# TIMBER IN RIVER BEDS.

### Fortune Awaits the Inventor of

Method to Recover It. "If some scheme could be devised," said a Stillwater (Minn.) man, "by which the sunken logs which fill the beds of rivers and creeks & the logging sections of this country sould only keep mills running for years. Under present conditions the loss is total, for no successful method has ever been de

"Occasionally logs cut years ago are forced by the washings of floods from their sand beds and driven upon the percentage of logs recovered is small, and millions of dollars' worth of property is lost beyond recovery until some enterprising genius invents a machine or process to recover the timber.

"At Stillwater logs occasionally con appear the old lumbermen grow remi niscent of men who have been long forgotten, but who were important operators in the ploneer logging days of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

'No possible estimate can be made the big pine states, and your Chippewa, Wisconsin, St. Croix and Mecontain fortunes in sunken timber.

occasionally made to recover sunken logs. At one time a company was organized at Stillwater to dredge streams and thus recover some of the timber, but the plan did not work with any will come along some day with a plan, now lost, will be recovered."-Milwaukee Sentinel.

#### APHORISMS.

Rest is the sweet sauce of labor. Plutarch.

To read without reflecting is like eat ing without digesting.-Burke. Better a little chiding than a grea

deal of heartbreak.—Shakespeare. Repentance is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity.-Milton. A straight line is the shortest in morals as in mathematics.-Maria Edge-

Think twice before you speak or ac once, and you will speak or act the more wisely for it.-Franklin.

There is no impossibility to him who stands prepared to conquer every hazard. The fearful are the failing .- S. J

Beecher.

Refinement creates beauty every where. It is the grossness of the spec tator that discovers anything like grossness in the object.-Hazlitt.

## Brain.

The brain is an important organ serving as it does to keep the head from collapsing. Almost all styles o doing the hair call for a head of som sort. Again, there is nothing like a head to set off a fine neck. Finally, w should feel rather foolish without our heads.

For a long time scientists were una ble to discover why it is that the brain is divided into white and gray matter It remained for a clever French savant to solve the difficulty.

"Quite likely," said he, "the loud colors had not yet come in when man was

created.' Psychology deals with the organic aspect of thought. To psychology we owe the knowledge that calf's brain

makes good soup.-Puck.

Sir Coffn Campbell's Commission. India he "discovered" the soldier who That dashing warrior was in the comfor an assault on a hill fort. The duke saw a little round man run up a ladder and, receiving a pike thrust at the top roll down like a ball to the bottom. He

#### and procured him a commission. Whittier's Safeguard.

When an overtimid visitor from the city once commented to the poet Whittier upon the insecurity that seemed inseparable from so many doors opencountry home, the master of the house

## Not to Be Thought Of.

Mrs. Newlywed-Yes, Harry has only one fault, dear fellow! He will smoke cigarettes. Mrs. Oldgirl-Why don't you break him off it? Mrs. Newlywed -And leave me nothing to scold him about? No, indeed!-Cincinnati Times-

## Laying Down the Law.

Lady (entertaining friend's little girl) -Do you take sugar, darling? The Darling-Yes, please. Lady-How many lumps? The Darling-Oh, about seven and when I'm out to tea I start with cake.-Punch.

## They All Do.

Mother-Dickie, what do you way for a birthday present? Dickle-I wan to be my own boss.-Indianapolis Jour

Nothing In It. "I understand, professor, that Mis-Squawker is coming to you to enlish her voice. Is there anything in it?" "Not for her."-Houston Post.

nded the tragedy for a loveless and let." friendless life in San Francisco the other day. The sole actor in this little be recovered, immense fortunes would drama had gone through the various ence is the man with a family, yet bebe made. Along the St. Croix waters it scenes from birth, representing the four stowing his time and his money on anis estimated that logs enough are im- seasons-spring in her babyhood and other woman, ignoring his family combedded in the sand of river bottoms to childhood, her pathway strewn with pletely, taking the money needed for or three-quarters of an hour. He was shores, where the action of sun and on. The marriage came and the wed-never a joy or a comfort in life outside wind dries them out sufficiently so that ding bells pealed merrily as she passed of her own children, remains at home they will float down stream, but the down the aisles of the crowded church, week in and week out, month in and to the sorting booms bearing marks in and even noted the sigh of a discarded that he is arrayed in good and comuse half a century ago, and when they lover as she passed with her Prince fortable clothing and saunters forth stuck up a timorous hand. of the amount of timber thus lost, but came the autumn of her life. The gambling tables or to spend his time lumbermen estimate that the rivers of leaves were falling and they were typi- with the woman he has forsaken his Wisconsin, in the value of the logs cal of what her life was to be. Bare wife for. There are scores of just such buried in their sands, have fortunes of and bleak and devoid of all beauty, joy men in this city to-day and they had millions of dollars if the logs could be and comfort, Death had robbed her of better be dead than alive. They are a recovered. Wisconsin has been one of her treasures. Husband and children blot on the honor of mankind and too nominee rivers and their tributaries niless, friendless and alone she stood in decent people, and the sooner they are "Strange as it may appear, the value customed to stopping at the best hotels of good and refined people the better. of the timber is not lessened, even after and having every luxury she desired The wages of such men should be taken it has been submerged for half or and every wish granted. She had from them by the proper authorities quarter of a century. Efforts have been reached the winter of life and poverty and given to their wives leaving the great degree of success, this method work for her tiny room and board, abhorrence for such conduct, and there being found too expensive. Some one She, who had always lived a life of is one satisfaction, they cannot keep and this immensely valuable product, tles, and with her small delicate hands, will come to light and they will reap pation of this change for many months. spent life. 'I'll find a way out of it," she said cheerily, and none knew of the fearful doubt that had benumbed her mind resorts to the childish habit of crying for the moment. She sat very still, whenever his feelings are hurt. There looking pensively out of the window, is something decidedly lacking in man-She would not ask her friends to take liness and they can be dubbed "very her with them for she would never weak sisters." There never was a person who did consent to being a hindrance to them anything worth doing that did not re- in any of their plans. If they wanted her to accompany them they would

When the Duke of Wellington was in the laying away of her frail little body "Escalade." decently and in keeping with the deafterward became Sir Colin Campbell. sires of her heart instead of being consigned to a pauper's grave in the potmissariat service and had volunteered ter's field. Then she went home, author in the world. There is no Slav locked herself in her room and de- dialect into which his works have not stroyed everything that was dear to been translated. In 1900 the first Perher in her past life, all the little mo- sian translation appeared, and in 1901 was, however, up again in an instant mentoes that spoke to her of other days, the first Siamese. In 1894 several Rouand, running up like a squirrel, was all the letters tied with faded ribbon manian and Portuguese translation the first or among the first in the place. which she had received from her were made. That his works have ap-"Prince Charming" when life was but peared in English, French, German, The duke laughed, inquired about him a fleeting dream. A few gray ashes Italian and Spanish is well known. alone remained to tell of the joys that had been. Carefully she arrayed herself in her best and proceeded to stop up the crevices of doors and windows. This contemporary, have shown that the done she turned on the gas and a full salinity of the ocean varies greatly in

not have asked her "what she would

do" in the case of their going away.

Morning dawned, but not before the grim reaper had passed over the thresh-short, yet the average American gets old. Consternation reigned in that on the train ten times oftener than does household when the truth was made known. Doctors were summoned but! they were too late, the soul had taken the iron door of a cigar shop in Berlin; its flight. Presently the morgue wagon avenged themselves by painting up a drove to the door and the frail little notice: "There is nothing here worth form was taken away to rest for a time stealing." on a marble slab until a juty could be called and affirm the verdict-died from asphyxiation-and the last jour- Scottish Highlands, owing to the efney of the silent little passenger was forts made by large landowners for their taken up, ending only when the handful of gray ashes were placed in the modest urn. At the home where she, died the room had been thoroughly his six dogs, draped in black, followed fumigated and ventilated. A group of the cortege. children stood gazing at the open wined dow and pointed it out as "the room a The average depth of the ocean lady just killed herself in." Pedestri- about two miles.

with those she loved.

curfously as the open window and aurreured "Committed suicide, did

obe?" The next day everything about the house had regained its normal conlition. The lace curtains coated gently back and forth shaken by the gentle breeze of an ideal day and in the win-Death rang down the curtain and dow hung a plecard, "This room to

Of all the contemptible men in existflowers; summer and all the world was shoes and wearing apparel from his away over in the back of the book. fair and her heart was filled with joy. own little flock and lavishing boxes of Rapidly the changes came, of her fair candy, flowers and gifts on this woman young girlhood with suitors paying who is probably not aware that he has that nobody was sure of his name. homage to one of the fairest and most a wife and family—he passing as a single beloved daughters the sun e'er shone man. His wife, worn out and with watch, gazed at it impressively and a vision of light in her bridal finery to month out, and never has a new article plight her troth to the man of her of clothing, but her husband, who choice. She heard the comments of plighted his troth for better or for 'handsome couple' combined with the worse (and it has assuredly been for the adjectives "lovely," "beautiful," etc., worse as far as she is concerned) sees Charming to the altar. Again she night after night to meet this woman stood at the chancel holding her own and escort her to some place of amusebaby daughter in her arms for the ment with convivial friends. "I have christening, and her heart sang a new to work to-night," he says wearily to song for her cup of joy was full. Then his tired wife, and then is off to the had answered the last summons. Pen- low in the scale of life to mingle with San Francisco where she had been ac- exposed and ostracised from the society stared her in the face. She had grown miserable excuse of a man only car fare. to be a timid shrinking woman and Furthermore, their names should be was dependent on the bounty of stran- published so that decent people could gers for a home, assisting with the shun them. Words cannot express the ease, was washing greasy pots and ket- their black lives hidden long. Truth unaccustomed to toil, was lifting many the reward of their conduct sooner or a weary burden. Her cross was a heavy later. No punishment is too severe one. Then came the announcement and it should be meted out to them in one day at the dinner table that the just measure. Such men usually end people who had provided a home for their days miserably and unhappily her in return for her services would and go down to their graves unwept probably have to leave the city, and and unhonored. Wife and children the question arose as to what she would have lost all affection for them and do. That minute decided her fate. minister to their wants only from a Death drew his icy hand across the sense of duty and pity, and friends, strings of her broken heart. What knowing of their past treatment of their would she do? That was the problem families have no respect for them. she had been trying to solve in antici- Truly an unenviable ending to a mis-

There isn't very much to a man who

# BRIEF REVIEW.

## Crack of a Famous Bell.

An ominous crack has just been disovered in one of the most famous belis She finished the work assigned her in the world, the so-called "La Clemand left the house, going directly to a ence," in the Cathedral of St. Peter at near by place where a woman kept a Geneva. It is the bell which was little restaurant or delicatessen store, sounded at the "Escalade" of the dark She told her story simply and asked if night of St. Thomas' day, December 21, she could not be given her board and a 1602, when the 8000 Savoyards made place to sleep-it made no difference their attack upon the "Rome of Prowhat it was, for beggars could not be testantism." The assailants had crept choosers-for her services. The latter close to the fortifications unobserved. would not be much for she was not a and had planted their ladders, the hearty eater. Here she was disap- Jesuit missionaries exhorting them in pointed, for every inch of space was whispers, "Climb, climb, every rung of taken by the proprietor's own family, the ladder is a step toward heaven!' and she was not in need of assistance. when the loud clanging of La Clemence From there she went to the cemetery was heard, calling the citizens to arms, and made arrangements in case of her and Geneva was rescued. The Savoy death to have her body cremated. For ards were driven back and the aged years she had saved \$25 for this pur- Theodore Beza called the people into pose. Many times she had longed to the cathedral, where they sang the break into this little hoard, which 124th Psalm. From 1602 to 1901, on would hardly have been pin-money for every December 21st, the now silenced a day in her early life, but it meant bell has been rung in memory of the

## Tolstoi Most Translated Author.

Tolstoi is the most widely translated

## Salinity of the Ocean.

Recent investigation, says a German ing out from all sides of the large old stream of the rank poison poured into different localities. The Atlantic has the room. Quietly she waited for her two large areas that are very salt, one strove gently to restore confidence by bidden guest, the King of Terrors, north-and one south-of the equator, pleading that most of them were lota- Death had no sting for her, it only while the Pacific has one small salt brought her a release from loneliness area south of the equator. and unhappiness and would unite her

The average American makes twenty-nine trips on a railroad in a year. Some of these trips are exceedingly his English cousin.

Golden eagles are increasing in the

At the burial of a South London man

## ons, so tified of the occurrence, glanced NEW SHORT STORIES

The Student's Question. The late John R. Proctor was one of the best story tellers in Washington. He went to a dinner the night before he died and told this tale of his college days

"The professor in psychology when I was a senior was an erudite man who sometimes talked of things so far above the heads of his class that no body understood what he was driving

at. "One day he started in on some ab stract proposition and talked for half The entire class was dazed. The professor rambled on with his propositions until everybody was so tangled Finally the professor took out his said: 'Now, gentlemen, there are ten minutes remaining of the recitation hour. If anybody wishes to question me concerning the subjects I have just treated, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability.'

"There was a ghastly silence. body knew what he had been talking about. The old professor gazed com placently around. Finally a student "'What is it?' asked the professor

"'Please, professor,' said the stu-

#### dent, 'what time is it?' A Slap at the House.

Just when there was a lull in senate proceedings the other day one of the senate employees secured a newspaper and comfortably seated himself in the corner of the chamber by the desk of Springfield Republican. Acting Assistant Doorkeeper B. W. Layton, says the Washington Post. To



"THIS IS NOT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTemphasize his comfortable frame mind this employee cocked his feet on

a projection from the senate wall and was oblivious to all the world till Sen-"Take your feet down," said he in

good humor. "This is not the house of representatives."

# Governor Van Sant of Minnesota was called at the botel and was shown to

with a gloomy countenance a trunk which stood against the wall. "What is the matter, governor?" asked the caller. "I want to get a suit of clothes out

of that trunk," was the answer.

governor sitting in a chair surveying

"Well, what's the difficulty-lost the key?" "No. I have the key all right," said the governor, heaving a sigh. "I'll tell you how it is. My wife packed that trunk. She expected to come with me, but was prevented at the last moment. To my certain knowledge she put in enough to fill three trunks the way a man would pack them. If I open it the things will boil all over the room, and I could never get half of them back. Now, what I'm wondering about is whether it would be cheaper to go out and buy a new suit of clothes or

## Eternal Vigilance.

"But can't you turn your head when

" 'Not while sitting in the game with

Different Meanings.

"A finished speech," said a reporter

"Yes," was the reply, "but until just

Escaped Her Notice.

we couldn't see him when he wasn't

standin' up."-Chicago Record-Herald.

"How did you like the way the min

now I never thought it would be."

two additional trunks."-Philadelphia

"Hello, Senator Hanna! How are you feeling?" asked a western member of congress the other day. "I am feeling all right except a little tired and run down," replied the sena-

#### "Why don't you go away for a week's rest?" "I can't. I am like the chap who was

be got home the next morning his wife noticed stains on his waistcoat. She asked what they were, and he said he supposed they must be tobacco juice." your expectorate? she inquired. that crowd of fellows,' he replied."-

The late Andrew H. Green, "Father of Greater New York," disliked long. uninteresting speeches. At a civic dinner they had just listened to a famous

Burglars, unable to break through to Mr. Green.

ister animadverted upon our colloquialisms last Sunday?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle. "I didn't notice it." replied her hostess. "Me and Josiah were crowded out preservation. of our own pew and had to set where

If it were not for bores it would be very difficult for us to realize what eternity is.—Res Orleans Times-Demo-

## HOW TO FOLD A LETTER.

Only a Small Percentage of Appli cants Know the Right Way. "I see you have lots of applications," said the advertising manager to the business house manager who had advertised for a typewriter and book

"From all over New England," said the business man, jamming his pockets full. "But what some of the girls who answer are thinking of I can't imagine Here is one girl who will come fifty miles to take a place at \$5 a week." "Can you tell much as to their quali fications by their letters?"

"Can I? Well, rather. For instance there is the wirting; there is the spell ing of the words; there is the way the letter is put together; there is even the way the letter is folded. Ever think that letters are folded so as to save time nowadays?" "No," said the advertising man. "It's

all I can do to get the stamps to put on 'em. My stenographer folds 'em all right, I guess. How should it be done? "Easy enough, simple enough, but folded wrong often enough," said the business man sententiously. "If your typewriter knows her business she takes the sheet and folds it up from the bottom toward the top, leaving the proper width for the envelope, then over from right to left and from left to right-so. Then when your letter is opened it is right side up. See?"

"I see," murmured the advertising man. "And how many applicants fold their letters that way?"

"Oh, three or four out of a dozen perhaps. Quite a commentary on busi ness as she is taught, ch?" remarked the business man as he strolled away .-

## GETTING IN THE WALNUTS.

### An Industry That Closes California

The first English walnut orchard is California was planted with seed from the Los Angeles mission gardens, where the padres had started a few trees with auts brought with them from Spain. The undertaking was a success from the first, and the acreage of walnuts has steadily increased. The walnut tree's early age of bearing, its long life and the steady demand for its product fend to make the enterprise deservedly popular.

The walnut tree begins to bear when six or seven years old, and nothing is known definitely of its age limit of bearing. Fabulous stories are told of trees in Spain one or two centuries old bearing enormous crops. The oldest trees in California are still bearing, but deductions from the short history already made show that the tree is in its prime from its twenty-fifth to its thirtieth year. Fifteen hundred pounds of nuts to the acre is a good average yield, making seventy-five pounds the average weight from one tree.

The harvest time begins about the middle of September and lasts nearly six weeks. The nuts begin to fall with the leaves, and the perfect cultivation under the trees leaves no chance for them to lose themselves among clods or weeds. The brown dead leaves alone hide the nuts. Under normal conditions they drop free from the outer husk, or hull, through its irregular bursting, and getting the nuts picked up is a simple matter. Sometimes the ator Kean of New Jersey invaded his trees are well irrigated just before harof the nuts.

Boys and girls, men and women, Jap anese and Chinese, are all pressed into service, and on hands and knees the great orchards are gone over, not once but several times, on account of the irin New York recently. Soon after his regular ripening of the nuts. The trees arrival a former resident of Minnesota are occasionally shaken during the season to loosen the nuts, and before the the governor's room. He found the last gleaning they are "poled" to start the very tardy ones. This is done by long, coarse bamboo poles, whose light weight makes them easily handled.

In certain rural districts the public schools close regularly for a "walnut vacation." The help of the children is needed, and the children are nothing loath to replenish their diminished purses. Pails, cans and gunnysacks are scattered among the pickers, and when the bags are full they are carried to the drying grounds, where they are spread out on slat trays to dry.-Review of Reviews.

## THE EVERGREENS.

White Pine.-Five needles in a bundle: scales of cone thickened at the top Scotch Pine.-Two bluish green, short needles in a bundle.

Fir.-Erect cone; flat, spreading needles scattered singly. Austrian Pine.-Two long, dark green

eedles in a bundle. Norway Spruce. - Large hanging cones; scattered needles point all ways. Hemlock.-Small hanging cones; flat

spray. Larch.-Many needles in a cluster; fall off each year; erect cones. Red Cedar.-Bluish berries; sharp

prickly spray. Arbor Vitae.-Flat branches; cones few scaled, and only two seeds under

out one night playing poker, and when White Cedar.-Cones roundish, with four to eight seeds under each.

Pitch Pine.-Dark stiff needles at ranged in threes.-Boston Post. Discontent With Work,

That there is much discontent with

work among the so called middle

#### classes in America is due in large part to the pampering of children, to the supplying of their natural and artificial wants and to the sentimental idea that "their day of toil will come soon enough." In general, work is not a curse, but a blessing-a positive means of grace. One can hardly begin too early to impress upon children lessons of self help by tasks appropriate to their age and forces and to beget in

Yern-Now, if all men would vote as

Catholic Standard.

them scorn of idleness and of depend-Her Experience. ence on others. To do this is to make Professor-In China criminals are of them happy through the self respect ten sentenced to be kept awake until that comes with the realization of powinsanity and death result. Now, how er and thus to approximate Tennyson's do you suppose they keep them from goal of man, "Self reverence, self knowledge, self control."—Century. falling asleep? Little Girl (oldest in a small family)-I expect they give 'em a baby to take care of.

## The Boston Maid.

they pray this would truly be a happy world. Dern-But if that should ever happen you wouldn't get the average man to the polls once in ten years. maid article.-Boston Transcript.

## WOMAN AND FASHION

A School Cont. This is a very pretty coat for a little girl and should be made in a very heavy cloth or, for a more dressy coat, velvet. It requires no trimming but



the buttons and rows of stitching. It can be made either with or without the shield, and the sleeves are bishop with a flare at the wrist. This is suitable for girls three to twelve years of age.

#### New Linen Fabrics

The beauty and originality of the new linen and cotton fabrics for the coming spring are something to excite enthusiasm. Unquestionably the favorites will be the cotton and silk com binations, many of which are unsur

passed in silks. Of these the airy material called silk tissue and the embroidered mulls are especially lovely. A pale blue mull embroidered with tiny crescents is charming.

An exquisite fabric is printed and bordered French mull. This is wide enough for a long skirt, and the border, of course, forms the trimming around the hem. An example has a white ground covered with loose vic lets, pinkish mauve in color, the border, twelve inches wide, showing deep er tones of violet and mauve.

which make a generous dress pattern, come in two qualities. Bordered linens are also shown Gowns made from them have that ap-

These bordered mulls, eight yards of

pearance of exclusiveness which be ongs to dress patterns or robes.

### The New Trimmings.

Dull silver and gold ornaments which have been so much used as an embellishment for frocks as well as for mil linery earlier in the season are nov quite eclipsed by new bright gold and silver trimmings. Many of the new ornaments are in the form of thick cords ending in either large or small tassels and wide bands of woven gilt. Large gold cabochons made of finely plaited gold gauze ribbon are being used as centers for white tulle, black velvet and other rosettes for the adornment of both wraps and hats. One black velvet toque has a lover's knot of the gold cord at the left side, and two tassels two inches long hang over the coiffure.

A novel arrangement is a gold epaulet fastened by straps and buttons to the crown of the toque of emerald green velvet.

# A Smart Costume.

Very smart costume of heavy white linen. The bolero is trimmed most



MADE OF HEAVY WHITE LINEN

## The Jaunty Waistcont.

effectively with bias folds of linen and

white pearl buttons. Dainty blouse of

sheer lawn and lace is worn with this

The jaunty walstcoat is coming in again for women, completing the long basque tailor coats that fall almost to the bottom of the skirts. Such vests like men's fancy vests, are made of velvets or other gay materials, richly embroidered, sparkling with buttons and cut as smartly as possible. There is something decidedly chic about

Mary-I think I be like the boss' coat I'm made to order. Mistress-Well Mary, you certainly are not a read

## CHOICE MISCELLANY

No "Blanks" For Krag Rifles. "It is not generally known that who squad of United States regular soldiers fires a salute with what purport to be blank cartridges they are really firing bullets," said an employee of

Frankford arsenal recently. Continu-

ing, he said: "Of course the only effect sought in a salute is the production of noise, and in the old days of the Springfield rifle. with its perfectly straight cartridges. it was easy to load a blank with a charge of black powder and a paste board wad and insure its proper confinement by a heavy crimp at the end of the shell. With the new Krag and its bottle necked shell the powder can not be properly confined without a projectile. Hence we make a fake bullet of paper, into the nose of which we in sert a few grains of powder. Now when the rifle is fired the paper bullet leaves the muzzle with all the initial velocity of the real steel jacketed pro jectile. The intense friction produced by such velocity causes the powder in the paper to explode and scatter the paper to the four winds within five feet of the gun muzzle."-Philadelphia

#### Fixed Furniture.

Architects and builders of flats are showing a decided disposition to fit up these dwellings with everything possible in the way of furniture. Sideboards, wardrobes, window and corner ottoman seats, mirrors and bookcases are being provided with the primary view of economizing space and the secondary idea of enabling tenants to move in and out with as little inconvenience as possible. But it also means that dwell ers in flats will thus be possessed of a mere few odds and ends and that household goods will be so reduced that home will practically come to mean partially furnished lodgings and nothing more. The gathering together of lares and penates will almost cease, and housewives will have less than ever to cherish and keep in order. This will probably be regarded as another blow at domestic life.

#### Passing of the Cowboy.

The cowboy is gone from Indian Territory. Allotment has practically broken up the cattle business in that territory. and this year there will be almost a total absence of the big herds which have for years grazed its rich grasses. The Indian agent states that there seems to be no move whatever on the part of cattlemen to take grazing leases this year, and there will be none. Leases of this kind cannot be made for a pe riod longer than one year, and as most of the allotments are being fenced the cowman cannot longer handle his cattle under the old regime. The Hereford and Shorthorn have taken the place of the Texas ranger, and the herds have been broken up into small bunches, owned and cared for by the farmers.

## Guatuso Mortuary Customs.

The Guatuso Indians of Central America live in considerable numbers in a single hut, and the village visited comprised about fifteen buts. The dead are buried in the habitations and the earth covering the graves settles until it is about a foot below the surface of the floor. As time goes on the graves become less distinct, and finally they are completely obliterated. When person dies the relatives wall aloud, crying, "I am distressed." When a warrior is buried, his body is provided with certain feathers of two currassows, a bunch being placed in each hand, and for some time after death cacao is placed upon the grave in order that the departed warrior may be supplied with drink.

## Wide Range of the Moose

The range of the moose in North America is of enormous extent, from Nova Scotia in the extreme east. throughout Canada and certain of the northern United States to the limits of tree growth in the west and north of Alaska. Throughout this vast extent of territory but two species are recognized-the common moose, Alces americanus, and the Alaskan moose, Alces gigas, of the Kenal peninsula-but it is probable that further exploration will bring to light another species near the head waters of the Laird river and the Sassiar mountains of British Columbia and still another farther north in the neighborhood of the Colville river .-Field and Stream.

Saving Room Rent. "A new graft has been discovered in Sedalia, Mo.," says one of the papers of that place. "Every night for some time past the men's waiting room at the Missouri Pacific station has been crowded with men sleeping in the seats. When asked their business there by station attendants they invariably resurrected tickets to some nearby town and said that they were waiting for trains. A few days ago about fifty of these regular boarders applied at the ticket office to have the tickets redeemed. The agent then became aware of the fact that the tickets were purchased for the sole purpose of bunking in a warm room."

## Legally Dead, Still Alive.

A man may be legally dead and yet be very much alive in fact. Ten years ago Fitch Marquis left his family is Kansas and had never been heard of until the other day, when he turned up at La Cygne. He refused to say where he had been. His wife thought him dead and sued for a \$2,000 life insurance policy he carried. The court de cided she should pay the premiums for seven years and if he did not show up that he would be counted as dead in this world. The widow paid the premlums and at the end of seven years drew her money, but Marquis is not dead.-Topeka Capital.

When Knighthood Was In Flower. Citizen-Here, stop fighting that little boy. Chimmie-W'ot, an' me goil lookin' out de window? She'd take me for a quitter.—Butte Inter-Mountain.

"If there were no eating without hunger and no drinking without thirst,' said Herbert Spencer, "then would the system be but seldom out of order."

She-What makes you think his ad vice is good? He-Because he never gives it unless it's asked for .- Detroit Free Press.