THE POWDER WORKED.

of a Success.

A certain inventor once hit upon the bappy device of desiccating eggs. He wanted an omelet or a scramble was to drop a pinch of the powder into water A tenspoor of the stuff would swell to fill a quart tin, and half a cupmaking himself known to a great man moves armies by the crooking of finger, so to speak. The great man was delighted with the desiccated egg scheme, and a box of the powder was sent to him so that he might try it on the army. Fate, however, decreed lay open on the great man's study ta ble, and there the dog nosed it out. He licked up the powder, an amount of it that forty conscientious hens could not replace with a month's hard labor, and he liked the taste of it. It made him thirsty, however, and he swallowed nearly a gallon of water to sesuage that thirst. The powder im mediately began to do what it was expected to do when water struck it, that unhappy dog swelled up and swelled up till his seams gave way. Just forward of the port beam he oprang a leak. This is a perfectly true story. The poor dog actually burst. That particular invention has never been recommended to the war office .-Washington Post.

VULCANO'S VOLCANO.

A Satural Weather Prophet and Infallible at That.

As a natural weather prophet, and infallible at that, the volcano on the is land of Vulcano, twelve miles north of Sicily, in the Mediterranean, is believed to hold the record. The following is from an account of a dinner given by the Geographical Council Club of England in 1893: "Captal Wharton, the hydrographer to the admiralty, told how he had once an chored in very deep water on the east side of Vulcano, the southernmost of Englishman who lived on the island and was in charge of some borax works. 'But,' said the man, 'there is not the remotest chance of the wind going around to the east without full 'What warning?' asked the 'Oh,' was the rejoinder, 'the cano. A "fumarone" always emits a whistling sound before the east wind begins to blow.' Shortly after this Wharton was looking at Strabo and, to his astonishment, found that that writer mentions the fact. The Englishman had never heard of Strabo in

"Look around during your next exploration of Chinatown," says a close observer, "and see if you can find any Chinaman with a gray cue. I have seen gray haired Chinamen all right and one or two with fuzz on their faces which might by courtesy be of the end of it being composed of black braid.

"I have always suspected that there was more or less false hair about it. too; but that is of course a matter that cannot be determined by casual inspection. Such Chinamen as I have seen with gray hair have had black cues. It may be, however, that the ends of the cue, instead of being false, are dyed."-Philadelphia Record.

Southern Manchuria. The St. James' Gazette says: "The rainy season in southern Manchuria is not so bad as it has been represented to be. Residents of long experience there are not many consecutive days in which torrential rains are experienced When a really heavy downpour of rain of some hours' duration occurs it is almost invariably followed by three or four weeks of splendid, dry, bracing mate in the world than that of south the shade is seldom above 88 degrees.

The Curse of Money.

A negro was arrested for stealing. He had been caught helping himself to the contents of the cash drawer in the store of a Mr. Appleton. The magbrought knew him and was much sur- ered. prized to learn the charge against the prisoner. Looking at the negro earnestly, he said: "Sam I'm sorry to There's a curse on it.'

'Well, jedge," replied the prisoner "I didn't know Mistah Appleton stole det money. I couldn't tell dat by jest body plain, even to homeliness, but stomach." lookin' at it."-Harper's Weekly.

Mode a Lock For the Key.

attached to the door of Temple church in Fleet street, London. The key weight seven pounds, is eighteen inchnot made for the lock. On the contraey, the lock was made for it. Both key ballt by the Knights Templars in 1485. -London Standard.

Cweet Women's Way.

evet Maid-You must remen that ours was a summer engagement The Mas-That means if you see any one you like better you'll break it. "Yee.

"And if I see any one I like better"-"Ill one you for breach of promise. -Boston Traveler.

turned dozens and dozens of eggs into denizens of the flowery kingdom, I religious services. No more will they a powder that you might carry in a think the exquisite orchids must claim be compelled to "mind the baby" to old box. All you had to do when you first position. They are bothouse plants give their wives an opportunity of at ful would be enough for the meal of a conservatory has the proud distinction the assistance of Mrs. Thomas A. Edicompany on the march. Now, this in- of having the finest collection on the son, who is one of the strongest lieutenventor by diligent effort succeeded in Pacific Coast. They have numerous ants and most enthusiastic workers in in a European country, a man who ture of this one little torrid spot in San and the answer to the much vexed that it should be tried on the dog. It of flowers repays you for the few mo- Mrs. Edison relates many touching in- the station as you alight from the and before the eyes of the great man breezes that sweep San Francisco clear once to find some way to remove the prototypes. with mosses, the right kind of earth. a failure of it.

ly displayed at a Boston flower show the Lipari isles, but that he had kept on this new creation in the orchid home are repressing their joy most less jumble of sounds than ever to our up steam with the intention of being family. The "Cradle of Venus" is said effectively. off immediately if the wind changed to to be perfectly lovely. It is oddly the east. He mentioned this to an shaped like an old-fashioned cradle, with the same old-style covering at the in the interior and wants to know if ed facade can be seen clearly reflected head of the cradle and a boat-shaped figured vails are to be worn the coming in the cool, smooth waters of the neighbody. Instead of the form of a baby fall season. They are, "Bobolink," boring canal, a dignified old pile, built being seen inside, however, the throat and some of tham are very much figof the orchid was a perfect representa- ured. On some of the newest vails a growing importance of Dutch cheeses, tion of a little bird, some of the admir-ers going so far as to say it was that of edge about three inches and maker. Alkmaar having in that year received its "right to weigh" from William of volcano always warns us!" "The vol- ers going so far as to say it was that of edge about three inches and makes Orange, and thus every cheese changcano! said Wharton. 'Yes, the vol- a robin. Bird and cradle were both of quite an effective mask. Bright col- ing hands from that date onward havpale yellow. The eyes of the bird were ored vails are as much in vogue as ever. ing passed from the producer to the dark brown. The rest of the orchids on In fact, this is a season of vails and dealer across the Alkmaar scales. The paled into insignificance beside the whether it is over the face or merely "Cradle of Venus." One of the most draped about the hat, etc. beautiful varieties in the orchid famhis life. Strabo died as an old man ily, though not new, is the one showabout 25 A. D., so that this excellent ing a perfect little dove in the heart of 'fumarone' must have been giving its the flower. I have forgotten the name, warnings well nigh 2,000 years at but any well-posted florist can tell you when you get ready to have that minhappy home. It will be a constant Tennessee line, in Letcher county, and signified the hour of noon by breaking

called beards, but a gray cue never. A are like people. There is the wealthy teeth in her neck and shoulder, lacer- the coming transactions have probably good deal of the average cue is all aristocratic woman, raised in the lap ating her flesh, while with its claws it make believe anyway, several inches of luxury, waited upon, petted, and tore her clothing to shreds. The little and womanly character when the tide recover. of prosperity turns. You feel her presence even after she is gone and the world is better for her having lived. state that while there are days in her presence known by kindly acts and between highwater and lowwater marks cows, green meadows and buttercups which heavy falls of rain take place her sunny disposition will make the selecting this peculiar situation, it is and a disinclination to coming bondage and help them on by their own cheer- prevents the waters from coming in by hands soon pounce upon and gather lovable women remind Polly of violets. water-tight, but enough air is inclosed and they are swiftly carried out to ern Manchuria. The temperature in They flourish and give you a wealth of when the web is stretched to last the sweet fragrance under cultivation, take spider until the tide recedes. the care and attention away, and still they will not fail you, but send forth the odorous flowers as long as there is life. The fragrance lingers in the icle that most of the children taken to blossoms long after their beauty has the hospitals there need milk rather fact that no less than 5,000,000 pounds Strate before whom the negro was gone and the petals are dried and with- than medicine, and that "milk dispen-

see you here. Didn't you know that mignonette. The former are like creations of the physical ills of the poorer tures without a soul, beautiful to look upon and of a cold and arrogant na- cent of whom, an authority has said, ture. The mignonette is like a little with so sweet a disposition and noble in character that you forget all about their plainness. Wherever they go An old and curious key and lock are they find a welcome, and a warm one map of the earth has been carved in so long, and, unlike other keys, it was people who rise above the small things overlooking the sea and is visible for and lock have been in use since the are hopeful natures and believe that surfaces, such as the oceans, lakes and crusades, the church itself having been the future is filled with golden prom- deserts, are decorated with Scriptural ises always about to be realized. They texts, which are supposed to apply es are the southowers, ambitious to rise pecially to the locality they occupy. above their surroundings. Just think of this subject—people resembling flowter and habits resemble the flowers you than mountain climbing. are familiar with in every day life.

Edison, the wife of the great inventor, islation."

the men in the Methodist Church of Orange, by her interest in their spirit ual welfare. After long contemplation nd a final determination to do or die for the ke of mankind of this particular church, she has deliberately swept away the excuse they have taken ad-Of all the dainty, aristocratic little vantage of for remaining away from in this section of the world and need tending to their own spiritual needs, almost as much careful attention as the for the Rev. Frank MacDaniel, pastor incubator babies. Golden Gate Park of the Orange Methodist Church, with rarieties that flourish in the temperathe church, has solved the problem Francisco. It almost takes your breath question is, let a church nursery be eswhen you step from the clear, fresh, tablished. Hereafter the babies will be bracing atmosphere into the home of brought to church. The parents will the orchids in the conservatory, but leave them in a room down stairs with the sight of the plants and their wealth volunteer nurses, who will amuse them. ments spent in this close atmosphere. cidents of how men all through the train; they dispute the right of way be possible it will be only a short time be fact, this food which secured to the You breathe one long sigh of relief as week were too busy or too tired to help tween the rows of narrow, many colyou step into the open air and forget to attend the baby have borne up unthat you have been fairly smothering in der the burden on Sundays and have the heat and stiffing odors of growing almost cheerfully bidden their wives to plants that crave just such heat and go to church without them. The regmust have it to flourish in their new ular church-goers missed these selfhome. The memory of the orchids reddenying men from the ranks of the feeling soon vanishes in the ocean their absence was given set about at accustomed stomach as their leaden of malaria and pestilences. Everybody barriers that kept part of the members can grow orchids, but they must be at home. With Mrs. Edison originated planted in a class case and the loam the idea of the nursery, and she exprepared especially for them and at- plained her views of remedying the ended to carefully, for they will not evil to Mr. MacDaniel, who fell in with stand neglect. Before launching forth the idea at once and became an enthuinto cultivating orchids you should siastic worker in the cause. They laid trade with both parties. Across those consult your florist and get him to pre- the plan before a number of young rounded bridges peculiar to Holland pare the little orchid incubator for you, women of the church who at once come shouls of peasant folk in pic-A new and dainty orehid was recent- fant mind, and fitted up a general nursery in a room down stairs, and then the hardest featured dame well up in and was called "Anguloa Clawesti," or the minister, Mr. MacDonald, and years? On they come-clatter, clatter, the "Cradle of Venus." Horticultural nounced the good tidings from the pul- clatter, voluble with their guttural flu-Hall, where the exhibition took place, pit. It knocked the props completely ency we somehow feel we ought to unwas filled with a wealth of rare and from under the excuses of the longbeautiful blossoms, but every flower suffering men for staying away from familiar sound, but its very kinship to lover lingered at the "Cradle of Ve- divine service, and it is reported that nus," lavishing expressions of delight the men who have heretofore stayed at weigh hoouse becomes a more hope-

has called down the lasting thanks of

BRIEF REVIEW.

Woman vs. Wildcat.

A Mount Sterling, Ky., woman was tackled by a wildcat. With only her dog to assist her, Mrs. Martha Miller another charming spot in your own had a battle for life. She lives near the source of delight and will well repay was walking along the pike when the forth in melody, generally from some Do you ever think how much plants it vigorously, but the cat buried its though, "unofficially," both parties to every wish gratified. She would sink dog came to her defense, but she fell exunder adversity and go into a decline, hausted, her screams for help not being doors, the time honored ceremony is for every faculty to take care of herself heard. After she fell the cat and dog gone through and the ticket stating has been stunted. A perfectly helpless continued the fight. The cat was the correct weight of each given, after being out of her own atmosphere, she weakened by the blows from her club which act the money changes hands. belongs to the orchid family. There and the dog finally obtained a throat It is a study in temperament, this are the true, noble women of the land grip and held on until the cat was dead. who never lose the sweet refinement Mrs. Miller was badly injured, but will

Spider Builds Water-Tight Web.

An English naturalist has discovered Wherever she may be placed she will ered a new and interesting species of make the best of the surroundings, will spider in Australia. It lives in the hither and thither, possibly resulting retain her dignity and grace, will make crevices of the rocks along the seashore way easier for those of a less hopeful believed, because it finds there the food nature, who would sink by the wayside that it likes best. Of course, its home if there was not some one to encourage is submerged when the tide is in, but it fulness and a dispositon to make the weaving a sheet of silk across the en- up the stock, of which each single best of everything. These hopeful, trance. The web is air-tight as well as

Stomach Never Full.

It is remarked by the London Chron saries" would be a useful branch of hospital service. Semi-starvation, compli-In striking contrast is the waxen cated in many cases by alcohol and beauty of the camilias and fragrant tobacco, it says, is at the bottom of classes of the English people, 30 per "never know what it is to have a full

Globe On His Estate.

A great globe ornamented with the at that. Everybody is their friend and stone to decorate the estate of an eccenwants them around. These are the tric Englishman at Swanage. It stands of earth, cheerful and happy, and turn | quite a distance. One may walk about a smiling face toward the sun. They it and study it in detail. The plain

An Austrian physician, Dr. F. Mue! ers-some time and you will find how ler, has made experiments which denmany of your friends in looks, charac- onstrate that swimming is harder work

The Chinese have a proverb that "the Polly has been wondering if Mrs. fall of a nation is preceded by over-leg

QUAINT ALKMAAR AND ITS ANCIENT WEIGH HOUSE SCALES.

Town In Northern Holland Which For Over Two Hundred Years Has Had the "Rights to Weigh" Every Cheese Made In the Realm.

Though Eldam, on the Zuyder Zee we know as "Dutch cheeses," which are instinctively associated with in- breath that drowns people. digestion, yet it is Alkmaar, in northern Holland, that conduces to the weekwill have speedily come to understand For the Dutch cheese producer, indeed, "all roads" may be said to lead to Alkmaar, likewise all waterways, ored and curiously gabled houses; they stand in solid stacks upon the landing stages-heaped up like cannon balls in that the bather, lying full length, can

ment and, if 'twere not libelous to will bring back all the old frightening breathe aught savoring of disrespect to sensations of suffocation, but the ata friendly country's national comestimains with you and the unpleasant congregation, and when the reason for ble, as deadly, possibly, also to an un-But, be that as it may, the cheese

market is a rare good sight in quaint and his vrouw come in to drive their bargain at the weigh hoouse with the taken toward learning to swim. wholesale agents from far and near, and every hostelry does its own brisk volunteered to look after the details of turesque attire. Who does not know of blocks, indestructible picture books and golden "corkscrew" ornaments, the and other things which delight the inpretty faces_doubly bewitching and lending some subtle attraction to even derstand because of its confusingly German sends us astray, and we listen ears, and we content ourselves with turning our attention to the building "Bobolink" writes from a little town itself. It stands where its richly paintin 1651, with an especial eye to the

exhibition, though perfecily exquisite, everything of that kind is in style, present ones, by the way, which have hung in their place since 1692, were made in Amsterdam at a cost of 858

guilders and, having conscientiously performed their duties without a hitch son Globe. ever since, certainly speak volumes for the workmanship of 200 and odd years ago. Though the little town is thronged from earliest morn with orderly nothers.

crowds of heavy Hollanders, it is not until the musical chimes within the animal leaped upon her from a tree. well known comic opera, that the ac-She had a stick in her hand and used tual business of the day begins, alalready taken time by the forelock over a glass of hollands in some inn on the maarkt. Now, however, the weigh hoouse scene in the little Dutch town. No "hurry skurry" mars the calm of the place or disturbs the phlegmatic, pipe sucking individuals primarily interested in the transactions here going forward. The cheese alone seems riotous and inclined to wholesale insubordination, with a mind to roll from some "subconscious" memory of upon the prosaic shelves of some pro-

vision dealer. If so, we honor the "last kicks," fucheese weighs from two to six kilos, make way for the next lot. And so on, all through the day, does the trade proceed until the last "Eldamer" has been disposed of, but the extent of the business done in so quiet and orderly a fashion on "cheese market days" may to some extent be gauged from the weight of Eidam cheeses are computed to pass through the Alkmaar weigh Amsterdam, and Rotterdam, where, red coat, prior to more extended travels, by land and by sea, often into the heart of the unknown, travels, however, which almost invariably end Gazette.

His Request. "Papa," said little Arthur after his mother had punished him, "will you do something for me?"

"What is it you want?" "Marry somebody else, and I wish you'd pick out grandma, because she's always kind to me!"-Exchange.

Useless.

"No, sir; I never borrow trouble."

the wickedness of docking horses? I

don't own a horse, and I never expect to."-Chicago Record-Herald.

Conscious Virtue. Senator Blowen (proudly)-No, sir; Some day, when it's a close vote, you'll From What Was Left Over From You get your chance.-Chicago Journal. terday."

DUTCH CHEESE MART CONFIDENCE UNDER WATER.

How This First Essential In Swimming May Be Acquired. A person who is timid about the waer can overcome the greatest part of the difficulty of learning to wim by spread among the people speaking the

the proper use of a wash basin. The obstacle that nervous persons meet in the water is not the conscious fear of drowning, but an involuntary nervous shock that causes them to people who work on the Sabbath day gives its name to those rose red spheres gasp for air even before their faces are are threatening even now that they under water. It is this gasping for will go to the moon—that is, that they

They cannot control the gasping, and consequently they often snap for ly importance of this edible of com breath when their mouths are under moon serving as the food of the gods. merce, as any one who has ever stood water. As the buoyancy of a human And yet, though it sounds strange to in the quaint old market place upon a body is easily disturbed, a few pints or us, it was not so very unnatural an Friday, and about the hour of noon quarts of water swallowed in these in- idea after all. The gods, though invisivoluntary gasping acts serve to sink a ble, had been located in the sky. In person who otherwise would float long the same sky the golden moon, often enough for help to arrive.

Now, if a person afflicted with this was seen regularly to decrease. And and there are many of them. Thither involuntary fear of getting under wa- if it were being consumed by anybody come the cheeses by rail, by cart and ter will thrust the whole face gently by whom could it be consumed if not by boat; you stumble over them inside into an ordinary basin full of water by the gods? Hence the ready concluevery day and stay there as long as sion that it was so and that it was, in fore the gasping sensation begins to gods their immortal life. disappear.

> tacks will be of short duration, and the total immersion can be maintained for almost a full minute without discomfort of any kind.

Once a person has learned how per-Alkmaar when the peasant proprietor feetly comfortable one can be under water the first great step has been

Many otherwise good swimmers have never really acquired this calmness under water. The result is that when such a swimmer is caught in an under tow or a swirling current his confidence leaves him as soon as he feels etc. Start right and you will not make this original idea. They secured sets by now the dress with its glorious cap himself dragged under the surface. Instead of diving or remaining motionless and so preserving his breath he gasps involuntarily and naturally swalows water, and the choking sensation st once forces him to exhale what breath he has left and gasp again. Confidence under water should be the first lesson in swimming.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

There is a type of man who doesn't know he's a fool. He is always a fool. This is finally said of every secret: 'I don't see how in the world it ever got out." You sometimes hear people say they

do not hear gossip. It's a fib. We all ear gossip. If you discover something important or yourself the doctors say they knew

t all the time. It is hard to get a good washervoman, but then it is mighty hard to

vash for a living. If you do not label your good will in your intercourse with some people hey accuse you of being disagreeable. Give a boy a toy, and the first night e takes it to bed with him, and the second night he leaves it on the stairs so that some one falls over it .- Atchi-

Famous Physician's Diplomacy.

Some Philadelphia physicians recently were playfully discussing the diplonacy to be employed with young

"When I am called to a house where s a baby whose sex I do not know,' said one, "I am always embarrassed as to how to speak of it. A mother always feels better if you ask her, 'How s the little girl? or 'How is the little ooy?' as the case may be, as she usualtakes pride in the sex of the child, whichever it is."

One of the most famous physicians the world remarked:

"I never have any trouble in that re gard. I make it a rule to call all babies whose sex is unknown to me 'Francis.' The mother doesn't know whether I spell it with an 't' or an 'e.' "-Philadelphia Ledger.

Talked Too Much. Speaking one day of club sociability, Hy Mayer, the cartoonist, told of a lub to which he was invited while in Berlin. The club was composed of elderly Germans, who met in a back room to drink beer and smoke. At intervals one of the clubmen would rea little pause another of the smokers would say, "Yah." That was the extent of their conversation, "One night," said Mr. Mayer, "one of the members brought his son to the club. After several of the older ones had spoken as usual the youngster spoke. He said, 'Yah, yah.' They expelled him at once," concluded Mr. Mayer, "for talk ing too much."

An Effective Whistle, A popular English author was wholly incapacitated from work by a lady who lived next door and strummed through Handel's "Messiah." His idea of the inviolability of an Englishman's sian professor begged the Academy of for his juncheon and when away from house did not allow him to send in any message, and he was at his wits' hoouse annually before proceeding to end till he saw in a daily paper that sky and vanished. Its period of revo pay for the whole quart of milk that is steam-whittles could be bou; each is duly invested with it familiar on to kettle spouts. He provided himself with one and put the kettle on As soon as the whistle began he went Of course the bottom came off within the interior of man.-Pall Mall the kettle, but it cost little to solder it on again, and after two or three solderings the lady took the hint.

Good Luck For Turties at Least. The Chinese have a peculiar custom with regard to turtles, which they consider as very good joss. Almost any day one can see these creatures, some of them of huge size, being carried on board the river steamers, not to be taken to Canton for culinary purposes, but to be dumped into the sea and restored to liberty and freedom. Good luck is thought to follow.-Hongkong "Neither do I, so why should I sit Press. here listening to your argument about

Domestic Economy. Mr. Younghubbe-Don't you think, my dear, that you are cooking twice as

much as we shall need? Mrs. Younghubbe (artlessly)-I am doing it on purpose, darling. Tomorrow I want no one has ever attempted to bribe to try some of those "Hints For House me. Senator Ketchem-Never mind. keepers-How to Make Dainty Dishes

ODD MOON BELIEFS.

The Orb of Night as Food For the Immortal Gods.

Certain it is that a belief in the moon as the abode of the fathers was widely Aryan languages. To the present day the peasants in Swabia are heard to say. "May I go to the moon if I did it," instead of "May I die if I did it." Nay, will die and be punished in the moon. A more startling idea-peculiar, it would seem, to India-was that of the compared to a round of golden butter,

If so much had once been granted, Then the bathtub should be used, so then came the question, How was the moon gradually increased and restored readiness for an immediate bombard immerse the entire head. At first this to its fullness? And here the old su perstition came in that the souls of the departed entered the moon, so that the waxing of the moon might readily be within a few days it will be found that accounted for by this more ancient article of faith. Hence the systematized belief that the moon wanes while it is departed souls entering it. A last conclusion was that the gods when feeding on the moon were really feeding on the souls of the departed.

TOMB OF CONFUCIUS. Chief Spots of Interest In

the Orient.

miles out from the city above mentionwhole empire.

earth mound about twelve feet in height, the whole surrounded by a cluster of gnarled oaks and stately cypress trees. Before the mound is a tablet about six feet broad and twenty feet high, upon which are inscribed the their patients are suffering have led to names and deeds of the great founder experiments in photographing the eye. by over 400,000,000 human beings. The recently been invented, affecting opburden of this inscription, according to tical science in general, and the fur-

The avenue which leads up to the philosopher's tomb is even more inter- of the eye had remained fruitless so esting than the actual place of burial far was due to the peculiar construcitself. On each side of the avenue are tion of the eye. It is difficult to light rows of figures of huge animals cut up the interior to such an extent as in stone-lions, tigers, elephants and to enable one to take a photograph horses, besides numerous mythical of it, and even the use of strong creatures, such as animals half dog sources of light in the exposure would and half freg, beasts with four legs require so much time that the eye and twice as many wings, besides a would have to be fixed, which would multitude of unnamable monsters that mean great inconvenience to the panever lived on the earth, in the wa- tient. Now Dr. Thorner has constructter or in the air. Taken altogether, ed an apparatus with which he first the burial place of Confucius is one of succeeded in photographing the chief spots of interest in the orl of animals, especially cats.

THE BIRD'S SONG.

It Is Produced by a Unique Voice Organ In the Syrinx.

Birds have no vocal chords in the larynx, but they possess a unique voice on a small promontory, with water on with what are really vocal chords of a for drainage. By taking advantage of the windpipe and the upper part of the much improved, in the opinion of Lee branching bronchi, but varies much in Prince, a sanitary engineer, that the its exact position and details of struc- inhabitants of the isthmus will resort ture in different birds.

to seven being found in the best songsters, attached to folds of membrane and the bony half rings, which at this larged Adam's apple.

and the mode of their insertion indi- ways a breeze and a delightful prosmove his pipe from his mouth, nod his syrinx of the skylark and nightingale, cate a bird's musical capability. The head sagely and remark, "Yah." After for instance, is a marvel of adjusted muscle and membrane, while, on the other hand, the ostrich and some vultures have no voice organ, the pigeon has but little to show, and the commo fowl has no muscles to modulate its

BIELA'S COMET.

Its Sensational Career Before It Vanished From Our Sight.

All Europe was in pangs of terror when in 1832 it was announced that each occasion, wears a suit of clothes Biela's comet would cross the earth's ten years, buys one hat every year, nevpath. People died of terror, and so se | er pays to have his shoes shined, eats rious did the scare become that a Pari-Science to publicly refute the assertion, his office, as he was on his eighty-The comet came, blazed awhile in the eighth birthday, compels his clerk to

lution round the sun being just mader usually divided between them." seven years, it came again in 1839 and was due once more early in 1846. But the fire in the room nearest the singer. in that year, instead of one comet, two appeared! The original comet had di ered in Vienna, the exanthema variavided into two parts, each of which bile. A doctor says: "The symptoms had a separate existence, though their are originally a bright scarlet, forming paths were the same.

flying into sight. Their path in 1859 serpentine lines. The spots, somewhat was too close to the sun for telescopic elevated, are beautifully drawn, and scrutiny, but in 1866 it was expected after awhile the color alternates bethat they would be plainly visible. But tween scarlet, pink, lilac and gray blue. the double comet never turned up. Nor has it ever been seen since.

Comets are naturally somewhat un reliable. They are of very flimsy texture. One great astronomer indeed has said that you could pack the tail of the average comet in a portmanteau. So if they pass too near to Jupiter or any of the big planets they are very apt to get caught and so to disappear completely.

Entirely Useless. Agent-Buy a burglar alarm? Mr. Man-What the deuce do I want with a burglar alarm when my wife

hears them every night without one? Spend no strength in worry. need it all for duty .- Anon.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

Fooling the Battleships

During the recent maneuvers be tween the submarine flotilla and the battleship squadrons of the British navy some ingenious ruses were adopted by the former to mislead the latter. One of the most successful was the building of an exact replica of the conning tower and a short length of the top of the submarine of canvas material. This was painted the same color as the submarine and was attached to the top of the craft. The submarine then traveled toward one of the hostile vessels, and when within range, and as conspicuously as possible, the canvas structure was released It immediately floated to the surface of the water. Directly the submarine had discarded the mock structure it sunk again and, completely altering its course, approached the vessel from another quarter.

This canvas affair, being conspicuous, immediately attracted the warship's attention, and a severe fire was directed upon it. While this firing was in progress the submarine arose again to the surface on the opposite side of the warship and succeeded in launching a torpedo unobserved and at close range. The ruse was therefore completely successful.

"Upstairs" In Standard Oil. In the big room on the fifteenth floor

at 26 Broadway, the home of Standard Oil, there gather each day between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock all th being eaten by the gods and that it tive men whose efforts make Standard waxes while it is being filled by the Oil what Standard Oil is, and there also meet and mingle with the active heads, the retired captains when "they are in town." Around a large table they sit. Reports are presented, views exchanged, politics talked over and republics and empires made and unmade. If the recorders in the next world have kept complete minutes of what has happened "upstairs" at 26 Broadway The city of Chufuhsien, the Mecca of they must have tremendously large he believers in Confucianism, is in the fireproof safes. It is at the meeting province of Shangtung, one of the most | "upstairs" that the melons are cut, and oppulous districts of the orient. Here if one of the retired captains should be Confucius was born, and here his asked why he was in such a rush to be sacred bones lie buried. The tomb, on hand each day when in town and which is located in one of the largest he were in a talkative mood, which he cemeteries in the province, about three | would not be, he would answer, "They may be cutting a new melon, and ed, is one of the most imposing in the there's nothing like being on hand when the juice runs out."-Thomas W. The grave itself is surmounted by an Lawson in Everybody's Magazine.

Behind the Human Eyes.

The difficulties opticians have experienced in arriving at an accurate diagnosis of the complaints from which of Confucianism, a religion adhered to For this purpose an instrument has reliable translation, is "Perfect One," ther development of the eye specialist's 'Absolutely Pure," "Perfect Sage," profession in treating eye diseases and 'First Teacher," "Great Philosopher," faulty vision in particular,

The fact that all attempts to photograph the interior or the background

Sanitation of Panama

Great improvement is looked for in health conditions of the isthmus of Panama and in the city of Panama when American methods are fully in control there. The city is well located organ in the syrinx, which is provided three sides, and has excellent facilities very effective and complicated kind. these favorable circumstances the sani-This syrinx lies in the lower part of tary conditions of Panama can be so there for health. The temperature in Briefly it consists of a varying num- Panama is comfortable, not by any ber of muscles, as many as from five means so bad as the hottest days in New York or Chicago. The hospital grounds are beautifully laid out, and the seventy-five buildings are conpart of the throat form a sort of en- structed on a plan adapted to the climate, and they afford excellent ventila-Distinctness of the several muscles tion. On this high ground there is alpect of city, harbor, ocean and low mountains.

Russell Sage's Economy.

Great fun is being made of the way in which Russell Sage celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday - treating himself to a drive on the Riverside boule vard. One writer declares that in piling up his fortune of \$70,000,000 or \$80. 000,000 the old man has turned himself into a human cash register. He travels on a pass every day to save 5 cents, never falls to attend a directors' meeting for the gold piece he receives on 10 cents' worth of crackers and milk

A new skin disease has been discovered rings connected with each other until In 1852 the two comets again came they resemble a net. They spread in Very rarely there are brownish tints. The skin takes on a silky hue." What a beautiful way to be sick!-Louisville Courier-Journal.

> The Impossible. "They say that laughter is good for

indigestion. "Maybe, but how in thunder is a fellow going to laugh when he has indigestion?"-Detroit Free Press.

Her Purpose. "Mother thinks you'll make me a good wife," said the girl's intended. "Indeed?" replied the girl with the determined jaw. "You tell your moth er I'll make you a good husband."-Philadelphia Ladger