."

College Statistics.

Somebody has been gathering college statistics, and it is found that there are in this country 44 universities or colleges which contain more than 1,000 students each. Fourteen of these in stitutions have more than 2,000 students each, and in each of six leading universities there are more than 3.000 students. These six are: Harvard. 4.288; University of Michigan, 3,700; Minnesota, 3.410; Georgia, 3.295; Chicago, 3.183, and California, 3.025,

Northwestern university has 2,971 students this year; Cornell, 2,776; Pennsylvania, 2,567; Yale, 2,542; Cp. lumbia, 2,521, and Princeton, 1,302. There probably are over 100,000 students in the various universities and colleges of America at present, and the whole number of persons who are being educated in the schools and colleges combined is given as 16,738,363.

Aside from all other considerations this general tendency toward education means one thing-labor in this country must be dignified socially. It is going to be impossible for all the boys and young men who are now in the schools and colleges to go into professions. Many of them will have to work with their hands. Manual labor will still have to be done even after everybody is educated-Chicago Her-

ald. Earth Hunger the Cause of War. The greatest wars in history have really been commercial wars. The herole struggle to the death of the ancient world between Rome and Carthage was for the control of the trade modern history were fought in the main to secure the command of the leading trade routes. Our long wars with Spain, France and Holland were of this character, and the rewards of victory were reaped by our manufacturers and our merchants. "Earth hunger" is an almost meaningless phrase at the present day, except with reference to commerce. Even Russia, whose industries are still in their infancy, looks forward to the time when she will produce for herself all her

manifold requirements and so become rich.-London Telegraph. Long Terms In Indian Offices.

The Holton Recorder has an interesting account of an election held by the prairie band of the Pottawatomie Indians on their reservation in Jackson county the other day. The chief of this band for many years was Shoughnes-see, who died some months ago. At the election recently Mish-no, a son of Shough-nes-see, was elected to the Greene in the flesh and not Greene in position. Among the other officials elected were Mas-quas, principal speakmust be confessed that spirit in great | er; Pac-ten-maw-gah, assistant speaker. Kack-kack, brave and speaker for young men; Wah-wah-suck, a councilman. Mas-quas has been principal speaker since 1867. Kack-kack has been brave and principal speaker for young men more than 40 years. The leading speech on this occasion, says The Recorder, was by Kack-kack .-Kansas City Journal.

> Western Horses Scarce. There seems to be a general opinion

among the horse raisers of the Black Hills that the government will have to lower the standard of horseflesh for cavalry purposes before any great number of horses can be furnished. J. P. Gammon, a horseman of the Black Hills, states that it will be difficult for the government to get the necessary number of western horses for the new regiments to be shipped at Fort Meade. The contract price is not high enough to attract owners of good horses, as they can get as good prices in the open market and not be subject to severe horse inspectors. Gammon states that the number of good horses on the Black Hills ranges is limited .-Deadwood (S. D.) Cor. Omaha Bee.

Doctors Are Sometimes Handy. King Edward's doctors, 32 in num ber, have just been appointed. This number includes surgeons, oculists and dentists at Windsor and Sandringham and in London, Ireland and Scotland. Herald.

Babies In Greenland.

The bed of the baby Eskimo is not always one of eider down. There are times of famine now and then when the condition of the ice makes bunting Impossible, and old and young starve to death. Cases have been known on both shores of Baffin bay where bables have been eaten by starving adults. but infanticide in Greenland is un known because of a bellef that the spirit of a murdered infant turns into an evil spirit . Hed Anglak that forever baunts the entire village and brings endless misery and distress.