At One Time It Was Practically

Bar to Matrimony. Mary as a Christian name was held in very singular veneration during the medieval ages, and in some parts of said a friend the other day as she rocked Europe there existed a superstitious back and forth in her little wicker reluctance among men to marrying any chair and gazed dismally out of the one who chanced to have been so chris window. She did not stop to think that tened, or the bride elect was at least relit was one of the most perfect days quired to change this name for some other of less sanctity.

All Marys were at one time believed to be invested with extraordinary powers in connection with the affairs of Blessed Virgin, they were considered freezing and many of them dying from worthy of more than common consideration, and their personal influence over their husbands especially was unusual; hence many men sought au thoritative ordinances forbidding their wives to be known as Mary. Sover eigns, in some cases, dreading subjetion to their partners, showed a mark ed distaste for Marys.

Thus Alfonso IV. of Castile, when the point of wedding a Moorish maid en, made it a condition of the man riage that at her baptism, as a recen convert to Christianity, she should a take this name. In the articles settle for the union of Ladislas of Polan with Marie de Nevers there was bound this princess name to Aloysa. Casimi the Duke of Russia, re quired of her a similar sacrifice to pop- every one who has laid away their ular sentiment.-Pearson's Weekly.

Another Floor of House,

curious thing with respect to the rela- over again? Doubtless we would do tionship between eats and rats, and it just as we have always done unless we has led to a rather interesting reflect could have learned our lesson from our tion," said a man who takes much in sad past experience, for we would see terest in animal life. "For awhile the things through the same glasses and rats overran my place. At night there was no such thing as quiet around the house. They would scamper across the floor, bump up and down the steps and lives we love the scene shifts and recut all kinds of capers. We secured a grets spring up thicker than daisies in cat, and from the very time the cat a meadow. What is the use? Regrets appeared on the place the rats began cannot bring them back to us. Regrets to get scarce.

"There is nothing curious about this fact in itself. But to my personal knowledge the rats have never seen the ent. The eat has remained on one floo and the rats on another. There has been no chasing and no conflict between them. Now, I want to know how the wretched the lives of those who must rats know the cat is on the place.

"The inquiry has caused me to indulge the more interesting reflection, How far can a rat detect the presence of a cat by the sense of smell? Evi dently at considerable distance. Else the rats at my place would not have known of the cat's presence under the circumstances. I'm quite sure that they have never seen the cat. But they know he is there just the same,

Dangerous Fishing.

Some years ago the New London Marthas Vineyard for swordfish, was struck by a wounded fish and so badly so hard against her timbers that they were shattered.

vessels that cruise for swordfish has a record of complete immunity. One craft was struck and rammed by sword fish twenty times in one cruise. Luck ily none of the attacks was delivered under such circumstances that the fish succeeded in piercing her hull entirely, but the vessel was injured so badly that she needed a thorough overhauling aft er she made port.

Herbert Spencer in disdaining all ti tles happened to follow a lead set to Spencer, second Lord Sunderland would not, when he sat in parliament for Tiverton, allow himself to be called he would live to see the day when not a peer would be left in England. Another and a later Spencer, the Hon George Spencer, sixty years ago aston-Catholic and entered the Passionist or-

in the world is West South Division street in Buffalo, Furthermore, it has only one side. South Division street proper runs east from Main, but the old surveyors allowed it to cross Main street and run for thirty feet on the west side, where it intersects Erie street, which runs diagonally south west from Main. On the north of West Division street is Shelton square, so the short street has but its south side to call its own.-Exchange.

modern culture happened to sit at an evening party next to an eminent composer and leader of an orchestra. In the full expectation of eliciting from the maestro a particularly brilliant and intellectual pronouncement, she inquir-

know the others have been so remem bered.

enswer only to the name of the uncle to be around."-Cincinati Times-Star.

Te knew all that there was to know. Poozle-Naturally a man with his extensive assortment of wives must have

"My life is filled with regrets, Polly," that our glorious California could boast of, and that while the Eastern States, where the thermometer was down to zero and in the clutches of the icy grasp Bearing the same name as the of heavy snow storms with the people cold and exposure, we were reveling in sunshine surrounded by flowers and velvety hills and valleys spreading in all directions. She had lost her parents, but both having lived their three willing to go hence. In fact, anxious for their summons, as they had almost a morbid fear of growing helpless or becoming childish and a burden to their friends in their old age, they died within a few days of each other, and to Polly that was not a calamity but a blessing, for in death they were not divided. "I wish I had done differ-I would do if my life could only be , who married Mary lived over again." That was only the echo of the same thought that comes to loved ones in the beautiful garden of RATS KNEW CAT WAS ABOUT if we only had our lives to live over again. Vain wish that, and yet it comes to one and all. But would we "I have observed recently a rather do differently had we our lives to live find no necessity for change. When

death rings down the curtain on the cannot right the mistakes we have made, but they can make us miserable and unhappy without doing the least good in the world. Living in the shadow of this vain regret takes all the joy out of existence and tends to make come in contact with us. Emerson

oringing peace and contentment t

as a heritage to their friends.

the California Northwestern Railway.

Mr. Foster, who also belongs to the

progressive age, as is indicated all along

the line of the road, willingly accorded

long Petaluma, in additien to her two

beautiful parks will boast one of the

says very truly that regret is like "dragging a corpse continually over your shoulder." The past is gone, it is ours no longer. Then seal the book of the past and lay it away to gather the dust of forgetfulness until it has passed into oblivion. To-day is ours and that we can make the most of if we strive to make a record by turning our faces and they have been awfully cautious stendfastly from the bast, look on the since his arrival."-New Orleans Times- bright side and let faith, hope and ern form of the collecting craze. It con-Democrat. charity have full sway. Then the little

injured that she sank. The fish had ourselves. Life is short at best. Then time she has expended, entirely on pierced the bottom with his sword and why not fill the little chalice up to the keys, quite a respectable fortune. Her in his blind attack had butted his head brim and accept only those things that collection comprises the key of the Nu-Actually not one of the fifty or sixty ments and discouragement should be ous and interesting. our portion as we walked through this "vale of tears." To be sure we can find

never turn aside into brighter paths that lead to peace and happiness. We Spencers and Titles. can keep on gathering the thorns and the thistles in the "vale of tears" if we him by others of his name. Charles my lord and expressed the hope that choose their own pathway. Which shall it be, the one that breathes of hopelessness and death and places its ished his father, the Earl Spencer of that makes life worth the living, or the the day, by dropping his title and even one that brings our friends clustering his name when he became a Roman around us and radiates happiness and contentment until it reaches far and beder as "Father Ignatius." force and helping to weld the bonds of Shortest Street In the World. friendship for all time? If you choose What is perhaps the shortest street the former you may leave a wave of

plty that will last for a time, but few

on this little checker-board of town imed, "How do you feel after conducting provement was to send its worthy presithe Ninth Symphony?" "Hungry," was the laconic reply.

Thrifty Mother.

"She named her baby after all four

of its rich uncles." "What good will that do? None of them will feel complimented when they

'Oh, but she has trained the child to

Wiblick-Solomon was a wise man particular spot "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." All along this road beard all that was going on.—Beston you will find at the different towns you Manufacturers use it in a compressed Trameript.

or park that shows a thrift and prosperity that is very gratifying to the residents and very pleasing and restful to the eyes of the passengers as they look from the car windows. The ladies are, of course, delighted at the result of their errand to Mr. Foster and are making many plans and calculations accordingly.

Speaking of the little city of Petauma reminds me of a society event in san Francisco the other day, when one of the young ladies of the "400" dressed herself as a freak and trotted around shoes in her endeavor to look as slouchy as possible and bearing a placard, "Just from Petaluma." For a long time certain people-would-be actors and actresses, amateurs, and not a few society people-when they were lacking in something to call direct attention to themselves would announce the fact that "they were from Petaluma." If score years and ten were ready and they only knew, particularly the society people who are given to thus advertising this pretty and prosperous little city, how the idea originated they would cease their worn-out bit of pleasantry that savors strongly of rank "chestnuts" and try to rack their brains for something original. The following incident shows how the allusion to Petaluma originated: It happened when ently, Polly. There are so many things Petaluma boasted of the only operahouse in Sonoma county and only the best of theatrical companies were guaranteed good houses. A minstrel troupe ventured into the town one season and great posters hearalded their coming. sleep. We would all do so differently Their record in regard to their ability at Sixth and Market streets for \$3,000 as amusement entertainers followed as well and it was not complimentary to the minstrel troupe and their show. In fact, it was voted to be a low and rather vulgar performance, and they consequently played to empty houses. This ager and middle man of the troupe. and he vowed and declared he would and they in turn were conducted to make the grass grow on the streets of him, bowed and retired. Petaluma. From that time on he endeavored to slur the city that had justly ignored his inferior show, and thus originated the allusion to Petaluma in a slighting way. The residents of Petaluma are amused when would-be act- scribed as resplendent in black velvet, ors and actresses strive to bring them- silver knee and shoe buckles, long black selves into prominence by announcing that they are from their city, but they feel sorry for the people, who claim to be intelligent and refined and move in the best society, when they belittle themselves by taking the words out of a vulgar minstrel's mouth to entertain their friends. Of course they are ignorant of this fact, however.

BRIEF REVIEW.

Collectors Seek Keys.

"Clefmania" is a comparatively modsists of an irresistible ambition to gather censor of life will not be filled with the together keys of all sorts, sizes and forehead. A feast is spread upon a tadead gray ashes that can never be shapes. One victim to the habit, a ble, to which the blushing bride is led sloop yacht Redhot, while cruising off fanned into life again, but will give out woman, openly confessed recently to by five of her friends. They are seated comfort to the living friends as well as having traveled over 100,000 miles in at the table, but no one eats. Deep sipursuit of her hobby, during which will tend to purify and brighten our remberg iron virgin; one said to have the chair of state, where the bride sits. existence and make us agreeable to belonged to Cleopatra's jewel case; a The bridegroom now enters with four others. It was never intended that we huge iron specimen from the tower of of his men friends. The men pick up should go through the world sorrowful London, picked up in a Wardour-street the throne on which the bride sits and, and complaining that our destiny was shop; the one that used to unlock Anthe valley of the shadow and that fate ne Hathaway's cottage at Stratford-onhad decreed that sorrow, disappoint- Avon, and many others equally curi-

German Scientist on Length of Life. this path if we seek it, and we need It was asserted by Buffon, the naturalist, that the number of years required by an animal to reach adult life is about one-sixth or one-seveuth the entire length of life in that animal. Later, insist upon it instead of the sweet- Flourens thought one-fifth more nearly employed his talents in enacting such scented flowers that breathe of the restriction and the correct ratio. A recent German authority, Dr. G. von Bunge, has con- But in this play he was intrusted with from the dead past. Eveyone must firmed this general law, although the the following line, the only words to ratios do not appear to be perfectly constant. Dr. von Bunge measured the play: time taken by various animals to dou- king!" icy seal upon mirth and everything ble their birth weight, and finds this The critical time arriving, it was obyond our own narrow sphere, gathering lives ninety to 100 years. The corresponding numbers for the dog are nine | could be speak, so frightened was be. days, two years, and ten to twelve

friends will want to bask long in its A Turkish Soldier's Pay. somber light. The latter, who do the A Turkish soldier's pay is one mebest they can from day to day, will jeedeh a month (about 3s. 6d. of Eng. have no time for regrets, for the past lish money). Payment is irregular, red in a courtroom not very long ago. they lay no claim to, it has passed out and though on great feasts he is sup- A lawyer with Mac prefaced to his of their lives and they are ready to posed to be paid off to the last para, it grasp the opportunities of to-day and is too often deferred, or lapses altowill leave the memory of pleasant and gether. The local treasury is responsitender thoughts, kind words and deeds ble for payment, on receipt of an order the pages of the statute book, when, The Petaluma Ladies' Improvement all the pay due to him he receives on tion -Club is as wide-awake and as enthusias- leaving, an order for the whole amount. Mac's opponent looked up the referits town as it was the day it organized ment in taxes, the amount is deducted several years ago. The club's last move from his pay.

Portugal is the most illiterate coundent, Mrs. A. Atwater, who by the try in Europe. Nearly 68 per cent of fore I was married I always had a new way, has occupied that position ever her population cannot write. In Italy since the club's organization, to San the proportion of illiterates is 53 per Francisco to interview President A. W. cent; in Russia, 36 per cent; in Spain, Foster in regard to beautifying the 9 per cent, and in Britain not quite 4 grounds in the vicinity of the depot of per cent.

Glass houses of a very substantial kind can now be built. Silesian glass makers are turning out glass bricks for daughter Mary going to be when she her a hearing with the result that ere all sorts of building purposes.

Long engagements are rather exprettiest railroad parks in the State, for pensive in Russia. An engaged man the ladies will not be found wanting, is expected to send a present to his inbut will aid in every way to make this tended every day.

Leather waste is no longer wasted. come to a well-kept little garden spot jorm, instead of won to make cog wheels.

DUODECIMALISMS.

in Theory the Number 12 is a Better

Herbert Spencer was ever opposed to the metric system. He was no such fool as to call the present British reckoning in pounds, shillings and pence satisfactory. His point was that the number 12 was a better unit then 10. Twelve is twice divisible where 10 is only once divisible. One-quarter of 10 is 21/2, not an integral number. There are other reasons, based upon the observed workings of the human mind, all tending to show that to reckon in dozens is more natural than to reckon the whole evening with unbuttoned in tens as soon as man grows beyond the finger counting stage.

In scientific duodecimalism new characters would have to be designed for 10 and 11, while 12 itself would be written 10. The number now called 144 would be written as 100, and 1,728 would be 1,000. The present number 100 would be 84. In the course of a hundred years or so, when people had got used to it, the duodecimal system would be just as convenient as the dec imal. Twelve inches would make a foot, twelve feet a rod, and so on.
In theory duodecimalism is sound.

But it is not an easy thing to change a people's standards of money, weights and measures.-New York World.

WASHINGTON'S METHODS. The Way the Father of His Country

Conducted Receptions Presidential receptions at the White House nowadays are vastly different from those given by the Father of His Country when he was at the head of the government. Philadelphia was then the scene. The president rented a house a year and dressed himself much more elaborately than he had for similar oc-

casions it New York. On the occasion of a presidential reception a chosen few were admitted and formed a circle around the reception room. Then the president made indication of good taste on the part of the round, favoring each with a formal the Petaluma people offended the man- bow and a few words. Then he returned to his position before the fireplace,

There was no handshaking, his hands being so bestowed as to indicate that the salutation was not to be accompanied with shaking hands." At these levees our first president shone, too, ip the matter of dress. Washington is de silk stockings, his powdered hair tied in a silk bag or cue behind. He wore yellow gloves and held a cocked hat in his hand.-Exchange.

WEEPING AT A WEDDING.

A Chinese Marriage Is a Moist and Solemn Ceremony.

A Chinese marriage is a solemn cere mony-no talk, no levity and much crying. The solemnity of a funeral pre vails. After the exchange of presents the bride is dressed with much care in a red gown-brocade or silk, if she can get it; her eyelashes are painted a deep black, and she wears a heavy red veil attached to a scarlet headdress from which imitation pearls hang over the starts crying, the maids follow, and the bride joins in the chorus. Then all the bridesmaids leave the table, and the disconsolate mother takes a seat beside preceded by the bridegroom, form in procession and walk around the room or into an adjoining room, signifying that he is carrying her away to his own home. The guests then throw rice at the happy couple, a custom we have borrowed from them.

An Actor's Blunder.

A theatrical manager tells of an amusing and ludicrous mistake made by a

young actor in a play. roles as called for no speech on his part. be spoken by him during the entire

"The king is dead! Long live the

approximately proportional to the time served by other players that the young required to reach adult age. Man takes man who was to acclaim the new mon-180 days to double his birth weight, arch in the words just quoted was suftwenty years to reach maturity, and fering from a dreadful attack of stage fright. His cue came, but no words Finally, however, he pulled himself together and in desperation shouted at

the top of his voice: "Long live the king; he's dead!"

Legal Courtesy.

An instance of legal courtesy occurname and a brother lawyer engaged in a heated discussion. The latter main tained his position, claiming he could find his authority and turning over to from Constantinopie. When a man quiek as a flash, Mae said, 'You wif has served his time without receiving find what you want on page -, sec-

tic in regard to the improvement of But if he owesanything to the Govern- ence and found the law governing asses. A ripple of laughter spread over

Argument Was Useless,

"But," protested the loving wife, "be bonnet every time I wanted one. "Yes," answered the brutal husband without looking up from his paper, "and I put fresh cheese in the mouse trap every night until I had caught that mouse in the pantry."-Judge.

Mary's Choice. "Farmer Sawyer, what is your

finishes at college?" "Waal, I kinder reckon she'll teach school. She thinks she'd like the va- not, darling? You know that you are cations." Harper's Bazar.

The Delicate Method.

"Let us talk of something we don't know anything about," he suggested. "Such as what?" she asked, "Marriage," he replied, after which they went into executive session

NEW SHORT STORIES FACTS IN FEW LINES CHOICE MISCELLANY

Boutwell's Clever Rejoinder,

George S. Boutwell of Massachusetts, ecretary of the treasury under General Grant, was a most efficient executive officer and won the good will of the employees by his generous treatment of his subordinates. He was a great enthusiast on baseball and on almost any fine afternoon after his work at the treasury was over at the ball grounds appla work of the home team the encour aged the employees of the department to take plenty of outdoor exercise. He pointed out that it would fit the men

for a better discharge of their duties. During his term of office some of the less efficient men were removed to give place to new blood. One clerk who was dropped averred that he had lost his position because he was a Democrat. He appealed to Secretary Boutwell for restoration.

"Mr. Secretary," he said, "I am afraid that I have been removed because of my politics."

"What makes you think so?" asked the secretary. "I think I was dropped because it is

believed that I was a Democrat." "Indeed! And what are you?" "I am not a Democrat-at least not

"Not now!" was the amused comment, with a shake of the head. "Not now, eh?" "Well, Mr. Secretary," was the re-

joinder, with a little show of courage, "I know the time that you were a Democrat." "Yes." was the emphatic reply. "but when I was there never was any doubt about it, and there seems to be some

Sarah Pilfered and Fibbed.

doubt in your case."

Some years ago Vance Thompson wa asked by his editor to secure a Christmas story if he could from Sarah Bernhardt, who was playing in New York at the time. Her secretary suggested that Thompson write a story and let her sign it as if it were her own. Accord ingly he turned out a pretty little story called "Noel." The next day Sarah read, approved and dashed her stunning signature on both manuscripts.



and the French version and the English were printed side by side. The other day, when he visited Sarah in Paris at her big house in the Boulevard Pereire, Thompson found that she had forgotten him. He discovered this fact when he picked up a beautifully iflustrated book by the tragedienne, which to his surprise was "Noel." Mr. Thompson was staring at it as one stares at the ghost of an old sweetheart, when Mme. Sarah came swift footed, rustling in an orange colored morning gown. "Oh!" she exclaimed, noticing the book in his hand. "Have you read it? A little thing, but real-une tranche de la vie. It was an event in my own life that haunted me and haunted me until I simply had to write it, a fragment of my childhood. Ah, those days, those days!"-San Francisco Argonaut.

Sent Home Without Their Dinner When the bishop of Truro, Dr. Gott, was dean of Worcester, says a writer in V. C., his absentmindedness was so notorious that he earned for himself the sobriquet of Dean For-Gott.

On one occasion he had invited some friends to dine with him. On their arrival a short time before dinner hour he suggested that in the interval of waiting his friends would perhaps like to walk through the grounds.

After spending about a quarter of an hour in admiring the flowers, shrubs and greenhouses they suddenly came upon a door in the garden wall.

"Ah," said the dean to his astonished guests, "this will be a much nearer way for you to go home than by going back to the front!" and, forgetting his invitation, he opened the door and bowed them out .- Youth's Companion.

Clark on Bronze Horses Representative Champ Clark is connoisseur about bronze horses. The

other day he was going down Pennsylvania avenue, past the equestrian statue of General Hancock. "That horse," quoth he, "Is the sec ond best bronze horse in this city."

"And the best one?" "The best one," added the Missourian, "is the Thomas horse. The man who made the horse of which the statue of General Thomas sits was brought up with horses, and I will tell

you how I know it. "The mane of the animal is flecked a little on one side. I suppose I have reached forward with my whip a thousand, times when riding and lifted flecks of the mane over to the proper

Wifely Optimiam.

Husband-When I see all these bills I am tired of life. Do you think the time will ever come when we shall be out of debt? Wife (cheerfully)-Why carrying an exceptionally large life inourance.—Harper's Bazar.

The Ideat. "He" a mighty mean man."

"In what way?" "Why, he's stone deaf, and he never tells the barber until be to through shaving him."-Life.

It is estimated that the recent labo strikes in New York cost \$25,000,000. According to statistics, 150,000 persons go from New Jersey to Manhattar and return in a day.

Orders have recently been executed in Japan for a supply of fishing nets for Alaska, valued at \$30,000.

The chamber of commerce has ap pointed a special committee to investigate the overcrowding in New York streets. Rats are becoming so numerous in

Northamptonshire, England, that men

who will exterminate them are being advertised for. · Lincoinshire has the biggest English farm. Over 2,000 acres are unter plow. The second largest is near Coldstream.

in Northumberland. According to the census taken by the prefecture of the Seine, there are at present in Paris 41,350 Italians, 42,000 Belgians and 32,500 Germans.

The Buckinghamshire township Beaconstield, England, which has a population of 6,000, has not had a case of infectious disease in a year.

A postcard from Berlin to Turin or June 7, 1877, has just come back stamp ed, "Address not known." The write has been dead twenty-four years. The financial advancement of Cana da rivais our own. In 1867 the Domin

ion banks had less than \$80,000,000 of assets. They now have \$600,000,000. A small fraction of an ounce of radi um properly employed would provide a good light sufficient for several rooms and would not require renewal during the present century.

In German markets California prune and apricots are rapidly supplanting the products of France and Italy. The California fruit is cheaper and its fiesh brighter and more solid.

An elephant costs \$5,000, and it is likely to live twenty years. A lion will cost \$1,000 and is good for twelve years A Siberian tiger costs \$4,000, a pola

bear \$1,000, a black bear \$200. Irish is today the living tongue of a most as many people as speak Welsh Greek, Servian, Bulgarian, Norwegian or Danish. In Galway alone are 17,838 persons who can speak nothing but

The scarcity of Sunday school teach ers is causing much anxiety to London clergymen. In many parishes the teachers complain that their classes are too large to be dealt with effectively, and helpers are not forthcoming ever

from among crowded congregations. In a foreign office report on the trade of Nankin it is stated that such is the value placed on literary degrees by the Chinese that during a period when hun dreds of the inhabitants were dving daily from cholera no fewer than 17,000 students visited the city to compete for 200 vacancies.

An eight inch pipe line has been con structed from the Bakersfield oil regio 280 miles to San Francisco bay by the Standard Oil company. The oil is so thick that it has to be heated every twenty-seven miles as it travels. The line is covered with asbestus and de livers 20,000 barrels a day. There are 22,312 printing establish

ments in the United States, and the value of the finished product is about \$350,000,000 a year. One and a quarter billion pounds of paper are used in a year. Forty thousand salaried officers, clerks and so on are employed the business and 170,000 workmen. Hugo Jacobi, a wooden armed army

pensioner of Bingen-on-the-Rhine, be came intoxicated on the night of hi birthday. He felled four policemen with his wooden arm, cracked a bee house keeper's head, smashed all the crockery in the establishment and final ly smashed his arm. He is now in prison.

The Figaro of Paris is congratulat ing itself on the prediction it made two years ago that one could soon comminicate with passengers on Atlantic steamers without leaving the boule vards. Recently the Compagne Gener ale Transatlantique distributed book lets giving the directions necessary for utilizing this mode of correspondence.

The British storage battery patents. says the Engineering and Mining Journal, over which there has been so much litigation, expired on March 3, 1903. The patents were fundamental in character and covered nearly all the useful forms of perforated, ribbed, grooved or studded lead plates as well as the mechanical application of active material

to them. The temperance movement which be gan in Japan in 1873 with a society of foreign residents of Yokohama has grown until now there are forty-six of these societies united in a national temperance league. The league represents 3.617 members. As a result of their agitation a bill has been passed prohibiting the use of tobacco by chil-

dren under twenty years of age. It is suggested that the height of th Mississippi's floods could be diminished with great incidental profit to agriculture by building reservoirs in its western branches. These tributaries pass through arid countries, where the wa ter if used for irrigation would repay the cost of dams, and, too, the artificial lakes above the dams would modify th climate in the interest of uniformity. while the waste water would be con-

verted into electricity for power. Thirty-four states allow dissection of the human body. Nineteen have liberal acts for the providing of material, fifteen have illiberal ones, and the laws of eleven states are silent as to the study of anatomy, excepting in their laws of malpractice. Thirty-one states forbid the desecration of graves. In the enlightened states the lawmakers hav assumed that if the dead has no friend willing to pay for his burial he has none whose heartstrings would be torn if he were dissected. So all unclaims

bodies go to the medical colleges. Macedonian Girls.

In Macedonia girls usually marry at the age of thirteen or fourteen, and a husband will pay £15 to £20 for a wife housework and spinning. When girls tually a capital in the wrong place! from the villages marry townsmen no "May be so," answered Mr. Cumrox money is paid, the bride instead bring- "But he never gets his capital in the ing her trousseau with her in exchange. as it were, for the privilege of becom- more important."-Washington Star. ing a "town lady." In the latter case the bride most likely will be required to do little or no work in the fields, and that is the great ambition of most girls there.-London Globe.

The St. Louis Coliseum. The Coliseum at St. Louis, where the Democratic national convention will be held, was constructed in 1838 at a cost of \$230,000. It stands practically in the center or the city and is within five minutes' street car ride of all the principal hotels. The normal seating capacity of the structure is 7,000, not including the na, but by utilizing the latter space tions can be arranged for about 15,000 persons. The building is 180 by 318 feet, and the keystone of the overhang ing dome is eighty-four feet above the floor. The arena proper is 112 by 222 feet in dimension. The vast room is covered with a single span trussed roof, supported by columns, and the acoustic properties are such as to enable a speaker of moderate toned voice to be heard in all parts of the hall. Its boxes and lower balconies will easily care for such distinguished visitors a may be present, while the galleries will be reserved for the use of spectators. The Coliseum has been used mainly for holding bazaars and horse and flower shows. The largest gathering in the history of the building was in 1900, when President Roosevelt, then

A Workingman's Breakfast. An actual breakfast in a working

a candidate for vice president, address-

ed an audience that was said to num-

ber 20,000.—Chicago Record-Herald,

man's family in Indianapolis: Fried Sausage.—This sausage, like the greater proportion of sausages on the market, was colored with aniline red and was adulterated with about 10 per cent of flaked corn grits.

Apple Butter.-Colored with aniline red and loaded with glucose.

Butter.-Colored with ago dve and adulterated with water. This butter contained 27 per cent of water. The legal standard is not to exceed 15 per cent of water.

Coffee.-The coffee had been glazed with a glazing mixture composed of dextrin and starch, colored with brown aniline dye. Bread.-Cheap baker's bread; soggy,

not sufficiently baked and containing glucose and mait extract. Potatoes.-These were normal. Gravy.-Made of flour, milk and drip

from the colored and adulterated sau-

The breakfast consisted of seven ar ticles, of which only one was normal. Five articles, or 71 per cent, contained artificial coloring matter.—Bulletin Indiana State Board of Health.

Genius Perverted. A singular feat in the forgery of bank notes has just been accomplished in Copenhagen, but with results that ultimately brought the authors to disaster in a most ludicrous way. With no apparatus better than a small lithographic press and one or two most imperfect and primitive tools a lithographer had succeeded in producing 10,000 notes of 10 kroner, each so perfect that only stupidity prevented a great success. The police quite refus ed to believe that notes so perfect had been produced with means so inadequate, but the lithographer, touched in his artistic pride, asked for his press and, going to work in his cell, soon demonstrated that it is possible to be at once a knave and a fine artist. And now in Copenhagen the strange spectacle is witnessed of forged bank notes for 10 kroner, worth nothing as money, selling freely among connoisseurs for 30 kroner as beautiful specimens of lithographers' work.-London Globe.

Outlook For Tan Colored Shoes. Judging from the statements of shoe manufacturers, wholesalers and salesmen, the demand for tan colored shoes and other light shades for the approaching spring and summer season will not be phenomenal nor will it exceed the expectations of several months ago. This season is now far enough advanced to give a fair indication of what may be expected in the call for this class of goods. The opinion seems quite general that tans in the various hades will be confined principally to high class goods, a small amount to the medium fine grades and with very few among the cheap lines, that tans will sell more freely in the larger cities than for several years, especially in the east and middle west, and also that their sale will not by a long margin affect that of the black finishes.-Shoe and

How the Wolf Outwits the Dog. Timber is on the increase in Kansas. Any farmer will tell you so. The fences shield the young saplings, and the prairie fires that used to sweep the underbrush and leave the young trees unprotected come no longer. But the coming of the fences and the going of the prairie fires have helped wolves. There are more wolves in the country now than there were thirty years ago. The wolf is smart. He runs with his head down and dodges under fences. The dog runs "to the line," with his head up. He runs into fences that the woif has led him to, and the dog is cut up and abandons the chase. There

Leather Reporter.

more than pay the extra bounty.-Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, Primitive Plowing In England.

should be a larger bounty on woives.

The growth of timber in Kansas will

On the outskirts of the little village of Codford, pleasantly situated almost in the heart of the famous Wiltshire downs, the old traditions of plowing by oxen are still faithfully preserved. For years and years past C. Nutley has had many of his broad acres of land furrowed by the aid of pairs of oxen yoked to the plows. The sight has attracted numerous tourists passing along the Codford road, and many of these stopped to secure snap shots as inter-

esting mementos.

A More Important Matter. "Why," said the punctilious person "I got a letter from the person you" if she is a good reaper and expert at have been praising, and there was acwrong place in the market. And that's

> Knicker-Do you believe in a college education? Bocker-Yes. It teaches a boy's father how to take care of his money.-Life.