These of Modern Make Not Comparble With the Ancient Ones.

Toledo blades an still made in the overnment weapon factors, but those of modern production do not compare with the ancient work. It seems to be · lost art. The genuine Toledo blades, made by the Moors, were so elastic and tough that they could be curled up like watch spring. You can see them in the armory at Madrid, but only ordinary swords and bayonets for the army are made there today. The secret seems to have been forgotten. The steel came from England. It is the same as is used for ordinary purposes, and, as in Japan, where the art reached an equal degree of superiority, the difference in the product lay in the skill of the armorer and the process he

In the secondhand shops of Toledo and of the bric-a-brac dealers you can buy old swords for reasonable prices but genuine ones, made before the sixteenth century, when the best were produced and the art began to decline are very rare and are promptly pick ed up by connoisseurs whenever they are offered. The names of the old mak ers are as well known as those of the painters of great pictures, and a sword made by Nicholas or Dune or Don Isio or Correnties in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries is worth several times its weight in gold.

Each armorer of Toledo in ancient times, as in Japan, had his cipher, which is to be found on his blades, and there was as much rivalry among them as there is today among the opera sing ers. Julian del Rei, the most famou of the Moorish swordmakers, always cut the figure of a dog on the blades of his swords near the hilt, and Morrillo, who was also famous, used a wolf for his coat of arms. The sword makers of Toledo had a guild for mutual protection, but they worked sepa rately. Each had his own secrets for refining and tempering steel, which he concealed from his rivals, but trans mitted to his children, who inherited the business.-Chicago Record-Herald.

PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

A woman knows a woman, no matte how different they've been raised .-"The Substitute."

I hold there is but one irremediable evil in life, that of growing tired of oneself .- "The Carissima."

Juge the future bi the past, but when you hav a past you ain't got much fu ture.-"Little Henry's Slate."

Perhaps it is from overwork amon the poor that death has been reduced to a shadow.-"The Gray Wig."

I ain't what they call a pessimist but I thinks poorly of most things. It's safer .- "The Adventures of Harry Re Good breeding sums up in its in

stinctive attitude all the efforts a ma has made toward perfection; aye, and all that his ancestors have made be fore him.-"John Percyfield." It is no use to pretend that hard luck

does not take the manhood out of man. When he has an inferior part in life to play, he begins to look the part and he looks the superior part when he has that to play.-"Letters Home."

Saved His Friend.

This little story is told of two Scotch laddies who, while fishing in strictly preserved water, for which only on was provided with a permit, were suddenly confronted by the bailiff. One of them quickly collected his tackle and ran his might across the field, the bail iff in quick pursuit. After covering a large tract of country the angler sa down completely exhausted and awaited the panting and enraged pursuer. "Do you know that you should not

fish in that water without permission?" asked the trate man. "Yes," said the lad, "but I have per

mission. I've got an order." "What made you run then, you youn

"Oh, just to let the other lad awayhe hadn't got one."

A Horse Aplece.

First Comedian-I know something awfully funny. Second Comedian-What is it? First Comedian-Why, I was held up by a highwayman last night. But the joke was on him. told him there was no use searching me as my wife had been through my pockets just five minutes before. Second Comedian-But I don't see that the joke was on him. It was on you. First Comedian-No. you're wrong. It wasn't on either of us. It was on my wife There wasn't any money in my pockets to begin with!-Detroit Free Press.

What Did He Wantf

A certain professor is a very absent minded man. He was busily engaged in solving some scientific problem. The servant hastily opened the door of his studio and announced a great family event.

"A little stranger has arrived." "Eh?"

"It is a little boy." "Little boy! Well, ask him what he wants."-London Standard.

Earning and Getting. "It was only five years ago that I

started in with our firm at \$5 a week," said Bragg, "and now I earn \$50 week without any trouble."

"That's so. It's easy to earn that," remarked Newitt, "but how much de rou get?"-Philadelphia Press

His Fame.

"I understand he was an author even pefore graduation from college." "Yes, indeed. Why, he was the au thor of a new college yell."-Chicago

Conceit is a small capital with which to begin business -Schoolmaster.

Not a Compliment. "The hasn't a very high opinion

your intelligence," "Bow do you know?"

"I heard him refer to you once as an inter jutor."-Exchange.

Profe grow old by thinking them ove old. As surely as they think to R will come true, for thought is

monothe habit of swearing has become? profanity you hear on all sides to-day.

Even young ladies whom you would are given to mixing just a little promakes me shudder when I think what clean. I had to look away and gaze in our girls are coming to. You know what a refined and sweet little lady Miss C--- has always appeared to be? Well, she was one of a group at a little luncheon. She was as demure and modest as a sweet little white violet until we got to the table, then the wine went to her head. First she became silly and sort of rattled; then she told a few coarse jokes and swear-well, you ought to have heard her, it would have made you sick. All the guests passed back and forth at her expense. It was a long luncheon hour to me, for guests repaired to the drawing-room thought, well, she will let that abomination pass, but not a bit of it. She took one up daintily in her fingers, lit it and puffed away in evident enjoyment. Her stock of questionable jokes was immense, and as she sent wreaths of pearly smoke circling the air she gave one after another. A young lady sitting beside me who had refrained from smoking, giving as a reason for not indulging to the chorus of 'Oh, take one; don't be silly,' from the other girls, that she 'would like to join them, but it made her deathly sick.' She then turned to me and said, 'Isn't Miss Cdelightful aompany. She's as demure as a church mouse at first, but she always manages to jolly, up before the evening is over and puts everybody else in good humor, too.' I wanted to say 'It doesn't me. I'm disgusted and she has fallen fathoms in my estimation,' but I had to hold my peace. I was a guest and must keep my unhad I given vent to my feelings they of grass or corn can be cut in three would have voted me a back number quarters of an hour at a cost of about and have told me that I had better stay, away with my prudish old-fashioned ideas. I would have liked to have drunk to the toast, 'God bless our oldfashioned girls and may their shadows of the island of Formosa. It comprises never grow less.' I'm afraid, Polly, that at the rapid gait some of our so- more than 120,000 camphor trees of from ciety girls are going and carrying others eight to ten feet in circumference. It along in the mad-whirl of an unenviable fashion, it won't be long until the old-fashioned girl will have passed out. 000 yen. This discovery is of the high-Do you think the society girl of to-day est importance to the camphor indus-

and a dash. ence is but little known, is the great "I may be old-fashioned, Polly, but mountain of salt located at Cardona I admit that I don't like the idea of our girls using slang, profanity even if it is Spain, in the foothills of the Pyrenees This marvel stands in a dreary and in only a mild form of what the strong accessible region off the highway of sex give us as they pass in the every travel, and is only reached by a drive of day walks of life. Neither do I like twenty-five miles in a mule eart. the idea of this social habit of drinking among themselves as well as at social functions, or the disgusting habit of cigarette smoking. To be sure there are modest, sweet girls galore who are marketed within the next fifteen years. averse to everything which would tend to lower themselves in their own as well as other's estimation. To say be admitted to graduate at Dublin Unithese vices do not exist among society versity. girls would be telling an untruth. They do, and 'pity 'tis 'tis true.' Not alone the various Government departments is it confined to our large cities, but the wretched custom has been taken up by at Washington. some of the fairest daughters in our large towns. Don't look so surprised,

for it is a fact. I am not drawing on versity graduates in Irelanda

minuet of our grandmother's time?

Well, hardly. They would rather have

the gay waltz that goes with a whirl

my imagination in the least. I have een making investigations and everywhere the truth is corroborated by the sertion that the vice does exist to more or less extent and fortunately it s confined to only a few.

"We have laws for pure food, pure I note where the Mayor of Oakland milk, etc. Why wouldn't laws for a is taking steps toward a very necessary pure language not weakened or emphareform, that is the suppression of swear-sized by oaths or slang be good as well, ing. Have you ever noticed how com- and at the same time make a law to prevent people from expectorating on You cannot walk down the street be- the sidewalks of the streets? Physihind two men for a block without hear-cians acknowledge that consumption is ing oaths rolling glibly from their contagious and are careful in every mouths and for no rhyme or reason case that comes under their treatment they have allowed themselves to cultivate until it has become second nature. germs of disease. Yet day after day There are a few exceptions, of course. this law of health is ignored. Ladies but they are precious few. No matter trail the dirty streets with their skirts how fastidiously they are dressed or and men and children carry the germs how refined they may appear, their from the sidewalks. Where does it go conversation is broken into and oaths but into our homes, into churches and fall jarringly upon your ear. Old men, all places where people congregate. young men and mere boys-babies you Not a pleasant picture, is it? and yet it ite. The huge boa constrictor furnishes politician passes by and leaves a string the blame on providence for cutting us of oaths echoing after him. They are off in the spring or summer time of life daintiest food of the white man. The talking good naturedly enough and are when we fail to recognize the simplest really not conscious of the offensive health laws. A young life falls a viclanguage they are using. Six o'clock tim to consumption, and it is not the swear and the little news-boys swear all comfort, but the quick consumption | common in the United States than on like troopers; the street urchin is a good that cuts the victim down like a flower second. They have nothing to learn of the field in a few months' time and in profanity, for they are proficient in sometimes only a few weeks. Then it from a to z. Every foreigner who everybody wonders where she contouches our shore is soon a deal sight tracted the disease, for there is not a more proficient in his knowledge of known case of consumption on either swearing than he ever gets to be in side of the family. Finally they end in clearness of idea in regard to our Consaying and believing their assertion as stitution. When you take the great well, that her time had come; she was sea of humanity that surges back and far too good for this world and so was forth every day and realize that about called home in the springtime of her mit suicide. In handling most animals two-thirds of the men that pass are young life. They will not complain at some degree of self help or intelligence guilty of using profanity as an aid in the rulings of One who doeth all things can be relied on to aid the owner in explaining themselves, it is appalling. well and with sighs and tears the little saving their lives, but sheep seem to They commence to use the objectiona- form is laid to rest in God's acre and set deliberately to work to kill themble language when they are mere boys they turn away trying to be resigned to selves. and seem to feel that it makes them fate's decree. Nonsense. Had our sponsible for the greater part of the considered of enough importance to against the wind is absolutely impos negligence. I saw a Chinaman in the ral 200 feet away. expect at least purity of language from last stages of consumption expectorate on the sidewalk of one of our principal fanity in with their slang. A friend streets the other day, and along came a the fence. Then commences the pro said to me the other day, "Polly, I saw richly dressed lady trailing her skirts ceeding so much dreaded by sheepmen and heard something to-day that fairly on the sidewalk and sweeping the street known as "piling." The sheep will

BRIEF REVIEW.

some other direction.

Trees as Prophets of Rain. It is true that people often say that the turning up of leaves is a sign of rain. I have heard the remark many times, says a writer in the Monthly Weather Review, but as far as my observations go the sign does not seem to who were not so badly rattled as her-kinds of trees, like the silver leaf popself laughed immoderately at her actions and a good many remarks were lars—in fact, all poplars, the maple and some of the oaks, which turn their leaves up whenever there is a fairly I didn't enjoy it one bit. When the strong steady wind, but they do it as much in clear weather as in rainy. It eigarettes were passed around, and I has been suggested to he fact that winds capable of turning the leaves over very often precede or follow rainstorms, and as people are usually on the alert when the general atmospheric conditions favor rain, looking for signs to confirm the general feeling they have that it is going to rain, it might be that the turning up of the leaves would be especially noted at such times.

New Agricultural Motor.

In telling of a new agricultural mo ter that has been operated with success the London Chronicle says that it i constructed to draw mowers, reapers and the like. Almost any agricultural machine can be attached to it in a few minutes. Apart from working in the fields, the machine's capabilities for home work are invaluable, for, among other things, it can be utilized for cutting chaff, pulling roots, grinding corn, etc. The petrol motor is eight horse pleasant thoughts to myself. I suppose power, and it is estimated that an acre

Formosa Camphor.

Some time ago a new camphor-grow

5850 tons of camphor, valued at 1,720.

try, which is a Japanese monopoly.

Mountain of Salt.

curiosities in the world, whose exist

It is estimated that nearly all of the

Women, it is reported, are about to

Nearly 7400 women are employed in

There are now over 700 women uni

Probably one of the greatest natural

7d or 8d.

The young man considers himself ing district was discovered in the sonth an area of 50,000 acres, and contains

is estimated that these trees will yield lady to his manly bosom.

Of course he desisted at once, as young men generally de under such barrassed-not a bit.

The young lady's sister said, "Excuse me," and started to leave the room,

"Don't go," he said: "we've just been measuring to see which one is the

pine timber now growing in Minnesota she said quietly, "but sister is much the redder. (about 50,000,000 feet) will be cut and

Likely to Do So.

"Ah, yes," colled Miss Pepprey "that broke the ice, of course!"-Philadelphia Press.

UMNIVOROUS MAN.

Reptiles Are Eaten With Engerness All Over the World. Reptiles are eaten with eagerness all

over the world. Neither want of beauty nor abundance of veneza protects them from omnivorous man. Although they suggest to us by form and motion all that is false and unfair, hideous and horrid, even God's curse of the ser pent does not shield it, and from the humble frog of the ponl to the colossal crocodile of Egypt they are all only so much food for men. Old Mexicans loved the speckled salamander and ate it with Spanish pepper. The Spaniards learned the odd fashlot, and the habit has not entirely died cut. Vipers are whatever except the abominable habit to have the expectorations of consump- a favorite dish with Italians. The lizards of this continent are a most dell cate dish, and the iguinas of the An illes were carried to South Carolina in great numbers, the rice fields of that tate being well suited to them.

Snakes find a ready parket in many eastern countries. The giant of Java, which infests the pepper plantations and whose venom is fital, is a favormight say-swear for everything. The is an o'er true one. We need not lay an exceedingly fat meat and the negroes of its native country prefer it to the anaconda of Brazil supplies the table of the poor, though the Pertuguese use only the rich fat it produces. South American natives eat almost every kind and young men are pouring out of the old-fashioned kind that allows her to of snake, and the far west has taught stores on their homeward way. Listen drag out a miserable existence year in many a fastidious palae from over the to a group of them; there is the same and year out with a racking cough sea to relish the fatal rattlesnake of endless chain of profanity. School-boys that makes life wretched and devoid of our own country. Snake eating is more would imagine.

STUPIDITY OF SHEEP.

Way These Exasperatingly Foolish Asimals Court Death. A sheep herder gives some of his experience in handling sheep on the west

ern ranges in the following: We have to watch them every mir ute, and if vigilance is relaxed for an instant the entire flock is likely to com-

If caught in a storm on the plain more manly and they appear older streets, and particularly our sidewalks, of cold and exposure rather than move among their comrades. The folly of been kept cleanly and had the parents 100 yards to windward to obtain shelsuch an idea, and yet I believe it is reattended to the cold which was not ter in their corral. To drive sheep worry about, the young life may not sible. I one lost over 1,000 head behave had to pay the penalty for all this cause I could not drive them to a cor

In the corral they are still more foolish. If a storm comes up, they all move "down wind" until stopped by climb over one another's backs until they are heaped up ten feet high. Of course all those on the bottom are smothered. Not one has sense enough to seek shelter under the lee of the fence, as a horse or dog would do.

Again, if a sheep gets into quicksand its fate teaches nothing to those that come immediately after, but the whole flock will follow the leader to destruction. No more exasperatingly stupid animal than a sheep walks.

WHISTLING JUGS.

Drinking Custom

Whistling fugs are curious relics of a very ancient drinking custom. Al the northern nations set great stress upon a man's power to take off his liquor without putting down the glass or beaker, and in Saxon graves old ale buckets have been found made without foot or stand, so that the drinker could not rest them upon the board unti they were emptied.

But even after that was accomplish ed the hardy drinker was expected still to have breath to spare, and the whistling jugs, a comparatively modern invention, were intended to indicate this. Many of them were made by German silversmiths-though they are also to be seen in earthenwareduring the sixteenth and seventeentl centuries, and their form was such that when the contents of the jug had been imbibed a whistle was uncov ered through which the drinker might

blow if he were able. The most advanced type of all had a little windmill besides the whistle which worked a dial showing the pow er of the blow. Sometimes an ordinary whistle was laid on the table and won to change it." by the last tosspot who could get a sound from it.-Pearson's.

A QUESTION OF COLOR.

The Matter of Height Didn't Seem to Figure In the Scheme,

man of resources, although he is not as sure about it now as he was a few days ago. He has been very at entive to a certain young lady, and he was calling on her at the time that he partially lost confidence in his resourceful

It is unnecessary to narrate what passed between them upon the occasion in question, but at the time the young lady's sister entered the room he was in the act of folding the young

circumstances, but he was not em-Pittsburg Dispatch.

when his resourceful mind began to work. He felt that he ought to say something and say it right away.

She paused in the doorway and looked at them intently. "You're both about the same height,"

Then she wept out, and he was embarrassed-just a little.-New York Times.

"We had known each other slightly. mid Miss Evvy Waite, "but never t speak to until one day while out skat ing I fell down quite near him, and"

HUMOR OF THE HOUR PACTS IN FEW LINES CHOICE MISCELLANY

A Modern Fable. The jury having returned a verdict of guilty against a nun on trial for stealing sheep, his lawyer arose and said to the court:

"May it please your honor, I ask to quash all proceedings on the ground of defective information. While my client admits stealing twelve lambs, he has been charged with the theft of twelve sheep. A lamb is not legally a sheep, your honor."

"Your point is well taken," replied the Judge after reflection, "and I will give the prisoner the benefit of the technicality. I was intending to sentence, him to the penitentiary for two years, but will change it to the state rison for the same term. While a amb is not a sheep, neither is a state prison a penitentiary."

Moral.-It took the twelve lambs to pay the lawyer's bill.-Cincinnati Trib-

Parental Solleitude. The Mother-Don't you think the

baby had better go to kindergarten, Father-Isn't he too young?

The Mother-Yes But he never see either of us long enough to learn how to talk. And don't you think be ought to know how?-Town Topics.

Hicks-You keep duplicates of all your old love letters? What : idea! Wicks-Yes. When I have done some thing particularly foolish. I just read over one of those letters. It is quite encouraging to know that I'm not nearly so much of a fool as I used to be .-Boston Transcript.

No Trouble About That.

"If you were offered three wishes George, dear, what would they be?" "Money, money, money.

"Why, George, I thought you'd wish to have me.' "Oh, I'd get you fast enough if I ha the money."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Telephone Repartee

"Who are you?" "Who are you?" "I asked you first." "Well, I won't talk unless I know who you are.' "All right-neither will I. Goodby.

-Detroit Free Press. Between Girls.

Miss Muddie-Do you know of any thing really good to preserve the con plexion?

Miss Pepprey-Why, are you interest ed in some one who has a complexion? -Philadelphia Press.



Mrs. Brown-She seems to have go over the death of her first husband. Mr. Brown-Yes, but her second hus band hasn't.

Wise Baby.

Fielding-It's wonderful how quickly ny wife can sing baby to sleep! Meadows-You don't suppose baby is shamming, do you? I've heard your wife sing, you know.-Boston Transcript.

Takes No Stock In Trusts. "I don't take any stock in these trust

anyway. "Don't believe there are such things" "Oh, yes, but I haven't the money to buy the stock."-New Orleans Times

"If our combination is illegal," said the capitalist, "I suppose we will have

"Wouldn't it be easier to change th law?" asked his associate.-Chicago Post.

In the "Four Hundred." "I want a million in my own right papa," remarked Miss Crœsus. 'Why?' he asked.

"So that I'll feel I can afford a bus

band."-Brooklyn Eagle. The Photographer's Good Work "Maud's latest photograph is jus

lovely." "Is it?"

"Yes. I had to ask who it was. Cleveland Plain Dealer.

English Versus Slaug. Grammar Teacher-James, give me sentence containing the word "de spair."

James-Me goll give me dis pear.

The Bright Scholar. "What is the end of man?" asked th Sunday school teacher impressively. "His feet," replied the new sch

Not at All Alibe. She-How absurd! Comparing a

promptly.-Houston Post.

man to a phenograph! He-Quite ridiculous! One a phonograph off .- Life. His C. O. D. Delivery.

"You delivered your speech in a man per that was most timely and effective." "Yes," answered the political orator "I had to be particular about the de livery of that speech. It was a C. O. D transaction."-Washington Star Only Bad.

"What am I ever going to do with such a bad, bad boy?" sighed the fond

"Oh, you leave me alone," replied the goung hopeful. "I am not half as bad .- Boston Transcript. I can be."-Brooklyn Life.

Uncle Sam's annual Income is \$558, 887.148.

Florida's orange and pineapple crop

is estimated at \$2,500,000. The crystal palace tower at the St Louis fair will be 1,050 feet high. The population of London has creased 11 per cent in fourteen years. More poisonous snakes are found in Arizona than in any other part of the

United States. Most reptiles are notoriously deaf, except caymans and crocodiles. The boa seems absolutely so.

British Columbia has produced \$189, 728,538 worth of gold and \$58,989,572 worth of coal and coke.

Of all the larger cities of the country Chicago has the largest proportion of males in its total population Farm machinery sayed in the plant-

ing and gathering of last year's crop in the United States \$700,000,000. The proportional increase in the population of the cities was less during the last ten years than previously. Seventy-seven per cent of the wom-

and but 62 per cent of the men taking

the civil service examination are able to pass it. The British museum has an atlas seven feet high of the fifteenth century. It is supposed to be the largest book

the world. In Servia there is a soldier for every twenty-two inhabitants. In the United States there is one soldier for every

1,300 inhabitants. A steel-like grass from the volcani slopes of Oran, Algeria, is so elastic that it can be used instead of springs in the manufacture of furniture.

The Uganda mission, in Central Africa, begun twenty years ago, has now 1,070 church buildings, seating 126,850 persons expeted chiefly at the cost of the people.

Every year nearly 1,000,000 Russians ecome liable for military service, but of these only 270,000 enter the active army, the remainder being passed direct into the militia for twenty-two years.

The German government will intro duce in the reichstag a bill requiring saloon keepers to sell nonintoxicating hot and cold drinks and cold foods. Credit will be forbidden and the num ber of barmaids limited. A slum inspector told the Glasgow

municipal commission on the housing the poor that on some occasions he ad found families sleeping in tiers, the parents on the floor, then a matess and a layer of children on the top. The mines of the Black Hills district, orth Dakota, for the year just closed produced \$8,363,392, which is nearly \$1,000,000 increase over the previous year. The average value of the ore handled in the district per ton was

\$4.44. A small boy in East St. Louis, Ill., reently went to the authorities of the town and claimed that he had been kidnaped by a negro who wished to make a monkey of him. The boy's skin had been stained, and he said that he had been in a cage of monkeys in a circus for a week.

The rays of radium are of three kinds. Those of one class are but feebly pene trating. Another class are negatively charged electrons moving at a high velocity, like those discovered in a Crookes tube. A third class are not deflected by a magnet and are highly penetrating. like those of Roentgen.

The value of the endowment of instigle state of New York exceeds the total amount of benefaction for similar purposes raised during thirty years in the whole of the United Kingdom. The same is nearly true in the states of Massachusetts and California.

The government of Honduras contemplates a departure from former meth- in California for several years and who ods of its consular service owing to a has recently returned home has desire to increase its commerce and in- brought with her a number of stories dustries as well as to improve the in- of the ways of the "heathen Chinee" as terior conditions of the republic by aug- he appears to the dwellers on the Pa-

landholders from foreign countries.

During April last the population of only, the girl from the effete east ad-Berlin proper decreased by 2,000 per- dressed him on one occasion thus: "Me sons, who moved their homes to what no likee my washee blought home Fliis hoped will some day be parts of day. Me likee washee Thursday. Why Greater Berlin. Twenty years ago the you no blingee washee Thursday?" consolidation might have been effected at a cost of \$20,000,000. Today the discomfiture, replied, "Madam, it was government is opposed to the plan, so not convenient." that there is little chance of its being adopte.

a very poor state of health is an exag- versity type was spoken out to that Cegeration, judging from the following paragraph in a recent letter from Par is: "The blue green eyes are still bright. the white tuft of hair is still magnificently upright, and the step is still alert and steady. As for the daily leading article in the Intransigeant, it

ture of last year, which ranks as one plant has been turning out about 700 of great agricultural produce, reveals some curious facts. Canada reaped finest in the world, being collected from the greatest wheat crop ever grown in the housetops and stored in cisterns. the Dominion. Australia, on the other | The ice, therefore, is like crystal, melthand, had to endure the worst of all ing slowly and without a particle of the disastrous droughts it has known and the grain harvest was nearly ruined, and many millions of sheep, with

thousands of cattle, perished. A broad general classification of the graduates of the Military academy up native families are consumers. No nat to date shows that West Point has given 1 president and 2 candidates for president, 8 presidential-electors and-1-men bers of the cabinet, 29 diplomatic rep resentatives, 24 members of congress 172 authors.

Daily Guide.

When a man asks you how old you think he is, guess at least fifteen years younger than you are absolutely positive he can't help being, and you have gained a friend for life. - Baltimore American.

What Bothered Him. Physician-Don't be downcast. You're sot dead yet. Patient-That's what bothers me. If I were dead, I shouldn't have to trouble myself about your bill

Odd Facts About Cancer. Mr. H. G. Plimmer quotes the re markable case of the town of Luckau a place with 5,000 inhabitants, 3,000 being housed in the central part, or town proper, and 1,000 in each of the two suburbs which flank it east and west. From 1876 to 1898 the deaths from cancer numbered one out of 25.30 for the entire town, one out of nine for the eastern suburb, and in the western suburb there was not a single case. The houses were similar in size and arrangements. The soil of the main town and eastern suburb was moist and lay low. That of the western suburb was on the contrary, sandy, dry and elevated. There was a large ditch which encircled the central town and the eastern suburb, not touching the western

suburb, and the cancer followed close-

ly the course of this ditch. The cases

in the main town occurred chiefly in

those houses whose gardens bordered

on the ditch, and in the eastern suburb all the gardens were watered from the There were 127 houses in this rier, and fifty-six of these were canhouses, forty-three with one case ach, ten with two cases, two with hree cases and one with four cases. The ditch contained stagnant water, with which the people watered and washed their vegetables, many of

What's In a Name-For a Book!

which were eaten raw.-London News.

The problem of christening children is a very small one compared with the question of the proper name for a book. There are so many more matters to be taken into consideration, for at the time of the child's appearance there is no developed characteristic in evidence to Indicate whether he is a Socrates or a Romeo. The titles of some of our recent novels have often undergone extraordinary evolutions in order to reach the final satisfactory stage. "Jude the Obscure" was first entitled "The Simpletons," a name which gave place at the very last moment to a later and better title, for during its appearance in serial form in Harper's Magazine it was known as "Hearts Insurgent." Sir Gilbert Parker's "The Right of Way" was at first in the author's manuscript "Charlie Bell" and later "Charley Steele," and "The Lane That Has No Turning," by the same author, was until the time of its going to press called "The Golden Spoon." Onoto Watanna's "Heart of Hyacinth" was originally "Evening Mist." It is now known to many that "Lady Rose's Daughter" was in manuscript "A Woman of Talent."-Harper's Weekly.

"How to Eat Fudge."

You first grasp the pan or dish con taining the poison with your left hand, while with your right you hold your shovel or any large article suitable for conveying the poison to the large cavity called the mouth. You then very carefully put some of the poison in your mouth and proceed to work your jaws up and down. Work as if your life depended upon it. Slow at first, but after you get used to the taste work faster.

After you have worked nine hours swallow the stuff, clean out the pan, go to bed, and then send for the doctor. A horse doctor is better than a regular

Fudge can be used for many other purposes besides eating. If ground up and sprinkled around the sink it will be sure death to water bugs, flies, a dog it is sure death to fleas. Watch tutions of higher education in the sin- the dog carefully. If he dies, you put

> too much on. Try again. The word fudge is from the Latin word "fudgits," meaning death.-Bos-

The Retort Courteous.

A Baltimore girl who has been living menting the number of inhabitants and cific coast. Thinking that her laundryman could understand pigeon English

And the Chinaman, to her complete

After that frost, so the teller of the story says, nothing but the most irre-The report that Henri Rochefort is in proachably correct English of the unilestial.-Baltimore Sun.

Jerusalem, the "city of peace" and 'stronghold of Zion," is at least 3,800 years old, yet only three years ago did the natives of that part of Palestine behas lost none of its malice and venom." | gin to use ice. Many of them had nev-A review of the climate and agricul- er seen it, in fact. A diminutive French pounds a day. Jerusalem water is the sediment. The demand for ice in the sacred city was started by a modern hospital. Hotels soon afterward began its use, and now nearly all of the foreign residents and many of the wealthy ural ice is brought into Syria.

Wild Hilarity In Greenland.

Even Greenland's lcy mountains have their plutocrats. One Kor-ko-ya of 122 other federal officers, 18 governors East Baffinsland literally stupefies his and lieutenant governors, 85 members fellow tribesmen with his luxury. He of state legislatures, 124 civil and 178 lives in a wooden house, owns a table military officers of states, 64 city offi- and a paraffin lamp, and recently, to cials, 230 educators, 236 railroad offi- celebrate the fortieth anniversary of cials, 233 civil engineers, 214 judges the foundation of his business, he stood and lawyers, 22 clergymen and 50 cod liver oil all round to his employees. members of other professions, 263 busi- Such a scene of unrestrained revelry ness men, 230 farmers and planters and had never been witnessed in the country before.

The Matinee Girl.

The matinee girl existed as early as the eighteenth century. In Japan girls in those days used to throw their fans and purses at the feet of the "leading man" as he minced along "the flower walk" to the stage. Pictures of these "heroes" were an early product of Jap anese wood engraving, and these portrafts were secret treasures of many

If you be poor do not seem poor if you would avoid insult as well as suffering.-Goldsmith.

maidens.