BANDON RECORDER.

ROAD 5,000 YEARS OLD.

Seenes Along One of the Most Anclent Highways In the World. The road from Homs to Hama runs almost due north, a straight white line

one of the oldest routes in the world. Caravans have been passing along it a bad jest by deluging the perpetrator circuit: bags of wheat.

raoh was again calling down the corn of Hamath to fill his granaries against the seven years of famine. But even here the old things are passing. Just beyond the long line of camels was a longer fine of fellah women, their dirty blue robes kilted above their knees, carrying upon their shoulders baskets of earth and stone for the roadbed of the new French railway.

The carriage road is French, too, and a very good road it is. Some men were repairing it with a most ingenious roller. It was a great round stone, drawn by two oxen and having its axle prolonged by a twenty foot pole. at the end of which a barelegged Arab was fastened to balance the whole afthis time. fair. If the stone had toppled over the picture of the Arab dangling at the top of the slender flagstaff would have been worth watching.

All along the ride we were reminded of the past. It is a fortile soil, but the very wheatfields are different from Only a few yards in width, they will be hurt!" At last out of cellars are often of tremendous length. I hes-Itate to commit myself to figures, but it is certain that the thin, green fields would stretch away in the distance until lost over some little elevation. At abashed, began a lengthy speech. one place the road was cut through a Could he do less than punish the traihoneycombed with rock tombs tors? But he had promised to be merwhich the haj said were Jewish.

Every now and then we passed a tell. Out of the 300 who had been sentenced or great hemispherical mound, built up 180 should have their lives!" Torture of the rubbish of a dozen ruined towns, and execution were, however, in the for even as late as Roman times this case of Ivan very much more than the was a well cultivated and populous There is now no lumber They were his recreation and delight. country. available for building purposes, and in As a boy his amusement was to throw a number of villages the houses are all dogs down from the top of one of the built with conical roofs of stone. castle terraces and watch their dving Where the rock happens to be of a agonles. As a man he used to go the reddish tinge the houses remind one of round of the torture chambers after nothing so much as a collection of In- dinner. One of his first crimes was the dian wigwams. Where the stone is execution of his earliest friend, Feodor white, as at Tell et Bisch, it glitters Vorontsov. One of his last was the and sparkles like a fairy city cut out murder of his own son. of loaf sugar .- Scribner's Magazine,

STRANGE CHECKS.

The Odd Assortment Collected by

One Bank Clerk. A torn linen collar, a piece of lath, a jects hung above the bank clerk's desk. s a check. Each was duly honored. Each has a story.

"I have been collecting queer checks for three years. That piece of lath litical and legal reform, and he had a when you put it into use again at the by Dr. Wiley, the chief of the chemical started me. A western bank honored the lath for \$250. It was made out as of statesmanship which he used to the prove as sharp as if it had been care- methods of coloring foods. a check by the owner of a sawmill, who best advantage. Personally he was a fully honed. was out at the plant with his son, thir- coward, as was shown at the siege of ty miles from any house, and totally Kasan, when he kept diligently to his without paper, let alone a check book. devotions in spite of the repeated en-The money was needed to pay off the treaties of his men to come out and hands. The sawmiller wrote on the help them. lath just what a check correctly drawn

IVAN THE TERRIBLE. REVEALED THE TRUTH. Barbarie Czar Who Leved to Burn. How the Facts In a Will Forgery

Boil and Torture His Subjects. Case Were Brought Out. Some of the reasons why Ivan, czar In his capacity as judge Lord Bramp of Russia, was called "the Terrible" ton always insisted on the imperative have been retold by K. Waliszewski in demand that every case should be inhis book. Persons who displeased him vestigated in its minutest details. Up he would saw asunder by the constant on small points the great issue of a rubbing of a rope around their waists or case depends. As exemplifying this cutting across the green fields. It is sprinkle alternately with ice cold and Lord Brampton cites a curious case boiling water. He marked his sense of that came before him on the western

for at least 5,000 years, just as we with boiling soup and then running "A solicitor was charged with forg saw them-long strings of slow mov- him through with a knife. He rebuked ing the will of a lady, which devised ing camels with their bright colored an unmannerly envoy by summoning to him a considerable amount of her a carpenter and ordering him to nail property, but as the case proceeded it One could almost imagine that Bha- the man's hat on his head. There were became clear to me that the will was also wholesale orgies, as at the punish- signed after the lady's death and then ment of Novgorod, when he had a hun- with a dry pen held in the hand of the dred persons roasted over a slow fire deceased L/ the accused himself while by a new and ingenious process and he guided it over a signature which he then run down on sledges into the river had craftily forged. A woman was to be drowned. At Moscow the czar present when this was done, and as had a disappointment. There was to be she had attested the execution of the a great execution of 300 victims who will she was a necessary witness for had already been tortured to the last the prisoner, and in examination in extremity, and loyal subjects had been chief she was very clear indeed that it summoned to the function. "To Ivan's was by the band of the deceased that that day until the usual closing hour. astonishment the great square was the will was signed and that she herempty. The instruments of torture self had seen the deceased sign it. that stood ready-the stoves and red- Suspicion only existed as to what the hot pinchers and iron claws and nee- real facts were until this woman went dies, the cords, the great coppers full into the box, and then a scene highly of boiling water-had failed to attract dramatic occurred in her cross examined nation. After getting an admission

"But there had been too much of this that the will was signed in the bed, sort of thing lately, and the executionwith the prisoner near by, the woman ers were growing too long armed. Evwas asked: ery man sought to hide deeper than " 'Did he put the pen into her hand?' his neighbor. The egar had to send re

'Yes.' " 'And assist her while she signed the assuring messages all over the town. 'Come along! Don't be afraid! Nobody will?

" 'Yes.' and garrets the necessary spectators "'How did he assist her?'

"'By raising her in the bed and sup were tempted forth, and forthwith porting her when he had raised her.' Ivan, inexhaustible and quite un-" 'Did he guide her hand?' " 'No.'

"'Did he touch her hand at all?' ciful, and he would keep his word "'I think he did just touch her hand. "'When he did touch her hand was she dead?

"At this last question the woman turned terribly pale, was seen to fal mere instruments of barbaric justice. ter and fell in a swoon on the ground and so revealed the truth, which she had come to deny."-London Mail.

CARE OF A RAZOR.

Some Things That the Man Who Shaves Himself Should Know. "The average man who shaves him

his razor despite all the advice that According to Waliszewski, it was the has been given to him in the public recognized thing in Russia for the up- prints from time to time," says an exper dog to make things as uncomforta- pert barber. "He will got a good razor and use it ble for the under dog as knouts and slow fires could make them. So "the day after day, then wonder why at the Terrible" only talked of his subjects end of a short time it loses its edge,

in the language they could most readi- even though he strops it most carecuff and a half dozen other odd ob- ly understand. Ivan was by no means fully. A razor needs brief intervals of 0f 80,000,000 in the output of cigars. unpopular with the people. In many rest or it will grow dull, no matter "My collection of queer checks," the ways he was an enlightened and pro- what efforts are made to keep it sharp. young man said. "Each of those things gressive monarch. He took the first If you have a good razor and it apsteps toward the founding of Russia's pears to be losing its edge just try a great eastern empire. He made more rest for it instead of having it sharpor less successful attempts toward po- ened up again. The chances are that certain gift of leadership and instinct expiration of three or four days it will laboratory of the department, into the "A man who shaves himself ought to

on alternate mornings; then, if his razors are all right, he will have but lit- museum a genuine curiosity and relic tle trouble with them. It is also pos- of the stirring wartimes in the vicini-

WASHINGTON LETTER HUMOR OF THE HOUR FACTS IN FEW LINES CHOICE MISCELLANY

[Special Correspondence.] Discussion has been general among all classes of people in Washington for lowing story about a Methodist preachsome days as to the opinion of the Dis- er: "This preacher had been called to trict court of appeals holding that Saturday afternoon is a legal half holiday 'for all purposes."

Much speculation has been indulged in as to what the effect of the opinion will be on the operations of the govrnment departments and the transac tions of business ordinarily suspended on Sundays. The consensus of opinion

among the lawyers seems to be that the departments will be in nowise embarrassed or hampered by the opinion in the matter of keeping open Saturday afternoons. The question has been onsidered at length by the office of the on counsel, and the attorneys who have gone into the subject carefully express the opinion that, despite

the fact that there can be no controversy about Saturday being a legal half holiday, the government employees can be lawfully required to work

Dead Letter Sale.

In Uncle Sam's dead letter sale, which takes place annually, there were this year 6,272 pieces, exclusive of ooks and jewelry, of which there were | nal yawping I'll climb down the fire 1,008 lots of the former and 487 of the escape and strangle it some night! See if I don't!-Cincinnati Commercial latter. Tribune.

The articles which are sold at auc tion have accumulated in the dead letter office of the postoffice department within the past twelve months. They were either held for postage, incorrect-ly addressed or selzed because in transit through the mails in violation of the postal laws and regulations.

Cortelyou to Remain Chairman. When George B. Cortelyou becomes postmaster general in the next cabinet It is not considered likely that he will

resign his position as chairman of the Republican national committee. On the other hand, it is thought to be perfectly proper that he told this position, notrithstanding his cabinet office. The late Henry G. Pryne was vice chairman of the Republican national committee and frequently advised with the

The report of the commissioner of in ternal revenue shows that the cigarette habit is steadily growing, and during the present year 200,000,000 nore were smoked than during 1903.

It also shows that New York leads in the manufacture of cigarettes, while the cigar habit is apparently decreasing, and this is indicated by a decrease

The secretary of agriculture has is sued an order that all staple articles of food that have been colored artifi cially must be branded as such. This action follows a thorough investigation

Wartime Refie.

An effort is being made by several have at least two razors and use these old time telegraphers to have added to with the smart set.

"How does that shoe feel?" asked the sible to strop a razor too much. It ty of Washington in the sixtles. The should not be stropped for more than relic in question is the original old "I don't know," said the professor, Morse register, one of the first of the wincing, as he stood up and bore his telegraph instruments, which was used weight on the foot, "but I know how at Manassas, Va., by the Confederate my corn feels about it. I'll try a size army officials to transmit the news of larger, if you please."-Chicago Tribthe first battle of Manassas, or first une Bull Run, as it is called in the north, to the Confederate capital at Rich-No Danger. mond. The venerable instrument was Doctor-Madam, you needn't dread the disease. There is only about one similarly used for reporting the second battle of Bull Run. chance in a hundred that you will get

Using His Opportunity. * Charles Dickens used to tell the fol An automobile hearse is the latest in the line of adapting the metor to everyday uses. A "black lily" new to science has been discovered at Nueva Caceres, in officiate at the funeral of a relative of a Conservative editor, and as the the Philippines. preacher himself aimed to be a Lib-A model coal mine, the first of its eral leader in the district she and the kind in England, is to be included in

the scientific equipment of Birming-

The exports of palm seeds from the

pounds, 52,498,600 pounds and 57,043,-

800 pounds in 1901, 1902 and 1903 re-

The art treasures at Windsor castle

ire said to be worth over \$60,000,000.

The king has had them rearranged, but

has not been able to insure them as

A bill to prohibit juvenile cigarette

in the South Australian legislature and

will probably become law. The age

below which smoking is prohibited is

In view of the notorious laziness of

tersburg correspondent, it will be inter-

An association in Manchester, Eng-

land, known as the Minnehaha Ama-

An attempt is to be made by the

British war department to raise a sec-

ond battalion of the Irish guards. It is

expected to be successful, as the first

battallon now has several companies in

Swedish doctors having found mi-

nute pleces of enamel from "granite"

ware in cases of appendicitis, it is sur-

mised that the common use of this

ware may have something to do with

Of the 4,000 white settlers scattered

than during the temperate and heated

Canada is pushing for sales in Ja-

pan. Consuls are being appointed with

authority to pay for early statistical

information. Sample rooms will be at-

tached to the consulates. Japanese

roducts will be exhibited in commer-

For several years the Santa Fe com-

any has been filling in China basin, in

south San Francisco, to make solid

ground on the bay front there for

freight yards. The work is done at

was. Nobody could tell. She next ask-

ial museums in Canada.

excess of the establishment.

the prevalence of appendicitis.

vet owing to their great value.

fixed at sixteen years.

it has raised \$97,130.

spectively.

festivals.

editor had often crossed swords. This time the chance came to deliver a home ham university. thrust without a chance for either parry or reply. At the coffin of the decensed, beside which the editor and other mourners knelt together, the preacher made this appeal: 'Lord, overrule this affliction to the welfare of all assembled, including the reptile now sprawling in thy presence, who has frequently abused thy servant in the olumns of his beastly publication!" " Birmingham (England) Post.

Heard Simultaneously. Downstairs-If those people in the

flat upstairs don't quit banging that piano all the time 1 am going to complain. They are absolutely the most selfish people I ever saw. Baby simply cannot sleep. Upstairs-If that howling brat down in the flat below doesn't quit its infer-

Overheard In the Coop.

"Life is such a fitful dream," re

marked the pessimistic chicken, "it hardly seems worth living. Sooner or later the end's the same." "That's so," replied the other. "It really doesn't much matter whether

one winds up as an omelet or a chicken salad."- Detroit Tribune.

She Hoped He Would.

"Good night," said Mr. Staylate, final ly breaking away. "I've enjoyed myself immensely. Now, next Sunday night-I-er-expect to pass your house and". "That will be nice. Good night!" said

among the total population of 200,000 she and shut the door .-- Philadelphia in German Southwest Africa not many Ledger. more than 2,000 are at present Ger-Rough on the Smart Set. man, and these are very largely composed of the military and official element. There is more shoking of pipes done in cold weather than at any other time, and, excluding the vacation season, there are more pipes and smoking tobacco sold during the cold weather



last, having cost the company \$3,635,-She-It does seem as if we should 000. It now owns a fine site of fiftynever get into good society. three acres. He-Well, I'm afraid you're right. In one of the London public schools We seem to be so hopelessly mixed up

The Professor.

pause, and then the smartest scholar

spells.

The New Army Chevron

'Army men generally," remarked a reteran officer, "are pleased at the action of Secretary Taft in providing for the manufacture and issue of a new chevron. Under previous regulations each of the various kinds of coats rejuired a different kind of chevron, the bars of which were of the high colored facing clothe conforming to the various arms of the service.

Netherlands amounted to 50,452,600 "The colors used in dyeing this cloth are very fugitive. Experiments were made to obtain a chevron that would stand washing when attached to the white summer and cotton khaki coats, and finally the color of the olive drab shirting flannel was selected as the best. Bars made of cloth of this shade, sewed on a groundwork of olive drab moking has passed its second reading serge, will harmonize with the service coats and at the same time are sufficiently distinctive. Bars of the same sloth sewed on a groundwork of either cotton khaki or white duck will harmonize with the khaki service and white summer coats.

the Russian peasant, writes a St. Pe-"While the distinctive colors of the esting to watch the effect of the new various arms of the service have been law permitting labor on Sundays and disregarded in the new chevrons, it will aot lead to confusion, because the hat cords show the color of the arm of the service, and the ornaments on the coat collars show the organization to which teur minstrels has made a business for an enlisted man belongs."-Washington the past twenty-five years of giving Star. performances for charity. In that time

His Dead Soldiers.

This grim story of the war is quoted from a Siberian paper: A Russian regiment was surprised by a Japanese ambuscade and lost 2,000 killed. Of one company every man was killed or wounded, only the captain and two other officers being able to get clear. After the battle the captain, though wounded, departed by himself. One of his friends, alarmed at this, went to look for him. He found him on the

battlefield seated on a large stone. He had dragged to the spot the bodies of the men who once formed his company and had arranged them in the ranks they filled when alive. When he recognized his friend, he called out to him to shoot him for his cowardice in being alive when all his men were dead. Then, losing his reason altogether, he harangued his dead men, calling upon them to follow him and promising them victory.

When they did not follow him, he reproached them, but affectionately, addressing them by their names. He had at last to be removed by force and s now in the lunatic asylum at Har-

Women Physicians For Lunatics. One of the most famous of German physicians for the treatment of mental liseases, Professor Ludwig, is earnestly advocating the employment of women physicians in lunatic asylums. After years of investigation he has come to the conclusion that the insane are peculiarly susceptible to a woman's presence and influence, not only the women, but the men as well. He says he has been instrumental in obtaining the admission of one woman a teacher asked her class what turf physician to an asylum for women in south Germany, and the results are ed what grass was. There was a long simply phenomenal. The women are more tractable, and in the cases where raised a hand, "Well?" asked the mental disease is the result of sexual

charge of affairs, as in the past. The Cigarette Habit. self doesn't know how to take care of Colored Foods.

president as to appointments, especially in the postal service. Headquarters of the national committee will be in Washington, and Elmer Dover, the secretary of the committee, will be in

the interesting exhibits in the National

has on it, and he sent his son in to the bank to get the money and to explain The lath check was honored after some discussion among the bank's officers.

"The cuff check was drawn by an actor who had become slightly intoxicated, got into a fight and been arrest- are not quite understood, but it is finishing a shave, strop the razor once ed. He was treated cavalierly in his known to depend immediately upon an more for a few seconds, and this will cell. They wouldn't give him any pa- organic change in the larynx, the organ insure a much better condition for it." per, and he bribed a boy to take the of the voice, which occurs in the male check to a bank. The boy got the sex between the ages of fourteen and money, and with it the actor paid his sixteen. Before that the larynx of Otherwise he'd have been jailed boys resembles that of girls, but when fine. for ten days. Thus the cuff check may the voice begins to break the vocal be said to have saved a man from prison.

"The check written on that linen collar won a bet of \$5. A man bet a woman that a check made on a collar the tongue become elongated. would be cashed, and of course he won his bet.

"Your bank, if you carry a good account, will honor the most freaky checks you can draw up. In such monkey business, though, it won't encourage you."--Chicago Chronicle.

A TALE OF THE COMMUNE.

One Little Chap Who Escaped the Bullets of the Soldiers.

A writer in the Cornhill tells of a scene that Charles Austin witnessed when the Versaillais entered Paris. He larynx. saw one day roaming about Paris-a not uncommon sight-a group of men and women put against a wall to be shot. Their hands were supposed to The Cryptic Inscription That Ornabe blackened with powder.

Among them was a lad of twelve of fourteen, who, before the order to shoot part of the Swiss church at Champery, could be given, stepped forward and a village which lies in a valley under begged to be allowed to take back the the shadow of the towering Dent du watch his mother had lent him. He MIdi. produced a huge turnip of a watch and promised faithfully to return.

Mr. Austin said it was a moment of anguish. None could be sure that the child was telling the truth, but the officer commanding, giving him a kick, said, "Be off with you!" The child ran away, the order to shoot rang out, but travelers: the horrid business was hardly over before the clatter of feet was heard, and the boy reappeared round a corner and, putting himself against the wall, prepared for death.

It was impossible to kill that heroic little soul. "It renews one's faith in human na-

ture," said Mr. Austin.

Think Straight.

It would be impossible for a lawyer to make a reputation in his profession while continually thinking about medicine or engineering. He must think about law and must study and become thoroughly imbued with its principles. It is unscientific to expect to attain excellence or ability enough to gain distinction in any particular line while holding the mind upon and continually contemplating something radically different.-Success.

Love's Ravings.

"Why, Charles, what do you mean by burning our old love letters?" "I of mankind would not have been achave been reading them, my dear," re- ceferated if the attracting tree had plied her husband. "After we die some been hung with a fair crop of the of a system of marks for good beone who wished to break our wills compting golden or crimson varieties of havior, he has always before him the might get hold of them and use them | today .- Country Life In America. to prove we were insane."

BREAKING OF THE VOICE. It Is Caused by an Organic Change

AN ODD PUZZLE.

ments a Swiss Church.

Dedicated to St. Theodule, this church

QUOD AN TRIS MULCE PA GUIS TI DINE VIT HOC SAN CHRIS DULCE LA

By taking the syllables above and be

ow with those in the middle it reads:

Quod anguis tristi mulcedine pavit,

Eve's Apple.

Hoe sanguls Christi dulcedine lavit

which may be freely rendered:

Imbued

picturesque tower is the oldest

half a minute before shaving, and care should be taken never to bear heavily In the Larynx. on the strop while doing this. Let the The peculiar physiological causes of

razor rest lightly on the leather, and what is called the breaking of the voice the best results will be gained. After

FLAGS IN BIG HOTELS. Colors of All Nations as a Rule Are

Kept In Stock. "No first class metropolitan hotel is chords become lengthened at least one thoroughly equipped until it possesses third, the angle of the thyroid cartilage an assortment of flags almost as com becomes enlarged, and the muscles plete as that of an admiral's flagship,' which connect the organs of the voice

remarked the manager of a prominent with the hypoid bone and the base of caravansary. "The leading hotels in the great cities While the change of form is taking have use for flags of all nations some place the voice is unfitted for singing time or other. Hotels are pretty nearly and should be used only with great

as punctilious in observing certain litcare. In other words, the breaking tle ceremonies when distinguished visit of the voice is due to the rapid de velopment of the larynx, which takes ors arrive as are naval fleets. If some high official of a foreign country is place at certain ages and which leads staying in the house it is the proper to a change in the range of the voice. The peculiar harshness of the voice thing to display his nation's colors. As when it is thus breaking seems to be all big hotels are likely to entertain home and foreign diplomats, army or due to a temporary congestion and navy officers, or even members of royal swollen condition of the mucous memfamilies, you can see where there of congress is shown to be the enor-is a necessity for an assortment of mous amount of 1,051,321 gallons. The brane of the vocal chords accompany

ing the active growth of the whole flags "The hotel may not possess a complete outfit to begin with, but as time

rolls along and distinguished men of all lands are entertained the collection of bunting is continually added to. gallons of water a day. Then there are the many fraternal organizations which make one hotel or in all the departments daily is 8,880, another their headquarters on the oc-108. The report shows that no water casion of annual celebrations. They connection was found at the state de partment nor at the botanic gardens. usually have some flag or device which s swung to the breeze over the house

on the days of the jollifications."was built in 1726 on the site of an an-Philadelphia Record. clent chapel. The tower, with its unique pierced crown, carries a glil ENGLISH CRIMINAL LAW. statuette of the patron saint, a quaint

old clock and the following cryptic inscription, which has puzzled many The Difference Between Hard Labo and Penal Servitude.

In addition there were 95,954 books in The difference in Great Britain bethe law branch of the library, 121,266 tween hard labor and penal servitude manuscript pieces, 75,861 charts, 384,is one of period and treatment. Hard 418 pieces of music and 158,451 prints, labor varies as to period from a few During the year there were 103,130 days to two years, and however well a copyright entries. prisoner behaves himself the sentence is never shortened. There are two the copyright work became a business

classes of hard labor. That which the serpent with sad charm In the first class the punishment administered consists of six to ten hours' There is discussion of the methods of The blood of Christ with sweetness has work at the treadmill, the crank or the capstan, or at stonebreaking or shot available for the library, and the li-

-London Telegraph. drill. In the second class the hard labor really consists of such punishments for their disposition. A botanical friend showed me not as may be decided by the justices in

ong since what he said was the apsession. Penal servitude is the modern subple that must have tempted Eve in

what was surely a tropical fruit garstitute for transportation beyond the den. It was a little bit of an oriental seas. A term of penal servitude begins crab, about a third of an inch in diwith nine months' hard labor in a of the island. They are skillful in weavameter, and, of course, it was bitterly probationary prison, and after that the sour! My philosophizing friend pointed out that, of course, the fruits in convict is employed on public works ma hats, and a great variety of basin a penal settlement. The work is Eden were the natural "wild" fruits, and he was wondering whether the fall comparatively light, and in most prisons a well behaved man gets off pretty easily. In addition to this, by virtue

> possibility of reducing his sentence by needle and produce a considerable quanat most about one year in five.

In Interest of Mail Clerks. Postmaster General Wynne in his Mrs. Hichurch (relieved)-H'm! Some hing on the order of a church fair annual report recommends the provision of adequate punishment for those chance, ch?-Judge.

who recklessly endanger the lives of mail clerks by transmitting snakes,

live tarantulas, scorpions, loaded re-Aunt Prudence-Do Mary and James rolvers and other explosives. The ict as if they thought their married sending of inflammable matter and life was a blessing? polsonous animals through the mails Uncle Bach-Well, no, not exactly a blessing, unless it might be a blessing is prohibited by law, but there is no

penalty provided. Potomac Water. The District commissioners have sent

The total amount of water consumed

Congressional Library.

Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress,

transmitted to both houses of congress

the total number of printed books and

pamphlets in the library is 1,179,713, a

gain of 78,791 for the last fiscal year

During the thirty-four years since

According to the annual report of

to the speaker of the house a report of

Bly-I hear you were in a street car an investigation made as to the amount mashup the other day. That was hard of Potomac water used by departments uck! and offices of the United States. Sly-I should say so. I wasn't even The average daily consumption of shaken up enough to sue for damages. the capitol building during a session -Detroit Free Press.

The Dear Girl's Taste.

In Disguise.

The Worst.

government printing office uses 1.356,-Jack-And so you have been married 855 gallons, the library of congress a year. How do you like the ties of 125,700. White House and fountain wedlock? 314.590 gallons, treasury department 363,396 and the navy yard 2,614,186 Jim-I like the ties all right, but I

Collier's Weekly.

The Retort Proper.

"Ah, you poor devils of bachelors! Now, when a married man gets a little cent in his clothes"-"He's got to pay it to the landlord.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

or just claim to? A woman always thinks her dres

maker keeps half the goods.

rel over do not make any difference one way or the other. When the doctor says to you, "Old

hour." how will you take it? of the library of congress the total A boy is old enough to be welcom number of entries has been 1,518,605. in the neighbor girl's parlor long be fore his sister thinks he is old enoug disposing of copyright articles not

to sit in the parlor at home. Had the old fashioned children act ed like the present generation there would have been no children. Their

death.

gourds, cocoanuts and other products ing hammocks, hats similar to pana-

CARL SCHOFIELD.

kets. Canes, paper knives and other articles are carved out of the native woods, some of which show curious and strikingly ornamental markings

The senoras and senoritas of Porto Rico are especially skillful with the tity of fine drawn work and laces.

teacher. "Please, ma'am, it's what you trouble the woman doctor works won got to keep off of," was the reply. ders. Ludwig is certain that in a short

A man brought up at St. Albans as time no men physicians will be eman incorrigible rogue was proved to ployed in female lunatic asylums. His have married his aunt. His children opinion is supported in large measure are therefore his first cousins, and he by another eminent authority, Dr. is his own uncle. His grandmother Krapelin. and his mother-in-law are the same person. Apparently the judge sympa-

thized with him, for he was discharged A number of Philadelphia business nen have organized what is to be known as the Downtown club, each

member of which is pledged to war on tipping. They have become tired of feeing waiters at noon in order to secure reasonably quick service, and the Downtown club is their way of overcoming the nuisance. A lawyers' club of California has

Lovers' Hearts.

ons are a number of beautifully chip-

been formed, with a branch club in every county and headquarters in San Francisco. Its declared objects are the in disguise .- Woman's Home Companreduction of expense to litigants, the elimination of delay in reaching a final settlement of cases and the securing of uniform rules of practice in the va-

rious counties of the state. Along the international boundary of the Canadian northwest twenty years ago was an acreage of 250,000 under crop, yielding 1,200,000 bushels of wheat. Now the acreage is over 4,000, 000 and the annual yields 110,000,000

bushels, while population, acreage and output are augmented at a rate no other country can approach. By direction of the secretary of way

orders have been issued carrying into have to balk at the cigars sometimes.effect the recommendations of the general staff making changes in the uniforms of the army. It is also prescribed that no decoration received from foreign governments shall be worn by officers and men while

duty with United States trogs see!"-New Orleans Times-Democrat. Thirty thousand Socialists, demon strated against Herr Lueger, mayor of

Vienna, on the eve of his sixtieth birthday. The burgomaster recently Do you always keep an appointmen described the Socialists as a lot of rag-

amuffing. On Oct. 23 they gathered in the ringstrasse opposite the Rathaus.

shaking their fists and waving sticks Nine-tenths of the things people quan and red handkerchiefs. A charge of 1,000 police finally dispersed them. The value of real estate in California is officially estimated to be worth \$882.

man, I'm sorry, but you can't live an 104.539, the improvements on real es tate \$316,208,123, the value of personal

property \$239,623,282, the money and tal value of property as returned by

influence" he has upon others .- Atchison Globe.

> Miserable Creatures. "Talking of matrimony." said the

to be the work of fairies and have sage, "there are two sorts of men who are equally miserable specimens." very remote times. In Scotland they are called "elf bolts," and they are so "And they are?"

"The fellow who says he's sorry he shaped that when the central projecever married and the fellow who says tion is broken off the semblance of a co. "Your goin' away don't seem to have made much difference in the old Press swers.

Chesper Furs. One of the results of the Russian-Japanese war is that raw furs are cheaper this season. It will take some time for the drop in the price of raw

furs to affect the retail sale of the manufactured product, but the public are already beginning to get the beneflt in reductions made in anticipation. Russia is one of the largest fur buying countries. Canada and British North America send abroad their surplus of raw furs beyond what the American market will take. The United States, except for some production in Alaska, imports almost all of the expensive furs which are used here. Smaller furs, like muskrats, raccoons, skunks and opossums, are produced in large numbers in the United States, and a great part of them is exported.

DOUGLAS JERROLD.

Some of the Caustic Retorts Made by the Famous Wit.

When a prosy old bore stopped Douglas Jerrold, who was hurrying on urgent business along Regent street, with the question, "Well, Jerrold, my dear boy, what is going on?" "I am!" retorted Jerrold, shooting past like an arrow from a bow.

Asked to contribute to a third subscription which was being got up for a reckless Grub street writer. Jerrold cried impatiently, "How much does the fellow want this time?" "Well, this time I think just four and two naughts will put him straight." . "Put me down for one of the naughts!"

A lawyer, replying to the toast of his health drunk at a dinner of artists, stammered out that he did not expect the honor, as law could hardly be considered one of the arts, whereupon Jerrold interjected one word only, "Black!" A clergyman who was indecorously and uncharitably denouncing the poor for the number of children they bred wound up with the opinion that the real evil of the times was "the surplus population." Jerrold nodded a hearty assent, "Certainly, the surplice populasolvent credits \$42,906,248, and the to- tion!"

"There's one song in the Prodigue," auditors is \$1,450,842,195, exclusive of cried a musical bore to Jerrold, "which the railroads, which are assessed at always carries me away." "Would I \$69,663,566 by the state board of equal- | could sing it!" ejaculated Jerrold.

The Town Stood the Loss.

While the engine was taking water the passenger with the imposing watch heart? In the days before metals were chain and eyeglasses strolled out on the platform and looked with interest about

"By Jove!" he said to the solitary native who was sitting on a flour barrel. ped arrowheads which have been taken "This village looks just exactly as it did twenty years ago, when I moved therefore been used as charms from away from here. I don't believe it has changed a particle in all that time."

"I reckon not, mister," said the solltary native, biting off a chew of tobactown."-Cheago Tribune

ization. How old is the emblem of a lover's used weapons made of stone were the fold by telling him of the "great formed by prehistoric men. Among him, the most notable of such ancient weap-

parents would have beaten them to

Every one has his vanity card to play. The preacher gets a man into

brarian urges that a means be found

Skillful Porto Ricans. The natives of Porto Rico fashion variety of useful and ornamental arti-

cles by hand from the palm leaves,