ODDLY NAMED TOWNS

QUEER TITLES THAT DOT THE MAPS OF UNCLE SAM.

This Nomenclative Peculiarity Is Not Confined to Any One Part of the Country, but Lends Itself Impar- remedies warranted to baffle old Father tially to All Sections.

The names of some towns in the United States probably cause their inhabftants considerable vexations when away from home, says the Chicago little Mrs. Busybody the other day, Chronicle. These names have certain peculiar meanings in everyday talk and thought on them if I had my health. as soon as they are mentioned they are apt to prompt troublesome questions by funmakers. For example, the man from Alone, Ky., might have to explain to a stranger living in New York how he could do business if he were the only inhabitant and how the excise laws were enforced if the barkeeper, the toper, the policeman and the magistrate were all one and the same and it case there were more than one person in Alone if all were bachelors and old maids. Citizens of Lonely, N. C., and Lonesome, Ky., would encounter much the same sort of questions, and all, of course, would finally be asked if they and whom we have no right to critiwere once Jersey commuters.

If a man halled from Affinity, N. C. he would naturally be supposed to be married and his home life an unpunc tuated chapter of bliss. He would be expected to wear as wide a smile as the citizen of Joy or Happy, Tex., or Paradise, Colo., with a temper as subdued as the inhabitants of Purity, Minn What would happen, however, if the man from Affinity should meet a man from Peace, Ala., would, indeed, be problematical. They might, after the fashion of some westerners, boom the merits of their respective towns with such ardor that at last these representatives of Peace and Affinity would come to blows. They might at last develop as much disrelish for each other as the citizens of Cream, Wis., who should chance to take dinner with a citizen of Caviar, N. J. On the other hand, they might become as chummy as the townsmen of those three towns in the states of Colorado, Oregon and West Virginia

which all bear the name of Crook. Any one coming from Eye, N. C. could hardly expect to join the New York police force and find things con genial. If he was a native of Lax, Ala., or Blind Bay, La., on the contrary, his duties as a metropolitan bluecoat might prove congenial. If he said he was from Sodom, O., he would most likely be told that his own town must need his services more. If he replied that it didn't, he might be recom ed to try to get a position in Pluto.

and several miles south of Lewiston there is a town by the name of Pig. It has never been recorded in any his tory of the United States whether the characteristics of the people of Pig are any different from those of the people of Lamb, Ill., or Chickies, Pa. This is certainly be interesting to know if the worthy burghers of Pig are any more happy and contented than other human beings, whether they have such ills as insomnia, nervous prostration or melancholia; whether there is any sale in Pig for appetizers, and what the good people do on Fridays.

Should a woman from Big Foot, Tex., or Antiquity, O., advertise for a husband it is safe to say she would not get as many answers as a woman from Beauty, W. Va. The man who bailed from Jug. Ala., might have more difficulty in being elected to the White Ribbon society than his contemporary from Dry Town, Cal. The native of Magic, Ala., would no doubt be welcomed by certain Wall street officers expression or their actions. I saw an where a citizen from Fairplay. Wis. would find the door shut. Should the woman from Alamode, Ga., or Fash- Japanese boys, yet in their teens, and ion, Ga., meet a woman from Jaysville, O., the two might get into such a controversy that at the end they would both be believed to be natives of Looneyville, N. Y. The citizen of Fossil. Ore., unlike the citizen of Quick, Neb., would no doubt feel very much at ful necks to receive the tempting morhome in Philadelphia, and for much the same reasons the representative of boys went off to secure boats for a row Fact, Kan., would find a congenial atmosphere in Boston. Vegetarians should go to Grass. S. D.

Any one might think that Ice, Ga., would become a more popular summer made up of men half of whom were born in Japan, Mo., and the other half in Russia, N. Y., would be pretty sure to disagree. At any rate, they would not call in a man from Jingo, Tenn., for a peacemaker. Should the girl from Leapyear, Tenn., become dissatisfied with things at home there is little danger of her settling in Bachelor, Mich. Neither would the man from Langor. Minn., think of moving to Jump, O.

A man may travel from Dan to Beersheba nowadays and think it a very short journey. There is a Dan in Kentucky and a Beersheba over the line in Tennessee. Neither is the trip from London to Pekin a long one in the United States. Ohlo contains both a people passing to and fro, who natur- to support conservative leaders, of Pekin and a London, and it is not a ally smiled at this bit of surgery being long fourney from Whisky Buttes, performed in so public a place. What Monta to Seven Devits, Ida. that hot afternoon was nothing short

There is a large green cricket in Japan of which the children of that country are fond. It is sold in cuming little bamboo cages in booths on the streets and is loved for its cheery chirp. American girls could have been as Several varieties of tree crickets are pure white, coming at different times of the year. Some have a note so loud and insistent that to have two or three playing their fiddles in a garden at once makes a noise almost deafening. while a species that comes late in the fall has an exquisite note like the quick ringing of a small bell.

Shopping Troubles. "Tomorrow is my wife's birthday, and I want to buy a present that will

"We have a nice line of feather boas." "No, no. I mean something that

would make a hit with her." "Anything in hammers?" "You misunderstand. I want some

thing striking that"-

"Ah, you wish a clock." "That's all."-Cleveland Plain Deal. crosses. Their countrymen are falling

"Talk about beauty doctors all you want to, and put all of your spare change in cold creams and the much-advertised

but I would not waste a second

If you are well you can build up men-

tally and physically, and good whole-

conscience we would very soon cease to

find fault and if we could not burnish

up our memories enough to find some-

thing pleasant to say about this one,

that one and the other one, then to re-

member that 'silence is golden,' and

that the less said about the little gos-

sipy affairs that stir up the dregs of the

past and cloud the affairs of the day,

the better. All of these little petty

things tend to help rub out the char-

acter lines and the refinement and true

womanliness that is reflected upon the

face and shines out of the eyes-the

windows of the soul-betraying the

thoughts of the pure heart, that is filled

with cheerful and loving themes.

Such a person does not fret and worry;

they keep the even tenor of their way,

doing the best they can and not spend-

ing the time in useless regret for things

that are past and cannot be helped by

dwelling on them. If they have made

mistakes they do not keep harping upon

their failures, but endeavor to forget

them, or at least profit by them to the

extent that they will not make a second

blunder, and they are not going to

wear themselves out and others as well.

It is the one who can rise above these

petty annoyances who will defy Father

Time. They don't worry, hence they

do not require the aid of beauty doc-

fed the swans that craned their grace-

sels that they fed them. Finally the

on the lake; the next instant one of

girls had off one of the patent leather

shoes which showed that it was a full

size too small for her. She held the

aching foot for a moment, but the next

instant that shoe was on again and she

walked off as though there was no such

a thing as a lame foot encased in patent

leather shoes. Not for one moment did

her face show the agony she must have

that girl must have endured during

of torture; yet never for an instant

heroic under like circumstances. They

would have been shown very quickly

that every step was one of the greatest

would have been written on their faces.

The Japanese are schooled from their

etc., pent up in their own hearts, the

tribulations, their fears or their worries.

The world must not know of their

heartaches or their afflictions; their

griefs are too sacred to be aired to an

unsympathizing world, and further-

anybody else with their troubles. The

result is that you seldom see a wrinkled,

care-worn face among them. Their

faces are smooth, no wrinkles, or criss-

world must not know of their trials and

natures is thrown away."

the thousands, and while they eagerly peruse the daily papers for news, the serenity of their aces in never distwrbed; they are still the me smiling land they were before death swept. the Flowery Kingdom, spreading desclation in his wake, and leaving a scene of carnage that beggårs description. If they grieve, and no doubt they do, for friend, brother or comrade, the world does not know of it. Their grief is too sacred for outsiders, and you can never Time and cover up and smooth out the fathom their hearts by any outward wrinkles and little criss-cross lines that march steadily on in spite of the strenuous efforts to keep them back," said

If we, as people, were schooled to conceal our feelings as well as the Japanese, never give way to fits of anger, become boisterous with joy, or east down into the depths of despondency, raving and crying out against some work is all the tonic I need if it is fate, letting all those around us know combined with sincerity, malice toward wherein we had failed, etc., we would none, generous impulses and a deterhave no use for beauty doctors. The mination to keep in the sunshine and cheerful, serene, hopeful nature that endeavor to keep step with progressive never worries over trifles, and who, ideas, instead of getting into a rut and when adversity comes, sees hope in the never having any ideas above the small star of destiny just ahead, and smilgossip wherein many times lurk the litingly says it might have been worse, tle arrows of sarcasm and fault-finding and with fresh courage closes the pages about people who are nothing to us, of the past and endeavors to seal them not even by the bonds of friendship, not with the seal of regret, but with oblivion, are the ones who will grow ise. Surely it is not elevating and if old gracefully and happily. we will listen to the still small voice of

Be a dreamer if it makes you happy, and build your castles in the air. Rear them beautiful in architecture, graceful in design and perfect in finish, even though they must collapse like a house built of eards. Watch for your ship to come into the harbor with snowy sails glittering in the sun, and laden with the wherewithal to bring great joy to you and others, even though it will prove to be a mirage and disappear as you stretch out your hand to anchor it in the harbor of your heart. It is not the dreamer that succeeds as a rule, but the hard worker who toils for all he gets. I heard a man say the other day, work, and the hardest kind of work was my salvation, for no one, I believe, was ever born with a greater desire to be a sinner in all its phases. From a boy I hated to do good, but fairly reveled in sin. However, it is past and I have come out the victor. I acknowledge our environments have much to do with our success in life, and people who fall far short of the mark would under more favorable circumstances be crowned with the laurels of approval.

Breckinridge's Mannerisms.

BRIEF REVIEW.

tors to rub out the ugly and disfiguring "The death in Kentucky the other lines. All the massaging, cold creams day of that brilliant orator and lawyer, and beauty doctors' efforts will avail Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, reminded nothing if the patient is of a worrying, me of one of his curious mannerfretful and dissatisfied nature, and unisms as a public speaker," said a man til they cultivate a cheerful, hopeful from another state. "No matter what and contented disposition, the money the role he played for the time, the one certainly to be regretted. It would they so freely spend to mask their real little peculiarity I have in mind was always present. It was in the way he stood while speaking. As a rule he We could learn a lesson from the Japanese on this coast. Seldom do you find one whose face shows the care him. He had the habit of throwing ne foot out to the fore and his body lines, discontent, worry and disappointback, so that his weight would seem to ment that makes so many compararest on the heel of the hindmost foot. tively young people old before their This was precisely the thing that antime. It is a part of their religion noyed me when I first heard Colonel never to show fear or worry. Their Breckinridge. He would throw his faces may light up with pleasure but it body back at an angle which seemed to is rare indeed for them to betray their me to threaten his balance. For a Judge. grief, fears and disappointments to while I could not get away from the others. Even though they are in pain idea that he was in constant danger of you would never surmise it from their sprawling on the floor on his back. He was apparently out of plumb, if you interesting incident of this not long will allow me to put it technically. Of since in Golden Gate Park. Two young course, this fear soon wore away as I became interested in what the speaker accompanied by Japanese girls of about was saying, and finally I would not the same age came along hand in hand notice it all. They sat down near Stowe Lake, eating popcorn balls and peanuts and

"Little" Japan Not so Small.

Most of our maps of Asia are drawn to a small scale, and, on such maps, the Japanese archipelago fills little space. But she is larger than England and more populous. She has 6,000,000 more people than France. She sent six armies over sea within six months. every one of which was as big as either | pected? army that met at Waterloo. She has sent to Manchuria twice as many soldiers in six months as England sent to South Africa in two years.

The Primrose League

been enduring. I met them again an hour later and the two couple were sit-The Primrose League, founded by ting on a grassy hillside, all chatting English Tories in honor of Lord Beaand laughing, but it was a tableau I consfield, is 21 years old, having risen could not soon forget. The girl with from an original membership of 957 to the lame foot had taken off her shoe 1,686,387. It is peculiar as being the and stocking and the Japanese boy she first great political organization to inwas with was picking a corn out of her vite the participation of women in its toe with his pocket knife. They were membership and to some extent in its management. Avowedly carried on not in the least embarrassed by the course, it rarely discusses and never criticises their action.

Same Old Problems Still. Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale is did she betray the fact in her smiling now an L.L. D. of Williams college, face as she hobbied beside her oriental from which his father graduated just lover. I thought then how few of our 100 years ago. The doctor read an extract from his parent's graduation address, which dealt with the question, "Has there been a progressive improve ment in society in the last fifty years?' pain, and the tell-tale lines of suffering Dr. Hale jocosely remarked that a century ago the boys appeared to be wrestling with the same problems as infancy to keep grief, sorrow, pain, are now discussed.

> When a man has his picture taken with his family he shows on his photographic face that he was forced into it

If a man has any sense at all in his love affairs, he loses it when he scents more they do not believe in burdening a rival.

> People who advertise their troubles never clear off their stock.

Wandering afar is not essential to the on the altar of the war with Russia by welcome of home. . *

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Her Poberful Imagination. When Mr. Perguson went home the and very polite denizens of the Mikado's other evening he found his wife crouch ing over the register in the back par lor with a shawl over her shoulders and shivering with all her might. The house was as hot as an oven. "What's the matter, Laura?" he

"The matter is," she replied, with chattering teeth, "that I can't keep

warm. I've got the furnace going at its full capacity too." "I should say you had. What do

got a chill?"

"If you want to know, go out on the back porch and look at the thermome-

He went and inspected it. Then he came back. "All that alls the thermometer," he said, "is that the bulb is broken and the mercury has run out.'

"Are you sure of that?" "You may go and look at it yourself if you don't believe me.'

"Isn't there a cold wave?" "Cold nothing! When I left the office half an hour ago the thermometer showed 30 degrees above zero, and it certainly hasn't grown any colder

"George," gasped Mrs. Ferguson throwing off her shawl and wiping the perspiration from her face, "I thought the mercury had gone down into the bulb and frozen solid!"-Chicago Trib-

He Got Them All.

The president of a certain athletic club in Baltimore which has a fondness for amateur exhibitions of the "manly art" tells of the trials of an Irish boxer imported from Philadelphia to meet a local artist.

It appears that the Philadelphia man was getting the worst of the argument when one of his friends whispered in

"Brace up, old man, an' stop some o them blows." "Stop 'em?" murmured the unfortu-

nate man. "Do you see anny of thin gittin' by?"-Harper's Weekly.

The Road to Happiness.



"There can be no domestic happine unless there are mutual concessions." "Nonsense! My husband and I get

Mr. Blunderalong - Why. Miss Anyou for a long time. You must pardon me, but you look fifty-

Miss Antike-Mr. Blunderalong! than you did the last time I met you .-

Reversing the Usual Order. Balty Moore-I notice that a colored fight at 3 o'clock and get married at 5. Calvert, Jr.-This is certainly the age ting things reversed.—Baltimore Ameri-

Preferred the Dark. "See here, young man," said her fa-

ther, "I always turn the lights out in this house by 10 o'clock. ly.-Philadelphia Press.

Highly Satisfactory. Askum-Is your patient with the grip progressing as rapidly as you ex-

Dr. Fatfee (jubilantly)-Yes, thank monia.-Judge.

A Choice of Terms.

on her birthday?" "No," answered Miss Cayenne, "I

Moderation.

Weary Walters-I don't believe in loin' two t'ings at once. Sunny South-Two t'ings! Gee! I don't believe in doin' one t'ing at once.

Age. "Man has seven ages," she said. "Yes," he replied. "Woman has only two, her real age and the one she tells her friends."-Chicago Record-Herald.

Her Criticism. "The men are all crazy to know her." "I think they must be."-New York Weekly.

The Mathematician. He figured on the distance Of the stars up in the sky; Of the stars up in the sky,
He figured on our planet's age
And when this earth will die;
He figured on the rallways
And the trust with patient skill—
But he never found the errors

In his monthly grocery bill.

-Washington Star.

Few Bad Fathers Among Birds. Bad fathers are rare among birds Usually the male rivals his mate in love for their children. The carrier pigeon-in fact, so do nearly all birdsfeeds his mate while she is on the nest More than that, the crow, the most dismal of all birds, often sits on the eggs in the nest in order that Mrs. Crow may have an hour or so of relaxation and gossip among the other Mrs Crows of her acquaintance. The blue marten, the black coated gull, the all do the same .- Louisville Post,

ANIMAL PECULIARITIES.

Fish and Crabs That Can Imitate Their Sargoundings

Many insects, birds, animals and ever fish and crabs are wonderfully clever Imitators. They will take upon them selves the color, shape or position of their surroundings so perfectly that neither friend nor enemy can discover their whereabouts.

There is a fish to be seen in the kelp beds about the island of Santa Catelina which has a clever way of making it self invisible. The body is slender, with a pointed head and prominent eyes. you want things so hot for? Have you Along the back is a continuous frill, which is the dorsal fin, while, opposite, the anal fin is equally ornamented. The fish vary in color. Some are amber, oth ers orange or vivid green, while some have two hues combined, dark and light green or olive and yellow. These peculiarities of form and color render the fish marvelously like the kelp leaves among which it seeks protection.

A number of these fish were placed in the tanks of the zoological gardens. where they might be observed. They showed great uneasiness, some of them even leaping from the tank. Another tank was prepared, where the natural surroundings of the fish were imitated as nearly as possible. A branch of macrocystis, with leaves hanging in the water, was suspended over the tank. The most uneasy of the fish were placed in the new home, and their change of feeling was soon evident. One swam at once to the kelp leaves and poised itself, head downward. Another, with head poised upward, became a remark able imitation of the hanging leaves in shape and color. The fish made no further effort to escape.

Another inhabitant of the kelp beds is an olive green crab, which clings to the under side of the kelp tangles. This crab also showed great uneasiness when it was placed in a tank. When the kelp was introduced it crawled upon it and was at once almost invisible, so much did it resemble the kelp leaves Another crab makes itself look exactly like a rough stone. When it is alarmed it draws up its legs and appears a bit of inanimate stone.

Several deep sea spiders which had been found at a depth of 800 feet were kept in a tank for several weeks. When taken from the dredging net they were a dark brown, though presumably the spot where they came from was so dark that they could scarcely have been seen. Yet even this type of apparently sluggish life had sufficient intelligence to realize that in the light of the tank it was a conspicuous object, so it began to add seaweed to its back. The seaweed was plucked, then passed to the mouth and finally attached not to the back, but to the point of the shell above the mouth so that it fell over the back like a gorgeous plume, making the crab very conspicuous. But when it was startled the plume of seaweed would point upward and the crab would be ome a rock with a tuft of seaweed growing upon it, well calculated to deceive the most observing enemy.-New York Herald.

MUSIC AS A LURE.

The Way the Deadly Cobra Is Cap-

The death dealing cobra is passion ately fond of music, and it is through made but few gestures. His hands were along all right, and I make him make this means that its capture is often accomplished. The men in India who can effect the capture of this deadly reptile must be possessed of remarktike, this is a pleasure! I haven't seen able skill or their lives are the forfeit When a cobra takes up its abode in the neighborhood of a dwelling house it is customary to send for the professional Mr. Blunderalong-Per cent better snake charmers. One of them strikes up a tune near the place where the snake is supposed to be located. No matter what the creature may be doing, it is at once attracted by the sound pugilist is planning to start a prize of music. It emerges slowly from its hiding place and strikes an attitude in front of the performer. There it is of revolutionizing old customs and get- kept engaged with the music while the other man creeps up behind with a handful of dust. At a convenient moment, when the cobra is standing motionless, this man suddenly throws the dust over the head and eyes of the snake. Immediately the cobra falls its length upon the ground and remains "Oh, we'll have the parlor light out there for one short second, but the sec before that," replied Mr. Nervey cool- ond is enough. With a movement like lightning the man seizes the body of the prostrate serpent just below the head. In great anger the cobra winds itself round and round the arm of its captor, but to no purpose, for it cannot turn its head and bite. If the fangs are to be extracted at once the captor you. He has already developed pneu- presses his thumb on the throat of the cobra and thus compels it to open its mouth. The fangs are then drawn with a pair of pinchers. If, however, he "Have you congratulated our hostess wishes to keep the snake intact for the present the musician comes to help him and forcibly unwinds the coils and have condoled with her."-Washington places the body in a basket, all but the head, which is firmly held by the other man. He presses down the lid to prevent the cobra from escaping, and suddenly the captor thrusts the head in

and bangs the lid. A very expert performer can capture the snake single handed, though it is highly dangerous. While playing with one hand he throws the dust sideways with the other and captures the snake with the same hand. The whole action must be like a flash of lightning, for a half second's delay or the merest bungling in throwing the dust or catching the snake would prove fatal to the operator.

Swimming Elephants. The elephants of Butma, in India

are used for a variety of purposes. Throughout the day they work steadily as laborers in carrying the great timbers from place to place, a single elephant doing the work, it is estimated, of a score of men. Their great diversion in hours of rest is bathing, and they take their baths in a curious way. The keeper takes his place on the bac of an elephant and thus placed makes a tour of a great lake or river, the huge animal swimming under him at a surprising rate, while he is kept high and dry above water.

An Autograph Hint. "Will you oblige me with your autograph?" asked a bore of a busy public

man. "Certainly," replied the public man "Just make out a check for 10 guineas payable to my order. I will indorse it cheerfully, and in due time, you may great blue heron and the black vulture be sure, it will come back to you safely through your bank."

THE BURMESE WOMAN.

With All Her Failings, She Is Held

In High Esteem. Burma, as in many other things, writes V. C. Scott in his book "The Silken East," "is in advance of more reputedly civilized countries in the status it. accords to its women. The infant marriage and shutting up in walled houses, the polygamy, the harems, the social punishment of widows, the denial of spiritual rights which prevail in India are unknown in Burma Here women marry when they are of age and after they have seen some what of the world. They marry, for the most part, whomsoever they will and from love. They are not handed over as chattels to a man whom they know not, but are courted and won The married women's property act has in effect been established for centuries in Burma. In this country, where the women earn so much, the woman's earnings are her own. Divorce is easlly obtained, but seldom asked for. The lightness of the marriage laws, the readiness of the Burmese women to en- gether. In consequence bells are never ter into an easy alliance, shock the virtue of the strenuous foreigner, but within her ideals she is a perfectly proper, modest and well mannered wo

"She has fallings. Who has not? Her practice of chewing betel is inelegant and destructive to her teeth; her voice is apt under the pressure of adversity to be shrill; her keen business faculties detract a trifle from the romance in which, as in a halo, all women are enveloped; in old age she is very ugly, and even in youth her nose is stumpy, her lips a little thick, her cheek bones high and heavy-but these are Caucasian objections.

"In the eyes of the young men of the land the Burmese girl is a peerless creature, and her influence over their hearts and their passions is immense What is more, few men in Burma ever undertake anything of magnitude without first seeking the able counsel of their wives."

ASTROLOGY.

One of the Most Ancient Forms Superstition.

Astrology means the "science of the stars." The encyclopedia calls astrology "one of the most ancient forms of superstition." Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hindoos and Chinese were given to it. The Jews became addicted to it after the captivity. It spread into the west and into Rome at about the beginning of the Christian era. Astrologers played an important part at Rome, where they were called Chaldeans and "mathe maticians." Although they were often banished by the senate and the emperors on pain of death and were other wise persecuted, they continued to hold their ground. Even Ptolemy the astronomer did not escape the infection, which in his time had been universal.

Mohammedanism was well adapted to astrology, and the Arabs cultivated the "science" with great ardor from the seventh to the thirteenth century. Some of the early Christian fathers ar gued against astrology in its earlier form and others received it modified to some extent. There is a hint of astrology, some critics think, in the story of the visit of the three wise men from the east to Bethlehem at the time of

the Nativity. Probably the palmiest days of astrology were the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. At two of the oldest universities in Europe chairs were founded for its teaching-at Bologna and at Padua. No prince's court was complete without its astrologer. After the renaissance the study of astrology was vigorously opposed, though for centuries many men continued to believe in it. among whom, at least to a certain extent, was Napoleon. The merciless ridicule of Swift had much to do with its discredit in England.

AN ODD VERDICT.

Why an Indian's Horse Was Declared Winner of a Race.

A man who has traveled extensively in the west among other anecdotes told

this one: "I was present at a horse race in New Mexico one day, where a horse belonging to an Indian had been matched against a swift footed pony which was the property of a cowbo The pony was known by the whit men to be a better racer than the other animal, and the race had been ar ranged for the purpose of fleecing the redskins. An impromptu course of a mile had been arranged, and the race was to be four times over the course. The cowboys gave their rider instructions to hold the pony back until the finish, so that they could induce the In dians to make big bets.

"The Indian's horse took the lead at the start and retained it. The cowbovs offered more money as the race progressed, and the Indians, seeing their horse in the lead, took the wagers. So It went until three and a half miles had been covered and the Indians had bet all their possessions against the money of the cowboys. Then the cow boy rider put the spurs to the pony. He passed the horse in the last quarter and crossed the line five lengths ahead. "There were three judges. Two o a cowboy. 'We win!' cried the cow

them were Indians, and the other was boys and started to collect the bets. when the Indian judges interposed. "'Uh, uh,' they grunted, 'Indian's horse win!"

"'How's that?' shouted the cowboys 'Didn't the pony come in first?' "'But Indian's horse was in front most of the way. Indians win,' came

the final decision of the two Indian

judges, and there was no appeal."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

"My dear," said Mrs. Mildly as she dusted Mr. Mildly's table, "this would be a great deal cleaner world if there were not any men in it." "If there were not," retorted Mr.

Mildly, "the women would do exactly as the Lord did-hunt around for enough dirt to make a man out of."-

Her Fate.

keeper. There is nothing she does not sthrate how big a fool a mon cud be know. Miss De Flight-What a nice, An' about the toime they seemed to handy maiden aunt she will make for bave larrned enough to live they doled, your other daughters' children!

FACTS IN FEW LINES

The pauperism of England and Wales costs the whole population \$2.38 a head

yearly. There are four times as many words in the English language as in the

French. The longest article in the new section of the Oxford Dictionary is on the verb "pass." It takes up sixteen col-

The following advertisement is taken from an English paper: "Smart lad wanted for butchering. Apply 6 Spot-

land road. It is stated that not one bride was over twenty-two years of age in the 346,590 marriages which took place in

Japan last year. According to the St. James' Gazette, it is now "smart" to be superstitious; hence English society would regret to see an English princess married to an Alfonso XIII.

All Moslem races despise and hate

the sound of bells, which, they say,

causes the evil spirits to assemble toused on Mohammedan mosques. Thieves have carried off from the church of Sauvetat, in the French de partment of Puy de Dome, a massive

and artistic copper statue of the Virgin which is said to date from 1319. Last year Spain imported one-half of its coal from England. It is now proposed to form a union of the Spanish coal mines and by organizing the mining industry to cut off the English sup-

A Danish engineer recently built a vessel after the lines of Noah's ark as laid down in the Bible. -It made a craft of 306 tons. It made a trial trip near Copenhagen and proved a good sea

Copper mining once flourished in Ireland, and between 1840 and 1843 the Ballymurtagh mine in Wicklow county produced 6,000 tons of copper pyrites a year. There is some prospecting still

being done in Ireland. According to the annual report of the Volunteers of America, of whom Ballington Booth is the leader, the congregations at the 25,000 services during the past year within the volunteer halls and buildings reached 1,060,955 per-

It is stated by the Peking Times that among the gifts presented to the empress of China on her birthday was a "beautiful diamond" from a high officer. It was examined by the empress' experts and turned out to be a piece of cut glass.

Anglomania is still increasing in Paris. Formerly one used to hear of la belle, le jeu de paume, la raquette, le ballon, etc. Today everybody says 'nous faisons du sport, du rowing, du yachting, du football, du tennis, du golf," etc.

A Parisian lady claiming \$10,000 damages from her landlord because the noise of the horses next door kept her awake produced as evidence a dressmaker's certificate showing that owing to want of rest her waist had become two inches smaller.

Recently a Bath (Me.) secret order initiated a candidate aged eighty years. He joined for the social features and took his degrees with several other candidates. He says that he is going to try to get what fun there is going while he lives.

In the Bayonne (N. J.) was committed and this entry made up on the records: "Name, a Leghorn; age, doubful; nativity, Centerville; occupation, layer; offense, clucking; dis position, eventually to be fricasseed; found on person, feathers."

Under a new law in Virginia which allows representatives of a person killed to sue his slaver for damages the administrator of Hoge Crockett of Richmond has secured \$3,000 from the estate of T. L. Sayers. Sayers killed

Crockett and then disappeared. During a recent telegraphic break down messages from New York to Chi cago were sent round by London, Gibraltar, Alexandria, Aden, Bombay, Madras, Hongkong, Guam and San Francisco. Answers were received in

New York in less than an hour. There are a number of men and boys at Seekonk, R. I., who make considera ble money by trapping. They report animals plenty and prices good. Skunk skins bring on the average \$1.50 each, mink \$3 to \$8 and muskrats about 20 cents each. One man caught fifty-four kunks in a single month.

The longest telephone line in Germany is 742 miles in length and runs between Berlin and Parls. Then follow Berlin and Budapest, 612 miles; Berlin and Memel, 593 miles; Berlin and Basel, 377 miles. The line between Berlin and Frankfort is the most used, 485 communications being transmitted dal

Science now transforms radishes into potatoes. Showing a process of Pasteur. M. Moillard cultivates a young radish in a glass retort in concentrated glucose. The radish develops much starch and swells out, losing its pepperiness and acquiring the taste, con sistency and nutritive properties of the potato.

A case of deliberate canine suicide is reported from Westbrook, Me. The dog was standing on the track as a train was approaching, and a young man who saw him did his utmost by calling and whistling to attract his attention, but the dog persisted in stand ing sull, racing the coming train until struck by the engine and killed.

Twenty-one years ago a peasant in the village of Jaennersdorf, near Ost priegnitz, placed his son in a small building and after walling him in kept him there. Food was handed in through a small opening not many inches in diameter, which was the only channel for light and air within. The peasant is now aged ninety, his wife eighty-six and the son forty-six.

Mr. Finnegan's "Filosophy." Wanst they wuz a man na-amed Dor gan-or was ut Clancy?-lived clost be a fri'nd av moine an' had a fur-r-nace thot wudden't git fairly shtarted inny da-ay until along toords neight jusht whin ut wuz toime t' bank ut up fer the noight. Since thin Of've seen a lot o' people that remainded me av that Mrs. De Work-I have trained my fur-r-nace. They shpint most av their eldest daughter into a thorough house- loives doin' nawthin' ixcipt to dimon-

be hivins!-Baltimore American.