An American's Odd Expedition to an

Enst dudian Temple. When the late Professor Sommerville of the University of Pennsylvania, the way. Were it in the center of the desert of Sahara or on the topmost pinnacle of the Himalaya mountains, he would go after it and keep up the search until the treasure was found,

the university museum. American gold was Professor Sommerville's magnet wherever he went. He thus described its effect on one of his expeditions:

"On one occasion we desired to visit the famous Dilwarra temples in India, and for that purpose engaged two jinrikishas and a number of natives to draw them, about twelve in all. The temples, as you know, are set in a magnificent grove of mango trees on a mountain top and surrounded by great hills. With a fair measure of tact and money I hoped to secure from the people of the vicinity some of their odd talismans and rings. I said to the chief rickshaw man: 'Now, Lala, what will you do for me if I double your half time, and if you accomplish it you

shall be doubly paid." "He went to his helpers at once and informed them that I was a prince. We started out under the contract. He ran ahead of the convoy, raising both hands in the air and crying to the astounded people: 'Here comes a prince. Down with you. Here comes a prince."

"And during the entire twelve miles experience of seeing the people cover their faces and drop abjectly to the ground in obeisance and salutation, only daring to look at me through their parted fingers. But my amusement at thus being treated as a prince was nothing to the gratification I experienced in securing from this people-who did not dare to refuse so august a personage as I-some of the most interesting inscribed talismans that I have in my collection."-Booklovers' Magazine.

A NATURAL WONDER

Ringing Rocks That Sound Like Bell When Struck.

With all manner of legends cluster ing around their history and various reasons given by geologists for their presence, the Ringing rocks, two miles north of Pottstown, Pa., are the greatest natural wonders of Montgomers county. Although these rocks and bowlders are scattered over a large extent of territory, there is one place, covering over two acres, where they lie so closely together as to suggest that that particular spot was the center of a volcanic disturbance that rent the earth and piled the rocks as they are today. It is the general opinion that the spot was once the crater of a vol-

A rich, bell-like tone, produced by striking some of the stones with a hammer, explains in part why the name of Itors carried off some of the smaller this practice has been stopped.

cano.

Located some distance away from the main deposit of rocks are grotesque formations like the Haystack rock, looking like a petrified haystack, bu rent from top to bottom by a convul sion of nature which probably also made it a "leaning tower." In the Bullfrog rock a company of soldiers could stand, the Umbreila rock could shelter twenty or thirty, and the Stone House and Cave, rising thirty feet in height and covering half an acre of ground, suggests some of the wonders of the Yosemite.

A cave under the rocks was pene trated several years ago by Dr. W. B Shaner and J. S. Bahr, who upon throwing a stone into an opening could hear it reverberating for a great distance and then fall into a body of wa ter. This is surrounded by many leg ends. One is that robbers made ! their rendezvous and into it carried all their plunder, defying pursuers to fol Because of the danger of acci dents to venturesome boys the entrance to the cave has been closed .-New York Telegram.

THE WILLOW TREE.

John Parke Custis Planted the First

When the south sea bubble in Eng had been placed a twig of a tree. Pope planted the twig on his grounds on th shore of the Thames, not knowing of to Polly's thinking. what tree it was. It grew and was weeping willow. In 1775, when the tree was over fifty years old, one of the young British officers who came t Boston with the British army brought a twig from the tree, which he intend ed to plant on his lands after the re bellion had been crushed. John Park Custis, son of Mrs. Washington, gol on errands to the British camp und 6 Agg of truce, became acquainte with the owner of the willow twig. which was draped in biled slik, and of tained it from him, which he planted near his home at Abingdon, Va., where

weeping willows in America.

When Tea Was New. "I sent for a cup of tea, a Chines drink, of which I had never drunk. wrote the immortal Pepys, who felt in duty bound to sample every new thing that came along. And about the same time another Englishman was extelling the new importation in the following terms: "It easeth the brain of heavy damps. Prevents the dropsle. Consumes Rawnesse. Vanquishes superfluous sleep. Purifieth humors and hot liver. Strengthens the use of due be-

Making a Sure Thing of It "What in the name of Jupiter have you sewed up all the pockets of my

evercoat for?" asked Mr. Wilson. "My dear," said Mrs. Wilson, "I have an important letter to my milliner that put a stop to their busy career, must I want you to post."

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mascots, had set his mind on some are on, at least the most of us. In fact, curio heard of in one of his meetings no one is exempt from this fault until with orientals, nothing could bar the they have learned to master themselves, obtain complete control of their mind and the will-power that quivers and rebe's from the demand made by our over-wrought nerves. The wouldpurchased and placed on exhibition at be musician turns the key to his violin strings a little more in his effort to bring forth the harmony he craves. Just so much will the strings, only awaiting the touch of the master-hand o vibrate with melody stand, and the ominous snap is heard and the usefulness is gone forever. We keep on turning the keys to our nerves. We fear we won't catch a train; round goes the key in our feverish haste and we allow ourselves to become wrought up to a pay? I want to make this journey in our efforts. We are smarting under can only find minor chords, and they are out of tune. Around go the little keys again and the tension is fearful. We lose those who are nearest and dearest to us, and we play on the strings that bring tears and anguish, regrets and hopelessness until they are worm out. On we go through life tunride I was treated to the un-American ing up the musical strings of our frail Elliott in the Century. It leads, and bodies, but not in the right way, and by a long interval, all other publicathere will come a day when, like the tions in copies purchased in the ordito be laid away.

Every ennobling thought, every just out of the common-place; every effort porations confine themselves to the we make to better ourselves mentally. morally and physically, strengthen the strings just that much, and constant practice soon leads us to forget, or at least pass over as unworthy of our notice the trivial things that a weak nind magnifies into such serious disords, destroying not only their own unfortunately must live in their vicinity. Tune up every string that viorates with happiness-every string that will help you to look on the bright side; every string tremulous under the desire to create harmony out of discord and awaken a song of joy in place of a are sure to sell them, and we go straight dirge. Turn slowly and surely on the ahead printing." key that awakens the right kind of ambition and ennobling thoughts that help you to cultivate your will-power "Ringing rocks" was given them. Vis- There is another delicate key that needs plained. Marcus Curtius was a Roman northern, eastern and southern sides. stones of unusual musical quality, but and charity and awakens a new song nervous wrecks, and then, not only for closed after him. ourselves, but for the sake of our friends. we had better be dead than alive. Our petty ailments and vast amount of selfpity make us anything but agreeable companions.

was imaginary. In the darkest hour, made the strongest of us quiver under, known as the "Rumble churn." they would smile between the paroxysms and tell some cheerful story to Practice of Piety Made Easy in Japan. encourage those around them. You do not have to go into the midst of the battlefields to discover the heroes, for we find them in every-day life fighting land collapsed one of the speculators their own little battle with no excite went to Smyrna to repair his fortune. ment of martial music and the rush of He was a friend of Alexander Pope brays comrades by their side to encour- attached. Anyone passing by can give and sent him a box of figs in which age them. They are fighting alone and the wheel a turn, and that counts as a gaining the victory with no mad rush prayer. The people in the second largbut by inches. Brave soldiers are they,

Campers are abroad in the land, and from now on we can look for destruc tive forest fires if we judge from the experience of the past few years. When Winnergton-Ingram that is very like you stop to think that all this destruct that of a mythical bishop and the cattion to timber, the loss of animal life sure-carelesness and ladifference of him a question, he was met by time: hunters and campers, it is deplorable. "Please, sir, why did the angels walk Few who are out on a pleasure jaunt of up and down Jacob's Ladder when this kind stop to think when they are they had wings?" It is said that Dr. It became the progenitor of all the ready to break camp that it is necessary Ingram escaped by saying: "What litto put out the campfire. In their hurry tle boy or girl would like to answer to load everything in the wagons, pull- this?" ing up tents, etc., the campfire is the last thing to be thought of. Sparks or cinders may be carried by the wind and falling amid the dry grass and grouse, at the throat of which hung s bushes, presently a lively little blaze is weasel in a death grip, when shot while being fanned into existence, and in a on the wing by C. K. Sober of Lewisfew hours' time it is roaring up the burg, Pa., during a hunting trip in mountain sides, tearing like a fiery fur- the White Deer mountains of the Blue nace down into the canyons teeming Ridge, says Field and Stream. with verdure and laying waste luxuriant valleys. The frightened animals and birds flying before the fire flend, just outside the city has discovered that fences and barns and frequently the the dull, rusty looking thing he saw in Well, it is easy enough to prove that homes of men who have struggled hard the cellar last winter is an instrument to make a little headway in providing of torture called the lawn mower. a home for their amilies and a place where they can rost when old age has

of years go up in smoke and possibly with not a cent of money to make a

new start that the rebuilding of new homes, bons, fences, etc., would necessarily require The future is black mough for them, for everything has been swept away, even to their stock. I often think how much we are like Many times they have been fortunate learned collector of gems, charms and an abused violin. What a tersion we in having saved their families from the fiery furnace.

back theanery flowes and see the labor

After one of these scathing fires the picture of desolation is overwhelming. spirits. Like grim sentinels the blackened trunks of once magnificent trees tower the average lease of life of a medical heavenward as if calling down vengeance for this unwarranted ruin and havoe. Trees smoulder for weeks on 000, including 25,000 Japanese, who the parched, blackened ground, and every particle of vegetation is gone. If the note of a bird crying to its mate, who will not respond again, is heard, it sounds strangely mournful. Then comes a period of suffering, not only for the farmers and stockmen, but for the wild animals who have been driven out of their native heath. How anyone guilty of starting a forest fire by carelessness can rest in peace and withor business machinery of life is not out his conscience troubling him both running smoothly, and we proceed to ly. His dreams should be troubled Wales she ordered a moleskin muff. tune up on our over-wrought nerves and nightmare carry him into the They became the rage, and the moles and need not be surprised when there desolate scenes of his own carelessness. is a lack of harmony resulting from Thousands and thousands of dollars some injustice or fancied wrong and this way, and campers and hunters are lost every year to the country in cannot be too careful.

BRIEF REVIEW.

Best Selling Books.

The Bible is the best selling book in the world, writes Henry Rutherford to what may be called the official dis- since Russia has not subscribed to the tribution. Every bookstore which un- Brussels convention. dertakes to carry a full line of stock ndeavor to better ourselves and lift us sells the Bible. Several important cormanufacture and sale of Bibles, and others find in the Bible their leading said. Speaking some time ago of the lodging. insatiable demand for the Bible as an ing the Bible. We just keep the presses steadily at work, and if we happen to find that we have 40,000 or 50,000 copies on hand, it gives us no uneasiness. We

Locate the Ravine of Curtis' Leap.

Some of the newspapers, says a cable until you have it under control and from Rome, announce the discovery are not prone to vascillate and turn of the actual ravine in the Forum into like a weather-vane in a capricious which Marcus Curtis leaped as a sacriattention. It vibrates with fath, hope legendary hero. A chasm having been ormed in the Forum by an earthquake in your life and keeps the heart young. the soothsayers announced that it could mony and yet not make the tension so greatest treasure. Marcus Curtius, a great that the strings will tremble and noble youth, stepped forward, and, debreak, and if death is not kind and arms, leaped, mounted on his steed and stamp. ends the struggle, it leaves us mere in full armor, into the chasm, which

Famous Castle to Be Sold.

Dunstanburg castle is about to be of-I have seen others who have been garrisoned for Queen Margaret, after His suggestion was not adopted. martyrs to pain and anguish all their the battle of Hexham, when it was belives who were heroes and had more sieged and taken after an assault lastcontrol over their frail bodies than three days. The legend of "Sir Guy, those who had never an ache or a pain the Seeker," told in a ballad by M. G. but every trial, trouble and tribulation Lewis, is connected with the castle. "Dunstan diamonds" are crystals found when the bodies of the former were in the neighborhood. A deep chasmin racked with agony that would have the rock at the east of the castle is

It is said that there are no fewer than eight millions of gods worshiped by the Japanese. Praying is made very easy. In the streets are tall posts with prayers printed on them and with a small wheel est of the 3,850 islands of which the empire is composed worship the bear and reverence the sun, moon, fire, wind and water.

Puzzled the Doctor.

There is a little story told of Doctor erpillar. Having invited any boy or

A Remarkable Kill.

Skillful taxidermy has preserved

The toy who lives in a cottage hous

Some people hurry so that they overtak? misfortunes that rightfully belong stand aside after hopelessly beating to a coming generation.

The horse spur is said to have been used since 300 B. C.

The number of minegs employed in Gmat Britain is 871,888. Prussia has 2,033 associations of ste nographers, with 51,291 members. Germany's chief exports to her African colonies consist of spirituous liq-

The prevailing religion of Korea is a peneral and deep seated belief in evil

An Austrian estatistician finds that practitioner is sixty years. The population of Kerea is 17,000,-

centrol the country's activities. A Russian medical journal says Japnese physicians are almost invariably

well educated and conscientious. Edinburgh proposes holding an international exhibition in 1907 to celebrate the bicentenary of the union of Scotland and England.

More than three-fourths of the pubic school teachers of Utah are zealous Mormons of the strictest sect of the Latter Day Saints. When Queen Alexandra heard how

the moles were destroying crops in are nearly exterminated. A large number of people in the

capital of Kolapur, India, on seeing a motor car for the first time prostrated themselves before it, declaring that it was moved by an invisible god. There are over 30,000 Canadian born

residents in Detroit, and, with their

children, they make up about 60,000. Buffalo census shows a Canadian born population of 18,000, Cleveland 10,000 and Chicago figures up 35,000 or more. Holland has no patent system or trade mark laws. Certificates of origin are not required there. An exception, however, is presently to be enforced old violin without strings, we are ready nary channels of trade, without regard with respect to importations of sugar,

> Barbados business men have offered to supply 30,000 negroes for labor in the Transvaal and to agree to deliver them at Lourenco Marques within twelve months at \$100 per head, provided the wages should be not less feature. Of no other book can this be than \$12.50 per month, with board and

According to the European journals article of merchandise, an officer of the of science, the great storm of red dust Methodist Book Concern said: "Like which swept up from Africa over all publishers, we have to keep watch | Europe some time ago is doing a good peace of mind but that of others woo of the sale of books in general, even the service to science in making the strata most popular, so as not to get over- in the Alpine glaziers so that they stocked. But this never occurs in print- can be studied with greater accuracy in the future.

Napoleon is an unusual, if not un precedented, Christian name to be orne by the presiding officer of British parliament. But Napoleon Antoine Belcourt, who has been elected peaker of the Canadian house of comnons, can address meeting or court in fluent and excellent English.

Smyrna, the commercial capital of Asia Minor, 200 miles south of Constantinonle, is located at the far eastern end of Smyrna bay, an arm of the Mediterranean extending forty miles wind. Don't allow this string to slack- fice to the gods B. C. 362. How the inland. Mountains, almost bare of en too much until it loses its strength. spot has been identified is not ex- foliage, tower above the city on the

To prevent the manufacture of bogus recommendations of servants in Germany every servant is obliged to keep We can keep all these keys in har- be closed only by the sacrifice of Rome's a character book, in which necessary entries of dates and character descriptions are made by the mistress or mas- to meet you, Mr. Scott. My name is ter. The servant must then take the strain under the tension we bring to claring that the state possessed no book to the nearest police station and bear on them until they quiver and greater treasure than a brave citizen in have the record dated with the official

At a recent meeting of the French Society of Authors a member suggested that the adult sons and daughters of the authors ought to be received after the regular meetings and given a chance to fall in love with each other. fered for sale by auction. It was first a He held that from such marriages British stronghold, then a Roman fort- with a literary parentage on both sides. ress and at a much later period it was a superior race of authors would result.

A new cavern rivaling in beauty the one at Luray, and Wier's Cave and the Cave of Fountains, at Shendun, Va., has been discovered in Shenandoah county, Va., near Woodstock. The discovery was made by accident. Workmen were taking limestone from a quarry at Tom Brook, and in blasting the stone the entrance to the cave the committee replied: was opened. As yet the cavern has only been explored for about 175 feet, but the portion that has been visited is filled with the most beautiful limestone formations and contains large

Erroneous impressions are in circulation as regards the leading horse raising states. One is impressed that Blue Grass State are eulogized. Yet there are fifteen states that surpass Kentucky in the number of their horses, while the average value in twenty-three states rates higher than ferent states and territories.

In the destruction by fire of the emand vegetation is simply the result o' girl in an audience at Stepney to ask that wonderful hall of audience or say it?" "There is no punishment for congratulations which was unlike any other hall in the world. It is said that the private. the Japanese in 1895 wished to remove It to Japan because of the beauty of its columns. Each of these columns was formed from the trunk of a tree. Each was over 40 feet in height and all were moided to the same exact western New York and was astonished size. No paint or varnish ever touched them. They were kept washed with clean water and then polished merely by much rubbing with soft, clean pads. the Bartenders' union had ordered a all the beautiful grain of the timber.

Almost Impossible. Jack-Why wouldn't she marry you? She loves you to distraction. I know it, because she told me so. George-She insisted on my proving that I am not already married, because she says there is a great deal of bigamy nowadays. one is married, but how the dickens

am I going to prove that I am not? Aft orator or author is never successful till be has learned to make his words smaller than his ideas.—Emer- faibutes cagularis to the consciona

FACTS IN PEW LINES WEW SHORT STORMES

o An Error In Diagnosis.

tories of railroad accidents were be ing told at Tuxedo. Spencer Trask, banker and author of New York, said: Gason Lalanne pointed out that In a crtain railway collicon one of the victims lay for a long time on his back accoss the ties. Finally two men picked aim up, carried him to the station arel placed him on the floor. " 'He'll lie easier here.' They said, 'tilk the doctor comes,'

"The doctor came a little later. 'This poor chap is done for, I'm



"THAT WAS MY GLASS EYE, YOU FOOL afraid,' he said, glancing at the protrate victim.

"Then he knelt down, lifted one of the man's closed eyelids and peered into a dull, blank, unseeing, lifeless

"Yes: he's dead all right. Take him way,' said the doctor.

"But the pale lips of the injured man moved slightly, and a feeble voice nurmured:

" "That was my glass eye, you fool!" New York Tribune.

They Shook Hands.

This story concerns John Scott, man nger of the Union Iron works, and Dave Barry, professional pugilist. Barry had obtained employment at the works, and one day he and two other employees hid themselves behind an outhouse to indulge in a quiet smoke Just as the three were in the midst of their enjoyment Scott came upon the scene. The latter took in the situation at a glance and frowned per

eptibly. Barry's companions were equal to the emergency, and at once busied themselves in carrying several pieces of iron toward the main works. Barry. however, stood his ground, and Scott frowned all the more.

"Well, young man," said Scott, "why don't you go to work?" "Oh, I will, soon," replied Barry non-

chalantly. "Do you John Scott." "Is that so?" said Barry, extending

"I'm pleased his arm to shake hands. Dave Barry. They shook hands .- San Francisco

Canceled the Order.

E. S. Lott, manager of the United States Casualty company, relates the story of a telephone message to a New York firm of horse dealers shortly before the return of the Sixty-ninth regiment from the Spanish-American war. The chairman of a committee of Irish-American citizens who were preparing to entertain the regiment telephoned asking for twenty-five pure white horses. Mr. Doerr of the firm answered that there were only fifteen white horses in the establishment, but that fifty green horses were expected the following week. Possibly some could be selected from the latter to answer the purpose. The chairman of

"Green horses, did you say? Cancel the order for the white horses and send us the fifty green horses."-New York Times.

Enough Said.

William C. Bryant recently told the story of two soldiers, one of bibulous habits and the other a steady and so-Kentucky is entitled to the lead from ber man, says the New York Times. the frequency that the horses of the The latter was promoted to be a sergeant. Upon his promotion he conceived a very exalted impression of his rank and became quite offensive in manner to his former associates. His attitude caused great resentment in the horses of the Blue Grass State. The camp. One day the bibulous soldier horses of New Jersey average \$99.28 a approached him and said, "What is the head and of New Mexico \$17.52, the punishment if the private calls the serextremes of average prices in the dif- geant a darned fool?" "He will be arrested and court martialed," responded the sergeant. "Suppose he simply peror's palace in Seoul there vanished thinks he is a darned fool and does not that." "Well let it go at that," replied

The Bar Unfair.

John W. Vrooman, former secretary of state of New York, tells the story of a clergyman who visited a hotel in afterward to receive a visit from a delegation of labor leaders, who asked him to go to some other hotel because They shone like metal and yet showed strike on that botel and the hotel had but". been declared unfair.

Drusilla-I did not see you at the Vanblunt reception last night, dear. Dorothy-No. I hoped to be able to go up to the last moment, but was pre-

vented. Drusilla (sweetly)-Yes: I know

Republic.

fund of the

"Do you consider Whiffee as house man. Konto?" "I know for morein the mont in

House," written by Beasley. In this he played the part of Simon Spatterdash, a person who indulged in odd and whimsical sayings. "Come on, as the old man said to the tight boot;" "I am down on you, as the extinguisher said to the candle;" "Let every one take care of himself, as the donkey said when dancing among the chickens," are fair illustrations of his witticisms in the course of that play, the resemblance between them and some of the sayings of Sam Weller being very marked. In private life Vale was a time were credited to him. A man of excellent temper, he had no enemies, and the good humor which pervaded every saying, together with the drollery of his manner, gave his wittleisms unusual value. His savings were called Sam Valerisms, and on the appearance of Pickwick in 1836 the character of Weller was generally recognized as a

ANXIETY.

Effects of This Form of Mental and

Physical Derangement.

of Fonch alienists at Grenoble Dr.

Onxiety is a disturbance which is ex-

pressed by the entire being. The ex-

citing causes are sometimes physica!

and sometimes pochical, and the

symptoms manifested are both phys-

ical and mental. The physical symp-

toms comprise cold feelings and chills

of the scalp and body, general lassi-

tude, inco-ordination of voluntary

movements far more apparent than

real emotional coloring of speech, and

vertigo, which is dependent upon vaso-

motor cerebral disturbances or upon

digestive troubles. In the anxious

states there are always circulatory

troubles, such as accelerated heart beat,

irregularity of the heart's action.

heightened arterial tension and cold

ness of the extremities. Respiratory

The psychical symptoms of anxiety

include various degrees of vague dread

and apprehensiveness, often taking

definite forms, in which case they are

designated as "phobias" or "obessions

of fear." weakening the capacity of at-

tention and of memory, and a tend-ency to confusion of ideas. Halluci-

nations of the senses are prone to oc-

COMEDIAN SAM VALE.

He Was the Original of Sam Weller

of Pickwick Fame.

The original of Sam Weller was Sam

Vale, an English low comedian, who,

in the early part of the last century, was

quite popular in the south of England.

In the year 1811, and for a few years

after, he made quite a reputation in the

musical farce called "The Boarding

disturbances are also present.

In a paper read before the congress

in 1848 at the age of fifty-one. Why Windmills Burned Down

portraiture of Vale. The comedian died

Of the production of fire by the fricof the old construction gave on a large scale some disastrous examples. When | clothiers. These facts, whatever may be the force of the wind increased the miller was obliged to bring each of the of the question of degeneracy. They sails in succession to the ground in order to unclothe it, but when sudden squalls came on this was impracticable, and the mill in extreme cases ran away—that is, could not be stopped.

Everything was now done to increase the grip of the wooden brake round the stamina in town and especially manuwater was poured copiously over them, but in spite of all this flames would sometimes burst out from the intense friction and the mill be probably burned down as the result. The beau tiful machinery of the modern windmill, by which the miller controls the action of the sails from the interior of the building, has reduced this danger to a minimum.-Notes and Queries.

Memory. There are 100 different varieties of nemory, and perhaps we cannot altogether choose which we will possess, though every sort, when we have the germs of it, may be cultivated. To learn anything by heart the best plan | men and forage for the horses. When is to read a sentence and repeat it all the various state departments are without a book, then read the next separately considered the total sum sentence and repeat the two, and so on. Repetition is of great importance, "line upon line." More is learned and remembered by reading through one book twice than by reading two books once. After a thing has been learned It must be recalled and gone over at intervals, or the impression will fade away.

Anemone Facts.

Naturalists have duly recorded that that if a sea anemone be divided in halves longitudinally a new animal will in time be reproduced by each half, as- than Mendelssohn could bear, and he suming the anemone is kept in pure sea water. An old zoologist relates how he watched an anemone which somehow or other had contrived to half swallow one of the valves of an oyster shell. Practically the shell struck in its gizzard and gradually cut its way down through the soft tissues of the anemone until it halved the animal as by a partition. Perfect reproduction of two anemones through the division of one was noted to be the result of this spired right; all the land and all his accident. Even a fragment or two of an anemone body left attached to its of wholly as he chooses. The popular rock may in due season reproduce a new body .- London News.

Money Thrown Away.

"So that elty-dester beload ye right regicides. smart did he Silas?" asked Mrs. Giles on her husband's return from a week's visit to a specialist in a neighboring town.

"Well, I guess he did! I'm feeling fine as a fiddle now, an' he says I won't likely have any return of it if just keep ter what he tells me." "What did he say was the matter with ye?" inquired the wife eagerly. "I forgit now what be called

"Silas," she cried, "ye don't really mean ter say ye paid out all that money an' didn't git no good of it after all!"-Exchange.

Preferred a Bird In the Hand.

"Mr. Heavyweight," said the minister, "is willing to subscribe \$10,000 for | .- Glasgow Times. the invitations were limited .- St. Leue a new church provided we can get othsubscriptions making up the same amount." . . "Yet you seem asappointed." said

> le wife. "Yes, I was in hopes he would con

Breedlyn Life

CHOICE MISCELLANY

The Centenary of a Duel,

One hundred years ago the 11th of July occurred the historic duel by which Alexander Hamilton, the brilliant statesman, lost his life at the hands of the erratic, ambitious and designing Burr. One hundred years after that sad event, which America has never ceased to deplore, it is interesting to find the city of New York buying the old Jumel mansion, at which both Hamilton and Burr were favored guests, that it may be preserved as one of the three pre-Revolutionary landmarks remaining on Manhattan Island.

At this mansion, which stands in bold prominence upon the heights overlooking the Harlem river at One Hundred and Sixtieth street, Burr lived after he married the Widow Jumel. His days there, however, were but another pathetic chapter in the life of a brilliant man who permitted his evil instincts to master and control his career. The hundred years that have intervened since the Weehawken duel have only tended to quicken the world's appreciation of the abilities of the gifted West Indian, while time has not in any degree dispelled the odium which shrouded the life and public services of Aaron Burr.-Four Track News.

Microbe of Old Age.

In a lecture on old age, delivered by Dr. Menchnikoff, the speaker expressed the opinion that senility was produced by certain physiological states which cause the beneficent species of microbes called macrophages to increase too rapidly. Then in

their turn they become injurious.

These parasites flourish in the large intestine which mammals possess, whereas in birds they are almost entirely lacking. The result was shown in the person of the doctor's own dog. which was decrepit at eighteen, while the doctor's parrot, aged seventy. appeared to the audience hale and lively. "It stands proved," said the doctor, "that senility is an infectious disease, and it should be possible to treat it like other maladies, to cure it or pre

vent it." The hope was expressed by Dr. Menchnihoff that a serum would shortly be discovered to counteract the macrophages and prolong human life; wit, and many good things in his own | meantime, says the Figure, he recommended the consumption of curdled milk .- Paris Dispatch to London Mail,

Clothing as Physical Records.

An excellent illustration of the value of records has been afforded lately regarding the question of physical degeneracy. A firm in the north of England has compared the mersurements for clothing made two generations ago with those of today, the results going to show that chest and hip measurements are now three inches on the average more than they were sixty years tion of wood against wood windmills ago. This same conclusion is reached by the experience of the ready made their generality, do not quite dispose are what we should expect from the more abundant and cheaper food of the people, their better housing and improved sanitary surroundings, but the testimony regarding the unfitness of recruits and progressive lack of great wheel on the driving shaft, and facturing populations cannot be disre-

The Cost of Leap Year.

The fact that this is a leap year carries with it an effect apt to be overlooked, which is that the annual expenses of governing the nations will be considerably increased by the inclusion of the extra day. This comes home with the greatest force to those governments which have the largest armies to feed and provide for. The French budget commission was met by the fact that the one day will add to the expenses of the war office for 1904 a sum of nearly 800,000 francs, which will be expended in rations for the runs into several millions of francs .-Detroit Free Press.

A Mendelssohn Lodging Gone.

The house has recently been torn down in which Mendelssohn lodged during his first visit to London in 1829 and on several subsequent occasions. The premises were occupied by a Mr. Heinke, an ironmonger, whose wife's English cooking greatly delighted the

composer. The efforts of a "German" band outside the house were sometimes more would have the performers dismissed with a benedictory shilling and return to one of his grand planos, of which there were two.

The very first thing the traveler learns in St. Petersburg is that in Russia the czar is everything-literally everything. His will is law, conceded as such by his subjects, by heavenly insubjects are absolutely his to dispose fancy pictures the czar as one never seen by his people save when imbedded in a phalanx of guards, thus protected from the bullets of would be

Census of an Ant Hill, A German naturalist recently made a

census of ants. He arranged an appliance that permeated an ant bill with sulphur vapors until all the inmates were dead. Then he carefully dug up the entire colony and put earth and all into a bag, which he carried to his laboratory. The sorting and counting of the ants required more than a week of steady work. He found 22,580 ants and

Painless Spanking.

Father (cutting the whip smartly through the air)-See, Tommy, how I make the horse go faster without striking him at all. Tommy-Papa, why don't you spank us children that way

An old man was passing our house one afternoon, taking exceedingly short steps. My little cousin watched him for several minutes and then said, Pibute a hundred dollars in cash."- "Mamma, doesn't he walk stingy?"-

Stingy Steps.

Exchange.