The natives of Mexico seem to have an original way of training shepherd dogs. A pup is taken from its mother as soon after birth as possible, the breed of the dog being immaterial. The young of a sheep or goat is taken away, and the pup is substituted.

After the first few days the pup is never fed except just before the flock goes to pasture in the morning and just after the sheep are brought in at

As soon as he can walk he goes out with the flock and stays with it all day. Whenever he begins to anticlpate supper by trying to drive the flock in before sundown he gets punished.

After he is about a year old he takes a flock out, guards it from other dogs and coyotes during the day and brings It in at the proper time at night without supervision. All kinds of temptations can be tried on any dog that is encountered in the hills with main faithful to his duty, driving his flock to a safe distance before venturing to make the acquaintance of any other dog.

Peculiarities of Russian Winters.

There is one curious thing about a Russian winter-in the latter part of October or the beginning of November the weather will be as mild as it is here in September. Not a sign can be seen of an approaching change, when suddenly, without any apparent warning, a light haze will be seen in the northern sky, and in twenty-four hours the thermometer may fall 50 degrees. The change is so sudden and violent that travelers are frequently frozen to death before they can gain shelter.

It has occurred that farmers out looking after their flocks have been caught in one of these blizzards and, missing their way home, have lost their lives, their bodies remaining under the snow until the following spring. The suddenness of a Dakota blizzard is well known in the northwestern part of our country, but it is tardiness personified when compared with the rapidity with which a Russian winter

A Hasty Conclusion.

A former Princeton man now living in Philadelphia tells of his only unpleasant encounter with Jimmy Mo Cosh as an illustration of the belove old tutor's innate kindliness. When student, he was lounging on his be one afternoon, smoking. In respons to a knock on the door he called out: "Who's there?"

"It is I-Dr. McCosh," came the re-

"You're a liar!" answered the student, thinking one of his chums was trying to joke with him. "If you were really Dr. McCosh, you'd simply say. 'It is L'

After a second's silence the student heard retreating steps, rushed to the door and looked out-to see Dr. Mc Cosh himself scurrying down the corridor and around a corner in an endeavor to avoid recognition.-Philadelphia Times.

Napoleon's English Letter.

Napoleon began the study of English during his imprisonment in St. Helena His instructor was Count Las Cases to whom Napoleon wrote the only letter he is known ever to have written in English. It is somewhat of a liter ary curiosity and not well known, so it may be quoted here: Count Las Cases-Since sixt week

learn the English and y do not any progress. Sixt week do fourty and two If might have learn fivty word, fo day, I could know it two thousands an two hundred. It is in the dictionary mor of fourty thousand; even he could mos twenty; bot much of tems. For know or hundred and twenty week, which do more two years. After this you wil agree that the study one tongue is great labor who it must do into the young aged.

From Frying Pan to Fire.

A Loudonville man was dancing a quadrille when he heard his pants seams ripping, at which he rushed in to a dressing room, where his wife good soul-was soon busy with needle and thread, he having first divested himself from his leg covering. Presently he heard the rustle of skirts and realized that he was up against the horrible proposition of being discovered in the ladies' dressing room, which he had entered by mistake. Appealing to his wife again, the excellent creature shoved him through what she supposed to be a closet door and turned the key. "Let me back! Let me back!" he screamed as he began pounding on the door. "I'm in the ballroom!" And he was.-Ravenna (O.) Republican.

The Succession.

"Of course," said the bachelor thoughtfully, "there can be no such thing as joint rule in a family. Some one must be the head.'

"True; but the scepter passes from one to another.'

"Well, at the beginning of married life the husband holds it; then it gently and unobtrusively passes to the wife, and he never gets it back again."

"She keeps it forever?" "Oh, no; the baby gets it next."

Growing Suspicious. "I wonder who it was that said po

liteness doesn't cost anything," said Farmer Corntossel. "Don't you believe it?"

"Well, I have my doubts. Whenever

Vanadium. Vanadium does not melt in a heat of

Roman Boxers.

gestion that he should use gloves in his boxing matches. To make his blows more effective it was the custom to hold in each hand a heavy ball of metal. With his fist thus weighted nearly every blow brought blood.

POLLY LARKIN.

'Tis passing strange to Polly why so many mothers are blind to the interests of their daughters to the extent that they do not impress upon them that it s not the proper thing to accept invimen when their wives are not included n the invitation. It is no excuse for the daughter to assure her mother that she has known the gentleman for a upright, and in fact everything that can be desired as a friend, and that she did not hesitate to accept the invitaion without consulting her. The mother passes the matter over lightly by all right this time." "My dear, good he said, pointing to a rickety flight of mother thinks I am about perfect, and stairs that carried me down to an underhis flock, but in spite of all he will re- she will never find any fault with anything I may do," reasons the daughter, her way. Fatal mistake for both mother and daughter, and their eyes will open to the fact sooner or later that here they have blundered. It is all her mother's prayer that she would wrong, and the easy-going mother will her daughter's own ability to take care of herself entirely too much. The raising of this daughter to be a refined and conscientious girl, who will be a shinng light at home and abroad, is a saered trust, but in many instances in place of receiving home training that will fit her for this station in life, they are allowed to grow up like weeds or like Topsy, "just growed." The daughters doubtless mean well at first, but one wanted me. There was only one easy to keep on going down, down, until they have reached a point where they cease to respect themselves. When elf-respect goes than heaven help them. It is not easy to save them. They realize that the record of their lives can never be spotless and pure again. They may turn over a new leaf but the stain is still there. "I would have trusted my daughter anywhere, wails the mother. That is where she erred. The mother trusted her to the extent that she failed to invite her confidence and find out who her compan ons were and what was their amusement or the manner of entertaining her daughter.

"I went to a French dinner with a riend whom I had known for year and who was a friend of the family. I told him I did not indulge in wines and that they were not allowed in my rousehold, so he had a 'harmless' little ordial prepared for me." That was the beginning of the end. "I am lost! lost! lost!" fairly shrieked the girl, as she lay dying in the home of a friend. She had left home and friends and sought oblivion to all her woes among strangers, but when she stood in the portals of death a friend had taken her in whom she had known when she was a little innocent child playing around her home and lisping her prayer at her mother's knees. When death rang down the curtain on this young life it found her anxious to go and yet afraid to pass through the "valley of the shadow." Fate and friends had been unkind to her. What was she to expect on the other side?

"Polly," said a Salvation Army las- fast, to which would be bidden to meet sie the other day, "I have just come him a chosen company of "captains of from one of the saddest death scenes I industry, 100 in number," says a writer, have ever witnessed. I have been hunt- it is probable that very few if any of ing for weeks for an old schoolmate of the elect centurions remembered, if they mine who was once the joy of her home ever knew, the origin of that distinand friends. She was as pure is sun- guished title. The term was not wholy light and tender and true. She fairly strange, having the ring of a popular worshiped her parents, who were stern and matter of fact people and who to some of the elect, a more familiar exwould not countenance or forgive wick- pression of questionable credit. It was edness in any shape or manner if they only after taking their places at table knew it. This daughter was the only and opening the beautiful little parchone who did not feel the severity of ment-covered books presented for the drink, considering it forbidden to you, their own stern bringing up. They occasion, setting forth the names and had a beautiful home in the southern distinctive achievements of the chosen part of the State and sent their daugh- captains of industry, that many readers ter to a school in the town. She board- discovered in a brief sentence quoted ed with friends and always went home from Thomas Carlyle the source of the every Friday night to remain until Sun-newly conferred degree: "One class of day and I frequently went home with captains and commanders of men, re- plant for municipal street lighting her. There was to be an excursion to a cognized as the beginning of a new, real twelve years ago. The system has been neighboring town one summer day and and not imaginary aristocracy," has alall of our friends were going so we con- ready in some measure developed itself cluded to go, too. In the company -the captains of industry-happily the was a young man who had been very class who above all, or at least first of attentive to my friend and whom she all are wanted in this time." It was it entirely in order to make it at all had invited to her home several times, in fact, seven years earlier-in 1843- satisfactory. These facts account for him. They became separated from the "Captains of Industry" to a chapter of ciation in the value of all electric light had had dinner together. I was called of the term in other papers. to San Francisco the next day by the illness of my own father and never returned to the place where I had spent states and territories the male outnumso many pleasant days. I wrote to my bers the female population. These states friend, however, and received two or are along the Atlantic seaboard. Calithree replies, then my letters were re- fornia contains the greatest excess of turned to me.

"Two or three years passed, when I received a letter from my friend's mother, stating that her husband in a fit of I go to town and some stranger is es- anger had turned my friend out of the pecially polite to me I always feel as home soon after I left the place and had if it was liable to cost me anywhere disinherited her, bidding her never to from \$1 to \$75, accordin' to how much | disgrace the home again by darkening I happen to have."-Washington Star. its doors. The letter, which was blotted with tears, went on to say that they had never heard from the daughter exless than 2,000 degrees F., is not af. cept through others and that she had fected by any acid, and increasing, as sank lower and lower until she was it does, the ductility of copper, it is nothing but an outcast. Her husband habit the average duration of life is very valuable to the makers of elec- was dying of consumption, and now he trical appliances, but the price being bitterly repented of his treatment of his among moderate periodical inebriates is this morning, but he pluckily arose and \$600 a pound, it is almost prohibitive. daughter, and he could not die until about nineteen years. she had been brought home and he had asked her forgiveness. She begged me A boxer of ancient Rome would have to find her and restore her to them. in Syria during the last ten years. At laughed contemptuously at the sug- 'I don't care how low she has fallen, present about 750 foreign tourists, extell her mother has always loved her, clusive of pilgrims, are conducted. and I want her to come home. I have heard that you were a member of the find her you can. Bring her to me, for (England) village of Slindon.

I cannot leave her father to go after CHOICE MISCELLANY

"What a time I had tracing that poor girl. I heard of her here and there, and finally realized she had dropped out of sight and that I must hunt in the lowest depths of degradation to find her. Down into the dens of Chinatown I went, searching one and the other. The keepers of these tations to lunch or dine from married places were suspicious at first, but when I assured them I was not a missionary and was only hunting a girl to deliver the message from a dving father, they made no further objection. I had long time, and that he is honorable and searched nearly all the dens and was the awful sights, when I was stopped by the proprietor. 'Did you find her?' he asked. I shook my head and tried to say something, but the words choked saying, "I would not go again, but it is me. 'There's a sick girl down there,' ground apartment. I pushed open the door and there lay my once friend dyinto this den of iniquity. Then I told her all of her father's forgiveness and come home. I read the letter to her find out to her cost that she relied on and she moaned, 'Too late! Too late! I must tell you all about it while I You know when we went to the city on that excursion and I went to dinner with my friend, whom I trusted, I took a 'harmless' cordial, as he called it. A short time after that father turned me out of doors and told me never to darken his home again. I came to San Francisco and tried to get work. No once they have made the fatal step it is place where I found a refuge, for you must remember I was a green country girl. That sealed my fate. Down, down I went like a rocket from a clear sky. Here I am, dying the most horrible of deaths. I know I am lost for all eternity, know that I shall never meet my loved ones on the other side. Don't tell my mother how you found would not go. My father could have saved me at first, but he turned me out.' She was moaning with pain and sorrow with every word. 'Pray for me,' she whispered, and kneeling by the dying girl I prayed for the soul that was soon to return to its Maker to be judged more leniently than it could ever have been on this earth. The tears her dressmaker in Paris. While disstreamed down the sick girl's face.

heart and do no good." Was I right?

BRIEF REVIEW.

Captains of Industry.

When it was first annnouced that his

would be the guest of at a festive break-

campaign phrase, perhaps suggesting

nia fourth with 106,007.

same thickness.

said that in serious cases of the drinking

about fifteen years; the duration of life

Tourist traffic has more than doubled

For a quarter of a century no new

and the soul had returned to the God who gave it." She was buried in the Army lassie was her only mourner. 'What shall I say to her mother; she knows I got the letter?" she asked.

cussing costumes with the head of the establishment, which is a very Pray; pray again. Why didn't somelarge one, a couturiere hesitatingly enone try to save me before it was too tered the apartment and approached late? Lost! Lost!' The penitent heart the singer. She came on behalf of was broken. A convulsive shudder, herself and fellow workers to humbly crave no less a favor than a song from Mme. Calve, at the same time offering pauper's field, and the little Salvation as an excuse for her presumption the fact that hardly any of them had ever had the opportunity of hearing her beautiful voice. Without more ado the great singer proceeded to the work-'Say you couldn't find her," I replied. room and, having assured herself that "It will be the truth. The poor little no unauthorized intruders were preswreck of humanity you found was not ent, sang a couple of pieces, to the un the pure-hearted girl who they had restrained delight of her hearers. On known and who had filled the home leaving she was accorded an ovation which for spontaneity probably riwith joy. It would break her mother's valed any she has yet been accorded during her brilliant career.-London

Sunday Sun. A Persian Letter Address.

The addresses in Persian upon let ters which go through the postoffice at Calcutta are often quaint and puzzling. royal highness Prince Henry of Prussia An Indian paper translated one as follows: "If the Almighty pleases, let this envelope, having arrived at the city of Calcutta, in the neighborhood of Calootolah, at the counting house of Sirajoodeen and Hahdad, merchants, be offered to and read by the happy light of my eyes, of virtuous manners and beloved of the heart-Meean Shaikh Inayut Ally, may his life be long. Written on the tenth of the blessed Rumzan, Saturday, in the year 1266 of the Hegira of our Prophet, and dispatched at Bearing. Having without loss of time paid the postage and received the letter, you will read it, and having abstained from food or you will convey yourself to Jaunpoor. and you will know this to be a strict injunction.'

Why Some of Them Fail, The city of St. Joseph, Mo., began the construction of an electric light extensively added to at various intervals since, so that the average age of the works is less than ten years. Now experts have condemned the plant as obsolete, and it is necessary to rebuild although her father did not approve of that Carlisle had already given the title the allowance of a 10 per cent deprerest of us, and I found out afterward "Past and Present," with frequent use plants, which those who know the business always estimate. They prove the expensiveness of that particular utili-In all but eleven of the fifty-two ty and explain why so many municipal electric light plants have been failures.

King Rules Family.

It is not generally known that on men, the recorded number being 156,ascending the throne King Edward 609; Minnesota comes second with 113,became guardian of his grandchildren, 586, Texas third 100,000 and Pennsylva | the parents' right being superceded. This arrangement was established by law nearly 200 years ago, and the It is not generally known that, size right was frequently exercised by the for size, a thread of a spider silk is de- Georges, who had a way of quarreling cidedly tougher than a bar of steel. An with their sons. No member of the ordinary thread will bear the weight of king's consent; otherwise the marriage three grains. This is just about 50 per is void. The act governing this matter cent stronger than a steel thread of the was passed at the instigation of George III. in consequence of his brothers marrying subjects.-Chicago According to the Baltimore Sun, it is Tribune.

A Case In Point. "Jobbers was thrown from his wheel

remounted." "Indeed? Well, that's a case of man's not knowing when he's well Ican." off."-Richmond Dispatch.

Aptly Termed.

A farmer in a flood district, watching bis mortgaged house and barn fall over and float down the river, remarked, Salvation Army, and if anybody can houses have been built in the Sussex "That represents my floating indebted-

The Countess Alida von Krochow

writes from Germany to the Christian Register: "Germans find that it pays to encourage peasants to free their fields of stones. The property rises in value, great physical beauty. Of course it is taxing value. The stones, thrown into heans by the roadside, are purchased by the district road repairing commis sion. Poor men, who otherwise would have to be supported by the almshouses, are hired to break these stones and then are trained to the work of repairing the roadbed. The money to pay the men is made by auctioneering off to the highest bidder the crop of more than discouraged and heartsick at fruit trees that were planted on both sides of the highway when it was built and which are nourished well by the manure that falls along the road and is pushed at intervals by a road tender upon their roots. The purchaser of the crop sees to it that his fruit is not stolen. The road commissioners have no bother about that, and, although the sale be by auction, it brings considerable; every burgher knows how and she keeps on in the even tenor of ing a horrible death. With a flood of much, because the sales of highway tears she asked me what brought me fruit crops are published in the local time thought to be eternal. newspapers.'

"Rubber!" The following is an incident which tells the following amusing story: He actually occurred at a fashionable seaside hotel not many years ago, says rail in the north of Scotland, and at a New York correspondent of the have the strength, for I am dying. Pittsburg Dispatch: Some guests were being served by a particularly competent waiter and were congratulating themselves on having obtained the services of such a gem, when suddenly, to their astonishment, the man ager of the hotel walked up to the man, punched him in the ribs, as a policeman in the circus punches the himself in between two of the farmers, clown, and promptly drew forth a fine and finding it a difficult operation he hot broiled porterhouse steak. The man's clothes, it was found, contained you must move up a bit. Each seat is cubber pockets contrived especially for the transportation of food. He stole and according to act of parliament you the steak in the kitchen, with the intention of serving it and collecting the money. Immediately after he had been detected all the waiters in the hotel were searched thoroughly and those addicted to the rubber pocket habit were promptly discharged. A me. No, even if I could go home I cry of "Rubber!" at that hotel now would create a panic. That, however, is merely one of the tricks that waiters practice to cheat their employers

It is a noteworthy fact in American history that of the four members of Washington's cabinet Knox of Massa-Calve's Audience of Dressmakers. chusetts, the only New Englander, was A characteristic story is told in cona Scotch-Irishman; Alexander Hamilnection with Mme, Calve. Shortly be ton of New York was a Scotch-Frenchfore her last visit to America the man, Thomas Jefferson was of Welsh charming prima donna paid a visit to descent, and the fourth, Edmund Randolph, claimed among his ancestors the Scotch earls of Murray. New York also furnished the first chief justice of the United States, John Jay, who was a descendant of French Huguenots, while the second chief justice, John Rutledge, was Scotch-Irish, as were also Wilson and Iredell, two of the original associate justices; a third, Blair, was of Scottish origin. John Marshall, the great chief justice, was, like Jefferson, of Scotch and Welsh descent.-Charles R. Hanna's "Celt In America."

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ment!"

A Bird That's Hard to Kill. Penguins have an extraordinary

amount of vitality and are harder to kill than any ordinary cat. I once had occasion to kill a large bird aboard our ship, the Southern Cross, and, making use of the weapon next my hand, I drove a large spike squarely through the creature's head and finished the operation by nailing it fast to the deck. That seemed to make the job very complete, and I went below decks for dinner. Coming up an hour later, my astonishment was prodigious on beholding the penguin, head erect. flippers out, waddling about, apparently without thought of the spike, which still remained transfixed in his cranium.-C. E. Borchgrevink in Leslie's.

Just the Thing.

"I don't know what to use to raise my bread," said the young wife petulantly. "I've tried everything." "Judging by the samples I have seen," suggested her inhuman husband, "I should think a couple of jack screws or a derrick ought to do it. And he wondered why he got a cold supper that night.-Portland Orego

A Reply From Tennyson.

On one occasion it was publicly stated that Tennyson had drawn his inspiration from Horace and Keats, and a correspondent wrote to ask him if mutiny one of the Irish regiments this were so. "No," he replied; "Horace and Keats were great masters, but tatoes. Olpherts, who was in comnot my masters."

Working Him. Borroughs-Say, old man, can you break a twenty so I can get a five dol-

Markley-Sure! Here you are. Where is your twenty? Borroughs - Oh, you misunderstood me! I thought you had a twenty. Thanks! One five will do .- Philadel-

Literally.

lar bill out of it?

phia Press.

"I suppose," said the supercilious stranger in town, "your city has had its ups and downs notwithstanding its present prosperity."

"Yep," replied the resident cheerful ly; "still got 'em-streets being torn up and old buildings being torn down." -Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Deceptive.

"Dey oughter pass a law," said Hungry Higgins, nursing his leg, "ter compel people ter call deir dogs be appropriate names." "Wot's de matter now?" inquired

Dusty Rhoads. "Why, a woman down de road said If I didn't git out o' her yard she'd call

Fido. O' course I laffed. Den she called Fido, and Fido didn't do a t'ing. He was a big brindle bull!"-Chicago A "Bird" Anyway.

Mrs, Spenders-That's what I call a

'duck" of a bonnet. Mr. Spenders-Yes? I'd call it a "pel-

Mrs. Spenders-A "pelican?" Mr. Spenders-Yes; on account of the size of the bill.-Philadelphia Press.

The records left by the Phœnicians, Assyrians and ancient Persians show that among all those nations the use of perfumes was very common.

NEW SHORT STORIES FACTS IN FEW LINES

Senator Chandler's Rice Menu.

Keeping Friends. There is nothing so very difficult in

making friends; the trouble is to keep

them. Pleasing manners and a taking

way will always win admirers, but a

lasting friendship must be built upon

a firmer foundation than a transitory

smile, an hour of high spirits or even

pleasure to feel that one is favored

by some radically beautiful woman

but unless there be genuine congenial

ity between the two concerned the time

will come when passive loveliness will

cease to be attractive. To retain friend-

ship one must be continually on the

watch and not let the familiarity that

comes from a lengthy knowledge of

the other's life breed the contempt that

the illusions must not be dispelled. Do

not, because you feel sure of your

ground, let the commonplace enter in

Let the halo of sentiment hover over

even the prosaic affairs of daily life.

for, once dispelled, they can never form

again, and in the one glimpse of the

material side of the intimacy may be

utterly destroyed a relation at one

A Snug Fit.

said to one of them: "Excuse me, sir;

intended to accommodate five persons,

are only entitled to eighteen inches of

"Aye, aye, my friend," replied the

farmer; "that's a' very guid for you

that's been built that way, but ye

canna blame me if I ha'na been con-

struckit according to act of parlia-

Scots In American History.

and monopolize the everyday affairs.

so often follows a close intimacy.

To retain either friendship or

Senator Frye delights to take guests with him up to his camp on the Rangeley lakes. Once upon a time be had Senator Chandler with him. One afternoon, when the cook wanted to go to town, Mr. Chandler offered to prepare the dinner. He wrote out an elaborate menu, commencing with chicken soup. Having a faint idea that rice was used in making chicken soup, but having no idea at all of the amount that was necessary, Mr. Chandler emptied the entire tin can of rice into the soup. In a little while he was forced to bale out the soup kettle and fill two stewpans with boiled rice. Presently the kettle was spilling over again, and several plates were filled. To make a long story short, Senator Chandler was busy all afternoon bailing rice out of his soup.

When the fishermen came back to dinner, Chandler had revised his menu. It began with rice, ended with rice and had rice without intermission. "Chandler." said Frye, "is this s

joke?" "No," said Chandler; "it's rice!"

Explicit Directions.

Major J. B. Pond, who has an inter-An English tourist in the highlands national reputation as a pilot of lecture platform celebrities, was in Philadelwas traveling one day last summer by phia the other day. At the Broad Street station he was given some misinforone of the stations four farmers enmation about a train to New York, tered the train. They were all big, and he had to wait more than an hour burly men and completely filled up the for another one.

seat on the one side of the compart-"That reminds me," he said, "of an xperience I once had in Glasgow. I At the next station the carriage door asked a man at the hotel what was the opened to admit a tall, cadaverous in exact time to leave it in order to catch dividual with about the girth of a a morning boat plying between Glaslamp post. He endeavored to wedge gow and the next town on my itiner-

'Well,' he replied, 'I canna tell ye just the time 'twill be, but if ye'll leave five minutes afore ye see the steamer comin' 'roon the p'int ye'll be in time to catch it, sir.' "-Philadelphia Press.

Getting Rid of a Bore. Billy Brady has an acquaintance who asks more questions to the min-

ute than the wisest man can answer in an hour. Brady was hurrying through the lob

by one night just before the curtain



'I HEAR MRS. BLANK'S HUSBAND HAS JUST

rose, when he was spied out and butconholed by this inquisitive friend. "Say, Brady," began the friend, takng no beed of the manager's evident haste, "I hear Mrs. Blank's husband

has just died. Is that true?" "So I hear," answered Brady, makng a break to get away.

"Well, say," went on the bore, blocking the escape, "have you any idea what he left her?"

"Yes; a widow," retorted Brady, vanishing within the box office.-New York World

And They Didn't Get Potatoes.

General Sir William Olpherts, recent v deceased, otherwise known as "Hell Fire Jack," a celebrated British soldier. was famous for his blunt language During a critical period in the Indian complained because it had no po mand of the district, heard of the trouble and ordered the regiment out on parade. "Now, my men," he shouted as he rode in front of the lines, "I hear you want potatoes! Is that so?' "We do, we do!" howled the regiment with its thousand throats. "Then you won't get 'em," replied Olpherts. "You're good enough soldiers, I'll admit, but if you think that Providence is willing to grow potatoes for your benefit on the dry plains of India you're blanker fools than I take you for." The demand for potatoes ceased.

"He Was My Commander." While General Sherman lived in New

York he occupied one night each week the proscenium box on the south side of the stage of Daly's theater. It was called "Sherman's box." The gentle German who played the bass viol whispered to his fellow musicians that election times to last them for a year. the general's tobacco juice was destroying his fiddle. The old soldier spat in a sort of spray that sprinkled things in the neighborhood of the big fiddle. in solitude, subsisting on vegetables "Why don't you complain to Mr. Daly?" asked the leader of the or in order to sing matins, has been chestra. "Complain of Cheneral Sherman? Never! He was my commander ing for wagons. Brother Eugene is in the war und I vould nod comblain if he spid efery nide in my face!" was known to the world as Joseph B. Grathe reply.

The Irish language is above all others the language of lovers. You may find in French or Spanish or Italian superlatives or diminutives of endearment, but you will never find anything so soft, so sweet, so subtle, so sad and sometimes so rapturously extravagant as you will find in the Irish language.

Art. Not Nature

Madge-After she's painted her face she always looks in the glass. Marjorie-So that's one girl who does not hold the mirror up to nature .-Smart Set

One miner is killed for every 1,060,

000 tons of coal raised. Nicaragua's coffee crop this year will

be worth about \$3,000,000. England's imports of meat for 1902 to date have decreased 6 per cent.

Over 720 tons of flowers were exported from the Scilly isles last season.

The number of pieces of separately assessed real estate in New York is

476,640 this year. Few of the people in St. Pierre were pure black, and most of them showed only a trace of colored blood.

An Austrian iron trust was formed recently, and Hungarian and Bosnia firms have been asked to join.

The mosquito eggs are, it is said. hatched in from four to seven days, according to the warmth of the weather. For a rare patterned silver halfpenny (one cent) piece £10 15s. (a little over \$53) was paid recently to a London

Battersea (England) town councilors have a pingpong table in their council chamber and play sets between speeches.

Josephi Andreszswerownitzka is the name of a young Polish girl that arrived in Philadelphia from Liverpool recently.

Arrangements are being made to carry on a parcel service in connection with the municipal tramways in Halffax. England. Some timber built houses are as good

now as when they were built 200 years ago, said a witness in a London police court recently. Southern Minnesota's present pros-

perity is said to be due to the many creameries, which have made it the "butter state" of the Union. A government expedition has found

a Mexican cactus known as "dry whisky." for the reason that the leaves, when eaten, cause intoxication.

A party of British agriculturists is visiting Berlin, there to study machines, artificial produce, etc., controlled by the minister of agriculture.

Evanston, Ill., has a scissors guild composed of boys and girls, who clip pictures and mottoes in their leisure hours and send them to sick children. For using the word "archduke" on the stage at Vienna and thereby infringing a police regulation Fraulein Frisch, a German actress, has been

fined \$10. Enough coal was produced in the United States last year to give three and a half tons to every one of the 76,000,000 men, women and children in the country.

Before the Siberian railway was available a trip from London to Shanghai cost from \$325 to \$475. Now it can be made for from \$65, third class, to \$160, first class.

The first stamped envelopes were issued in 1853 of the two denominations of 3 and 6 cents, and it was not until two years later that the ten cent envelope was added.

To save expense the French government has set its soldiers the work of tearing down the electioneering posters that now deface practically every

boarding in France. The great fleet of sailing vessels which for more than a century has been going out from Gloucester, Mass., is destined to give place to steam propelling fishing boats.

Hemp is by far the most valuable production of the Philippine archipelago, the province of Albay being the greatest producer of it, with an output

valued at nearly \$5,000,000 a year. Incitatus, the famous horse of the Roman Emperor Caligula, was actually consecrated as a priest, had a manger of pure ivory and was never given a drink from anything but a gold pail

The lake built steamship Asuncion, which went to the Pacific coast a year ago, has been sold to the Standard Oil company for \$95,000 and will carry oil in bulk between Ventura and San

Francisco. The druggists of Philadelphia have organized for the incorporation of a stock company, capitalized at \$500,000 to own and manage retail drug stores. They expect to ultimately control 200

stores in the city and state. Hailstones nearly three pounds in weight fell during a recent storm at Jessore, in Bengal, Metal veranda roofs were perforated, cattle maimed. trees beaten down and a man killed

outright by the downfall. The umbrella and parasol were used by the eastern nations many centuries before the Christian era. The oldest chinaware shows pictures of ladies and mandarins shaded by parasols of pat

terns similar to those now in use. You cannot swear at or abuse any body in the Japanese language. The worst you can say of anybody is that he is a "fellow," and if you want to express your very, very pointed indig-

nation you shout, "There, there!" Thirty years ago the census discov ered but four ice plants in the coun try, all of them in the south. In 1900 the number had increased to 787, not including firms that made ice for them selves, and not more than half of then

are in the south.

The election "barker" is peculiar to French soil. At critical moments in a candidate's speech the "barker" puts him out by imitating a dog, and a really good man at the business is worth good money at such times. Half a dozen of them in Paris earn enough at

Brother Eugene, the monk who recently left New Melleray (Ia.) monas tery after spending twenty-three years and rising from his hard bed at 2 a. m granted a patent on a tailboard fasten now a resident of Dubuque, being

A Choice of Hymns. When the English troops in South

Africa were daily expecting the announcement of a peace settlement with the Boer leaders, a worthy dean telegraphed to Lord Kitchener from the Orange River Colony, saying, "As I am the acting chaplain and conducting divine service in many camps tomorrow, may I ask if the hymn 'Peace, Perfect Peace,' would not be a most appropri ate one to give out to be sung?" And the great "K." wired back, "Please yourself, but I think 'Onward, Christian Soldier!' quite as good."