Potato of the Future.

The new potato is purplish green i color and is said to be so far superior to the common "Irish" tuber both in flavor and in yield that it is destined to drive all competitors out of the market. It comes from the banks of the Mercedes river, in Uruguay, and is probably the result of a happy horticultural accident. Claim is made that it is immune to the diseases that ordinarily afflict potatoes, but whether or not it can resist the operations of the predatory potato bug is not stated.

There is no vegetable to the improve ment of which more attention has been devoted than has been bestowed upon the potato. It has been mainly, however, for increasing the size of the tuber and to augment the yield. Flavor has been almost wholly ignored, and as a consequence the potatoes of today have less flavor than those which our grandfathers ate fifty years ago. Furthermore, all of the market varieties many fall. It is no good to be beautitaste pretty much alike, whereas for- ful and have no style. A plain woman merly there were recognizable differences.-Philadelphia Post.

### DESIGNING A HEAD.

### An Interesting Tonsorial Operation by the Famous Whistler.

'Amazing!" the favorite ejaculation

of the brilliant and eccentric artist. James MacNeill Whistler, is the word which seems best to fit the curious combination of personal peculiaritiesmischievous wit, tricksy jests, gay quarrels, harmless vanities and remarkable artistic performance-revealed it Mr. Mortimer Menpes' recent recollec tions of his "Master." The eccentricities of Whistler's character were matched by those of his appearance for he never dressed like anybody else, their fitted coats and full skirts, that denly standing up and whooping at upon to know that Dalmatia was conand he had, just over his left eye, a single lock of white hair amid a mass of black curls. His own interest in his appearance was great, for he regarded the composition of costume and calfs. The girl who is clever enough coiffure with the same seriousness which he would have bestowed upon the composition of a picture, and indeed the result was unmistakably pic turesque.

"Customers ceased to be interested in their own hair." says Mr. Mennes of Whistler's entrance into a barber's shop. "Operators stopped their manip ulations; every one turned to watch Whistler, who himself was supremely unconscious. His hair was first trim med, but left rather long, Whistlet meanwhile directing the cutting of every lock as he watched the barber in the glass. He, poor fellow, only too conscious of the delicacy of his task, shook and trembled as he manipulated the scissors. The clipping completed, Whistler waved the operators imperi ously on one side, and we observed for some time the rear view of his dappe little figure, stepping backward and forward, surveying himself in the glass. Suddenly he put his head into basin of water, and then, half drying his hair, shook it into matted wet curis With a comb he carefully picked out the white lock, wrapped it in a towel and walked about for five minutes pinching it dry, with til rest of hi hair hanging over his face-a stage which much amused the onlookers.

"Still pinching the towel, he would then beat the rest of his hair into ring lets (combing would not have given them the right quality) until they fell stitching done in blue silk. The garinto decorative waves all over his head. A loud scream would then rend the and a seamless drop shoulder yoke air. Whistler wanted a comb. This adds to its attractiveness. It would be strangled in the senate. procured, he would comb the white lock make up nicely in silk, albatross, lawn into a feathery plume and with a few broad movements of his hand form the whole into a picture. Then he would kimonos. The medium size requires a relic of those times in the shape of look beamingly at himself in the glass four and one-quarter yards of thirtyand say but two words, 'Menpes. six inch material. amazing! and sail triumphantly out of the shop.'

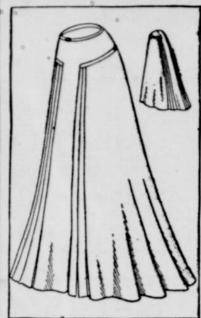
Moxa Doctors of Tokyo.

A feature of low street life in Tokye for various ailments. Among the doc was. tor's remedies, too, are rhinoceros pills. warranted a sure cure for tightness of the chest, gnashing of the teeth and depression of spirits, and "furidashi," a popular remedy for coughs and colds, which is said to expel the devils and promote circulation, while musk pills are prescribed as an infallible cure for every ill, from a red nose to seasick-

Wretch or a Man (at the club)-I say. you fellows, my wife went off to see | man's eyes. The beautiful girl generher mother lately, intending to stay ally banks on her face being her forfor six weeks, but I brought her home tune, but the coquette cultivates the in a hurry. Do you know what I did? habit of saying pretty, flattering things, I sent her a paper every day with a studying the trick of amusing half a paragraph cut out, and she was so full of curiosity to know what local news and of making each man think he is was keeping from her that she came the one that is being especially favorbome at the end of four days.

### WOMAN AND FASHION WASHINGTON LETTER

A Modish Skirt Brown cheviot was used in the de velopment of this modish skirt. The front gore and yoke are in one, a style that distinguishes many of the new skir's. The skirt may be made in el-



ONE OF THE LATEST STYLES.

ther dip or round length, and plaits arranged at each side of the front and back give a graceful fullness at the lower edge. Many materials are suitable for the making. A fancy blue and white tweed, finished by machine stitching, would be a good choice. Mohair, voile and serge could also be

For the Wee Folk.

The latest fashion in millinery for wee girls is the large white felt or beaver hat trimmed with bug clusters of velvet and silk roses to match the color of the little cloth or silk pelisse or coat. This particular fashion possesses a definite advantage, the roses being infinitely easier to match than the headgear itself, while a single hat can be made to do duty for two or three different tollets. Brown is besides much worn by the nursery folk, and in the case of little boys the brown hats are frequently trimmed with wide largest lemon ever seen at the White tartan ribbon.

It Pays to Dress Neatly.

It is the duty of every woman to make the best of herself. The question is how to do it, and unfortunately can often carry all before her. If she achieves style she is very apt to leave an ordinarily pretty woman miles behind. What is meant by a smart woman is generally one who develops, says the London Queen, her good points, with due regard to the fashions and the modes of the moment, and these are very friendly now to such people.

Kid and Suede.

It is really astonishing what a dressy and elaborate touch the use of a little kid or suede will add to even the plainest tailored gown. At once it takes on an air of originality that lifts it entirely out of the ordinary run. Though serviceable, Wooltex costumes, with suede or of some of the velvety ooze with her needle can embroider these in all of the fashionable needlework fads.

Dressing Sack.

A charming design for a dressing sack is shown in this model, developed in pale blue French flannel, with collar facing of white. The facing is finished on each edge with feather



LADY'S KIMONO.

ment is shaped by underarm seams, and bright figured cotton crape that comes in odd designs, exclusively for

No Words Wasted.

Nora was a treasure of a servant, whose habit of speech was often indirect, but was frequently picturesque is the "kuisha," or moxa doctor, who and unexpectedly expressive. One applies small pads made of certain evening "the master" was sitting in the dried herbs to the skin, then sets library when the doorbell rang. Nora them alight, the ensuing blisters being answered it, and on her return through supposed to be most effective as a cure the hall "the master" inquired who it

> "It was a young man, sor," replied Nora. "Well, what did he want?" was the

> "Oh, he was just lookin' for the

wrong number, sor." - Lippincott's Magazine.

There are scores of girls who are nerther beautiful nor witty, but they are the best part of the evening. Mrs. natural born coquettes, and as a consequence are perfection in the average half an hour! Jones-Well?-Clevelan! dozen men at one and the same time ed.-San Francisco Call.

President Roosevelt indicated to Louisville delegation a few days ago that if there is no extra session of congress he would visit sthat city som time next summer. The president went to say that he had not formed an itinerary and would not do so until he was able to tell whether he would get to make the trip. If there was no extra weeks. On his return he would come depend upon whether there would be an extra session.

Talk of a Sea Level Canal. All the members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce have come back from the isthmus with some views as to whether a the Panama route, but few of them are or the other until the report of Chief lace is at work on an extensive survey and will make a report before a great

while that will deal with the question of a sea level canal. Senator Kittredge of the senate committee on interoceanic canals has come back from his visit to the isthmus imbued with the belief that a sea level waterway is the only proper thing and will use his influence in that direction. He thinks that the overflow waters

of the Chagres river can be turned in-

to the Pacific by means of a tunnel and

that the principal question that re-

mains to be settled is the additional expense. Many members of the house committee are said to be highly impressed with the project of a sea level canal instead of the lock and dam canal au-

thorized by congress. An Ohio Lemon

Representative Nevin of Ohio recently presented to President Roosevelt the House. It was grown by Mrs. E. T. Haines of Dayton, O., in a conservatory in her home. She would not think of anybody else but the president having the beautiful specimen of fruit and insisted on Mr. Nevin bringing it to Washington for the president.

Alaskan Affairs.

Mr. Dietrich has visited many points gaping trap to the butterfly from in Alaska and favors the creation of a across the Seine. I have forgotten the to that which governs the Philippines, call that we were all seated in a ringexcept that the commissioners shall about thirty of us-old and young, and police in the Northwest Territories.

Whooped In the House.

for order one recent morning by sud- ors' salon and being suddenly called fill in many a chink in a slender ward- the top of his voice. Two doorkeepers robe, can be made to assume quite a hurried down the aisle and escorted lightful evening!" different appearance with a vest of the old gentleman to the guardroom. where be said his name was James Allen and that he hailed from Louisa Court House, Va. He told the police that he had been a sufferer from fits for about twenty years. "But they never made me 'holler' like that before," he said. "I guess all this excitement in the legislature made me

nervous."

A Missouri member recently received communication from a constituent, who wrote: "I understand that Joe Jefferson has retired from the stage and written a Bible. Please send me a copy." A copy of Jefferson's Bible, so called. has gone forward to this benighted Missourian. It is a copy of the red morocco bound book which Thomas Jefferson prepared and congress had photographed and reproduced a session or two ago after a prolonged squabble as to the propriety of the legislation.

Arizona and New Mexico. Delegate Rodey of New Mexico reently talked with the president about the admission of that territory to the Union. The pending bill provides for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as one state, with two representatives. Mr. Rodey would prefer to have separate statehood, but accepts the conditions that confront him. He thinks the pending bill will be enacted. if admitted as one state should have three instead of two representatives. It is very doubtful whether any bill will get through this winter. The op-

position to joining the territories is so strong that the pending bill is likely to

Senate Sauffboxes. While the senate is losing its mem bers of the olden days it still clings to the senatorial snuffboxes. One of these is placed at each of the doors lending from the lobby to the senate chamber. There is no record and no one remembers when these snuffboxes were installed. It is supposed they were first

ganization of the government in its present form. It is not that the senators make use of this snuff. At least no one ever saw read a learned paper, like as not, or a member of the senate take a dip else call a carriage and make a round from one of the boxes. They show no of social calls. And her standing does signs of patronage. The snuffboxes not seem to be impaired in the least are characteristic of the tenacity with by the fact that during part of the day

placed in the senate chamber at the

first meeting of that body after the or-

and customs. CARL SCHOFIELD. His Brief Pleasure.

Neighbor-How long did you stay at the club yesterday, Jones? Jones-Oh. Jones-Why, John, you came home in Leader.

Not Too Blind. Angelina-Oh, dear! The diamond in my engagement ring has got a flaw in Love should be blind, you know. An- thing from the papers but poems, and gelina-Yes, but it hasn't got to be now I clip nothing but recipes."-Philstone blind.

### PAINFULLY SEDATE

A Prefessor's Evening Party In the Paris Latin Quarter.

"It was difficult to imagine that the University of Paris have their homes." "There men, these luminaries of science, how different they looked session his intentions now, he said, among their womankind! Since ther were to go to San Antonio to attend I have visited many professors' home the annual reunion of his regiment, to and have found them all curiously be held in May. On his way there he alike. No matter whether the apart would visit Roswell, Ga., the home of ment be on a second, third or fourth his mother, who was a Miss Bullock. floor, whether it be an expensive or From San Antonio he would go into cheap one, the inmates are all alike the mountains of Colorado for a hunt- talk alike, dress alike. If you have ing expedition of possibly four or five seen one home, you have seen them all Follow me to a fourth floor in the Rue by way of Louisville. He made it Gay-Lussac. We are ushered into the clear, however, that everything would drawing room. The furniture is ma hogany, always mahogany, and of bad period. There are no flowers, but a dusty fern in a majolica pot; or the mantelpiece a clock and a candelabra, with framed photographs in the spaces between; over the cottage pi ano the portrait of M. le Professeur i sea level canal ought to be built over the green embroidered uniform of member of the Academy of Science willing to commit themselves one way with his dress sword, over which he generally stumbles. But do not think Engineer Wallace is made. Mr. Wal- | that the professors' families are bline to beauty. They will admire and ap preciate a work of art as well as vo or I, but in their homes they consider beauty a negligible quantity. They also give very little attention to their bodies-to the inner or outer man. have often wondered whether the same tailor supplies them all with their old fashioned coats,

"Nor does the inner man fare much better. The cooks in their establishments seem to be altogether different creatures from those we meet else where. They eschew slang, their grammar is better, but their cooking is worse-very much worse-than in the homes of the less intellectual members of society. The women form a distinct type. They seem to belong to a past generation and their dress is in keeping with the style of their hair. Living among themselves, they appear to have no notion of what is occurring in the worldly part of Paris. Their dressmakers are 'of the quarter,' and their milliners make their hats with the odds and ends brought to them. Such a thing as a fashion paper never crosses their path. I am certain these ladies are much more interested in the latest microbe than in the latest hat. They have little notion of comfort.

"An evening party at one of their houses is a never to be forgotten en-Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, who tertainment for the outsider. They will retire from congress March 4, re- still dance the schottish, but the cently talked with the president about greater part of the evening is devoted affairs in Alaska and the Philippines. to what are called 'society games,' a commission for that territory similar name of the fiendish game, but I rebe chosen by a vote of the people. He we had to answer questions and find also favors the establishment of a po- out some antediluvian fact. To them lice force on the lines of the Canadian it was child's play, but if it had not been for the six-year-old child of the house who prompted me I should have An old man from Virginia caused a cut a poor figure. Imagine coming sensation in one of the house galleries from the electric lights of the boule just before Speaker Cannon rapped vards to the oil lamps of the profess quered by Metellus in 118 B. C.! De

# THE PECULIAR SNAIL.

# This Creature Can Live Without Air.

Water and Nourishment. The common snail has lungs, heart and a general circulation and is in every respect an air breathing creature This notwithstanding, he can live on indefinitely without inhaling the least atom of air, that which is usually considered the essential to existence in all creatures supplied with lungs.

Leppert says, "To all organized creatures the removal of oxygen, water, nourishment and heat causes death to ensue." When that statement was made he did not appear to consider the snail as one among the great host of "organized beings," for the experiments made by Professor Spallanzani prove that any or all the usual life conditions can be removed in its case without terminating its existence or in any way impairing its functions.

It is a fact well known that the common land snail retreats into his shell on the approach of frosty weather in the fall and that the opening or mouth of the shell is hermetically sealed by a secretion which is of a silky texture and absolutely impervious to air and water. In this condition it is plain that he is deprived of three out of the four elements of life mentioned by but believes Arizona and New Mexico | Leppert-viz, air, water and nourish-

# AMERICAN WOMEN.

A Phase of Their Housekeeping That Surprises Englishwomen.

A favorite fling of the French at the English has always been that the latter are a nation of shopkeepers. An Englishwoman has called Americans "a nation of housekeepers." During visit to this country she was struck by the fact that so many American women of means and refinement elther "do their own work" or actively superintend the domestic arrange ments, taking a pride in this duty.

Our friend was surprised to learn that "an American woman will spend the forenoon in cooking or dusting or cleaning, then dress herself like a duchess and sally forth to the meeting of a fashionable club where she is to which the senate clings to tradition she has done the work of a menial nor has it affected her own personal attractiveness."

No other woman has done so much as the American to emphasize the dignity of labor.-Housekeeper.

A Changed Woman. "Well, well," said the returned trav-

eler, "and so you are married now! It seems only yesterday since you left school. How time does fly!" "Yes," replied Mrs. Youngley, "only Edwin-Take no notice, darling a short time ago I never clipped any-

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HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Johnnie's Arithmetic

was in the heart of Paris, among people of molasses and on his way home turve a ball, even though he does not the eighteenth century, was once well bred and born in the capital," says a meets with five boys, making six in thow why he can do so except that rewarded for his politeness to a fellow writer telling of the section of the Lat the gang. How much molasses will be the leather must be held in a certain in quarter in which the professors of left after each has had a swig and how way. Possibly a half dozen of the high will Henry jump when the boot | major league twirlers know something tack hits him?

> take to start twelve horses and a mule matter: on the skedaddle? Hiram has six marbles and William has none. They meet in the alley, and

then William has six marbles and Hiram has a bloody nose. How much flier is William than Hiram? A boy with a goat after him can run eight miles an hour. A goat in chase of a boy can run eleven miles in the same time. How far would they have to run before the goat's head overtook the

boy and how long before the boy would sit up and rub his eyes and wonder what house fell on him? Sarah has a new doll costing 25 cents and three sticks of candy worth a penny each. She refuses to give her brother Artemas any of the candy, and as a result he wrings the head and legs off her doll and pushes her into a mudhole. How much would she have saved by giving Artemas all the candy and pat-

ting him on the back in a sisterly way? In throwing a stone at a fifteen cent cat Harry hits and breaks a pane of glass worth \$2. His mother gives him a dollar licking, and he loses 50 cents' worth of fun by being sent to bed two hours before the usual time. How much was the cat ahead of the game?

In returning from the bakery with a dozen buns Thomas meets three boys, and on reaching home he misses seven of the twelve buns. How many times will seven buns go into three boys and how did they do it?-Philadelphia Caricature

The Versatile Colonel.



"The colonel takes a little canter every morning after breakfast." "Yes, and a little de-canter every evening after dinner."

DEAN SWIFT.

Never Flattered, and He Wa Rude, Yet Fascinating.

told that the Duke of Buckingham de- | churches, by which families were sepdres his acquaintance he answers that arated from the remainder of the co the duke has not made sufficient advances to him yet. When asked to a dinner party by a secretary of state he insists upon drawing up a list of the company. Even ladies have to bow beneath the yoke. However beautiful, wealthy or high born, they must always appear as suppliants for Dr. Swift's acquaintance. Even then his

rule is far from easy. "Lady Burlington," says he. "I hear you can sing. Sing me a song." Her ladyship resents such an unceremonious address and refuses. "Why, madam," says Swift, "I suppose you take me for one of your poor English hedge parsons. Sing when I bid you." As Lord Burlington only laughs, the lady bursts into tears and leaves the room. This does not soften Swift. He meets her a few days after. "Pray, madam, are you so proud and ill natured now as when I last saw you?" is his greet ing. The man's fascination is so strong that all yield to him .- "Dean Swift and His Writings."

# FIRE AND THE SKIN.

the Action of Heat Causes the Cuticle to Turn Red.

Blushing is the effect of the action of radiated heat on the nerves controlling the small blood vessels of the skin. a rainy July 15 is usually followed by These tiny vessels are normally in a a rainy period approximating to forty state of moderate contraction; under days. exposure to heat they relax and become distended with blood.

the reddening of the skin, together ing forty days than other years. It with the uncomfortably warm feeling was concluded that the tradition had accompanying it, may be looked upon no meteorological facts hatever to as one of the useful little "danger sig- support it. Everybody has heard the nals" with which we are surrounded.

Persons who from any cause have Swithin's hones on July 15 and of the lost their susceptibility, as is the case manner in which the saint resented it in some forms of paralysis, may ex- by deluging the district. It is a curipose a limb to heat until serious injury results.

flushes is that, in the ordinary position stances of considerable pomp and third was putting away a savory claim near a fire, it is most directly exposed splendor and without a drop of rain thowder. A fourth came in observed to the rays of heat, while most of the falling. The origin of the superstition body is shielded by clothing. Moreover, the nerves of the face are particularly sensitive in this respect, and the skin there is more abundantly furnished with blood vessels.

Retelling a Joke. A west side man heard a joke, new

to him, the other day, and the first thing he did upon reaching home for dinner was to tell it to his wife. "Mary," he said, "here's a new joke that's mighty good. One man says, 'The theater caught fire last night.' 'Did they save anything?' the second man asks. 'Yes,' says the first, 'they carried out the programme.' Isn't that a good one?" His wife said it was, and next day she tried it on her grocer. "Mr. Blank," she said, "here's a new joke for you. One man says, 'The theater caught fire last night.' Another asks, 'Did they save anything? 'Yes,' replies the first, 'they went on with the programme and finished it.' Isn't that a fine joke?" The grocer said it was excellent, but confidentially be acknowledges that he hasn't yet seen the point.-Kansas City Times.

THE CURVED BALL

Is the Atmosphere Which Couses

Its Eccentric Shoots. Henry goes to the grocery for a quart | Most any ten-year-old youngster can about the science of the curve, but If one boy standing on the corner can comparatively few understand why hit a grocer's horse in the ear with a they can produce their "benders." The snowball and cause a runaway, how Scientific American gives the followmany boys and snowballs would it ing as the scientific explanation of the

"The pitcher in the field tells us that the ball curves because he gives it a twist, but scientifically this will not do. Why will the twist make the curve! If a ball were thrown in a certain diwere not at work the ball would continue on in a straight line forever. Some force of resistance is then at work when a ball is made to deviate in a curve from its straight course. If a end, and he and the Bernese woman feather is dropped in a vacuum in an parted very good friends, though he exhausted receiver of an air pump it had hardly spoken a word. It is safe will drop like a shot, but if it is drop to say that in all his scientific reped out in the air it will go down ir searches he had not learned so much regularly and slowly, shifting from side to side.

"It is the atmosphere which causes the ball to curve. Bearing in mind to an important political office. From that the atmosphere is a compressible, elastic gas, we find that when the ball leaves the hand of the pitcher with a rapid rotary motion it 'impinges upon continuous elastic cushion,' and this moderate resistance, or friction, changes its course in the direction which is given to the rotary motion. Take an outshoot of a right handed pitcher, for instance. He impresses upon the ball a rapid centrifugal ro tary motion to the left, and the bal goes to the left because the atmosphere compressible and elastic, is packed into an elastic cushion just ahead of the ball by the swift forward and rotary motion, and the friction, which is very great in front of the ball, steers it in is no tariff at all. On the rank are the direction which it is turning."

# A NOTABLE MEETING.

Held In the Interest of "Woman" Rights" In 1701.

The first recorded public meeting the interest of "woman's rights" was held in the town of Medford, Mass., in 1701. The gallery of the church was occupied by the young unmarried peo ple of the congregation, one side and one half the front gallery being given to the young men, the other side and the other half being given to the young women. But in the seating in this eventful year the young men were giv en the entire front of the gallery as well, and the young women were only allowed one side of the gallery.

Then it was that things began to happen. Treatment like this wasn't to he tolerated even for a moment. The blood of the future mothers of the Revolution was fully aroused, and the young women made such an uproat and commotion that it speedily became a town matter, and a town meeting was called to restore to them their rights in half of the front gallery.

The young men of the day were bit terly opposed to extending any new privileges to women, and the fight extended beyond Medford. Shortly after in Moscow for a dime. Dean Swift never flatters. When the introduction of "pues" into the gregation, the selectmen of the tow of Newbury gave permission to a group of young women to build a "pue" in the gallery of the church upon their own side of the house. This extension of privilege was resented by the young bachelors to such a degree that they broke a window of the church, forced an entrance and hacked the pew in pieces. For this act of sacrilege th young men of Newbury were fined \$10 each and sentenced to be whipped o pilloried. But they were manly enough to confess their folly and ask pardon so this part of their punishment was omitted. So you see the "woman's rights" movement isn't a modern one -Boston Herald.

# ST. SWITHIN'S DAY.

The Old Superstition About July 15 and the Weather.

The old superstition about St. Swithin and the rain has very generally died out. There are still, however, a good many who incline to the belief that such a notion must have had a basis of scientific fact or it could not have obtained as it has done for centuries Some years ago the records of Green wich observatory were examined for twenty years with a view to ascertaining whether as a matter of fact

It was found that the years in which St. Swithin's day had given no rain In regard to exposure to direct heat, were rather wetter during the followold story about the removal of St. ous fact, but well authenticated, that The recess that the face chiefly their original resting place in circum- id themselves on cake and coffee. The was probably a terrible flood which in 1313 devastated crops.

Silent Carillons. Time was when, even among the

cities of Flanders, famous for ages for their silvery bells, the bells of Brussels enjoyed pre-eminence. The city used to possess seven great peals whose silvery voices shed their harmonies daily over the city. One after another, however, they have disappeared until only a single peal remainsthat of St. Jacques-sur-Condenbergand this is never heard-silent like the rest of the glorious bells of Belgium, which once from nearly every parish church in the land breathed forth the at it.-Philadelphia Bulletin. soul of Flemish art in melody, inspiring founders and artists to work that won fame through Europe. The French revolution wrought the ruin and condemned the land to the silence of the utwitarian age.-London Globe.

Fought For Peace. Doctor-Did that medicine I gave you agree with your stomach? Patient-Yes, finally, but it raised an aw-

ful row before it came to terms.

HALLER WAS POLITE.

Story of the Famous S iss Scien-

tist and His Election. Haller, a famous Swiss scientist of traveler. Some scientists find it hard to take an interest in anything except their own specialties. It was not so with Haller. His fellow traveler was a good woman from Berne. The cosversation fell naturally upon the commodity for which Berne is noted-

The Berne dame said with pride that the could make fourteen kinds of

What was her surprise and delight when Haller asked her how she made them! She eagerly began a recital, with copious explanations, of those rection and if the force of gravitation fourteen recipes, and she had a good listener.

Perhaps Haller regretted his rash question, but he did not show it. He listened patiently and smilingly to the about the combination of butter and sugar and eggs.

Some time afterward he was elected some quarters he received an unexpected number of votes. Then he found out that his Bernese cakemaking friend had been so impressed with the intelligence and ability of her fellow traveler that when she heard he was running for office she gave her relatives, friends and acquaintances no peace of mind until she had secured their promise to vote for him.

### CABS IN RUSSIA.

Fares Are Low if You Are Up to the Tricks of the Drivers.

In no European country are cab fares so cheap as in Russia, for there half a dozen drivers on the boxes of their droskies-tiny victorias, hung low and with just room for two if the two clasp waists after the Russian mode.

If you know just about how far you want to drive you take the first driver and tell him where you want to go and what is the price offered. The etiquette is followed invariably. The driver throws up his eyes in horror. He calls upon the saints to witness that so ridiculous a price must be doubled before he could look at it.

You are not deceived. You walk on. And before you have gone ten paces the cabman is after you, pointing politely to the seat in the drosky and, with a grin, repeating frequently the

Russian equivalent for "please." But if you are driving to a destination at an unknown distance it is necessary to ask the opinion of the first bellied, beited, bearded brigand on the box of a drosky. Then it is your turn to throw your eyes to heaven and call on the saints. A quick problem in division works itself out in your head. Threes into a ruble? And you put yourself up to a Dutch auction along the rank. "Hotel So-and-so, sorok kopeck!" you cry, with a leaning toward generosity. There is a race for you. You drive a long way

# THE WET TABLECLOTH.

it Puzzled the Ship's Passenger Until

It Was Explained. The understeward in setting the table poured a half glass of water on the clean white cloth and placed a dish of fruit on the puddle he had made. He made another puddle and placed on it the carafe. On a third puddle he placed the butter dish, and so on.

"Why do you spoil the cloth with all that water?" asked a passenger. 'Because the weather's rough, sir," said the steward, and then, making an-

other puddle, he went on: "We stewards on ocean liners must not be merely good waiters-we must be good wet weather waiters. And we

have a number of tricks. "One of our tricks is to set the heavy dishes upon wet spots. If we were to set them on dry spots in the ordinary way they would slide to and fro with every lurch of the ship. But if the cloth is wetted they don't slide. They adhere to the wet place as though

glued to it. "One of the first things a steward learns is to set a stormy weather table -to spill water on the cloth at each place where a heavy dish is to stand. This water serves its purpose thoroughly, and it doesn't look bad, either, for the dish covers it. No one knows of the wet spot underneath."-New York Press.

# AS A WOMAN LUNCHES.

Meals That Are Ordered Merely by Force of Suggestion.

Lots of women order their luncheons nerely by force of suggestion. If you lon't think so, watch the wavering mes sit down, look on the card, glance it their nearest neighbor's Mate and hen order whatever the latter happens to be eating. In a crowded luncheon coom on matinee day one little round able seating four women bore out this the good man's bones were shifted from statement. Two of the women refreshthe cakes, gazed appreciatively on the chowder and requested the latter. The first chowderer finished and departed. and the woman who immediately took her place looked around the table and ordered cakes and coffee.

By this time the first two cake and coffeeites had finished, and an uncertain looking woman sat down on that side of the table. She looked at the two opposite, glanced at the card and

said, "Bring me a clam chowder." -This is a fact, and there is every reason to suppose that nothing but coffee and cakes and chowder was served at that table all the afternoon or at least as long as wavering ladles sat down

His Grievance. Sunday School Teacher-What is your

name, my lad? Small Boy (sulkly)-Zebedee Elisha

Jones. Teacher-And who gave you that

name? Small Boy-Pap, doggone him, an I'm a-goin' ter lambast the stuffin' outer him fer it when I get growed.-New York Times.