Many a man goes down trying to teep up appearances.

War scares are cropping up in odd corners of Europe. Does any one know where Hobson is?

How inevitable it is that the railroad cut rate is to the town where you have no call to go.

New plea for the prisoner at the bar: "Judge, I'm as innocent as the Standard Oll Company."

rapidly." Even a common man does this after he gets old.

Miss Mary Garden, it appears, has taken advanced ground against the overdressing of women.

Our national income is ample. It is our national outgo that many people consider foolish and wasteful. We are sorry to learn from the doc-

pulpy. Let him try the strenuous life It is to be hoped that the Duke of the Abruzzis is behaving properly now

to watch him. We feel sorry for Lieut. Shackelton if he came within 100 miles of the south pole and had to stop on account of the bad roads.

Sir Thomas Lipton is becoming interested in airships. In case he decides to build one it will, of course, be called The Shamrock.

There is only one adequate punishment for the kldnaper who steals a child and holds it for ransom. Yes, it is the one you have in mind.

Another English lady novelist has arrived in this country. We have not learned the title of the naughty story which she intends to lecture about.

Last year \$30,000,000 was spent for automobile tires. Which, we take it, is pretty reliable evidence that the American people have been "going some."

Count Zeppelin can land his airship without a platform. In most cases people who land from air ships would prefer good thick feather beds to plat-

back-page item of unimportant news such as that from Buffalo stating that the concrete it is inadequately apprethe Standard Oil Company has been clated if one may judge from the lack fined \$20,000.

woman may paint and powder without being subject to divorce. Since getting the ruling in her favor it is probable she won't care to paint and powder.

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor has decided that a trained nurse is not a laborer. But when one considers some of the patients who have to be nursed, even the beneficiaries of interferes with correct focusing of what this decision will agree with the contention that labor is about the right term for the work involved.

This is an age of combination and consolidation, and it is the big corpora- lines, and there is therefore a greater tions that are going to do the big things of the future. In their massing of recources is formidable power for good or | this imperfect vision, when the defect evil; but there is reason for believing is slight, but the fault is seen at once that the truth that the sowing of evil when one looks through a glass so means the reaping of disaster has been ground as to compensate for the trregtaken to heart, and we may expect an ularity in the eye, for then the image era of fair business dealing with an is perceived with a distinctness and increase in the safety and security of sharpness of outline that is a revelaall concerned.

The lowest rate of mortality from typhoid fever reported in Borough of Manhattan for many years was that of cured until the oculist corrects the eye last year, when there were only fourteen hundred and fifty-five cases and two hundred and fifty-six deaths. The health department ascribes the result to the distribution of information concerning the prevention of disease and to the almost constant examination of the Croton watershed. The explanation is reasonable. To check the spread of communicable disease, not only must people preserve cleanliness in their homes, but officials must not be permitted to leave open the sources of contagion.

If amateur photographers could afford such a machine for printing their pictures as is used by a large stereoscople view company, they would get more pleasure than now out of the use of their cameras. The company runs a machine which will print at the rate of fifteen hundred photographs an hour. It is so arranged that when the length of the exposure needed for a given negative has been ascertained, it can be set to run at that rate, and will continue to run indefinitely. The sensitized paper is carried to the negative by a suction disk, is exposed to an electric light, and passed on to a receiving box. It is then delivered to a developing machine, from which it emerges ready to be trimmed and mounted. Thus the drudgery of photography is

The esteemed Philadelphia Public

enge observation: "The world does not persied

cone by machinery. .

owe any man a living until he has earned it." "Certainly not! But suppose -- Suppose that we had to have straw before we could make bricks, as was the case in Egypt in the time of Pharaoh: and that bricks were the only thing we could live on; and that some fellow that got there first had all the straw, and wouldn't let us have any, so we couldn't make bricks, and therefore couldn't make a living. Wouldn't the fellow that hogged all the straw merely because he got there first, and therefore had the power-wouldn't that fellow owe us a living, if he had the property from which we could collect a living? It would seem just that he be made to support the men he had reduced to starvation, wouldn't it, if he was solvent? Of course, if the men could get straw elsewhere, or if they could make a living in any other way, it would be different; but in the case King Edward is said to be "aging just mentioned, wouldn't someone owe the disemployed a living? Well, there is one thing that a man must have before he can earn a living-an opportunity. Opportunities for self-employment are pretty well fenced up in this world now. The big fellows that got here first have hogged the straw for our bricks, and all the natural opportunities of self-employment. "It was a wise provision," says our esteemed contemporary, "that a man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his own brow tors that King Edward is soft and instead of another's." A very wise provision! But the difficulty is that the fellows that got here first and hogged the opportunities of sweating for one's self, charge us so much for the privilege of sweating on their jobs that they that nobody considers it worth while live by the sweat of our brows-and if the "labor market" happens to be slow. we must go idle and be denied the privilege of sweating for ourselves or anyone else. There's the secret. The world owes no man a living, but it owes him a chance to make a living for some monopolist who does nothing. And if any large class of men are divorced from opportunity to work, if the world does not owe them a living, what is their predicament? They are not to blame. Where jobs are plentler than men, the unemployed class gradually disappears. What about the fellow who is crowded out of the ranks of workers? Does anyone owe him a living? Or do we all owe him a living?



The Eyes.

Occasionally we run across some | The blessing of good eyes is univerof care taken to preserve it.

The eye is a wonderful organ, but A Missouri judge has decided that a singularly unfitted to cope with the tremendous strain which the present reading and writing age puts upon it. It may seem to be an extreme statement, yet it is safe to say that not one educated reading person in ten has a pair of eyes which can be called perfect.

The most common defect is astigmatism, that is to say, an irregularity in the refracting part of the eye which is looked at. What ought to be seen as a point is registered on the retina as a short line. The result of this is that the myrlads of points of which persons previously stationary realized every object is composed are seen as or lesser blurring.

Custom prevents the recognition of

This astigmatism is often the cause of headaches, dizziness and other troubles which are unexplained and undefect by properly fitted glasses.

It would be well if every child who is backward in school, who shows a dislike of reading, or who complains of frequent headache, were taken to the oculist for an examination. It would be shown that many a "dull" child has a good brain, and that his disinclination to study is nature's effort to save his eyes from overstrain.

The eyes, like all other organs, suffer when the body is exhausted, and when one is fatigued the eyes should not be used for close work. Reading on a car or railroad train is bad, for the constant oscillation puts a great strain on the muscles of the eye which

regulate accommodation. When reading or writing by artificial three blocks. light, a shade over the eyes is to be Along with the discovery of walking ing-not in the how, but in the where recommended. In the daytime the light as a recreation came a partial appre- and the distance. Walking, like other should fall on book or paper from be- clation of its benefits. With the enjoy- physical exercise, is harmful, rather hind and a little to the left, to prevent ment of the visits to the fields and than beneficial, if overdone. A wise shadows. One should never read or woods came a realization that there walker will reach home pleasantly, not write for a long time continuously, but was a resultant improvement in health painfully, fatigued. The beginner at should look up occasionally, across the and spirits-a shaking off of minor fils walking for recreation should attempt room or out of the window, to relax of mind and body, the strain on the eye muscles

Symptoms of eye-strain are an un- known cure for ailing women, and the cise. And to enjoy it one must walk to comfortable feeling, leading to repeated only effective medicine that may be self somewhere, not tramp idly about with winking of rubbing of the eyes, secre- administered without professional ad- no objective point. There may be some tion of tears, redness and itching of vice. If all women walked for pleasure pleasure in walking merely for walkthe lids, sties, falling of the lashes, a as much as they should (and no more) ing's sake, but the real relish lies in

a pinch of salt will often give relief to nor embarrassing "scragginess." For ditions the attention is fixed ahead and "tired eyes," but if the tiredness is per- an irregular heart, weak lungs or a not under one's feet. Ledger concludes an editorial with the sistent, it is a . sign that glasses are torpid liver, walking is the most effect. Walking with a companion, even tr

PERS PEOPL

EVILS OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

By Dr. W. Hutchinson.

The first condition of the modern educational system which I would criticise is the confinement of the child in a stuffy room for five or six hours a day. He must begin by following defined precise methods and must not even wiggle in his seat. Then the school to-day does not teach the things which are of most importance to the pupil. The child is taught to draw lines to represent the coasts of Europe, and the instructions given in hygiene are ludicrously inadequate. Another criticism is that a great deal of time is wasted teaching the child things that he would learn by instinct. A child would grow to read and to write, and if he were allowed to run about long enough he would grow to cipher. A boy with reasonably intelligent parents and surroundings will make his own start toward his mental development.

We try to get the child to express ideas that we are not at all certain he has to express. We would get far better results by developing the health of the whole body than by directing all our energy to the one end, and the wrong end at that—the top instead of the base.

WHY SOME WOMEN CAN'T GET WORK.

By Winifred Black.

Mrs. Bradley, the woman who killed Senator Brown in Washington some time ago, is in trouble. She can't get work, she says. Mrs. Bell, a Colorado woman, who ran away from her husband with another man, is in trouble. She can't get work, she says. A woman I know came to see me. She is in trouble. She can't get work, she says. The woman I know held quite a responsible and well-paying position with a prominent firm until about a year ago. Then she fell in love with a married man, and the married man's wife came to the office and made scenes and the woman I know lost her position. "I can't get a thing to do," she said to me. "Everywhere I go they ask me where I worked last, and then they telephone and find out all about my trouble-and I don't get the place."

How cruel the world is to a woman who has made a mistake. And yet, somehow, I'm afraid I cannot, for my part, shed many tears worrying over the world's cruelty to woman who have shown the world just exactly what sort of weak creatures they are. If two women come to me for employment in my home, I choose the woman with the best record, don't you? Perhaps I am cruel to want to know what the woman who wishes to work for me did in the last place where she worked. Perhaps I ought to look upon her as a brandnew humar being with a brand-new record-but I don't.

Country Highways are

Roads To Health for

Women. In Walking the Lan

guid and Listless May Tind

Heightened Spirits.

As a pleasant and healthful recrea-

tion cross-country walking was discov-

ered only recently. With the exception

of a few energetic physical culturists,

who went about it with an air of this-

may-kill-me-but-I've-got-to-do-it, those

who walked did so only because they

hadn't the price to ride. City residents

who were unable to maintain pleasure

vehicles saw the country through car

Last summer, however, numbers of

that they were possessed of legs and

that these legs were capable of locomo

tion. Whereupon there was a decided

stir and more dust was kicked up by

foot power than ever had been seen on

many of these converts to pedestrian-

ism were women, generally believed to

be totally devoid of any perpendicular

windows or not at all.

Abounding Vitality and

Do you? I don't see why the world should smile upon women who haven't cared enough for the world's opinion to keep a good reputation. It's a good deal of a buy and sell proposition-this living business. We pay for what we want or what we think we want, not for what the person who is trying to sell us the goods wanfs us

I know two sisters, both of them clever, both pretty. both industrious and both extremely good business women. One of them bas a bank account, small, but safe, a good income and a lot of sincere, true-hearted friends. The other, equally capable, is in debt, has two frocks to her name and is half the time out of a position. The world isn't trying to get even with the second sisterit's just paying her in her own coin for her own work. She's light-headed and vain, and she gets herself talked about in every office where she works. Then she wonders why her sister, who attends strictly to business and keeps her name free from even a whisper, gets along so much better than she does. I don't see anything wonderful about it, do you? It's lots of fun running billsbut it isn't so much fun when the collector begins to come around.

The world treats women just about as the particular woman in her particular place has treated the world. I wonder why there is anything particularly pathetic about that?

REST CURE OR WORK CURE?

By Prof. Llewellyn F. Barker.

While we must protect our minds by avoiding any injury to our nervous forces, still we must actively exercise our minds if we are to strengthen them and lead them to the fullest development of which they are capable. A brain and its corresponding mind will become weak if it is not used, just as surely as a muscle will waste and weaken if it has no exercise. Our minds should have suitable occupation and proper work to do. Many of the people who apply to physicians for a rest cure really need a work cure more. Properly ordered work does not hurt the mind, but helps it.

There is, however, such a thing as overexertion; it is by no means uncommon among our high-strung. ambitious and overconscientious people, and leads to pervous exhaustion and all the physical and mental evils which this condition carries in its train. Our efforts to strengthen the mind by exercise are defeated if we think only of the work and neglect proper nutrition and suitable intervals of rest and diversion. The strong mind is not made in haste, but results from a long, slow and sensible training. Good sleep at night, restful recreation Sundays and holidays, enjoyable exercise in the open nir, the essential to it.

FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE



The makers of freak millinery are bringing forward some "fearfully and wonderfully made" models of headgear. The woman of conservative style will wait a bit and use a little sait on these confections. There is no doubt about it, however, the inverted bowl is to be "the thing." Coarse straws known as "rough and ready" will be very popular, and we are sure to see lots of stiff curved quills, long and feathered aigrets, soft satin chous, scarfs, and bib buckles. The latter will often be made of straw or the same satin used in the trimmings. Big ornamental buttons are also to be in favor.

and rain are the best cosmetics yet dis- pleasanter than walking alone. Tramp country roads. And, strange to say, covered.

clear complexions always have been the good is seen. - Kansas City Star. despair of their inactive American sisters. The distance an Englishwoman will walk on her daily "constitutional" is amazing to femininity in other lands. She thinks nothing of a six or eightteen or twenty without "turning a rain or shine, she goes daily,

The reason for the Englishwoman's rior vitality, perfect circulation and the neighbor. strong heart action, due to walking.

The most beneficial exercise is that drudgery and as such does little good. a couple o' teeth and broke his collar-Walking, intelligently practiced, is al- bone. ways enjoyable. Constant change of "Mind ye, if he'd have fell clear to scene and the buoyancy communicated the ground, it might have hurted him by light, air and the fresh smells of the bad, but sure there was a big pile of open country give a sugar coating to shtones and old lumber that broke his attitude for a distance greater than the medicine.

But there is a secret or two in walkno record-breaking tramps but should Walking in the open air is the best accustom herself gradually to the exerbloodshot condition and even headache. there would be no cases of "nerves," carrying out a planned excursion to he added, loftily, "If we can find any-Bathing with cold water containing chronic listlessness, unsightly obesity some spot of interest. Under such containing for him to do."

tve of cures. And fresh air, sunshine the companion is only a dog, is much they get married.

ing through an interesting countryside Englishwomen long since Parned the is like going to see a good play-it to pleasure. And their robust health and to nudge when something particularly

Coming Down Ensy.

Inquiries after the welfare of Patrick Conroy were answered by his devoted friend, Terence Dolan, who was mile tramp, and on occasion can do fif. at the Conroys' in the double capacity of nurse and cook. "No, he's not dan hair." And no condition of weather gerous hurt at all," was Mr. Dolan's stops her-wet or dry, snow or blow, reply to a solemnly whispered question at the door.

"We heard he had a bad fall, and fondness for icy baths lies in her supe. was all broke to pieces," whispered

"'Tis a big story you've heard," said Mr. Dolan, in his cheerful roar. taken under enjoyable conditions. "Thrue, he fell off'n the roof o' the "Physical culture," practiced as a daily Brady stables where he was shingling, routine, frequently become distasteful and he broke his lift leg, knocked out

fall."

The Last Resort.

In answer to the returned summer visitor's question as to the welfare of Mr. Macomber and his whereabouts. Mr. Davis replied that "Jake" was teaching at the little red schoolhouse on Bowen's Hill.

"But I thought-

"Well, he is," admitted Mr. Davis, understandingly, "an' he gets more 'n' more muddle-headed all the time. But what else could we do? We had to put him in schoolmaster to keep him off the town.

Actresses, unlike other women, do not quit having their pictures taken when WHO USES SNUFF NOWADAYS!

Chewing and "Rubbing" Largely

Practiced in the Mill Towns. Year by year with never a set-back, the American Snuff Company has steadily increased its business, its dividends and its surplus, while the uninitiated continue to ask. Who uses snuff nowadays? The company's annual report for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1908, shows net earnings of \$3,474,318 compared with \$2,170,585 for 1907; a net balance applicable to dividends on common stock of \$2,154,318, a surplus for the year of \$1,214,080 and a profit and loss surplus of \$56,-388,310. After paying dividends on the preferred stock at the regular rate of 6 per cent, quarterly dividends at varying rates each quarter, amounting to 14 per cent for the year, were paid on the common stock, says the New York Commercial. A 5 per cent quarterly dividend has been declared on the common stock payable April 1 to stockholders of record March 13. This puts it on a 20 per cent basis.

The American Snuff Company was formed in 1900 to take over the snuff properties of the American Tobacco Company, the Continental Tobacco Company, and some smaller allied concerns. It has outstanding \$12,000,000 of preferred stock and \$11,001,700 common stock, with assets valued conservatively at \$31,341,642.

An official of a prominent Boston wholesale house which distributes the products of the American Snuff Company through New England yesterday explained the mystery of what becomes of all the snuff in these days when the habit of taking snuff is generally supposed to have died out. He said that snuff is no longer snuffed to any considerable extent; but the habit of chewing or "rubbing" snuff has been introduced into the mill towns throughout all the Eastern States. The strength of the position, from a business standpoint, lies m the fact that the women in the mills are as much addicted to the practice as the men. This man, who is an expert in the tobacco trade, attributes the introduction of the snuff-chewing habit to the Swedes, and he says that the American Snuff Company has found it necessary to manufacture special brands of the class of goods made in Sweden to satisfy this demand. He says that very little snuff is snuffed in the olf

ON AN OCEAN LINER.

It Doesn't Pay to Get Haughty with the Stewards.

"Never, oh, never, speak harsh words of rebuke to a steward on an ocean liner," declared a Congressman of New

"One summer I journeyed over to the other side. The first day out, at meal time, I found that I had to embrace the table leg to get near enough to operate with my knife and fork. For my unpleasant seat I called the steward to account. Most harsh was my criticism. Then I told him I would have my meals served thereafter in the

"The next morning the cabin steward told me of a better room, and that I should get it immediately. It was more costly and elaborately furnished than the one I occupied with my traveling companion. Then, too, it was on the main deck. I looked over the new room and decided to change. I had my luggage, with that of my friend, moved below. When my friend found the new quarters he gasped with horror. 'Man alive!' he said, 'this is the worst hole on the ship. You and I are in for a great big seasick.' We got every jar of the ship and good and seasick, too.

"The day I landed the dining room steward met me on the deck. 'Much obliged for changing,' he said. 'It was at my request that the cabin steward got you to move. The gentleman ahead of you in that cabin and who wanted to move gave me \$75 to fix the deal. lesson of walking for profit as well as pleasant to have someone at your elbow I thank you for what is a most glorious tip.' "-Washington Post.

Teddy's Friends in Africa.



"Say, ma, can I eat this horseshoe?" "Yes, my child, but be sure and remove the nails. I'm so afraid of appendicitis."

He Did It.

"I refused Jim and he swore he'd

do something deseperate." "Goodness! Why, he proposed to me

"The dear boy! So he kept his word.

after all."-Cleveland Leader,

An Instantation. The daughter of her mother was do-

ing a stunt at the plane.

"My daughter's music," said the proud parent, "cost us a lot of money." "Indeed!" rejoined the visitor, "Did some neighbor sue you?"-Boston Post.

About all the future some people have left is longing for spring when it is winter, and longing for summer when it is spring.

A good many people believe that to know a lot of contemptible gossip, is