Clever News Gathering.

Then came the conclave for the election of a new pope. It was to be secret, and every effort was made to prevent its proceedings from becoming public. A brick wall was constructed about the hall to prevent any one having access to it. But, to the amazement of every one, the Associated Press had a daily report of all that happened. One of the members of the noble guard was an Associated Press done. man. Knowing the devotion of the av him into the conclave chamber his pet thing. dove, which was a homing pigeon trained to go to our office. But Cardinal Rampoila could not be deceived. his wife, He ordered the pigeon killed.

Other plans, however, were more suc cessful. Laundry lists sent out with the soiled linen of a cardinal and physician's prescriptions sent to a pharmacy proved to be code messages which were deciphered in our office. We were enabled not only to give a ton. complete and accurate story of the happenings within the conclave chamber, but we announced the election of bogus Italian I could invent I pretendthe new pope, which occurred about 11 a, m in Kome, so promptly that, owing to the difference in time, it was printed in the morning papers of San Francisco of that day. We were also enabled to send the announcement back to Europe before it was received from Rome direct, and it was our message that was printed in all the European capitals. The Italian authorities did not interfere with these messages.-Melville E Stone in July Century.

To Tunnel Mont Blane?

M. Gauthier's scheme is to open a yet quicker means of communication, first of all, with Switzerland. This would be provided by tunneling the Faucille pass, an engineering work estimated to cost \$23,000,000 and to take five years. The second and more sensational part of the scheme is the proposed continuation of the line from Geneva, via Chamonix, through the Mont Blane to Aosta, thus connecting with all the Italian system. The mag nitude of such an enterprise as tunneling Mont Blanc rather takes one's breath away, but the project is said to have been aiready well thought out and elaborated in detail. It would certainly be a gigantic scheme for France. as it would probably divert half the traffic of the St. Gothard and Simplon routes to French railways.-Paris Letter to London Telegraph.

Burglars In Paris Catacombs.

Part of the catacombs of Paris beyoud the Luxembourg have been invaded by burglars who were on the lookout not for loot, but for skulls. The thieves, four in number, did not venture far into the subterranean place of the dead, as they were evidently afraid | con amore. of the labyrinths of the catacombs. They attacked the first pile of bones which they saw after having effected an entrance and carried away several skulls. The four catacombs burglars were arrested and tried. They stated in the police court that they wanted the skulls to decorate the rooms of their lodgings. In reality they proposed to

sell them to medical students. The four were condemned to fines and to terms of imprisonment.-London Telegraph. An Exploded Boiler's Flight.

"The Antigo boiler explosion, I am told, still holds the record for things | in its way." supernatural," said M. C. Tyndall of that city.

"The boiler was in a mill and exploded, killing two men. It took an aerial course for a distance of a third of a mile, passing over a schoolhouse in which there were several hundred children and struck a street, tearing the lower story out of one house, bounding along past two more houses and wrecking a third. The shock shook the town and broke hundreds of windows, some of them nearly a mile distant. No one there can figure out how the boiler missed the school."-Milwan kee Sentinel.

European Powers Arming.

The tremendous demands for artillery which are reported from the great Krupp foundry in Germany cannot come alone from the actual belligerents in the far east. The very size of the orders mentioned indicates as much. It is apparent that other powers are arming themselves at renewed pressure, doubtless ordering new equipments of artillery as a result of les sons learned on the field in Manchuria. Germany would seem on the face of things the power chiefly concerned. Thus the ruinous waste goes on, and "the armed camp of Europe" grows more and more a reality.-Springfield Republican (Ind.).

Value of New York's Parks.

The chief engineer of the board of estimate and apportionment of New York city places the value of the parks in Manhattan at \$222,000,000. They cover 1,432 acres. In Brooklyn there are 1,061 acres, valued at \$42,800,000. The Bronx has 3,876 acres, worth \$24,-000,000, while Queens and Richmond have 628 acres, valued at \$2,280,000. This gives a per capita investment to the residents of \$77.56.

Watery Help.

A man telephoned to the Coates House asking the clerk, George Mong. if D. M. Pond was employed there. Mr. Mong turned to W. E. Garager, the cashier and timekeeper, and repeated the question. Gardner looked in the book to see. "No," he replied, "no Pond grapes?" here but we have Dick Rivers in the kitchen and Charley Waters in the engine room. Will they do?"-Kansas City Times.

A Place For Him.

First Floorwalker-Poor old Biones has completely lost his hearing. I'm afraid he will lose his job. Second Floorwalker-Nonsense. He's to be transferred to the complaint desk .-Philadelphia Record.

No Aced For Worry.

dear. If the worst comes to the worst, of the leading patrons of the Georgian hended with ease, we respectfully sub-I can marry the doctor, you know.

Story by a Famous Comedian. J. L. Toole, the famous comedian, once told this story in his own inimita-

"I was in the Pitti gallery at Florence," said Toole, "with John Billington. We had been looking at the pictures all day. I was just going to tell Billington that I had had enough when an Irish voice expressed the same idea, but more eloquently than I should have

"'No, my darlint, I'll not go in there. erage Italian for the dove, he took with I'm thunderin' toired av the whole

> "We turned round, and there was the typical Hibernian gentleman talking to

"'No, darlint, I'll sit here till ve come out. Go an' see the thing. I'm toired av the whole show!" "He was very hot, mopped his face with a handkerchief and composed

trance to one of the side galleries.

himself quietly on a bench at the en-



"I CAN'T SPAKE YOUR LINGO."

ed to draw his attention to the objects of the District, over to the Duluth of art which he was neglecting.

"'My good man,' he replied in a send the vessel to Duluth

can't spake your lingo."

said: "Then, be jabers, can ye tell me where I can get a glass av Oirish

"'The saints save us." he exclaimed. "The change of expression in his face, the way he jumped to his feet, the man's delight when he found I was not an Italian at all and, like himself, was weary of sightseeing, knew no bounds. It was quite a little comedy

Loose Business Morals.

wealth went in the past to fit out so other two, the imported leaf beetle and many expeditions of discovery in the the white marked tussock moth, are white north.

the explorer said. "I never saw his any degree of certainty that they will equal in the hitting off of a person's not later join the ranks of the invaders character with an apposite story. Once, I remember, he was describing a flour manufacturer of loose business morals. "Mr. Ziegler said this manufacturer was like a certain grocer who called his clerk up before him one day and

"'That lady who just went out didn't I hear her ask you for fresh laid

" 'Yes, sir,' the clerk answered. " 'And you said we hadn't any?'

"'Yes, sir; that Is correct." "The grocer, purple with rage, yelled: 'Didn't you see me lay those eggs myself on the counter not ten minutes ago? You are discharged, you mendacious scoundrel, and see that you don't look to me for a reference either!"-San Antonio Express.

Knew What Buffaloes Liked.

nent of another, no matter how im probable it might be.

"One day a group of fellows determined to see if they couldn't get Smith -I'll call him Smith," said Secretary Shaw, "to express a dissenting opinion. So when Smith came along one of the boys said:

"'I had a most remarkable experience the other day, Smith. As I was ling distance. The same is true of the coming into town through the hills yonder I saw a buffalo up a tree eating grapes, so shot him. Did you never see a buffalo up a tree, Smith?'

"'Well, I can't say that I have,' returned Smith regretfully.

"'What!' persisted the story teller.

"'Well, no, I never saw a buffalo up a tree, but,' said Smith, brightening up. I know they are very fond of grapes," Brooklyn Eagle.

Origin of the Derby.

The twelfth Earl of Derby is unknown to the reader of the ordinary history book. Lovers of art know him vaguely as the peer who married the tinctions that he was not only an advopretty and popular actress Eliza Far- cate, but an example, of good stage elren, whom the young Lawrence paint- ocution. He was, however, an exceped so brilliantly. But the earl yearly tion that proved the rule. The first entirely on how it is cooked. has his revenge when all the world and step toward a better state of affairs is The Husband (on his deathbed)-My his wife flock to Epsom to see the race to convince managers and actors that darling, when I am gone, how will you for the Derby stakes, for that race, in it is desirable. With the memory of ever be able to pay the doctor's bills? Its institution in 1780, was named aft- many a bad quarter hour of strained The Wife-Don't worry about that, or the jovial young peer who was one effort to hear what should be appreturf .- London Standard,

[Special Correspondence.] "Before the summer is over in Wash ington those who are acquainted with Senator Charles Dick of Ohio may expect to see him biossom forth wearing one of the finest panama hats, will possibly few exceptions, ever brought to the United States," said Consul General Dietrich of Guayaquil, Ecuador

who is in the national capital on leave "Early in the year," continued Mr Dietrich, "I received a letter from Senator Dick requesting me to order for him the very finest panama straw that could be made. However, the senator was not explicit in his request failing to give the size, and I also did not care to proceed for that reason as well as because I feared he was not aware what such a hat would cost Therefore I wrote him, stating that such a hat would cost him at least \$150 and would require several months to construct it. Senator Dick replied not to worry about the cost and gave the dimensions of the desired headgear. 1 at once placed the order, and "'Here's a chance,' I said to Billing when I left Guayaquil the weaving of the hat was well under way and will "I had a catalogue in my hand. Up probably be completed in season to I went to the Irishman and in the best adorn the Jovelike head of the junior senator from Ohio about the time the hottest weather is upon us."

A Rug Weaving Fad. The newest and most fashionable fad among the women of Washington. in which not only "society" is engaged. but "the outs" as well, is the weaving of rugs and carpets-exactly like those that our grandmothers used to make, except that they unpoetically but truly characterized theirs as "rag" carpets. Now, however, it is customary to call the fashionable product "souvenir rugs," or "handmade carpets." The pretty daughters of Senator Wetmore of Rhode Island began it early last winter, and all the belles have contracted the craze-not only the daughters of resident first families, but also those who are only temporarily in the national capital. Indeed the fad seems to rage most virulently among the aris tocratic "old Washingtonians," who look down from immeasurable heights upon the giddy throng brought here by the exigencies of politics.

Duluth to Have the Fern.

Representative Bede of Minnesota and Guy A. Eaton, commander of the naval militia at Duluth, were in Washington recently to see about the gunboat Fern. The navy department some time ago turned the Fern, which was lightweight woolen or pongee may be formerly used by the naval battalion naval militia, but would not make any "'Si, signor,' I said. 'Proceacinio repairs or deliver the vessel. These

are being made in a shipyard at Norging my shoulders. 'Delta forragio have the vessel taken to Duluth, which suit at the waist. will cost about \$1,000. It is not ex-"'It's no good,' said the Irishman. pected that the navy department will I'm toired av the entoire show, and I ask for the return of the vessel and don't understand a blissed word av it.' that it will pass permanently into the "He turned away wearily, and I hands of the Duluth jackies.

The Capital Invaded. The insect pests that annually prey upon the shade trees of the national capital are beginning to make their appearance in formidable numbers, and | broidery will be worn all summer over before long the traces of their depredations will be in evidence all over the city. There is a grain of consolation, however, in the fact that of the three kinds of insects that annually do the greatest amount of damage to the trees of Washington-which constitute larger frock and blouse sleeves, and one of the city's chief claims to beau some of the models are quite pictur-An arctic explorer was praising the ty-only one, the fall webworm, aplate William Ziegler, whose great pears to have made a good start. The

apparently having an off year, although "He was a man of the alertest wit." It is yet a trifle early to predict with

> To Spend Summer Abroad. The Ambassador and the Baroness Speck von Sternburg have left for Germany, to be gone for three months. The greater part of his leave the am-Saxony. He will return to his post in will be a delight to the fond mother October. The German embassy will be established in Lenox for the summer, with Baron von Dem Bussche

counselor, as charge d'affaires. Germany to Bulld Embassy.

Haddenhausen, first secretary and

The German government has purchased a splendid site for its embassy here opposite the property of the new French embassy overlooking Sheridan circle in S street, in the northwest section of the city. The property, which is shaded by magnificent trees and rises to a great height above the street, Secretary Shaw and Senator Tom measures about 300 by 195 feet. On Carter of Montana were swapping sto- this site will be erected a splendid ries the other day when the secretary stone structure of the style of Fredof the treasury told a good one about crick the Great, reproducing perhaps in a man out in an Iowa town who was general outline the famous Sans Souch never known to disagree with a state- castle or the new castle in Potsdam.

Squirrels at the White House. Squirrels are of comparatively recent date in the White House grounds. They first began making their homes there four or five years ago. Across Pennsylvania avenue in Lafayette park the squirrels have become so tame that they will get within graspwhere they have learned to be angry If a visitor does not present them with something that is appetizing. Only last summer a visitor was badly bitten on the neck, ears and face by an angry 'Never saw a buffalo up a tree eating gray squirrel in the capitol grounds. This visitor had teased the squirrel by pretending to have some food and had then tried to capture it. When he turned around to walk away the squirrel dashed upon his back and bit him

> a number of times. CARL SCHOFIELD.

Good Stage Elecution. It was one of Joseph Jefferson's dis mit this word of suggestion .- Century, fected the temper .- New York Press.

A Comfortable Garment.

A whole chapter could be written about that favorite garment, the tea gown. Essentially feminine it is, and every woman likes to have a few pretty ones in her wardrobe. No other garment, as she knows, can equal it for comfort, coolness and for emergency wear. Like all other garments. this season's tea gown has taken on a quaint old fashioned air. The full. loose fronts and tight fitting back and the picturesque sleeves to show off dimples and pretty bracelets are quite smart and becoming to all figures.



TEA GOWN OR WRAPPER. whether they are short or tall. The tea gown is one of those garments which happily lend themselves to small purses, for it may be charmingly developed in lawn or cotton crape as well as in the more expensive fabrics. One can always buy daintily striped material from which the borders may be made, or very often the material itself contains the border. The model s one that may be easily followed in the home manufacture. The fronts have plaits at the shoulder which supply the fullness in front. The use of the ribbon girdle is optional, as many prefer the full flowing style for summer. Lawn, dimity, cotton crape, silk,

Bathing Suits.

contralto Carlo dolci, grandioso del facts occasioned surprise, as it was the bathing suits. One of the prettiest offered up as a sacrifice.

White Serge Popular. White serge is restored to the highest

favor, and some of the most attractive suits are made of it. The short coat, elaborately trimmed with braid, is pre-The Sleeveless Bolero.

The sleeveless bolero of lace or emthe fancy blouse.

Capes and Wraps. There are more capes in the wrap list this year than in many a season esque and attractive.

Much Color Worn.

It looks as though plenty of color would be worn this summer. Pale shades of pink, blue and violet come in batiste and handkerchief linen. But all white will lead.

Handsome Freek For Girls.



PLAITED BLOUSE FROCK.

who creates her daughter's gowns. The little gown shown here is one of the most pleasing models in sailor blouse suits. It is made up of a rich brown | cure a monopoly and thus keep up the | bers?" inen with tie in crimson silk. The blouse, unlike the usual design, is tury destroyed all their clove trees ex- read."-Life. made up of plaits coming together in cept those in the island of Amboyna. front and back to resemble a box The chief value of cloves lies in their essential oil, which forms about oneplait. The skirt is also plaited and sixth of their whole weight. falls in abundant fullness. For a medium size this dress requires five yards of thirty-six inch material.

It Depends.

De Peyster (they have been conversing on art topics)-Are you fond of ma-Jolica, Mrs. Parvenue? Mrs. Parvenue (who has made several bad mistakes since her entrance into society and is on her guard)-Well-er-that depends

It Sometimes Happens. His Wife-You're home at last! thought you'd never come. Mr. Outlate-And absence instead of making

tome Everyday Incidents That Go

to Prove This Fact. About a thousand yards from the window where I sit is a factory which blows its whistle every noon. The steam always comes from the whistle some little time before the sound is heard. Yesterday I counted three sec- and we want to store some of our fur- gether and then both hind feet. Now, onds between the time when the first niture"steam was seen and when the sound of the whistle was heard. The whistle is heard when the weather is foggy do you?" or clear, hot or cold, windy or calm. It is sometimes louder than at other times, but it always takes three seconds to travel the 3,000 feet from the factory to my house,

We often hear also an echo of the whistle, which comes two seconds later than the first sound. This is the same andid coming by a roundabout journey 5,000 feet away. It travels first 1,000 feet to a hill beyond and then is sent back 4,000 feet to our house.

A few days ago I heard a band of musicians playing upon the street, and, although they were far distant from me, the high tones of the piccolo and the low tones of the bass horn reached me exactly together, showing that high and low tones travel at the same speed, During a thunderstorm I noticed a accords before the sound of the thunder was heard. This showed me that the storm was about 10,000 feet (or told you? Has he asked you to be his about two miles) away. A little later, however, the time between the lightning and the thunder began to grow less, and the noise of the thunder became louder, which showed that the storm was getting nearer. Finally a dazzling flash of lightning was followed immediately by a deafening erash of thunder, and at the same time the shingles flew from a patch of roof on a barn near by. It had been struck by lightning and was soon in flames.-St. Nicholas.

THE CRUEL PIANO.

Juvenile Sacrifices That Are Offered Up to the Instrument.

My landiady's little boy, separated from me only by a thin lath partition of a wall, is playing five finger exercises in halting rhythm and with innumerable false notes. The instrument is one in which the flight of years the girls kiss me."-Boston Transcript. has left a tone like a discontented nut-

The little boy, a pale child in a long pinafore and big white ears, hates his chosen instrument as much as I do. and so we meet on a level of mutual affliction. I loathe hearing him, and he dom that I don't think they know anyhates his instrument; now, in the name The warm weather has brought out of good common sense, why must be be

thought that the navy would at least is a black and white shepherd's piald. His mother is a poor woman, and the with a plaited blouse and upper part | tinkling cottage plane with plaited fine brogue, 'I don't understand a Commander Eaton is here to arrange of the skirt. The square cut neck is faded green front represents the chops word you say. I'm an Irishman and for the completion of the repairs, which | nuished with folds of pale blue silk | and many other wholesome things she sutlined with black braid, and a black has not eaten, and what she allows "'Ah, della fatissimo,' I said, shrug- folk at a cost of about \$4,000 and to and white heavy silk cord fastens the the young lady in the third floor back, who takes her board out in plano lessons, is a serious sacrifice. Now, I ask what for?

Why is all the world playing an un-

necessary plano? Marriage has a fatal effect on music. For some occult reason as soon as a girl is married the piano-the grave of so much money and time-retires out of active life and swathed in "art draperies," burdened by vases, cabinet photographs and imitation "curios" serves less as a musical instrument than a warning. But no sooner are the next generation's legs long enough to dangle between the keyboard and the past, a fact due possibly in part to the | pedals than the echoes awaken to the same old false notes that serve no purpose unless an hour of daily martyrdom over a tear splashed keyboard is an excellent preparation for the trials of life.-Mrs. John Lane in London

A Pathetic Incident.

There is a pitiful story told in the Bookman of Philip Bourke Marston, gressive euchre club." the blind English writer. One day a particularly good idea came to him, What a world of beautiful fancies and he sat down to his typewriter with are to be found in frocks for the small enthusiasm. He wrote rapidly for mademoiselle. She is, indeed, beloved | hours and had nearly finished the story by Mistress Fashion, and the array of when a friend came in. "Read that," bassador will spend on his estates in girlish models given by that fair donor said Marston proudly, "and tell me what you think of it." The friend her summer trip at all."-New Orleans pray for?" stared at the happy author and then at the blank sheets of paper in his hand before he was able to understand the little tragedy. The ribbon had been taken from the typewriter, and Marston's toil was for nothing. He never had the heart to write that story again.

Power of Sulphuric Acid.

Philadelphia Press. An instance of the great dissolving powers of sulphuric acid is furnished by an accident which occurred in the chemical factories at Mulhouse, Alsace. An operative was blown up into the air and fell into a trough filled about three feet deep with sulphurle acid, the temperature of which was found to be 91 degrees C. ten hours after the accident. The death of the man was only proved by the discovery of his caoutchouc respirator, muzzle, get uneasy about the future. two porcelain buttons and other insoluble articles. Everything else had chemically combined with the acid.-London Engineer. Tribune.

From Java, Sumatra, Mauritius, Zanzibar and Guiana come the little brown ed with all his own little meannesses, flower buds of the clove tree. When said Uncle Allen Sparks, "he thinks gathered the buds are red and are he's a judge of human nature."-Chidried by exposure to the smoke of cago Tribune. wood fires and afterward by the rays of the sun. In a very short time they become of a deep brown color. To se price the Dutch in the seventeenth cen-

Artificial Eyes.

The first false eye was a metal band which gripped the head and was fitted with a plate to cover the blind eye, covered with leather on which an eye was painted. Then came shells, like halves of nutshells, of gold, silver or copper, enameled or painted to resemble an eye and inserted under the eyelid. As an improvement upon these, artificial eyes were made of porcelain and at last of glass.

Remember that what you believe will the heart grow fonder has merely af. depend very much upon what you are.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

Of Course.

"Hello!" exclaimed a low, soft voice through the telephone. "Is this the cold storage warehouse?"

"Yes." "This is Mrs. Jymes. My husband only one leg of each pair at a time, but and I are going abroad for the summer,

"But, pardon me, madam, you don't age this matter. The birds, of course, want to put furniture in cold storage, flap both wings together, but which

"Not all of it, sir, of course; only the beings "trot" when we walk and "galicebox."-Chicago Tribune.

Out of the Mouths of Babes.

"Oh, mamma," exclaimed Ethel, "I've got an awful pain! Won't you please give me a big dose of that medicine with the sugar in it? Quick, mamma before the pain goes away!"

Elmer-You must be a lady killer, ain't you, Mr. Sapleigh? Sapleigh-Why do you-aw-think

Elmer-Sister says she nearly dies a-laughin' every time she sees you.

How Could She Doubt? "Oh, mamma," she cried, rushing into

her mother's room and flinging her dash of lightning and counted tene arms around the parental neck, "he loves meh! He loves meh!" "My dear child, I'm so glad! Has he

> "No, but he's down in the library learning to play chess with papa."-I'e troit Free Press.

> > Excess Baggage.

"Now that you have accepted the po-

sition as drummer we will start you on the road at once." "Yes, sir."

"You will have fifty trunks to look after. "Fifty trunks? Great Scott, do you

Three Wishes. "You have served your country no bly," said the mikado. "Anything you may ask will be granted."

"I have but three requests," an swered the Japanese naval hero. Don't creet a triumphal arch, don't present me with a house and don't let

No Apparent Danger.

"Miss Esmeralda, may I ask if your parents object to my coming to se "Why, Mr. Bashley, you come so sel thing about it yet."



"Is Jones a well informed man?" "He ought to be. His wife belongs to three sewing societies and a pro-

The Limit of Weariness. Tired?" said Mr. Busyhusband in a failing voice to his friend. "I should say I am. Why, do you know, I was so tired this morning that I actually couldn't enjoy my wife's departure for

Times-Democrat. Knew Her Way. Towne-That was a pretty parasol your sister had yesterday.

Browne-Yes, my wife is going to get one like it. Towne-Ah, she told you so? Browne-No, but I told her not to .-

Getting Even.

"Does your daughter enjoy practic ing on the plano?" "Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox. "The neighbors have made some remarks about her that she didn't like."-Wash-

Ington Star. Sure Sign.

Edyth-I think Stella is beginning to an ardent republican in 1849. In the Mayme-Because why? Edyth-She has begun to speak of

spinsters as maiden ladies. - Detroit

Uncle Allen.

"When a man has become acquaint Easily Explained.

"Pa, why do automobiles have num-"So that those who are run over may

Naturally. "Yes, she calls her play 'Brains.' " "Is the plot her own?" "Yes, she made it all up out of her

awn head."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. Butter In Slices.

From time immemorial in Cambridge, England, the dairymen roll the latter so as to form a long stick weighing a pound, which they sell in slices, as if it were sausage. In the market the butter merchants do not need to use | diminutive at present much in use either weights or scales. A simple glance is sufficient for these people accustomed to the time honored practice. A very neat cut with the knife divides the yard into halves, quarters | hundred thousand dollars?" or eighths very exactly, and it appears that the customer is never given short

measure.

TROT OR GALLOP?

What Do Fish Do. and the Seals and

Insects and Worms? Here is a problem for people with sharp eyes: A we all know, a horse when walking or troiting advances when galloping lifts both fore feet tothe question is how other animals manbirds run and which hop? We human lop" when we swim-that is, if we are using the plain breast stroke. The dog. however, "trots" for both. Now, do the amphibious animals-the seals, oter; and the rest-swim like men or he other four footed creatures?

Then there are the fish. One would ther expect that, as they move their talls from side to side, they would flap alternately with the fins, which are their hands and feet. Who can tell whether they do or not and whether all th at all times follow one rule? By the way, how does a frog use its 'hands?'

The great anatomist E. Ray Lankehas pointed out that, while the th grand legs," such as our common gally worm, advance two feet of a pair ogether, the centipeds, which are much like them, do exactly the opposite, and the swimming worms also alternate the stroke of each pair of paddles. I doubt if many people can tell on which system the caterpillar manages its dozen or so legs or whether the adult insect walks, trots, paces or gallops on its six.

How does the spider use eight? Altogether this is a large field for observation, a field, too, where any one may discover new facts as yet unrecorded, and thus add to the store of knowledge.-St. Nicholas.

CORRECT ATTIRE.

think I am a summer girl?"-Detroit He Who Dresses In Good Taste Shows That He Respects Himself.

When our country was in the log abin stage of its growth correct dress was not held in high regard, and obviously so. The stout hearted pioneers were too busy hewing paths and blazing trails to cultivate life's finer side. Theirs was the rough work of field and camp, of hammer and saw. But times, men and manners have changed, and a new conception of dress has sprung up. Young men especially recognize the direct relation of correct dress in business and social preferment. The well dressed man carries his introduction with him-he is master of himself and of the situation. He commands the respect of others because he shows that he respects him-He came oftener after that.-Chicago

It is true that there are some men of wealth and position who slur their clothes and even some who feign to scorn the niceties of dress. The habits of a careless youth have left their imprint on such men, and it is quite certain that their disdain of dress played no part in their success and detracts measurably from their enjoyment of ft, for, after all, the ripest fruit of success is the esteem of one's fellows, and who can esteem the sloven? In talking to a man one's attention naturally roves to his clothes, his hair, his teeth and his finger nails. Dandruff on the shoulder, stains on the walstcoat and unshaven face, untidy hair, creases in the coat, a soiled collar, a mussed cravat, proclaim in trumpet tones that a man lacks the truest refinement - respect of self. -

Making It Easy For Him.

The most difficult part of a pastor's luly," said a New York preacher, "is the pastoral calls. I have always remembered one of the first I ever made, when I was a green youth just out of a theological seminary. I had been called to the bedside of a member of my church who was well known for his peculiarities and crankiness. After talking with him a few minutes I said: "Shall I offer a short prayer with

you? "Short or long. Use your own judg-

ment,' said he. "More and more embarrassed, I hesitated, and then said, 'What shall I

to selection of topics,' said he."

"'Exercise your own discretion as

A Preliminary, The minister's wife engaged a new servant. The girl was very friendly with a constable, and one day she invited him to come round to see her. When he came it was washing day. She went and fetched him some beer, biscuits and cheese, but just then a voice called out, "Mary, have you got started to wash yet?"

"Yes," said Mary. "What are you doing now?" "Oh, I am just filling up the copper." -London Telegraph.

When Wagner Fled.

Richard Wagner, the composer, was archives of Dresden there is a docu ment setting forth a case of high treason against the musician. He was accused of having written to a friend a letter proposing to turn Saxony into a republic. "But whom shall we make president?" he asked. "I see nobody competent for the office except our present sovereign, Frederick Augustus II." Frederick Augustus does not seem to have appreciated the humor of the suggestion that he should don't he crown and content himself with the dignity of a republican president. For this flash of unconscious fun Wagner had to belt to Switzerland.

The Word "Gent."

At one time the word "gent" was a reputable term for general use. A respectable writer in 1564 tells of "a supper to divers gentlemen of the Gray's inne for the great amitie between them and the Middle Temple gents." The diarist Evelyn speaks of the "noise and tumult occasioned by three or four wild gents in drink." Soon after Queen Victoria's accession "gents" became vulgar. Thackeray speaks of it in 1842 as an "affectionate among commercial persons."

Incompatible. "What would you do if you had a

"I'd own a private yacht." "Then you wouldn't have a hundred thousand dollars."- Washington Star.