Occasionally amid its ceaseless changes of form amoeba may be seen to be developing a "waist," which grows smaller and narrower until it snaps, and instead of one large animal we have two small ones, which, witheach is full sized and ready to divide

ACSI. But what has become of the original amoeba? In the absence of anything which could be called his corpse we cannot declare him dead. It must be our present two are descended are still living. Of course thousands of the animalculae are destroyed every day cestors, and that so long as any one amoeba is living none of his direct ancestry is dead.

The conclusion has forced itself up on blologists that death is no part of the life scheme of these humble creatures. They are not like us -machines. preordained to run down to a more of less certain period of years-but the live on indefinitely till some chance ac cident cuts short their career. Youth. or, rather, immaturity, they experience purloined a trifle, then you will see from time to time, but old age never!- five or six of the dignitaries in blue Grand Magazine.

Ginnts of History.

Turner, the naturalist, declares that he once saw upon the coast of Brazi a race of gigantic savages whose av erage height was over ton feet, some individuals exceeding twelve and a half feet. M. Thevet of France in his description of America, which was published in Paris in 1575, says that he was once present when the skeleton of a South American savage cleven feet in evidence until after the danger was in the fact that we have the greatest and two inches in height was disinterred. The Chinese have a record of several giants between twelve and six- sence. He said, "My wife and I re- greatest wealth and the greatest trusts teen feet in height which have lived in the Flowery Kingdom within the last 300 years. Josephus mentions a Jev who was ten feet two inches, and Pliny was well acquainted with Ga bath, the Arabian giant, who was nine feet nine inches in height. Coming down to modern times, we find that John Middleton, who lived in the tim of James I., was nine feet three inches and had a hand seventeen inches long by eight and a half broad. Murphy one of the celebrated trio of Irigiants (Charles Byrne and O'Brien b ing the other two), was eight feet te inches and O'Brien two inches taller.

Curiosity Satisfied. A woman eyeled up to a batcher's shop and went in with a smiling face. "I want you to cut me off twenty five pounds of beef, please," she said. The butcher was incredulous, "Twenty-five pounds?" "Yes, please." It was a b job, and when he had finished he asked her whether she would take it or have It sent home. "Oh, I don't want to buy with that he commenced gathering up it," she explained. "You see, my doc the things and putting them in a sack tor tells me I have lost twenty-five He had a confederate watching at the pounds of flesh through cycling, and I wanted to see what it looked like in a lump. Thank you so much."

Old Thunder Notions.

The "Prognostication Everlasting of one Leonard Digges," published in 1556, tells us that thunder in the morning denotes wind, at noon rain and in the evening a great tempest. He goes further still and declares that "Sunday's thunder should bring the dea of learned men, judges and other-Monday's the death of women, Thesday's plenty of grain, Wednesday's showed up for over fifteen minutes, bloodshed, Thursday's plenty of sheep and then three or four came jogging and corn, Friday's the slaughter of a along together. There was danger in great man and other horrible murders, Saturday's a great pestilent plague and great dearth."

Mother Nature's Children. One of the most wonderful thing Mother Nature does is to teach he. children how to accomplish things with means and appliances that seem entirely inadequate for the purpose. A bird will build an intricate and beautiful nest with no better tool than her beak (birds do not use their claws for this purpose), a caterpillar can shape a symmetrical cocoon and bees the sharp although the burglars had been gone angled cells of their combs. These are some fifteen or twenty minutes, every familiar instances of this, but by no one of them had to march pompously means as wonderful as those shown in into our house to view the havor the work of some sea animals that live in shells.-St. Nicholas.

Sweet Girl.

Gerald-As it is to be a secret engagement it would not be wise for me to give you a ring at present. Geraldine Oh, but I could wear it on the wrong hand.

His Regret.

Blobbs-Buggins' wife says he is a model husband. Slobbs-Yes, and he used to be such a good fellow too .-Philadelphia Record.

I believe I said in a recent article that I did not believe in the whipping post except for wife-beaters. I changed into the hands of, the vivi-section my mind last week when a great burly fiends, as well as the little brown-eyed earth and which has certainly never man not only beat his horse until he lost an ancestor by death. The creature raised great welts on the quivering is transparent and resembles a drop of back, but kicked him again and again, slightly more viscid fluid in the thin while the vilest language poured forth from his foul mouth. The horse was nothing but skin and bone and he was trying to pull a wagon loaded to its hold pets was not fit instruction for fullest capacity up one of the steepest cobble-stone payed hills in San Francisco. The cobble-stones had been worn by the every-day travel until they were as smooth as glass. Over these the faithful animal pulled and tugged under the rapidly falling lash, with its stinging reminder of ingratitude for past service well done, only to slip and fall until he was cut and bleeding. A crowd gathered. Some urged the horse on, others threatened the driver if he didn't desist, while others merely remonstrated with him for his ter may be merged into a larger. In cruelty, but were repaid with a volley an hour or two they will have been of curses. Men finally put their shoulders to the wheels, the lash was ap- formed the work lost all patience and plied again and the wagon was landed on the summit of the hill. Wet with froth and the blood oozing from the various cuts, the horse stood for a minute, panting and blowing, then he sank down in the traces, gave one concoe even a momentary pause, continue vulsive shudder and was dead. Free the search for food till, in a few hours, from his inhuman master and free was brought up with a round turn and from the blows and the starvation he reprimanded for his startling dissechad received. Not a person who witnessed the cruel act but was glad the instruction of his pupils. He had simhorse was dead and sincerely hoped ply made a mistake in his calling, nathe owner would never have money said that he is still living as the two enough to get another horse to abuse. new amoebae. Now, this splitting into This was another case for the whipping two being the only mode of reproduct post, and for every blow laid on that tion of the race, it follows that all the helpless horse, he should have received previous parent amoebae from which one just as hard. One application would have cured this monster of any by natural foes, but it must be re- per upon a helpless animal. Too bad membered that these unfortunates there is not a law prohibiting any man cannot by the nature of things leave of his stamp ever owning a horse, dog, any children and so will never be an cow, or any other animal, for that

You ask why he was not arrested and the answer is simple. In the language of the small boy, there was no 'cop" or policeman around. There seldom is unless there is some poor, ottering individual who has been guilty of imbibing too much of the up that cheers, or some child that has cloth and gilt buttons, with a regalia of a club hanging handily at their side and a revolver in their pockets for imnediate use in case the culprit starts to un before he can be bundled into the

patrol wagon. Commenting on the non-appearance more for ourselves of the wealth tha f a policeman in the above instance a God has given our country so abundman remarked that they were never antly. There is self-conceit-our pride over. When they were really wanted country, the greatest rivers, the greatthey were conspicuous for their ab- est mountains, the greatest men, the

turned from the theater the other and corporations to control them all. night to find that burglars had purloined everything they could from the liberty consists in every man having ower part of the house and were then the right to follow his own sweet will, in the upper story helping themselves that government rests on the consent to everything they happened to de of the governed, which is even seen in sire. They had the electric lights some theories of education that say the turned on full and were going about it child should never be compelled, but as composedly and systematically as only induced to learn. There is the you could imagine. Not only were all spirit of caste." the bureau drawers emptied of their contents into the middle of the floor. but the mattresses and pillows had millions which belong to the people been torn open and the carpet torn up and which he will give back some day. from the floor. Our rooms looked like We think it will be when he makes a cyclone had struck them. When what he can call an honest fortune by my wife threw open her bedroom door squeezing a few millions out of the she was looking in the face of a black Standard Oil Co., when he has it on masked thief and a pistol was pointed the hip. He is simply a gambler in directly at her. 'Don't make any fuss?' stocks, and this is not honest, simply commanded the burglar, 'or I'll have because it is giving something for no get hurt I am almost through.' And loaded dice. rear of the house, and, resently be gave a peculiar whistle and at -pping to great people. Chips wants to show the the window he dropped the sack out, then he scurried after it himself. The next minute we were both screaming. 'Thief! Help! Murder!' and blowing a police whistle out of the window. and I grabbed my pistol out of a drawer they had overlooked and fired twice into the air. A big crowd gath ered in front of our house in a few moments, but there was nary a policeman

the air and they had evidently waited

for reinforcements. When they did

hail in sight the little street gamins

wrought, where and how they got in

and escaped, etc. Of course we never

heard anything of the articles that

had been purloined. Well, we can't

help that poor old horse with our sym-

crowd.

jeered and laughed. 'Don't hurry, rustle and make your own way. This Cop, take your time, for they have leads to success and useful happy midgone to Oakland.' 'You'll catch 'em | dle age. in the good old summer-time, Cop. called another. 'Don't get excited; If you work and save, be sensible you might get heart disease,' cried an- enough to keep lazy schemers from eatother little urchin. The policemen ing all that is in your cupboard. You had to run the gauntlet of disgusted often see one rustler support several men, women and children, and then,

Be charitable to persons weakened by disease or troubles for they are not themselves. We all judge the unfortunate to harshly.

boys interested in history and the lives of great men. It works wonders with youthful minds.

pathies. He is out of his troubles and I am glad of it. I hope that man will Ignorance is the black hat of sorrow get his just deserts yet," he said, as he that we should all aid in driving from followed in the wake of the indignant the world.

When a man wrongs you and has no The Los Angeles people are up in excuse for it he sets about to wrong you arms and various petitions have been some more.

THE POWER TO PLLASE.

presented to the School Board to stop

the practice of cutting up cats and

in the public schools of that city. Alas!

for the pet of the househeld that wan-

ly proved to be one of the cats that

never came back. Alas! for the stray

bunnies, frogs, etc. The School Board

heeded the petition of many indignant

parents who desired to have their chil-

dren educated in other lines than the

wholesale butchery of animals and de-

cided that the vivi-section of house-

mixed classes of boys and girls, and

have ordered that this form of tuition

shall be no more. During two months

of the past term the boys and girls in

the Los Angeles High School were al-

most daily treated to scenes of cutting

hearts and intestines out of dogs and

cats chloroformed to death solely for

what the school "sawbones" said was

scientific instruction. At one of these

utting events a big Newfoundland dog

was put to death with ether, and then

disemboweled and cut to pieces while

Several girls in the class fainted at the

the scholars looked on and took notes.

horrible sight, and the idiot who per-

said they would simply have to get

over that and become accustomed to

seeing animals put to death, and then

watch while they were cut to pieces,

while the warm blood flowed and the

intestines were pulled out of the ani-

mal's carcass. One of the teachers

tion of cats and sheep for the alleged

ture having designed him for a whole-

BRIEF REVIEW.

Woman Dispatcher Dead.

have been the pioneer woman tele-

grapher, was retired by the company

on a pension last August, and the re-

ian angel," and just after she was re-

tired a delegation of railway officials

and conductors gave her a diamond

ring as a token of the high esteem in

that there are four great vices of Amer-

icans, as follows: "There is material-

ism-the insane pushing to get a little

There is lawlessness—the theory that

Tom Lawson admits he has a few

Chips writes this to aid the boys and

girls far out in the country who may

think they have no chance to become

children that they have better chances

to rise than do children in cities. How

do you ask? Be sensible, grow in wis-

dom each day, read books filled with

knowledge, aim upward, keep well

and strong, shun evil company, take

Although only 197,000 workers are

employed in the shoe industry in the

United States as against 290,000 in the

If you are the right kind of a boy be

thankful that you are poor and have to

country in the world.

Lincoln and Longfellow for models.

which she was held.

sale butcher.

dogs for the instruction of the pupils A Potent Factor For Success in Any Career You May Adopt.

The power to please is a tremendous isset. What can be more valuable dered away from home, for it frequentthan a personality which always attracts, never repels? It is not only valuable in business, but also in every and homeless cats and dogs that fell field of life. It makes statesmen and politicians; it brings clients to the lawver and patients to the physician; it is worth everything to the clergyman. No matter what career you enter, you cannot overestimate the Importance of cultivating that charm of manner, those personal qualities, which attract people to you. They will take the place of capital or influence; they are often a substitute for a large amount of hard

Some men attract business, customrs, ellents, patients, as naturally as magnets attract particles of steel. Everything seems to point their way, for he same reason that the steel particles are attracted.

Sucli men are business magnets. Business moves toward them even when they do not apparently make half o much effort to get it as the less sucessful. Their friends call them "lucky dogs." But if we analyze these men closely we find that they have attractive qualities. There is usually some wins all hearts. Success.

THE MAGICIAN'S THUMB. t Is His Worst Enemy In Sleight of

Hand Tricks. In every sort of magic the magician's thumb is his worst enemy, says Nina Carter Marbourg in Leslie's Weekly. If he could strike off that thumb and still have its assistance when necessary he would be a happy man. bends toward the palm in advance of the fingers. In this way it many times necessary to get a magician's thumb in hiamonds reached London." perfect training. But when he has practiced in the school of magic for some time the thumb becomes so flexible that it will bend nearly to the back

of the hand. Miss Rebecca Bracken, for forty Cards are invariably the years chief train dispatcher for the of a magician's education. In handling Michigan Central railroad company at cards the thumb is especially in the Niles, Mich., died there, aged sixty | way, and this is the reason why this trickery with the pasteboards is seyears. Miss Bracken, who is said to ected for the beginner. To change one and for another in front of one's very eyes and still to have made no percepible movement of the hand is a trick cords in the office of the superintendthat beginners learn to perform before ent of telegraph show that she had no they have been in the school for any mark against her in all the years of great length of time. This, as may be service, a record which was unprece- imagined, is a difficult piece of work to dented. Miss Bracken was known far become proficient in, and here is just and near as the railroad men's "guard- the place where determination plays a

BISMARCK CONSENTED.

He Was the Final Arbiter of an English Love Match. When the third son of the Duke of The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott says Arg ie bestowed his affections upon an untitled woman he felt bound to sk the old gentleman's consent. The ake answered that personally he had to objections to the match, but in view if the fact that his eldest son had es you el a daughter of the queen he thought it right to inquire her majety's pleasure on the subject before ex-

pressing his formal approval. Her majesty, thus appealed to, observed that since the death of the srince consort she had been in the sabit of consulting the Duke of Saxe

oburg on all family affairs. The matter was therefore referred to Duke Ernest, who replied that since the unification of Germany he had made it a rule to ask the emperor's opinion on all important questions. The case now came before the kaiser, who decided that, as a constitutional sovereign, he was bound to ascertain the views of his prime minister.

Happily for the now anxious pair of overs the "Iron Chancellor," who was then in office, had no wish to consult ing body and decided that the marriage night take place, and it did.

Helping Him Out.

For years Squire Latham, of whom many amusing stories are told, was a resident of Bridgewater, Mass., and it was while he was living there that the neident occurred which is related beto kill you. Keep quiet and you won't equivalent and playing the game with low. It illustrates his habitual coolness and whimsical temper:

He was awakened one night by his wife, who told him she thought there were burglars in the house. The squire put on his dressing gown and went downstairs. In the back hall he found a rough looking man trying to open a door that led into the back yard.

The burglar had unlocked the door and was pulling it with all his might. "It don't open that way, you idiot!" shouted the squire, taking in the man's predicament instantly. "It slides

Scolding Reform.

It is accepted as a truism among ed- variably got out in a hurry ucators that no child can be made per-United Kingdom, the United States overscoided child is made worse by the settled in the sands of Sable island. makes more shoes than any other process, and the overscolded politician Of this there is clear and indisputable is likely to deteriorate, and for the same reason. Even a good dog will that have been driven ashore on the try to earn a bad name if he has it long bars on dark and stormy nights to say that the essential spirit of re- mortal eye could make note of their form in this country is the spirit of disappearing hulls there is no telling. the scolding parent, but it resembles it too often.-George W. Alger in At ulated statement to remind him that

His Own Self.

There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imi- James B. Connolly in Scribner's. tation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that, though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but they fitted up one of the largest rooms through his toil bestowed on that plot in fine style for court martials and at David when the lad sang for him." Let us again ask parents to get their of ground which is given to him to till. had "Court Martial" inscribed on a -Emerson.

Hair Raising.

Husband-I feel in the mood for reading something sensational and startling-something that will fairly make my hair stand on end. Wife-Well, here is my last dressmaker's bill. -Washington Life

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet .- Rousseau.

EARLY DIAMOND BUYING.

South Africa's First Finds Were Paid For In Cows. South Africa's first diamonds were paid for in cows. The story is told by Joseph B. Robinson, one of the wealthy pioneers of that country. In 1879 he gave eight oxen and a wagon loaded with sugar and tobacco to a native in exchange for a twenty-three carat "The news spread like wildfire through the countryside that a white

oxen for bits of stone," he says, "l et all the natives who came to work to seek for diamonds on one side of the Vaal river, and I brought up my own fty men to hunt for diamonds among the bushes and scrub on the other side of the stream. I had bought the land on both sides of the river, so that I was working on my own property. Next morning at sunrise, when I was having my coffee, I was startled by point toward the magnet-because they out, I saw the whole gang of my men rushing toward me in a state of wild

man was giving away wagons and

"One of them had found a diamond ce what I would do with it. 'What will you give me for it? said the finder. 'I will give you ten cows,' I replied and sent the man into the herd to take his pick. He marked ten of charm of personality about them that the best cows as his own. The men had never dreamed of making such a sargain. Ten cows for a bit of stone! Off they went again and found dianonds every day. They became rich. and I accumulated a good store of recious stones.

"After we had accumulated a large mantity we decided we would better send them to London. We made a belt full of small pockets, in each of which was filled my partner girded it about closing the hand the thumb usually his body and started for Cape Town. He never took off the belt until he reached London. And it was in this is much in the way, and practice is way the first consignment of African

> APACHE SHREWDNESS. The Indian's Batt Was Good, but the

White Man Didn't "Bite." With the Apaches a really brave man does not stand as high in public estimation as does a clever thief. His chief excellence, from an Apache standpoint, lles in his ability to outwit the white man, says Mr. Cremony, the au-

thor of "Life Among the Apaches." I was sitting, says Mr. Cremony, in front of my tent, writing a letter, when young Apache came up and asked what I was doing. I replied I was talkng to my friend in Washington,

"How can you talk to your friend so far away?"

"When an Apache wishes to talk of speed to a distant friend," I answered, "he sends him a picture of a bird; if he talks of something sweet he sends a picture of a flower. Instead of pictures the white man has these little signs which all understand."

The Indian took up the letter and scrutinized it carefully "I do not believe you," he said, "You try to make a fool of me. These little

signs are all alike." "I will give you proof. I will write on this little piece of paper that the sutler a wire is attached. On the end of the s to give you some tobacco. Go take it o the store and see if I do not speak | cap of the kind used for exploding | of going up earlier than just toward

was off. A few minutes later I saw | the fish. him slowly coming toward me, a piece of tobacco in his hand and a look of beexpression changed to satisfaction, and

"Did you get the tobacco?" I asked. and he had an understanding before so thing catable or by a bunch of grass that you might deceive me. Now if you will write some more of those little what it is, ventures near and has insigns on paper telling the sutler to give stant reason to regret his improdence. me much more tobacco and if he does then I will believe you."

not "rise" to the occasion. AN OCEAN GRAVEYARD.

Sable Island Is a Most Dangerous Place For Savigators.

Sable island, sometimes and not too xtravagantly termed the graveyard set among shoal waground for the particular kinds of fish that Gloucester men most desire, halibut, cod, baddock and what not, and to its shoal waters do the fishermen ome to trawl or hand line.

quarter moon in shape is Sable island. Two long bars, extending northwesterly and northeasterly, make of it a full, deep crescent. Nowhere is the fishing so good or so dangerous as close in on these bars, and the closer in and the shoaler the water the better | posed of permeable sandstone and | fear they may incline the bag too far the fishing. There are a few men alive | chalk formation is also good. Rocky | for safety."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat. in Gloucester who have been in close and stony situations are usually enough to see the surf break on the healthy. Sandy soils may be considerbare bar, but that was in soft weather ed salubrious provided they are clear and the bar to windward, and they in- and pure and not water bound by an

Two hundred and odd wrecks of one luvial soils are generally unhealthy. manently good by simply scolding. The kind or another, steam and sail, have record. Of how many good vessels thrust too often upon him. Probably or in the whirls of snewstorms and it would be an exaggerated statement swallowed up in the fine sand before please.' A Gloucester fisherman needs no tab-

the bones of hundreds of his kind are bleaching on the sands of Sable island, and yet of all the men who sail the sea they are the only class that do not give it wide berth in winter .-

When the British admiralty built the splendid naval barracks at Chatham big brass plate on the door. When it was about to be used for the first time the discovery was made that the regulations require all naval court

An Odd Blunder,

Social Axiom.

"I think I will invite the Bronsons I know they would be glad to come." "But, my dear, people who would be glad to come are the very ones you should not invite."-Puck.

martials to be held on the water.

DREADFUL DREAMS.

They Shock the Nervous System and May Even Cause Death.

People have actually been killed by dreams. Most persons have suffered from those terrible nightmare visions in which the victim is pursued by an assassin with upraised knife or is trembling on the edge of a fearful danger of a sudden and terrible death. these dreams are common enough, and nearly always the sufferer awakes. thankful and bappy at his escape. But sometimes he doesn't awake. Sometimes the knife falls or the sleeper in his hallucinations plunges down the precipice. These are the dreams that kill, says the Chicago Tribune. In cases where dreams kill there is a

sort of combined action between the dream and the disease through which death is accomplished. In the first a loud hullabalooing, and, looking place the dream is usually the product of the disease. A person may have bears disease which never asserts i self or allows the victim in any way t know of its presence until the fact is of good size. They all had come to disclosed in a frightful dream. More over, terrifying dreams are often the first evidence of heart disease. Then the frequent recurrence of these dreams, dealing repeated shocks to the nervous system, aggravates the disease more shock is sufficient to cause death. If a person has had dreams it does not necessarily follow, however, that he has heart disease. Dreams indicat ing heart disease are usually of a terri fying nature and relate to death. Or awakening the sufferer will notice violent heart palpitation. Chronic peri carditis is always preceded by horrible dreams, such as that of being thrown we placed a diamond. When the belt | into a lake of fire or being crushed by a railroad wreck or burned by a vol canic eruption.

The approach of insanity may also be revealed by unpleasant dreams, or insanity may be hastened by such dreams. There are many cases on record where a person has been driven insane by a dream.

ELECTRIC BAIT FOR FISH.

The New York Aquarinm's Suppl and Where It is Captured.

The New York aquarium, which is the largest and best equipped institution of its kind in the world, obtains its supplies of tropical fishes from the waters of Bermuda. Some of the rarest and most beautiful species are exceedingly hard to eatch, persistently refusing to take a bait, and on this account it has been found necessary t resort to a very novel and ingenious expedient to effect their capture, an electrical contrivance which serves to stun the coveted specimen and reduce it to helplessness until it can be made

The device in question consists in part of a small and compact storage cuttery which is held in a leather souch beneath the arm of the operator, who wades as quietly as possible through the shallows and invades, with as little disturbance as may be, pools betalled dip net, to the bandle of which wire is fastened a small percussion the balloonist never had any intention dynamite cartridges. It is the bursting the close of day. The reason for this The Indian snatched the paper and of the cap that is relied upon to stun is that not only is an ascension at any

wilderment on his face. Suddenly his even the shiert one will approach a these same winds the balloon and para-"Yes, but I do not believe you. You the wire is concealed either by some The fisherman closes the circuit, the percussion cap is exploded, and the But the Indian's ruse failed. I did Victim is rendered for the ingreent lifeless, though receiving no permanent injury. Promptly, by reversing the dip net, he is gathered in, and a few days later be finds himself swimming

about in a tank The fishes from Bermuda are carried to New York on steamers, of course. and it is a curious fact that during the first twenty-four hours of the voyage ers that afford the best of feeding they are liable to become quite seasick.

-Saturday Evening Post,

The Pest Building Ground. The most healthy ground on which to build a residence is one composed Lying about east and west, a flat of clean gravel free from clay and effete organic matter and having a porous substratum. The advantages of such a soil are free ventilation and drainage and a low level of ground water, all essential qualities for a dry and salubrious situation. A soil comimpermeable foundation. Clay and al- diray.

Prepared. A Kansas City druggist says a you hate to hear their money rattle! wealthy west side man came into his store Sunday morning and, throwing a too much-when your listener tries to dime on the show case, said:

"Give me two nickels for that, "Going to try a slot machine?" asked the druggist pleasantly.

"No," replied the wealthy man. "I'm going to church."-Kansas City Times.

Explained. An old Scotch lady who had no relish for modern church muste was expressing her diskke of the singing of an an

them in her own church one day, when a neighbor said: "Why, that is a very Atchison Globe. old anthem! David sang that anthem to Saul " To this the old lady replied: "Weel, weel! I noo for the first time understan' why Saul threw his javelin Encouraging Her.

Stationer-What do you do with all the lead pencils you buy, Mr. Smith? You average about three a day, Mr. Smith-Oh, that's all right. My wife is

Sharp tongues, like sharp knives, are apt to do a great deal of damage in this world.- Austin Statesman.

Dispatch

taking whittling lessons.-Columbus

THE DOG DAYS.

in the Course of Time Sirius May Rise In Midwinter,

Dog days begin, according to the tralitions of boyhood in certain parts of the United States, when the green scum, algae, begins to appear on the surface of the lakes and rivers. Then it is supposed to be unsafe is go in precipice or is in some other imminent | swimming. And it is then that, acfording to the tradition of many adults is well as of boys, dogs most frequentiy go mad. All nations and races of civilization apparently have had a peciod during the summer known as dog days when many maladies were sunposed to be common. But the madness of dogs, hydrophobia, was never associated with dog days by the ancients.

Dog days are a rather indefinite peiod, according to this green scum rule, out there is a disagreement of authoriies as to when dog days really do begin and end. According to the dictionary, "dog days are part of the year about the time of the heliacal rising of the dog star, Sirius"-that is, when the log star rises in confunction with the sun or as nearly in conjunction as may be observed. Various dates from July 3 to Aug. 15 have been assigned for the beginning of dog days, and they are given various durations of from thirty to fifty days,

It seems to have been from the heliacal rising of Sirius that the ancients most commonly reckoned the dog days. Thus at the present time dog days would begin July 3 and will end Aug. 11. Sirius is the brightest star in the beavens, and it was easy to associate the mutual heat of the brightest star and of the sun with the hottest and most unkindly period of the year. Hippocrates (450 B. C.) declared the dog days to be the most unhealthy part of

the summer. Dog days are continually dropping farther back in the calendar. Now they are twelve days behind the schedale to which they held in the period of the pharaohs. In time Sirius may rise in the dead of winter. The Egyptians naintained that the first indication of the rise of the Nile took place on the morning of the longest day, when, as they said, the sun and Sothis (Sirius) rose together. They attributed the rise of the river entirely to the great heat generated by this star in conjunction

with the sun. Sirius is situated in the mouth of the constellation Canis Major (the "great dog"). The Latin name of dog days was "dies canicularis," and from this comes the term "canicular year." which was known among the Egyptians and Ethiopians. It was computed from one beliacal rising of Sirius to the next and consisted ordinarily of 365 days, every fourth year having 366 days.-Chicago News.

BALLOON ASCENSIONS.

The Close of the Day Is the Best Time to Make Them.

"Did you ever know why it is that y balloon ascension at a country fair, promised for 2 o'clock in the afternoon, never occurs until about 6?"

asked an expert parachute Jumper. "It always happens, and the explanaataong the rocks. He carries a long tion generally is that the preparations other time fraught with a little more Luckly for the hunter fishes have as danger on account of the winds which much carriesity as land animals, and usually prevail, but also because by buit to look at it, though indisposed to chute are apt to be carried too far attempt the slightest nibble. Accord away, perhaps so far that injury may ingly the percussion cap at the end of befall them before they can be recov-

"The old and experienced balloonist at sundown, because with the going down of the sun the winds subside considerably. He can go almost straight up, break away his parachute and come down in the very lot from which the ascension was made.

"There is really very little danger in parachute leaping when the man who does it is experienced. The parachute must open and bring him down safely. though he will have a hair raising drop like a chunk of lead for about 100 feet. the distance usually covered before the big bag opens. Then he can guide his descent readily by raising or lowering this side or that in order to spill a little air and thus keep it from drifting.

"A balloon can't be guided, but a parachute with a man of experience hanging to it can be controlled as easily as a boat, for the reason that by tilting It on one side you can force it in the other direction and thus maneuver so that if it is desired you can deposit yourself on the very spot of the ascension. It is only the inexperienced men who drift or those who

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Some men work just enough to keep

Every one wants always to be able to work, but not always to have to. If you don't like certain persons, how Here is one sign that you are talking

pull away from you. After a man passes fifty it is impossible for him to get up any enthusiasm about anything but his troubles.

Ever notice how the big flies avoid fly paper? It is the same with the real-

y big men. They are seldom caught. You can follow directions in making cake or cutting out a shirt, but there are no directions that can be followed

successfully in managing a man. Somehow he is not like a cake or a shirt .-

Behavior. You cannot rightly train one to an

air and manner except by making him the kind of man of whom that air is the natural expression. Nature forever puts a premium on reality. What is done for effect is seen to be done for effect; what is done for love is felt to be done for love. A man inspires affection and honor because he was not lying in wait for these. The things of a man for which we visit him were done in the dark and the cold.-From

Emerson's Essay on "Behavior." The man who tries to hide his religion will soon have none that any one could find.