The most remarkable thing about Mrs. Nellie J. Lord, of Strafford Corner, N. H., is that she is alive to-day. No one, perhaps, is more surprised at

this than Mrs. Lord herself. She looks back at the day when she stood on the verge of death and shudders. She looks ahead at a life of happiness with her children, her husband and her home with a joy that only a mother can realize.

Mrs. Lord is the mother of three children, two of whom are twins; until the twins came nothing marred the joy of her life. Then she was attacked with heart failure and for a year was unable to attend to the

her own experience Mrs. Lord says: "I had heart failure so bad I was often hought to be dead.
"With this I had neuralgia of the stom

ordinary duties of the home. In describing

ach so bad it was necessary to give me morphine to deaden the pain.

"Sometimes the doctors gave me temporary relief, but in the end it seemed as if my suffering was multiplied.

"Medicine did me no good and was but an aggravation.
"I was so thin my nearest friends failed

to recognize me.
"No one thought I would live.
"I was in despair and thought that my

THE ROSE OF STARS.

When love, our great immortal,

Put on mortality

And down from Eden's portal

Brought this sweet world to be,

And there such warmth it found It brake in bud and blossom, And the rose fell on the ground.

As the green light on the prairie,
As the red light on the sea,
Through fragrant belts of summer

Came this sweet world to be

And the grave archangel, seeing,

Spread his mighty vans for flight, But a glow hung round him fleeing Like the rose of an arctic night,

And sadly moving heavenward
By Venus and by Mars,
Fe heard the joyful planets
Hail earth, the rose of stars.

—G. E. Woodbury in Century.

HAS THE UMBRELLA FAD.

Chicago Man Who Carries It to Greater

Extremes Than Most People.

There is a man on the North Side

At the sublime archangel He laughed with veiled eyes,

The seed of paradise.

He hid it in his bosom,

days were numbered. My mother brought me Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and the first box made me feel better. I continued the treatment and to-day I am

weighed 120 pounds; now I weigh 146 and feel that my recovery is permanent.

"I owe my happiness and my health to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. My husband was benefited by them. I have recomwas benefited by them. I have mended them to many of my friends and will be glad if any word of mine will direct others to the road of good health."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People have cured many cases of almost sir

The vital elements in Mrs. Lord's blood The vital elements in Mrs. Lord's blood were deficient. The haemoglobin was exhausted. She was unfit for the strain she was compelled to undergo. Her nervous system was shattered and her vitality dropped below the danger point.

A collapse was inevitable.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured her by supplying the lacking constituents of health by filling the veins with blood rich in the requisite element of life. The heart resumed its normal action; the nervous constituents of the person of th

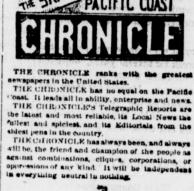
sumed its normal action; the nervous system was restored to a state of harmony,

and the neuralgic affection disappeared.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by druggists everywhere, who believe them to be one of the most efficacious medicines the century has produced.

OF THE PACIFIC CO PACIFIC COAST

ewspapers in the United States.
THE CHRONICLE has no equal on the Pacific



ethics, artillery and infantry practice. In general, it may be said that he left the academy with a good average record as a student and a very high record as a man.—Hamlin Garland in McClure's.

Their Regularity. be three centers of the English trade, these being Liverpool, Coventry and London. Now there are practically but two-Coventry and Birmingham. The test of a good watch is that it should obtain a Kew certificate, and of the watches that go to Kew 75 per cent are

from Coventry. hung upside down, hung on each side, with a Kew certificate is a comfort to

When it is considered that it makes 18,000 vibrations an hour and must not vary a second a week, while a quarter turn of its two time screws, meaning the millionth of an inch, will make a difference of 20 seconds a day, the delicacy of its adjustment will be appreciated, as will also the risk of intrusting its repair to any but skillful hands. -

The fish ranged from 4 to 6 feet in length and from 75 to 300 pounds in weight, judging from their size. Like wolves they had rushed in from the deep sea and were moving down the coast, stampeding a school of smelts and flying fish and driving them out of the water,

patch of solid fish in the water, into which the tunas were charging. I have fished in the haunts of the tarpon and taken almost every game fish to be found in American waters, but from this exhibition of the velocity and wonderful power of the tuna I did not believe it could be captured with a 24 ounce rod or a tarpon outfit. We baited with large smelt and began trolling through the school. I soon had a strike and, while not unused to surprises, I lost 300 feet of line and the tip of my red so quickly that I hardly realized what had happened. My companion had

Snake Dreams.

eligible. He-Ah, would you allow me tomake you eligible to membership?-London Fun.

Biliousness An Argument to Show Why They be tion and permits food to ferment and putrify in of things: That so soon as A is in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, he ble B begins to consider what C on to do for him. All charitable fain instance, are based on this prints
You go and buy something which
probably do not want in order that

Hoods insomina, nervousness, and, if not relieved, billous fever or blood potsoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach.

WANTED-TRUSTWORTHY AND active gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in Oregon. Monthly \$65.00 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. Y Chicago

GRANT AT WEST POINT. A Good Record as a Student and a High

Record as a Man. He was brevetted second lieutenant of the Fourth infantry and ordered to report to his command at Jefferson barracks. St. Louis, after a short vacation. The entire army of the United States at that time numbered less than 8,000 men, and the supply of officers was emparrassingly large. It was the custom,

lieutenant. He graduated twenty-first in a roll of 39, with a fair record in all things-a good record in mathematics and engineering and a remarkable record as horse-

therefore, to brevet graduates second

More than 100 had entered with him. but one by one they had dropped out till only 39 remained.

Apparently Grant remained markedly unmilitary throughout the four years' course. He served as a private throughout the first two years. During the third year he was made sergeant, but was dropped (promotions at that time were made for soldierly qualities and had no exact relation to excellence in studies). and during the fourth year he served again as private.

The first year he took up French and mathematics, and though the course was severe, including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, application of algebra to geometry, etc., he stood fifteenth in a class of 60 in mathematices and fortyninth in French and twenty-seventh in order of general merit. The second year he climbed three points in general merit and stood twenty-fourth in a class of 53. He stood tenth in mathematics, twenty-third in drawing, but was below the middle in ethics and French. In his third year he rose in his drawing to 19, and was twenty-second in chemistry and fifteenth in philosophy, which was a very good standing indeed. He rose to 20 in general merit, 16 in engineering, 17 in mineralogy and geology, but was a little below the average in

TESTING A WATCH.

How English Timepieces Are Tried as to

There has been watchmaking at Coventry as long as there has been a watch trade in England, which is for the last | progress has been due to the abolition years or thereabout. There used to

At Kew no watch has yet succeeded in getting the 100 marks which signify perfection, but Coventry has come nearest, with 92, and is always well to the front. The Kew test is no light one. The watch is tested in every position and its rate registered, not only per day, but per hour. It is hung by its pendant, placed dial down and back down and at any number of angles, and to finish up with is baked in an oven and frozen in an ice pail. No wonder that a watch

its owner. Jewelers' Review.

Fishing For Tuna, Santa Clara, snapping at them and following them up into the air. Moving on, we found the school of unfortunates, a brownish

his fine rod jerked from his hands, and I believe the fish was of the largest size, which nothing could stop. - Sportsman's Magazine.

A well known authority on dreams and dreambooks says: "To dream you see snakes or serpents shows that you will be imprisoned and encounter many dangers. If you are in love, your sweetheart will be false. To dream you kill a snake shows you will overcome difficulties and enemies and be successful in love, trade or farming, but unsuccessful

The Proposal of the Future.

he-Perfectly lovely clab, isn't it? He-Are you a member?

-No. Only married women

profit made on it may go to some precause. In case you had really we what you bought you would have haps bought it somewhere else, and regular trade thus suffers from the of your custom. In case of very fairs, like the "sanitary fairs" in time, the ordinary local trade unq tionably suffers, perhaps for a w year, and the community is thus in

CHARITY FAIRS.

Be Suppressed.

Charity has been defined as this

erished to a degree in one way so it may be helped in other ways. For a great national object this casely be endured, although, to be sp we never have known just what regular dealers thought about it. when we consider that the same the is done to some extent in behalf of en local or sectarian enterprise, it is dent that the principle of the affair

not quite satisfactory.
Suppose, for instance, that we reall to agree for a single year to have our shoes and hats made by amate for sweet charity's sake," and to he a single church or hospital take value of them all. Then sweet charwould make an apparent gain no dozh but all the ordinary hatmakers and she makers would starve. Or, if they a not starve, they would be supported their kindred, who perhaps are noth above the starvation point themselve or they would be supported by small charity, and the last condition of this would be worse than the first. It is no really the fact that the evils of society can be greatly helped by dressing ny young girls prettily and having the take money and give rather inaccurate change at a bazaar table. One day, per haps, when the laws of trade are better understood, we shall look at charit fairs as we already look at lotters which were once regarded as one of the highest forms of sweet charity, he which are now prohibited by law-

Harper's Bazar. Urban Development In the South. The rural south, especially in the older portions, is, economically speaking

far from progressive, and what was one the single occupation of the souther gentleman is now the last that he would voluntarily assume. In the rich valle and on the grazing lands of southwes Virginia, in parts of Georgia and in the blue grass region of Tennessee farming pays fairly, owing to the greater thrift of the inhabitants and to the fertility d the soil, but, on the whole, the progres of the new south, like that of the rest d the country, certainly has not taken this direction. It is through its urbande velopment only that the section has

justly earned its sobriquet. New cities like Roanoke, Va., have sprung up on ground that 20 years ap was parceled into farms. Antebellum villages have become large cities, asis the case of Atlanta and Chattanoga Old towns like Nashville and Richmonl have taken a fresh lease of life and le come rich and progressive. A new railroad has made the fortune of this place. a new textile or other industry has caused the growth of that. And all this erty caused by the civil war. The south erner of the last 30 years has simply had to work in order to live, and like the rest of the world, he has preferred

the town to the country. -W. P. Trest

in Atlantic.

A Monster Musical Instrument. The most gigantic harp ever constructed, as far as the record goes, was that made by Veritan, the provest of Burkli, near Basel, Switzerland, in 1787. That was a long while ago, but the fame of M. Veritan's gigantic harp was such that it is still occasional ly mentioned by writers on the rare and the wonderful, just as the sea serpent, bloody rain, live mastadons, etc., are M. Veritan's colossal musical instrament was 320 feet in length, and of that account, was constructed in an open lot instead of in a harp factory. It was most simple in construction, consisting of 15 wires strung tightly between two poles. These wires were of different sizes, the largest being one-sixth of an inch in diameter and the smallest one

twelfth of an inch. They were stretched north and south and inclined in such! manner as to form an angle of from 20 to 30 degrees with the horizon. This queer instrument was not intended as an exaggerated toy, but was constructed for the express purpose of foretelling changes in the weather, which wer calculated by Professor Veritan accord ing to the different tones the instrumen made when the wind was blowing through it .- St. Louis Republic.

The Supreme Court.

"The judges of the United States courts have, with rare exceptions, bet men of excellent legal ability and d high character," writes ex-Presiden Harrison in The Ladies' Home Journal The bar has sometimes complaine that judges were arbitrary and not ways as suave and respectful in their treatment of the members of the bar they ought to be. Perhaps there had been in particular cases ground for such complaints, but the cases have beer few. Manifestations of rudeness and passion are inexcusable in a judge. He must be deferential if he expects deference. He should be patient and even tempered, for the case is sure to go his way in his own court. And, on the other hand, the bar should always give its powerful aid to support the influence of the courts, for the judicial department is the keystone of our government and assaults upon it threaten the whole

structure of the stately arch." "I don't see how Jolly lives with that rich wife of his. She's a Tartar. "It would be a good deal harder to explain how he could live without her."

-Detroit Free Press What is called elm dust is really the seeds of the tree, which ripen before the

leaves are perfectly formed. Portland, Me., is 1,297 miles ret

east of St. Louis.

"Did Mrs. Flyhigh send in anything for the poor?" "Yes, she gave two dozen Japanes tans."-Chicago Record.

Scratches In Horses In rainy weather, when there is plenty of mind, unless care is taken to clean In Hard Luck When He Struck Drum it off and wipe the feet dry the horses are liable to be attacked with scratches or grease heer. If the legs get muddy and the animal gets heated and then is put into a cold stable without cleaning off to get cold and shiver, conditions are supplied that are favorable for the development of this disease. Allowing the horses to get fat and to stand in the stables with no exercise and upon a pile of heating is also favorable to this discase. Prevention is much easier than cure. A proper regard for comfort and

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cleanliness will readily prevent this dis-When the horses come in at night, if the legs are wet or muddy they should be carefully washed off in tepid water and then wiped dry with a cloth. If the scratches appear, as soon as the fact is ascertained wash the feet with tepid water and castile soap and then wipe dry. If there is inflammation, make a hot poultice and sprinkle finely powdered charcoal over it, applying one in the morning and renewing it at night until the inflammation subsides. Then apply a lotion made of one onnce of sugar of lead dissolved in a pint of water. When it begins to heal, use veterinary vaseline. Continue the treatment until thoroughly cared. Keep the horse quiet and supply sufficient bedding to keep the feet clean. If taken in hand at the first stages, washing clean with warm water and castile soap, wiping dry and applying veterinary vaseline will effect a cure in three or four days. In severe cases in addition to the treatment given it may lo necessary to give a good ca-

thartic .- St. Louis Republic.

Her Great Need. Every woman ought to pay a reasonable degree of attention to her person, and especially to having her hair neatly.

and becomingly dressed. Two days after a great fire bad devasted a north country village a worthy philanthropist of the place was serving out clay pipes and tobacco as relief for the poor homeless men when a young woman presented herself before him. The line, of course, had been made up of men, and the donor asked the girl, who was extremely pretty and refined in appearance, what she wanted with a pipe. She blushed and repeated her re-

"Why, you do not smoke!" said the

worthy philanthropist.
"No, but please give me a pipe." "If you will tell me what you are going to do with it, I'll give you one. The girl hesitated, and then, raising

her hand to the fringe of her bair that bung limp over her forehead, she said: 'I want to curl my fringe." She got the stem of the broken and went away laughing. She had been rescued from a burning house only 24 hours before and was then almost on sought the pipe to curl her hair she was unquestionably badly in need of cloth-

ing. -Strand Magazine.

It Was Play For Him. The train ran off the track and plung-

ed down a steep embankment. Engine, baggage car, coaches and sleepers were jumbled in one awful

The groans of the injured passengers

It was frightful. Jones, the world renowned balf back, partially awake

Three passenger cars were piled on A piece of pipe was coiled around his

The rim of one of the great driving wheels of the engine rested on his face. His legs were pinned down by a heavy beam.

A pillow had been forced against his month and nose, making it impossible for him to breathe.

His arms were pressed against his sides, and he tried in vain to move. But willing hands were at work upon the wreck, and at last Jones, the world renowned balf back, was dragged out. Looking around, in a dazed sort of way, at his rescuers, he asked:

'How many yards did we gain on that 'down,' boys?''-Cleveland Leader.

The Considerate Woman.

It was at the busiest hour of the busiest day the store had seen in a long time, and the busiest place in all the store was the lace department. Four women, four frantically eager women, were waiting. The fifth woman had the only saleswoman at that end of the counter and was looking at lace, real lace. I think she must have examined a dozen pieces. The four women seemed

on the verge of apoplexy. "Haven't you something wider?" asked the fifth woman. "Certainly," answered the tired sales-

woman, dragging out another box. "This is \$15 a yard." Tho eyes of the fifth woman glistened.

'Yes," she said to her companion, "that's like mine. I just wanted to know what he paid for it. That's all.' And she sailed out of the shop. Not one of the four women waiting found a "word to say, but the saleswoman gasped weakly, "Well, I never!"- Washington

A Jaundleed View.

I don't see why it should be deemed a disgrace," the youthful bachelor remarked in the course of the conversation, "for a woman to ask a man to

"It isn't a disgrace," replied the eld-orly maiden. "Idiocy is a misfortune." -Cincinnati Enquirer.

Another Watter.

"Do you think a man has a right to open his wife's letters?" "Well, be may have the right, but I don't see how he could have the cour-

age."-Chicago Record. Garrick tried to abolish prologues and spilogues, but the audiences of his day vould not consent.

TOMMY CRUSE.

When I met Tommy first, his only asset was a serious danger, for his five years ago and has now just the underfed and underbred ponies were about to be seized for overdue taxes. I could not help Tommy with money, but of a composition metal, but most I tried to with advice. "Strike old Sam Ashby for a couple of hundred dollars," I suggested. Sam Ashby was one of the is not cast. It is cut from a sheet of the men of Helena, Mon, at that pemetal which is folded into shape as. riod and ran a small savings bank. Tom- riveted. The metal loop at the to my Cruse "tried old Sam Ashby." All through which the strap is passed, a he got, however, was some pretty free riveted into the bell. Cow bells are talk, in which the banker assured Tommy Cruse that he would rather throw through an octave. Sometimes musical his money into the home of his satanic entertainers who play upon bells of one

shiftless fellow. Tommy Cruse got the money, however. Three weeks later be located the great Drum Lummond gold mine. He knew he had a big thing, but somehow he could make nobody believe in his mine. For years be worked at it, how-

ever, living at times a dog's life. Once, while talking to a friend of mine, he fell forward unconscious. He had not eaten a mouthful of food for 36 hours, and yet, with dogged persistency, had worked on till he fell in his tracks. At last his day came. He opened up a big vein and had \$1,000,000 tc his credit in a good safe bank. Hard times over, he decided to pose as a "solid citizen," so he opened a savings bank in 'Helena. One of the first men to apply to Tommy Cruse, banker, for small loan was the one time banker, old Sam Ashby, now less prosperous. Then came to the old prospector the happiest moment of his life, one that wiped out all memory of starvation and privation. For Tommy Cruse, showing says his would be customer to the door, assured that customer, in language too emphatic and graphic for English ears, that he would sooner throw his money into the house of his satanic majesty than loan it to such a drunken, shiftless fellow as Sam Ashby.—Colubill

THE WELL MANNERED BOY.

He Is Simply Charming, but Altogether

Is there anything more charming in this world than a nice, well mannered boy? I don't want to be hypercritical, but I must add, as I am a strictly veracious woman, that they are, alas, as

rare as they are charming. Such a boy, the well mannered genthank heavens, I met not long and my instant thought was, What a fine mother his must be. I know her by reputation, a celebrated actress, who has carefully shielded her private life from the public, and my estimation of that woman immediately rose 50 degrees. None but a woman of culture, refinement and true nobility of character could rear a son whose every lightest word showed respect for women, in- Sir Edward Poynter stands out with nate good breeding, and, best of all, in some distinctics among the less considthis day of affected skepticism among cred and less complete workmanship the jeunesse doree, an honest belief in

the existence of good among men and And I couldn't help thinking sorrowfully as I chatted with this delightful boy how few mothers really understand their meter. It's the most responsible work in the world, that of motherhood, and is entered into with the least training and preparation. Women are proverbially proud, vain, their masculine critics say, and I wonder whether they realize how they are reflected in their children? If they did, would they not make a greater effort to have reflected only their good points, their gentleness. breeding, and, above all, their faith in

human nature. -Philadelphia Record. The Scaly Aut Ester.

An animal made of tin plate, of the shape of an elongated fir cone, about three feet in length, which crackles and rustles with every movement, is one of the latest acquisitions of the Zoological society of London. Its name is the pangolin, or scaly ant eater, and it belongs to the same family group as the armadillo and platypus. It has excited great attention at the zoo, for it is-if we are correctly informed-the first animal of the kind which has been exhibited there. Its home is where the termites, or white ants, are found, for the animal feeds on these destructive creatures and possesses claws which are designed to break down their strongholds. The claws are also necessary for burrowing in the ground, for the pangolin excavates a cave for himself and his mate eight feet or so below the surface of the earth, and in this strange home one or two young are produced every year. The pangolin at present at the zoo is fed upon ants and their eggs, and also exhibits a partiality for cockroaches scalded in milk. The scales with which its body is covered are hard and sharp as steel, and it can give a terribly cutting blow with its powerful tail. It can roll its body up into a ball like a bedge-

hog when it so wills. - Public Opinion.

Clerical Dunces. It is to be feared that clergymen who have entered the church through theological colleges are wretched scholars as a rule. The bishops have lately found it necessary to insist on an entrance examination on general subjects before admission to a theological college can be granted, and the results have been decidedly startling. The requirements are almost ridiculously elementary-a conple of books of Xenophon's "Anaba sis," some quite easy Latin, two books of Euclid and so forth. Nevertheless, it is stated that a large number of caudidates for orders are so grossly ignorant that they have been unable to get overboard to calm the waves."-Chicathrough this exceedingly easy ordeal. - go Record. London Truth.

Grasping at a Straw. Doctor-Don't be alarmed. I was knee, and if an artificial hip socket is sicker than you are a year ago, and to be made the cost is correspondingly with the same trouble. Today I am increased. well and hearty.

Patient (auxiously)-Oh, doctor, tell me, who was your physician?-Water of rats, under favorable conditions, will

touched is the cow bell, which is a

now just as it was 50, 100 and peculiar, clanking sound as ever. bells are made some of copper and sea them are made of iron and finish with a coating of bronze. The cowb. made of ten sizes, whose sounds range majesty than loan it to such a drunken, sort and another come to the manufacturer and by selection among bells of the various sizes find eight bells that

One of the comparatively few this

that the band of improvement

ENDS.

are accurate in scale. There are only four factories in the United States in which cow bells are made, and in each case the cow bell is only an item of production among many other things. Cow bells are sold all over the country, just the same as ever, but much the greater number are sold in the south, the southwest and the west, where farms are larger, less likely to be under fence, and cattle are more likely to stray. There are sold in those parts of the country a hundred dozen cow bells to every ten dozen sold in the east. American cow bells are exported to the various countries of South America and

to Australia. - New York Snn.

F. Fitz Roy Dixon tells of "a baby elephant" that was captured by friends of his in Ceylon in an article that he contributes to St. Nicholas. Mr. Dixon

Her daily bath afforded her great enjoyment. A broad, shallow stream, with a sandy bottom, flowed through the estate, and in a large pool Rengan used to scrub her down every day. Of course he went into the water also, and she would lie down and roll, sometimes with all four legs in the air, but always keeping the tip of her trunk out of the water so that she might have air to breathe. When she had done enough of this sort of nonsense according to Rengan's idea, he used to make her come out and lie down on a sand bar, and then he would scrub her down-a process of which she seemed highly to approveafter which she would be once more washed down, and then she would trot off beside her keeper, both clean and glistening, and remain a short while in her stable, while he went off for his dinner. He used to bring her back a handful of boiled rice, usually rolled up in a banana leaf, which she received

with great satisfaction. Sir Edward J. Poynter's Beautiful Art. If there is one element predominant in all his work, it is the intellectual. with which it is so often surrounded. Although he himself has been among the reformers of his day, the later movements in the direction of personal impressionism have not affected either his method or ideal. The new school to which he belonged in his youth, which may be broadly described as the "neoclassical," has almost become an "old' school now, but he has seen no reason to swerve from the aims and principles which inspired and guided his earliest efforts, and he finds it impossible to believe that any new fashion or indeed any new discovery can alter certain fundamental truths, which inform all the greatest art works of the past, including those of Phidias and Michael Angelo.

-Cosmo Monkhouse in Scribner's.

Two Wildests. A Wells-Fargo messenger on the Santa Fe train had an unusual experience. Among the articles in his care was a cage containing two wildcars, consigned from Fall Brook, in this state, to Martin's Ferry, O. The messenger from whom he received them said they had been behaving very well, but no sooner was he started on his run than they got into a terrible fight. The frail bars of the cage bent so under their battering that he drew a couple of revolvers and watched them, ready to fight for his life in case they got loose. When the growls, snarls and spitting finally had ceased, the messenger took a lantern and looked into the cage. Where there bad been two big wildcats, weighing respectively 50 and 40 pounds in spite of their gauntness, there was now one sleek 90 pound wildcat and a few bairs and bones of the other. The surviving beast was sent rejoicing on its way, billed as

"two wildcats."-San Francisco Argo-

naut.

In the absence of the regular golf editor the following question from a beginner was referred to the turf editor for an answer: "In a game of golf is it right to fuzzle your put or is it better to fetter on the tee?" The turf editor set his teeth firmly, stared hard at the wall in front of him a few moments and wrote the following reply: "In case a player snaggles his iron it is permissible for him to fuzzle his put, but a better plan would be for him to drop his guppy into the pringle and speedle it

out with a niblick. "-Chicago Tribune. High Art on the High Seas "It was a rather expensive ocean trip that Splasher took.'

What happened?" "A frightful storm came up and the captain threw Splasher's oil paintings

A cork leg without a knee joint does

not cest as much as one including the

In three years the progeny of a pair number 1,000.

who has the umbrella fad. It would hardly be fair to tell his name, as it was learned in confidence, and the fad might not be regarded as a mere eccentricity by some people who have suffered from it and they might be tempted to complain to the police. Again, everybody who has lost an umbrella-and that means a majority of the people of Chicago-would look up his address in the directory and sweep down upon him with the hope that his lost property might be in his collection.

weakness for taking umbrellas, but no man is known to have carried it to so great an extreme as this one. He has a collection numbering 400 umbrellas of all kinds. A good many of them were bought. Some of them were borrowed from friends, with and without their permission, and others were acquired in other ways which it would be hardly polite to mention. The man is a good citizen in other respects, but he is a victim of the umbrella habit, and when he sees an umbrella he is compelled to struggle very hard to resist the temptation to make himself its owner. Usually he yields to the temptation, and the coveted prize is transferred to his col-

The umbrella collector does not make any great display of his collection. The umbrellas are piled up in a big closet in his bedroom, and he very seldom visits it. Now and then he looks over them and counts them with satisfaction. The last time he counted them there were 398 in the closet. He has added a few

to his collection since that time. In every other way except this passion for umbrellas, which amounts to a mania, the man is perfectly sane. His friends regard him as a very clever man, and he holds a responsible position in a big wholesale house down town. But umbrellas are his weakness. He is a victim of the umbrella habit just as another man might be a victim of the opium habit or morphine habit, and his relatives are in constant fear that the habit may some day get him

into trouble. - Chicago Times-Herald. A Pointed Question.

The great question whether the use of forks is understood in Chicago having been happily settled in Paris, it may be asked in seriousness whether forks are not too much used in Chicago and everywhere else. Not that anybody wants to use the knife for conveying food to the mouth, but might not the teaspoon as a part of the dinner equip-

ment be a little more prominent? People of breeding train their children to eat peas, for instance, with a fork, tabooing the spoon for no apparent reason other than that its use would simplify and facilitate the operation. On the same principle they ought to eat their peas with chopsticks, as a Chinaman could easily do. So with certain kinds of pie and pastry. The relish is marred by the loss of juices too thin for the fork to carry. Yet the man who values his social reputation must not

ask for a spoon. The proper use of the silver fork might be better understood if it were regarded as a modified shovel with limitations imposed by its slits. For solids it is an excellent shovel. For liquids it is naturally a failure. The countryman who on his first visit to a city hotel asked the water for a spoon with no slits in it was no legitimate subject of ridicule. He was an impartial critic, being without the prejudice of habit or tradition. - Hotel Mail.

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Just the Place For Them. First Sport-I see it stated that the air is so clear in the arctic reigons that

Second Sport-Why don't some on-

conversation can be carried on easily by persons two miles apart.

tell Corbett and Fitzsimmons about that?-Youkers Statesman.