|    | **                       | **        | # | #   | 11 | #  | 11 | #  | #    |     | **  | 33 | #  | middle of the room with an impatient.<br>"Blame that possum?" and, sitting   |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|---|-----|----|----|----|----|------|-----|-----|----|----|--|
| :: |                          | N         | h | -1  | +  |    |    | By | SAM  | UEL |     |    | :: | down by the stove, was soon lost to<br>his surroundings in the beloved ex-<br>changes.                                 |
| :: |                          | V         |   |     |    |    |    |    | MINT | URN | PE  | СК | :: | The old man had laid a noble fire<br>with Jim's fuel, and in a few moments   |
| :: | B                        | se        | C | a 1 | n  | e  | 0  | f  |      |     | N   | K, | :: | bleakness fled the room. The stove<br>blushed like a rose, causing the old to-<br>mato can of water on its top to sing |
|    |                          |           |   |     |    |    |    |    |      | -   | 431 |    | :: | like a spinster's teapot. Oh, but it<br>was cozy. Could the perfume of flow-<br>ers have been substituted for the in-  |
| 12 | by San<br>Mintur<br>Peck | ruel<br>m |   |     |    | y  |    | _  | le   |     | 2   | R  | #  | describable odor of sour paste, print-<br>ers' ink and coal dust, characteristic                                       |
| :: | ::                       | ::        | # | #   | #  | :: | #  | #  | #    | #   | **  | #  | :: | of the rural sanctum, the air would<br>have been like May.<br>"This is something like living,"                         |

The impresario of the hippodrome great snake was torpid evidently and then mounted an empty whisky barrel quite harmless by reason of the cold. and, discourteously interrupting the Tom's first impulse was to kill it, colonel, offered in a loud voice a re- and he drew his knife and opened it ward of \$500 for the recovery in good with the intention to bury the long, condition of his lost attraction. Tid- keen blade in the serpent's head. Then ings in regard to the same, he said, he recollected the \$500 reward offered could be telegraphed to Meridian, by Hindfoot and how he might scoop the Argus if he secured Mary Ellen Miss.

The people then dispersed, for it was alive, and he returned the knife to his past 1 o'clock in the morning, and, as pocket. they scattered to their homes, looking | Looking about him in the cellar he carefully to their feet, they marveled found a good sized wooden box into

much by the way of what had become which he cautiously slid the snake. of Mary Ellen. No one claimed the \$500 reward, the top, and Mary Ellen was again a

Daylight brought no solution of the prisoner. mystery of Mary Ellen's whereabouts, How the snake had got into the nor were the irate Hindfoot's fears for place, he wondered, when his heart be-Colonel Badham fulfilled, for that began to beat more calmly.

A draft on his head gave him : rebleund gentleman reappeared on time at the Chronicle office next day clew, and, following it up, he discover hole in the floor. with a replenished bottle of "cough ed, by the ald of his candle, an open mixture" and the same desire to keep brickwork ventilator in the side wall posted in regard to the utterances of next to the street from which several the press. Perhaps he was a little bricks were missing, leaving an aperredder of countenance and more ture quite large enough for the anawheezy of breath after last night's conda's entrance, Fido included.

bout, but that was all. His curiosity setisfied on this point, The good people of Oakville, as one it occurred to Tom that, the fire being might suppose, longed ardently for the now extinct in the stove and the cold recovery of the lost serpent. How could rapidly increasing outside, Mary Elthey feel easy when such a ferocious lien's sleep would be far sounder in reptile was at large in their midst? the room above than in the damp cel-Had it been a lion or a tiger that had lar, which was comparatively warm. escaped they could scarcely have been So, with an effort, he removed the more anxious. Tigers and llons are cared serpent to the sanctum and readdicted to roaring and might perhaps | turned for the lightwood. When all give warning of their approach, but a was done he donned his overcoat and slimy reptile that crept on its belly cap and resolved to keep his great without making any noise louder than find a secret.

a hiss-why, it was horrible to contem-"Golly! The Argus won't be in it plate. If it always remained upon the when I work this scoop on 'em." exground one might be on guard against claimed. Tom, with ungrammatical

## TYING KNOTS IN JAPAN.

"Blame that possum!" and, sitting down by the stove, was soon lost to It Is a Serious Art, as a Mistake May Rescued From Impending Death by a Mean an Insult. his surroundings in the beloved ex-

Like the arranging of flowers, the tying of knots has been carried to the The old man had laid a noble fire

with Jim's fuel, and in a few moments point of a complex art by the Japableakness fled the room. The stove nese. There is one way-one right him not to continue his movements as cludes a plaited portion at each alter tiny half inch tubes attached to Christway, that is-to knot the cord that a spy after Lee had crossed into Virblushed like a rose, causing the old toconfines a birthday or New Year's pres- ginia, but the gallant young soldier

mato can of water on its top to sing gave no promise as to what he would like a spinster's teapot. Oh, but it ent. There is one way to tie the brocade bag of the tea jar when the lat- be likely to do, and the very first night was cozy. Could the perfume of flowter is empty and another when it is after Lee crossed the Potomac he was ers have been substituted for the infull. Not only general ignorance of again in Lee's camp and brought back describable odor of sour paste, printsocial customs but deadly insults may important information to General Mcers' ink and coal dust, characteristic

There is also an "old woman's knot."

THE PARISIAN LUNCH.

Middle of the Day.

for the strictly Parisian lunch, which

commences with "hors d'oeuvres," ap-

An egg or fish course follows, and

the various ways in which both are

be communicated by the way a knot is Clellan of the rural sanctum, the air would tied, foreigners often making dreadful have been like May.

mistakes either through not knowing Confederate lines, and when he did not "This is something like living," or from ignoring the niceties of knot report after a week it was assumed thought the colonel, as he laid down his favorite paper to take a nip from etiquette.

Hooks and eyes, buttons and buckles probably be executed as a spy. He his beloved bottle. How quiet it was! Not a sound was are unknown so far as Japanese dress had been captured, was tried and conheard but the scratching of a mouse in is concerned. They do not have much demned as a spy and sentenced to be a heap of paper in the corner of the to fasten, but what they do have they executed, but he was saved by a clever room. Even this rustling ceased as fasten with cord. That is why they the tiny creature left its nest building have carried the tying of cord so far. and pattered forth to forage for the The Japanese have hundreds of ornacrumbs fallen from Tom's lunch bas mental knots, some of them so old that

they antedate written history. ket. Retreating several times at the rattle Japanese children are taught to make interest in Palmer, as he had been his of the colonel's newspaper, it finally knots just as they are taught to write reached the center of the room and and draw. All sorts of flower and him.

Then he nailed some stout slats across the slat covered box. Sniffing a mo- animal forms are copied. There is the meat at the bottom, the mouse crept chrysanthemum knot, the iris knot, patches should be prepared for all of up the side to enter. Instinct is un- plum blossom, pine tree and cherry the Philadelphia morning papers anerring. The little creature had never blossom knots. There is a stork knot, nouncing the arrival at the capital of seen a snake, yet when it peered a turtle knot, a knot named for the Captain William J. Palmer, stating in through the first crack it gave a panic sacred mountain Fujiyama. An easy what particular lines of the enemy he stricken squeak and dashed away'to a knot is called the "old man's knot." had operated, and adding that he had

Meanwhile, with the door and windows closed, the temperature of the office had been raised by the redhot stove to summer heat. The luxurious warmth had made the colonel draw

back his chair and had gradually permeated even the chilled and torpid Mary Ellen's tropical curves till it needed but the odor of the mouse to petizers eaten with butter-the only waken her. At the little animal's terrified squeak the anaconda blinked her table.

eyes in the growing consciousness of her three months' fast [TO BE CONTINUED.]

finally solved the riddle by suggesting

that cross pleces of timber be placed

along the roof of the canal, which was

very low, and men could lie on their

backs on top of the loaded barges and

'kick' the vessel along. After the barge

DUTCH SUPERSTITIONS.

If the fire goes out on New Years eve

If you walk backward, the errand

To prevent cramp wear an celskin

couble is foreboded.

feasible.

ORIGIN OF "KICKERS." Supposed to Come From an Occupa-

tion In Cornish Mines. cooked would also fill a volume. Next "I believe that the origin of the expressive bit of slang 'klekors' may be or veal-accompanied by one vegetable found in the very lowest form of occu- or a salad. If a vegetable, the salad

# A SPY'S CLOSE CALL.

### The Fashionable Skirt. Clever Newspaper Ruse.

Many gored skirts of all sorts are On the battlefield of Antietam Mr. greatly in vogue and take numberless Met'lure met General William J. Palmer, then a captain, and strongly urged

WOMAN AND FASHION



#### NINE GORED SELECT.

nate gore that gives flare and fullness. The model is made of champagne colored taffeta, with banding of silk braid and trimming of ecru lace medallions, but the design is suited to very nearly the entire list of seasonable fabrics, linen, cotton and wool as well as silk. The quantity of material required for the medium size is nine yards twenty- point by attaching it to a steam pipe one inches wide, five yards forty-four inches wide or four and one-half yards Scratches are made on the tube at fifty-two inches wide, with five yards the points reached by the merof braid and twenty-one medallions to cury under these two tests, and the trim, as illustrated.

#### Concerning Boleros.

Some are square. Others boast dips. Sheer ones are lace trimmed. They show the underblouse. Some are in tucked mousseline. Most of them dip toward the front, coming almost to the waist line. Some have plaited sleeves, half short and left flowing. Or a sleeve may be gathered into a smart cuff with friils of lace.

ulate a collar or a yoke. Some sort of dingle dangles yet serve testing them from time to time -- New to fasten it at the front. Good designers find no difficulty in treating a bolero in harmony with the skirt.

### THERMOMETERS.

#### The Bulbs, the Tubes and the Marking of the Degrees.

There are many different uses for forms and varieties. This one is onite thermometers and as many different novel and eminently graceful and in- styles as uses. They range from the mas calendars to the enormous twelve foot instruments used in experimental work by meteorologists.

Perhaps the most difficult part of the manufacture of thermometers is that of fitting the tube with a bulb of exactly the right capacity. The size of the latter must have an exact relation to that of the former. If it is too arge for the bore the mercury or colored alcohol, whichever is used, will not rise high enough in the tube; if too small, it will rise too high. In the little clinical thermometer on whose story the physician depends so often for his decision the bore is so fine that a human hair can hardly be inserted. As these thermometers must be regulated to record minutely the temperature, the person on whose judgment depends the size of the bulb to be attached must be a highly skilled workman. The men who do this part of the work have to be highly paid.

The marking of the degrees on the hollow tube is the step next in importance in the making of the little curse and blessing. The process is so simple that one can prove the accuracy of a thermometer for one's self by the same method. The freezing point s secured by immersing the bulb in a box of melting ice and the boiling or immersing it in boiling water. space between is then marked off into 100 spaces for a centigrade thermometer and 180 for a Fahrenheit Instrument, the marking beginning in the first instance at zero and in the second at 32. This makes the boiling point in one case 100 and in the other 212 degrees. Thermometers are apt to deteriorate in value as they age, owing to a contraction of the glass of the bulb. The amount of the error can be determined by immersing the bulb in melting ice and making a mark for the new freezing point. To insure the Usually the bolero is trimmed to sim- accuracy of thermometers the manufacturers usually store them for a year, York Tribune.

brought much important information that could not be given to the public at that time. These dispatches ap peared next morning in all the Phila-

A Substantial Meal Served In the delphia papers, prominently displayed, and of course reached the southern lines within forty-eight hours. Noon or 12:30 is the universal hour

The result was that Captain Palmer's identity was never established in Richmond, and his execution was thus sustime butter is ever served on a French pended. In a little while, when some prisoners had been exchanged, there The endless variety of "hors d'oeu- was a vacancy made in the list of the vres" would fill a volume-sardines, exchanged men by death. Palmer's shrimps, olives, radishes. Tiny salads friends had him take the place and of every description are included among name of the dead soldier, and he thus escaped and returned to the service.

ODD FACTS ABOUT COLOR. the meat is served-beef, mutton, lamb One of Them Is That There Is No

Food That Is Blue. Did you ever notice that there is no

thig not knowing when he might not be crushed and swallowed in the top of the tree by the horrible monster?

Popular fear was not lessened when it became known that Fido, the pet pug of Miss Nancy Mayberry, had nev- Bodham to miss a day at the Chronicle er been seen since the eventful night, office, but on Jim Evans' wedding morn Of course Mary Ellen had eaten him, the snow and cold kept him at his Hindfoot had foretold that something home in the suburbs.

the would be swallowed before day. was terror stricken.

Great was the relief given by a paragraph in the Chronicle, stating that as forth to replenish his bottle and learn announdas ate but once in three months what had transpired in the political Fido's death would secure immunity world since the preceding day. for that period, and before the time was up the reptile would probably be bright light beauing from the Chron-Tound.

At this the people quieted down, and some one remarked - not in Miss Mayberry's hearing that since "something live" had to do the Quintus Curtius act and save the city by leaping into the yawning gulf of Mary Ellien's interior, fate had chosen wisely in offering up Miss Nancy's pudgy pet.

Meantime the Chronicle had prospered beyond Evans' dearest hopes, and he asked Jennie Hamlin to set the day, and, with a blush, she had named the 14th of February.

"Why not the 14th of January?" ask ed the impatient Jim.

"Beenuse the 14th of February is St. Valentine's day, when the birds mate." "And the daffodils bloom," added Jim. "We'll have a daffodil wedding." said the happy fellow.

But it was not to be. Nothing is more capricious than an Alabama winter. Valentine's day arrived, and with it the coldest weather of the year. It snewed in \* morning, and in the afternoon it s colder and colder. The absoluce of the pretty yellow flowers, however, was a small disappointment to fin, for no cold could freeze the daffedli gold in his little bride's hair. Tom had requested the privilege of doing the wedding "copy" for the Chiomicle, and Jim consented. The two worked all day on the paper till 4 o'clock. Then Jim struck work and went to buy his license. The wedding would be at 8, and he told Tom he in ght also quit work, but the boy remained to fill up his galley-a few

After working a few minutes his fingers became numb. The fire had got low, and as he warmed his hands at

sticks would do it.

the creature, but anacondas were also pride. "And how tickled Jim 'll be arboreal in their habits and often has We'll get the \$500 reward. Great Scott' send so to speak, their prev from trees, I never expected to make such a raise Oakville was full of umbrageous water as that in ten minutes without any oaks. They fairly lined its streets and capital. Jiminy Crickets, but it knocks were the city's boast. Henceforth the the socks off then Wall street fellows!" prale of the town would become coigns | And, overcome by extravagant joy, of terror. Even the cause of religion the boy danced the double shuffle in the would suffer, for who would dare to at- middle of the sanctum and then hurtend Thursday evening prayer meet ried away to dress for the wedding, siamming the door behind him and be lifted from his feet into the air to leaving the lang still burning in the oblivion of his give and the office door unlocked.

> . . . . . . . It was a rare occurrence for Colonel were circumstances which made steam

The day had been very dull. Toward Who would be the next? The town nightfail he could stand it no longer. and with clearing weather, despite the violent wind and great cold, he set was once started this was found to be

> A bottle newly filled at Biggs', a iele window and a table full of ex-



changes in prospect combined to make the old politician unusually cheerful as hard to live with. he approached the office, scarce five minutes after Tom's exit. But his good humor changed to irritation on entering the door. "It's cold," said the colonel,

He went to the stove.

pation any member of the human race follows as a separate course with fowl, blue food? We eat things green, red, game or cold meat of some kind. If a yellow and violet; flesh, fish or plants follows," W. M. Robinson states. salad is the accessory for the meat then in all the colors of the rainbow except "Between Wormsley's and St. Helen's,

them.

in Cornwall, is an underground canal some vegetable comes after it as a blue, single course preceding the cheese-Many deadly poisons are blue in col connecting the lower levels of the coal mines at Woransley's with the surface or, such as bluestone or the deadly never omitted-and which with fruit nightshade flower. The color stands in station at St. Helen's which saves a of some kind forms the dessert. Beour slang for everything miserable and great deal of money for the mine tween the salad and cheese course a

sweet dish, an "entremet," consisting depressing. owners in handling the coal, which is simply loaded on the barges in the of a custard, cream, tart or the like, is queer facts about colors. often served, but cheese and fruit are mines and transported by the canal usually allowed the honors of the ordinary average luncheon dessert topped ing violently one against another. off with a good cup of coffee and a tiny

# A PLAGUE RELIC.

#### impossible, but an inventive genius The London Gazette Was One Result of the Great Epidemic.

A curious relic of the great plague survives still in the London Gazette. During the epidemic the autumn session of parliament was held at Oxford from Oct. 9 to 31, 1665, and Charles II. and his court went there to attend

the session and to escape infection. The men could easily keep the load As it was essential that London in motion by the means suggested, and should be kept informed of the proit has ever since been in use. There ceedings, the king started an official is no question about the low grade of journal, entitled the Oxford Gazette, this sort of work, and even the men the first number of which appeared who follow it are constantly 'kicking' on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1665. It conaround the villages where they live tained an account of what had been They were known at the mines officialdone in the way of appointments and ly as 'kickers' because of their work. gave some items of court news. About and their vocal complaints, continually two months later the publication was indulged in, caused every one at transferred to the metropolis as the Wormsley's or St. Helen's, no matter London Gazette. what their station or employment, who

The first Oxford issue does not ap pear to have reached London until Nov. 22, at least Pepys records under that date, very characteristically: "This day the first of the Oxford Gazettes come out; very pretty, full of news, and no folly in it. Wrote by Williamson. It pleased me to have it demonstrated that a purser without

professed cheating is a professed loser twice as much as he gets."

#### His Wish.

A wicked story is told about two partners who respected each other's busi ness ability, but who hated each other

Temper.

To cure warts rub a black snail over cordially. To one of them came a fairy them, but the snall must afterward be saying that he could have any boon he desired and whatever he had his partimpaled on a rose thorn.

ner should have in double portion. Nat-The first person to enter your house urally his first wish was for a barrel of on New Year's day will, if he be light money. "All right," said the fairy, haired, bring bad luck to you; if dark "but your partner will get two barrels on that wish." "Stop a little," said the To test your sweetheart's humor make him stir the fire. If he stirs it first. "Perhaps you'd better not give me a barrel of money. I'd rather you to a hearty blaze he is good humored. would make me totally blind in one If he makes it smoke and fade he is

eye." If a lock of your hair burns bright and long you will have a happy life of A great source of cruelty is temper. When it is considered what a vast sum

how many homes are darkened and

seventy years or more, but if it burns of misery temper causes in the world,

weakly and soon goes out your life will be both sad and short.

under the mountains to the harbor at St. Helen's. When the canal was devised, however, how to provide for locomotion for these barges was a prob- ginss of some liqueur.-What to Eat. "Mules couldn't be used, and there

Presently the surrounding ether is set in motion in large, slow waves through the air, like the waves of the sea, until they break upon our skin and give us the sensation of heat. As the iron gets

hotter other waves are set in motion in immense numbers, traveling at more than lightning speed, and these break upon the eye, giving us the sensation of red light.

The redhot iron, getting still more heated, throws out other sets of waves, still smaller and more rapid-orange, yellow, green, blue, Indigo, violet, all the colors of the rainbow. The eye cannot tell one from another; the whole bundle of rays mixed up gives us an impression of white. That is the glow from white hot iron, and such is the light from the still greater brightness of the sun. Sunlight is a bundle of rays of light-red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet all mixed together. The mixture of all colors is white light. The absence of all color is utter darkness. New York Journal

How Sea Birds Get a Drink. "When I was a cabin boy," said an elderly sallor, "I often used to wonder, seein' birds thousands of miles out to sea, what they done for fresh water when they got thirsty.

"One day a squall answered that question for me. It was a hot and glitterin' day in the troples, and in the clear sky overhead a black rain cloud appeared all of a sudden. Then out of the empty space over a hundred sea birds came dartin' from every direction. They got under the rain cloud and they waited there for about ten minutes, circiin' round and round, and when the rain began to fall they drank their fill.

"In the tropics, where the great sea birds sail thousands of miles away from shore, they get their drinkin' water in that way. They smell out a storm a long way off; they travel a hundred miles, maybe, to get under it, and they swallow enough raindrops to keep them goin'."-Portland Oregonlan.

Oxford Training.

The average citizen, if asked what was taught at Oxford, would probably reply, "Useless learning." And in

and batiste are worn under the bolero.

Trimming For Linen Gowns.

But this is only one of a thousand Heat a bar of iron and the particles of the metal are set in motion, shaklace laid down the front of the walst, among the advocates of this doctrine. attractive, and the rest of the waist diet apart from the use of flesh; may be quite severe or laid in narrow the box plaits running down almost to the knees, with the wide flare from

there. Embroidered linen gowns are in the Second Georgic at the close of a exceedingly smart.

#### Washable Silk Walst.

Washable silks appear to add to their variety each year and are to be counted among the satisfactory materials for waists and for simple gowns. This very charming blouse shows the material in white dotted with black, trim-



colors, with a chemisette of inserted dying deck." It is just possible that muslin tucking and frills of snowflake this may be the real origin of the lace. The surplice effect is always a phrase, as it refers to the sinking of a desirable one and in this instance is ship during a thunderstorm, and deck . combined with the fashionable droop- may have been carelessly recast as ing shoulders and wide full sleeves. duck .- London Answers. To make the waist for a woman of medium size will be required four and a half yards of material twenty-one, three and a half yards twenty-seven or | They Date Back to the Time of Hero

two and a quarter yards forty-four

# VEGETARIANISM.

#### Sheerest blouses of net, lace, mull A Theory That Has Been Maintained From the Earliest Days.

From the earliest days vegetarians have maintained that fruit and vege-Morning gowns of white or colored tables are the proper food for mankind, linen may be simply made with white and in ancient times such leaders of collar and cuffs of embroidery or lace thought as Plato, Pythagoras, Empeand perhaps two or more bands of the docles and Plutarch can be counted Fine tucks may be run between each | It is in this connection that we find band. Small segare lace yokes are also Virgil singing the praises of a natural

Soft chestnuts we possess box plaits. The skirt may then have And apples ripe, with store of curdled cream.

Still more to the point are his words vivid description of the joys of a golden age:

Before the reign Of the Dietcean king, before the days

When on slain bullocks fed an impious TRCP.

This further rendering from Latin poetry proclaims the same primeval teaching;

Forbear, O mortals, to taint your bodies with forbidden food.

Earth is lavish of her riches and teems with kindly stores,

Providing without slaughter or bloodshed all deficacies.

# DUCKS AND THUNDER.

#### The Possible Origin of an Ancient English Expression.

The phrase, "like a dying duck in a thunderstorm," probably originated in the peculiar susceptibility exhibited by these birds to electrical disturbances. They hang their heads at such times and turn up their eyes in the most comically pathetic fashion, giving a faint die away quack now and again, as though they had quite made up their minds that their last hour had come, but were resigned. They are thus precisely typical of people whose submission, more or less forced, is made mainly with an eye to effect.

This susceptibility seems to be inherent in ducks, for their eggs in course of hatching are spoiled by a thunderstorm when hens' eggs escape.

It is worth noting in this connection that Shakespeare in "Timon of Athens" med with banding in dull Persian says, "We, poor mates, stand on this

# MARINE TURBINES.

of Alexandria.

| <ul> <li>the slove it occurred to him to go down<br/>in the cellar and bring up coal and kin<br/>dling for the next morning's fire. He<br/>lifted the trapdoor and descended with<br/>the cellar, for night was coming on rap-<br/>idly outside, but he managed to fill his<br/>backet.</li> <li>When he returned to the cellar for<br/>the light wood he brought a lighted<br/>candle, but as he descended the steps<br/>a gust of wind extinguished it. With<br/>an impatient exclamation, he went on,<br/>still holding the unlighted candle in his<br/>hand.</li> <li>The kindling was in the farthest part<br/>of the cellar next the street. Groping<br/>along in the darkness and feeling<br/>around with bent body for the light<br/>wood, he suddenly detected a peculiar<br/>and unpleasant odor. The next mo-<br/>ment his right foot came in contact<br/>with an elastic substance that give</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>in mereased disgust, by the coud</li> <li>whose bituminous coals had all</li> <li>gray.</li> <li>i remember; it's Evans' wedding</li> <li>"J</li> <li>"with a grunt. "Evans is a fool.</li> <li>fom's crazy. Bucky I came, or</li> <li>ause might have burned up."</li> <li>colonel had received an invita-</li> <li>and had intended to be present,</li> <li>a had quite forgotten the wed-</li> <li>brid the booked at his watch. Half</li> <li>i It was too late and too cold to</li> <li>me now and don a wedding gar-</li> <li>Moreover, the unread newspa-</li> <li>ooked very tempting, and as his</li> <li>fell upon Tom's lightwood and</li> <li>and spend a cozy evening.</li> <li>change in the interior of a room</li> <li>ts the attention of a daily vis-</li> </ul> | The wearied flat hunter pushed long<br>nd persistently at the futton labeled<br>Janitor." The house bore a sign stat-<br>ing that there were apartments to rent.<br>The janitor was evidently absent from<br>is post of duty, as there was no<br>esponse to her repeated ringing.<br>Disheartened, the seeker for a home<br>was opened from the inside and a<br>right faced boy of about seven years<br>was disclosed. He looked wonderingly<br>t the visitor, who asked:<br>"What kind of an apartment is there<br>or rent here?"<br>A look of mingled disgust and scorn<br>lowly overspread the youngster's face.<br>Is surveyed the questioner from head<br>o foot and finally said with an ag-<br>rieved air:<br>"Say, I ain't the janitor."New York<br>ress. | tions have not even the purifying con-<br>sequences of most other calamities, in<br>asmuch as its effects upon its innocent<br>victims are rather cankerous than me-<br>dicinal; when we call to mind that a<br>bright face and a bright disposition<br>are like sunshine in a house, and a<br>gloomy, lowering countenance as de-<br>pressing as an Arctic night, we must<br>acknowledge that temper itself is only<br>another form of crueity, and a very bad<br>form too.<br><b>A Family Problem.</b><br>Teacher was explaining the meaning<br>of the word recuperate.<br>"Now, Willie," she said, "If your<br>father worked hard all day he would<br>be tired and all worn out, wouldn't<br>he?"<br>"Yes'm."<br>"Then when night comes and his | lawyers and merchants, ready made,<br>but men with carefully trained minds,<br>fitted not for this or that profession | The Fantastic Stocking.<br>Birds, butterflies and daintily em-<br>broidered sprays of flowers are the fa-<br>vorite adornment for fine stockings.<br>Small bunches around the ankles and<br>trails of foliage on the sides wind<br>among insets of lace decorating the<br>instep. Shot silk hosiery, if it har-<br>monizes with the gown, is la mode for<br>morning wear.<br>About Laces.<br>The new method of combining both<br>thin and heavy lace with fine swiss<br>or hand embroidery on sheer linen is<br>one of the prettlest concelts now in<br>vogue. | tion low in the hull of the machinery<br>gives great stability and in men-of-war<br>makes better protection possible and<br>affords facilities in maneuvering.<br>The practical advantages of turbines<br>are many. They reduce the oil bill con-<br>siderably and while they occupy less<br>floor and cubic space are simple in con-<br>struction and operation.<br>In a turbine there is nothing to wear<br>out. The only parts subjected to fric-<br>tion are the bearings at the extremitles<br>of the spindle, but these run in oil and<br>after years of constant service show no<br>wear. Parsons' turbine plants of 400<br>horsepower and 1,800 horsepower, |
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| the object with his hand and instinct. Our gas  | rs in the hills where dwelt the   |   | work is over for the day, what does he do?"  | A Simple Question.<br>"May a man marry his widow's sis-   | "Your income dies with you, does it  |   |
| eracker   | er whites often paid their dues in de   | ear, I think we have a pretty good  | "That's what ma wants to know."-   | ter?" was a question I heard put to a   | not?"<br>"Certainly."  | Concentration.<br>The weakest living creature, by con-  |
| to stop beating. A dreadful suspicion the pro-<br>floated through his brain, and drawing tributes   | coduce of the country. Potatoes, co<br>s, fruit, and even game, all con- Be   | ook? How does she strike you? Mrs.<br>Renedict-For more wages about once  | Cleveland Leader.  | prominent lawyer.<br>"Certainly he may," was the reply  | "Then don't."-Houston Post.  | centrating his powers on a single ob-   |
| the transition has been been been been been been been bee   | or right time to time to the H  | weekIllustrated Bits.   | His Point of View.<br>"What is your idea of a truly good   | without a moment's hesitation. Then   |  | ject, can accomplish something. The<br>strongest, by disposing of his over-   |
| dle. the set  | icle's exchequer. The first time  | Her Query.  | wife?" asked the youth.  | the lawyer had another think coming   | "I told you it wouldn't do to invite   | many, may fail to accomplish anything.  |
| It was the anaconda!<br>At first the boy was almost para-<br>had cor  | ontained a live opossum, and now  |   | "A truly good wife," answered the  |   |  | The drop, by continually falling, bores<br>its passage through the hardest rock.  |
|   | posed that it held another. Con- pla  | ant in full flower. Lady-How very steresting! And how long will it be   | Cumminsville sage, "is one who loves<br>her husband and her country, but   | goes hunting trouble it hasn't one  | "Why, what happened?"  | The hasty torrent rushes over it with   |
| the could scarcely stand. But as the sequent<br>reptile did not move he gradually how will  |   | efore the cigars are rive?-New  | doesn't attempt to run either."-Phila-   | chance in a thousand of escaping him.   | "She whipped Willie this morning."-  | hideous uproar and leaves no trace be-  |
| reptile did not move he graduany<br>gained command of himself. The box wi   | ith his foot behind him into the Yo   | orker.  |  | Cincinnati Times-Star.  | Cleveland Plain Dealer.  | hindCarlyle.  |