It was Started With a Dollar In the Year 1811.

"In the year 1811," says H. E. Armstrong in Ainslee's Magazine, "an wanted to make restoration. A dollar meant something to Uncle Sam in these necessitous days when the country verged on war with Great Britain, and it was a patriotic as well as a penitent act. The contributor was the

years of the life of the republic no one had despoiled the government, or the private conscience was callous. This New York man, indeed, seems to have been the one blemish on a golden era of national virtues, for fifty years were to elapse before there was an addition

"In 1861, just after Sumter was fired on, the sum of \$6,000 in bonds was rewith a letter explaining that a sorely tried conscience could no longer endure its burden of guilt. The plain inference was that the sender, realizing the United States would need a mint it not to be a time to defer repentance. Think of the bounty jumpers who profited by his contribution!

"It was really useful to the country in another way. The conscience fund, which had languished for want of a shining example, now became active. It has been quoted pretty steadily ever since. At the present time it amounts take advantage of the government or do so only with the laudable design of swelling the conscience fund when any emergency confronts Uncle Sam."

A Marriage In Persia.

Before dinner is served the bride goes to the bath accompanied by female relatives and friends. At night, neighboring roofs. Loud cries from they know, yet they don't hesitate to the women welcome the bridegroom on his arrival, while the bride, care fully veiled, mounts the horse awaiting her at the door. All the men who have been feasted and entertained join in the procession, in which lanterns are borne. The bride's departure is the signal for the discharge of fireworks are killed as the bride steps over the threshold of her new home.

One wonders what the idea is under lying the sacrifices. Are they intended as acts of propitiation inherited from an earlier age, when people thus en deavored "to appease the anger of the

A Snowstorm Indoors.

On a very clear, cold night an even ing party was given in a salon in Stockholm, Sweden. Many people were gathered together in a single room, and it became so warm in the course of the evening that several ladies complained of feeling ill.

An attempt was made to raise a win dow, but the sashes had been frozen move them.

In this situation, as it was absolutely ing their room and board and turn necessary that air should be admitted. a pane of glass was smashed out. A cold current at once rushed in, and at the same instant flakes of snow were seen to fall to the floor in all parts of

The entrance of a frosty current into an atmosphere which was saturated with moisture had produced a snowfall indoors .- Nature.

For Purposes of Information. "Hello, central!"

"Hello!" "How would you call, 'Main, 'leven

hundred and 'leven?' " "What?"

"Four ones."

"What do you want?" "Or would you say 'One, one, one

"I don't quite catch you. Say

"Or would it be one thousand or hundred and eleven?"

"Can't you speak plainer?" "I'm asking you how to call Main e-lev-en bun-dred and e-lev-en. Get

that?"

"Oh, you mean one, one, double one. "Thanks."

"Here it is."

"Here what is?" "Main, one, one, double one."

"Oh, I didn't want to talk to anybody! I only wanted to find out to settle a bet how you would call that particular Tribune.

Well Preserved.

The man who essays to give a lecture or talk in the "slums" must have his wits well in hand. He may encounter apathy, but he is sure also to find an gravy, browned potatoes and other vegembarrassing readiness of tongue.

An earnest young man from a college settlement was addressing a company of fathers and mothers on the subject of "Christmas In the Home," telling In many cities and was well informed.

people have told me," he said genially. than ever. "It's what I know from my personal experience. I have seen over a hun dred Christmas celebrations and"-

"Man, dear," came in a rich Irish are for a man that old!"

yer never have yer picture taken?

Birdle Blinks-Picture nothin'. Happy Hogan-Never have de price? Birdle Blinks-Course I had de price. but I never had de nerve.-Judge.

Polly Larkin

"What is the greatest problem of the age?" was asked a bright little lady anonymous citizen of New York sent a the other day. "The servant problem." dollar to the treasury department at was the quick reply. "You have no Washington with an avowal that he idea," she continued, "of this idea to had defrauded the government and get help. It is responsible for more people breaking up their homes and finding themselves ensconsed in boarding-houses than anything else. I assure you it is a serious question. Every Chinaman, ignorant or experienced, founder of the conscience fund, and wants his seven dollars a week. The probably he died in the odor of sanc- majority of them can scarcely prepare the vegetables much less cook them. During the preceding thirty-five The Japanese are even worse, and they are treacherous and unprincipled. They want the highest wages, enquire how many are in the house, and if you chance to have a guest happen in, they are insulted, and nine times out of ten will march out of the house bag and baggage leaving you at your wits ends to know how to bring order out of confusion. The want ad. columns in the ceived by the treasury department, dailies are filled with advertisements of 'good, genteel, honest Japanese schoolboy," wanting work. They wash your dishes and prepare the vegetables; they leave at 8 o'clock in the morning takof money to carry on the war, judged ing their lunch and return about 4 o'clock. They want to begin with, to say the least, one dollar and fifty cents. The second or third week they want a raise of fifty cents. At the end of two months just when they can be of some assistance to you, they want four or five dollars per week, and if they do not get it, out they go. You have had to more than \$300,000. Indeed, restitue all the trouble with them and have tion is getting to be the fashion, and cultivated the patience of Job in trying the time may come when no one will to teach them properly; they have received their board and lodging and their wages and tried you week after week by asking for an increase that you knew they had not earned. You had put up with their ignorance and awkwardness, had taught them English, for they are not a bit backward in asking you to help them with their as the procession of the bridegroom lessons in season and out of season. In approaches, alms are distributed, and fact you have actually paid them for women and children look on from the privilege of teaching them the little

leave you without a moment's notice. "Go to the intelligence offices and here you will find women of every down from father to son for many gendescription, ranging in age from sixteen erations, that the Navajos at one time years to sixty, sitting bolt upright and a great beating of the big drum, against the walls and they are packed read something in a magazine concern-The final ceremony is similar to one so like sardines that you wonder if ing the Tinneh Indians. The word observed by the Arabs and the Copts- another one could be sandwiched in. namely, the sacrifice of sheep. These Do they want work? They say so, means 'man.'. He became so interestand the appearance of many of them ed that he wrote to a missionary in Altestifies to the fact, but when they find aska, mentioning a number of Navajo out that you need help they want from words and their meanings. It was twenty to forty dollars and wish to be found that the same words and same assured that you will not have much meanings were found in the Tinneh company, that they can go out two or language. Other tribal peculiarities gods" or of the spirits of their an- three nights in the week and have were compared, with the result that it cestors? Or is it merely a way of seal- Sunday off, that the children are not has been established beyond reasonable ing in blood an important act and troublesome or noisy, the washing, doubt that the Navajos and Tinnehs covenant?--Woman's Home Compan- every stitch of it, even to the tea-towels, are offshoots of the same original stock. must be put out for washing, even if it This discovery is of immense value and is only a little, tires their backs." You interest to anthropologists, and strongleave completely disgusted. You think ly confirms the theory that the Ameriof the frail girls working in factories can Indians migrated from the north and stores from early morning until to their hunting grounds on this consix o'clock at night for their from three to five dollars a week and out of this itants of America; and that furtherthey have to pay their board and clothe more they originally came from Asia. themselves and then you look at this array of girls and women sitting idle in their place, and it was impossible to pretending to want work at from twenty to forty dollars a month includ-

away disgusted.

Some housekeepers have solved this help problem by going out to a hotel or restaurant for all their meals and having a weman come in for a day or two stored or sold their household effects and gone to boarding in the numerous hotels or private boarding-houses. Regretting to give up their home life, but tired beyond endurance in trying to keep capable help. You would be surprised to know how many who cannot get help have faced the situation bravely having given up in despair ever finding anyone to assist them whom they could depend upon, and get all of their meals, or at least a great portion at the delicatessen stores, carrying home the piping hot viands in little paper bags or boxes made for the purpose. I tell you, my friend, this servant girl question is responsible for breaking up many homes. It is reaching a pass when you may no longer ask them for references, on the conthem with that guarantee.

The day is coming when you will number. I've lost. Goodby."—Chicago hear the clatter of the dinner bell in hold use. the street. At a given time-supposedly the regular dinner hour-a traveling kitchen will go from house to house etables, savory stews and soups, coffee brother cooks united to do him honor. and deserts, and as the wagon goes on its way the kettles will be merrily singing or at least keeping hot. All trouble them of ways in which the day might will be saved in getting up a meal, for it be made bright although money was can be brought to you just as readily it to circulate the revised version of the scarce. He had visited many houses and more easily than you can prepare it. When that day comes the intelli-"I'm not talking about what other gence offices will find more wall-flowers

The question box yields only one in- via, has been discovered by two men in quiry this week and that is doubtless Carson City, Nevada. American voice from the rear of the from one of our summer sojourners who room, "it's wonderfully preserved ye is already making her preparation, like the swallows, for her summer flight. Baku by the Russian Government lead Out of the dust and noise and confusion to the belief that the naphtha beds at Happy Hogan - Say, Birdle, didn't of the city and out of San Francisco's that point extend far out under the sea. celebrated (?) winds that take possession of this place for two or threemonths of the year. "Summer Visitor" out school bouse, in which seven scholwants to know about the little book are are taught daily by a woman.

the resorts and many attractions as well as giving a full outline, or rather information, in regard to boarding places both at hotels and private houses their prices per week and month, etc. The little booklet "Summer Visitor' has reference to was gotten out by the California Northwestern Railway Com pany and beautifully illustrated. It was the biggest help imaginable to those who were seeking information as

to the most favored spots for a sumthem. They knew by referring to this little booklet just how to get to their a very short time. destination, who to correspond with in regard to migrating with their families, etc. If ever there was a blessing to pleasure-seekers this little booklet was ertainly that one. Hundreds wanted that pretty little book that was nicely illustrated with a few of the many gems and attractions along the line of this favored road. I understand that the California Northwestern Railway Company is getting out the same little booklet this year for the convenience of the many who desire to spend their vacation at one or more of the many

attractive and beautiful spots along this line. Many people aim to visit nearly all of the health-giving resorts during the season, going from one to nial arrow, figures representing the another until they have made the rounds. There are ideal camping places all through this region and inexpensive boarding-places at some of the cosy farm-houses, etc., but this lit-

BRIEF REVIEW.

Proof That Navajos Came From Alaska.

ute than Polly could do in a column.

The curiosity of an educated Navajo Indian boy concerning an old tradition of his tribe has led to the discovery that the Navajos of our sun-baked Arizona and the Tinneh Indians of ice-bound Alaska are branches of the same original tribe. This fact is made known by the Rev. Dr. George de la Motte, the superior-general of the Jesuit missions of the Rocky mountains, who is on a visit to Bishop J. B. Brondel at Helena, Montana, having recently returned from a tour of the Jesuit missions in Alaska. "This discovery was made" said Father de la Motte, "through the curiosity of a young Navajo Indian, who had been told a tradition of the tribe handed inhabited a cold country. This boy "Tinneh" in the Navajo language tinent, displacing the original inhab-

The workman in Argentine, when he has put in his morning's work, knocks off for his breakfast and siesta about midday. Meals in the restaurants he affects are both good and cheap, and afterward he enjoys his rest in the sun

until the hour for the afternoon work. Lavender gives a net profit of \$100 an acre. Pure lard saturated with the scent of flowers (pomade) is worth from every week to give their homes a \$6 to \$7.50 a pound. Cologne of the thorough cleaning. Others have either finest quality (obtained by soaking the saturated lard in alcohol) brings as much as \$17 a pint.

The highest smokestack in Germany has just been completed by the chemical works at Pheinau for the purpose of obviating the deleterious effects of the noxious gases upon the agricultural products of the vicinity. The height of the stack is 396 feet.

Government by injunction has assumed a new terror. A Newark, N. J., girl has made application to the Supreme Court for an injunction to restrain a young man who she says had promised to marry her from marrying another girl.

One of the newest things in the way trary they all but ask you to furnish of foods is fish powder, which, it is claimed, is a highly nutritious article, easy of digestion, and, therefore particularly suitable for invalids. It is intended, however, for ordinary house

The first monument ever erected to a cook is about to be inaugurated in Paris. leaving ten, twenty or thirty cents, The chef in question is Urbain Dubois, worth of juicy roast with rich brown who labored in the German Emperor's kitchen. So popular was he that his

> decided to alter its laws so as to enable Bible as well as the authorized version A process for making artificial rubber by chemical treatment of the stalks of

After many years' consideration the

British and Foreign Bible Society has

Investigations conducted recently at

Thomas county, Kansas, has a dug-

A PERFORMANCE THAT PUZZLES ALL WHO WITNESS IT.

This Wonderful Feat Rivals the Famous Mango Growing Trick of the Hindoos-Scientists Are Unable to

Nearly everybody has heard of and wondered at the mango growing trick of the Hindoo, by which he makes a mer's vacation. All trouble was saved seed sprout before the astonished eyes of the European and reach maturity in

But few are aware that an equally amazing feat is regularly performed by the Zuni Indians on this continent. Their medicine men at the annual "corn festival" do a stunt of which no satisfactory explanation has ever been advanced. Scientists seeing it have been made, as a cowboy described it, to "look like 30 cents."

Preparation is made for this extraordinary Zuni performance by spreading a large square of clean, yellowish sand on the ground before the southern aperture of the medicine lodge. This sand is carefully smoothed and packed so as to present a firm, level surface.

Around the edges of the sand square are then drawn, by means of a ceremo-Great Spirit, the earth, the sun, the sky and the rain. There are also the symbols for corn and for a bountiful harvest.

The injentations made by the arrow are then filled in with pigments, the tle booklet will tell you more in a minclouds and sky with blue, the earth with black and the harvest with chrome yellow. The center of the square is left vacant. When completed, this sand painting is a fine speci- here. Would those eggs belong to me displeasing to a civilized eye.

When the bour arrives, the officiating medicine man takes his seat in the opening of the lodge facing the sand square. On his right and left, extending out around the square, the chiefs and warriors range themselves according to rank. When all are in position, the medicine man fills the ceremonial pipe with tobacco, lights it and blows one nable test case." puff of smoke to the east, one to the west, one to the north, one to the south religious history of the tribe, its wanderings and famine and the benevolence of the Great Spirit in the past. He closes with a prayer for the continuance of fatherly care.

Then he takes a grain of corn from sand square, withdraws it, drops the smooths down the sand. Resuming his pipes and smoke in silence.

If the Great Spirit condescends to answer the prayer of the medicine man, will sprout and send forth a shoot. After an interval of fifteen or twenty minutes the sand seems disturbed at Soon slender light green blades of

face. The plant rises naturally and rapidly during the day. By the next sunrise the silk and tassel appear. By noon the ear and stal

have reached full maturity. Then ripening begins. Finally the blades and busks turn yellow and rattle when they are shaken by the wind. All this, mind you, has been done in thirty-six hours.

On the morning of the second day the corn growing is complete. The medicine man now addresses the his boat all the time. watchers, who in company have "watched" the plant grow, for it is stranger. never left alone. With appropriate ceremonies he symbolizes the harvest by stripping the ear of its husks.

The corn he places in the medicine bag for future ceremonies, while the rival boatmen in that part of the counstalk is pulled up by the roots and try. Perhaps also he shrewdly sus hung over the door of the lodge. The long vigil of the watchers is now ended, and they seek much needed rest cassa. and food in order to be ready for the

rain dance on the following day. Every white man witnessing one of these ceremonies is deeply mystified. Above all, he is filled with admiration for the old medicine man. So natural and mysterious has been the process that the spectator feels at times dis posed to believe in the presence of

some supernatural power. Yet every sane person knows that this performance has nothing unnatural about it. No white man, however has discovered the secret. The absence of stage paraphernalia and the crude mechanical knowledge of the Zunis add to the mystery of the whole thing.

Various theories have been advanced Sicily. in explanation. One is that some shrewd old medicine man discovered by accident some peculiar natura chemical that has the power of force ing the growth of a grain of corn and that this secret has been banded down from one generation of priests to an other.

Another favorite explanation is that by great skill the medicine man is able to hypnotize the entire circle of spec tators and so produce the result with out apparatus of any kind save a ye low stalk of corn from the last bar

Others say the feat is accomplished by elaborate machinery concealed in

But nobody knows exactly.-New York Times.

Affinity Between Horses.

When the Duke of Wellington wa fighting in Spain, there were two horses which had always drawn the same gun, side by side, in many battles. At last one was killed, and the other, on having his food brought as usual, refused to eat, but turned his head around to look for his old friend, and neighed many times as if to call him. All care was in vain. There were two plants, Chryothamnus and Begeloother horses near him, but he would not notice them, and he soon after ward died, not having once tasted food since his former companion was killed.-Our Dumb Animals.

> The Vulnerable Point. Percy-I've made Pauline sorry tha she threw me over.

Guy-In what way? Percy-Why, I'm attentive now to girl five years younger than she is .-Detroit Free Press.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

The sun is traveling at forty miles a second, about 40,000 times as fast as an express train The comet of 1843 was the only one

during the last century which could be seen in broad daylight. The solor orb would appear blue to

anybody who should view it outside of this planet's atmosphere. The shadow of the moon which falls

on the earth during an eclipse of the sun is usually about fifty miles in diameter. The moon enjoys 3541/2 hours of sun

light at a time and then an equal

equal to 29.53 of our day. It is a law of science that sound can not travel through a vacuum. The sound waves require the atmospheric conditions for their vibration.

Stars seem to rise and set, like the sun, on account of the earth's revolution on her axis. They seem to rise four minutes earlier every night, on account of the earth's revolution in he

Polaris is a triple star. The bright star-the North star-moves about the center of mass itself and a dark com panion star in 3 days, 23 hours and 14 minutes. These two stars also move slowly around another dark star in a long period. A Deathbed Question.

Not long before his death P. T. Bar num summoned his lawyer to the side of the couch where he was lying. "I am very much worried," he said, "about a certain matter, and I want to consult you. My neighbor keeps pea-

cocks. Suppose some of them should

fly over into my yard, which they are

doing all the time, and lay some eggs

men of barbaric art and is far from or could my neighbor compel me to give them up?" The lawyer, having duly scatched his head, answered: "Well, Mr. Barnum, must take time to look into this matter. But the best thing for you to do would be to keep the eggs and let your neighbor sue for their possession. In

mined and we should have a very val-"Well," said Mr. Barnum, "while you ere looking into the matter will ye and two to the heavens. He then ad- find out how it would be if the eggs dresses those assembled, recounting the were laid by peahens?" The lawyer swore softly to himself, but never made any investigation.

that way your rights would be deter-

Considerate. An Albany lawyer with a penchant for billiards had occasion recently to the medicine bag at his waist, thrusts visit a small town. While there, seekthe sacred arrow into the center of the ing to pass the time, he found a new and excellent billiard table. Upon his grain into the opening and carefully inquiring if there was anybody about who could play the landlord referred seat, all the assembled chiefs light their him to one of the natives, who may be called John Jones because that isn't his name. They played several games, but the result was against the Albany as generally happens, the grain of corn lawyer. Try as he might, the country-

"Mr. Jones," be remarked, "I have quite a reputation at home. They conthe spot where the corn was buried. sider me a good billiard player, but I'm not in your class. May I inquire sprouting corn appear above the sur- how long you have played?"

"Oh, fer a spell back," replied the native, "Say, stranger, I don't want to hurt your feelin's, but you're the fust feller I ever beat.

The Silent Boatman. "Who can swim? Who can swim?" shouted a man who wanted to cross a river in a boat. A crowd of boatmen

gnor! I can!" Only one was silent and remained in "And can't you swim?" inquired the

"No." was the man's curt reply. "Then you shall take me across."

The gentleman had adopted this method to escape the importunity of pected that a man who could not swim would be the safer pilot.-Capitan Fra-

Sicily the Home of Sulphur. The beautiful island of Sicily, with its huge volcano. Mount Etna, and its most interesting remains of classic Greek architecture, is the world's great source of supply for sulphur. The rocks and soil are largely of volcanic origin, and the sulphur mines in some places penetrate deep into the earth. A common sight is a train of freight cars loaded with bars of sulphur as yellow as gold. Some of the greatest mines are close by Girgenti, the celebrated Agrigentum of the Roman historians. About 90 per cent of all the sulphur produced comes from

Mark Twain's Moving. A story is told of the days when Mark Twain was a back writer in San Francisco on a weekly salary represented by one figure, Bret Harte and Joaquin Miller serving on the same staff with like pay. A woman of means who patronized Bohemia and gave the impecunious strugglers many a good dinner saw Mark Twain, thinly clad and imperfectly shod, standing with a cigar box under his arm and looking hungrily in at a confectioner's window The patroness of letters asked what was in the box. "Oh." drawled the humorist, "I'm moving again."

The Hand In Health.

Let us shake hands with a man, and we will tell you something about his health. The firm, hearty handshake of a sincere man may be rather rough, so that one is taught he has a grip, but it indicates stamina. While denoting ab sence of tact and refinement, it points to physical strength. The flabby hand that returns no pressure belongs to the person who has no great strength of body or mind. The quick, nervous handshake of an excitable, nervous temperament, and its opposite, the nerveless, passive one, belong to per sons in ill health. The hand that threatens to collapse or give means fear. The feel of the hand called magnetic indicates health and kindness and a desire to help others. In many ways we may decide character by the band as well as by the brain.

Pointed Directions. Merritt-A man shouldn't bother

woman by talking business. Cora-That's right, dear. If you mean business, go talk to papa.-Smart Set.

IT WAS A PRETTY PISTOL.

But It Proved Too Expensive For

the Bachelor Girls. "No, we don't keep a pistol in our apartment any more," said the girl who draws for the magazines and shares a small flat with a young woman who teaches in one of the private schools; "not since an experience we had last winter. Before that we did, and we had a perfect beauty of a pistol, too," she added in a tone of regretful reminiscence, "silver mounted and handle inlaid with pearl. We spent a good deal more than we could afford for it, but we didn't like those plain amount of darkness, making her day steel things. Now it's gone, though. I had to give it away, and I don't suppose Marian will ever consent to our

> having another. "You see, this is what happened: I was the one who knew more about handling a pistol, so I used to sleep with it under my pillow. We were both awfully afraid of burglars, and after there had been a series of robberies in our neighborhood we were so terror stricken that we were ready to take alarm at the slightest sound. One night, to our horror, we were both aroused by a creaking noise and then a light bump, just as if some one, tiptoeing around, had stumbled against something. For an instant we were simply paralyzed with fright. Then, looking tremblingly about the room, I made out over in one corner a tall, dark figure, perfectly motionless. I reached cautiously for the pistol, aimed it and fired twice. The figure did not fall. and the horribly strange thing was that it did not move or make a sound. Yet

I felt sure I had hit it. "Although we were frightened half to death we felt we must get up and light the gas to investigate. By that time people from the other apartments in the building were rushing to our door to find out what the shots meant. Well, the light revealed matters. I had simply ruined Marian's new forty dollar coat which hung on a hook in that corner. The noise we heard? Oh, that was some one on the floor below who had come in late and stumbled against a chair."-New York Tribune.

Preparing Costly Furs.

When a master workman in a fur manufactory is cutting up skins, he is literally cutting money. Skins once passed for frontier money, but their value is now much greater than in the early days, and it would be less costly to cut a garment from ten dollar bills than to cut it from some skins.

The cutting is quite an interesting eature of the work. To prepare a ink or sable, for example, the skin st be slashed into strings, narrow eces more or less irregular in shape, which are afterward sewed together. There may be a thousand pieces in a single cloak, the new and beautiful skins being literally cut to pieces before they are manufactured. The object of this is to lengthen the skins. The sable, for example, say two feet in length, will be drawn out to four feet and all its markings preserved, so that it looks like a very long, but well proportioned, skin. The original skin is so cut to pieces that it may all be "matched" again in the elongated

shape.-World's Work.

A peasant was recently gathering dry wood in a forest near Kastamuni when a bear suddenly appeared before him. The frightened man sought refuge in the branches of a tree, which broke, and the peasant fell at the feet gathered round him, crying: "I can, siof the bear. Bruin was quite overcome with surprise, so much so that the peasant, who preserved his presence of mind, was instantly astride the beast, using his ears as bridle. The bear tried ineffectually to throw him and then, starting on a wild run, issued from the forest and approached a village. The rider shouted loudly for help, and in a few minutes the whole population turned out armed with guns and scythes. A crack shot fired a bullet into the bear's head, and the peasant was able to leave his mount unhurt.-Kastamuni (Turkey) Official

Journal. New Light on an Old Subject. The man who had been kicked by a mule and was quoted as saying he "considered the source" was speaking of it afterward to some of the other

fellows. "I wouldn't care," he said, "if there hadn't been so much fuss made over it, as if it was a bright thing for anybody to say, but the honest truth i that I never said anything of the kind, When you're kicked by a mule, you're not in a frame of mind for consider ing things. What I really said was: 'You derned old beast! If I had a gun and you were somebody else's mule and it wasn't against the law to shoot inside the corporation I'd blow your derned old head off, dern you!" "-Chicago Tribune.

Seven. The alleged supernatural powers of the seventh son of a seventh son are merely an illustration of the mystical powers of that number, which has somehow caught the imagination of mankind. The seventh day and the seventh or jubilee year of the Jews is a case in point, but there are also the seven wise men, the seven wonders of the world, the seven lamps of architecture, the seven sleepers, the seven sisters and the seven senses, the last being an obvious concession to superstition. Indeed, from the seven churches to the seven deadly sins the num ber for good or ill holds the arithmetical record.

Definition of a Bore. "You call So-and-so a 'bore.' What is a 'bore?' " asked Bishop Selwyn. "It is a man who will persist in talking about himself when you want to talk about yourself," or, we may add, in telling stories when you want to be telling them. Coleridge says he used to be much amused with Tobin and Godwin. "Tobin would pester me with stories of Godwin's dullness, and up on his departure Godwin would drop in just to say that Tobin was more

dull than ever." The Way of Women. Nell-But you must never mention what I have just told you. Bess-Why, is it a secret?

Nell-Oh, no, but-

-Chicago News

A FATAL MEAL

The Untimely Ending of a Crow Who

Swallowed a Centiped. "Saw a curious thing in California last winter." said the man who travelels about. "I had stopped for a moment to chat with a man who was plowing, when he called my attention to a large centiped that he had just plowed up.

"'Come along with me a few feet.' said he, 'and let's see what those crows

will do when they find it.' "There were several large carrion crows that had been following the farmer and picking up the insects that were turned up, and they were now a few feet away, waiting for the plow to start again.

"We went on a few feet, and the crows followed. One big, black fellow soon saw the centiped and swallowed him at one gulp. Then, in the expressive slang of the day, there was something doing in the neighborhood of that crow. With a caw of despair he mounted into the air for perhaps a hundred feet, then fell heels over head till he was a few feet from the ground. Then he managed to catch himself and flew upward again and away for the hills, cawing wildly. He had not gone more than 300 feet when he lost all control of himself and fell like a shot to the ground. We went over to where he had fallen and found him on his back with his feet in the air, stone

dead. "In a way I know how that crow felt when he awoke to the situation. I hadn't forgotten my first spoonful of tabasco sauce that a joking friend once talked me into swallowing."-Detroit Free Press.

A man once received as a present from a sea captain a fine specimen of the bird known as the laughing jack-

As he was carrying it home he met a brawny Irish navvy, who stopped "Phwat kind of burd is that, sorr?"

asked the man. "That's a laughing jackass," explain-

ed the owner genially. The Irishman, thinking he was being made fun of, was equal to the occasion and responded, with a twinkle of the eye:

"It's not verself: it's the burd I mane, sorr!"-London Spare Moments

Limit of Microscopic Power.

Professor McKendrick in his presidential address to the physiology section of the British association remarked that the smallest particle of matter that can be seen with our present microscopes is between one four-hundredth-thousandth and one five-hundredth-thousandth of an inch in diameter. The diffraction of light in the microscope forbids the possibility of seeing still smaller objects. Yet the living spores studied by physiologists are sometimes probably even smaller in size than the most minute particle that the most perfect miscroscope can

Emmet's Presence of Mind. A story is told of Robert Emmet which proves his secretive power and resolution. He was fond of studying chemistry, and one night late, after the family had gone to bed, he swallowed a large quantity of corrosive limate in mistake fo cooling powder. He immediately discovered his mistake and knew that

death must shortly ensue unless he instantly swallowed the only antidote, Timid men would have torn at the bell, roused all the family and sent for a stomach pump. Emmet called no one, made no noise, but, stealing down stairs and unlocking the front door, went into the stable, scraped some chalk which he knew to be there and took sufficient doses of it to neutralize

the poison. Her Lovely Lettuce Dish. "I want," she said hesitatingly as she poised her basket in front of her pretty chin with a thoughtful air, "to

get some lettuce."

"Yes'm," said the marketman. "Here's some; very nice it is too."

"Is it all that color?" "Why-er-yes'm. All lettuce is green, you know."

"Oh, of course! But it's too bad. I

got a lovely blue dish to put lettuce in,

but I'm sure green would look horrible in it. I never thought about there not being any shades, you know." And as she turned away the market-

man was almost sure he saw a tear of

disappointment in her eye.

Indestructibility of Cedar. The resistance of cedar wood to decay has long been famous, and cedar fenceposts often last for generations. A remarkable instance of the indestructibility of cedar has been noted in the state of Washington, where a forest of hemlocks near Acme has grown up over an ancient buried forest of cedars. The trunks of cedar, al-

though lying in a moist soil, have been

almost perfectly preserved for at least

150 years, the length of time that the

rings of growth show the hemlocks to

have been growing above their fallen predecessors. Catarrh. The word catarrh, as popularly used, means either nasal catarrh or bropchitis. Nasal catarrh is often helped by snuffing up, so as to carry it into the mouth, a weak solution of salt and water, repeating the operation several times a day. Where the disease is very persistent it is well, when possible, to try a change of climate. In brouchitis

The Drawback to Originality. "Why do you keep repeating quotations?" asked the irritable man. "Why don't you say something original?" "My dear sir, there's no use of that Every time I think of anything good enough to be original I find that some

body said it years ago."-Washington

the case should be attended by a phy-

sician.

Questionable.

Willie Boerum-Pa. Mr. Boerum-Well, what is it? Willie Boerum (earnestly)-Does everybody in heaven have to have a harp? Can't little boys have tin horns? -Brooklyn Eagle.

Don't kick about the weather. When Bess-Then it isn't worth repeating it rains, it settles the dust; when the sun shines, it dries the mud.