AFRICA. | nois farmer, and might be a good party to interview.

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HERE OF INFLUENCE DARK CONTINENT.

Abont Everything that Is Worth Having Belongs to Them-Other European Nations Are Finding Their Possessions Anything but Profitable.

Less than forty years ago it was a commonly received doctrine among British statesmen that Africa was worthless. A select committee of the House of Commons in the early '60s reported that the settlements on the west coast of Africa cost more than they were worth, and recommended the gradual abandonment of the country. Even in the '70s there were eminent men who argued earnestly in favor of the al andonment of the whole of South Africa, with the exception of a coaling station at the Cape of Good Hope. But t change came o'er the spirit of the British dream when, in the early 'S0s they saw all the nations of Europe prepare to take part in a passionate scramble for the dark continent. That which they despised and wished to throw away in the '60s became in the '90s the oveted objects of imperial ambition. low, when the century is closing, the sick of the continent is colored British

British Africa can be variously debed - geographically, politically, illy and religiously. But the lest definition is this: All Africa that is comfortably habitable by white men is under the British flag or under British protection. And again, everything in Africa that pays dividends lies within the sphere pegged out for John Bull by his adventurous sons. Wher-ever in Africa you find land in which white-skinned children can be bred and reared, you will find it lies within the British zone. And wherever there 's in Africa any paying property, that also will be found to be within the same sphere of influence. All of Africa that babitable and all of Africa that pays is way, that is British Africa.

The other nations have scrambled for John Bull's leavings. France, for intance, has annexed the Sahara. In wing folded back on the upper side, but er West African colony of Senegal ev- it is exquisitely colored and marked ery fifth European is a French official. lermany has annexed 320,000 square miles of desert in the southwest and 100,000 of semi-tropical land in the ast; but they have more officials than sts, more subsidies than divis. Portugal has quite an empire of has the Congo Free State, a magat empire in the heart of tropical which needs £80,000 a year subfrom Belgium to keep it from cy, and which, notwithstandsidy, has run up a debt of 8.000.000. Italy, the last to join scramble, has nearly come to ver her African adventure. Afri-

solely on the debit side of nt of every European nation and even in the case of Brities to the bad are neither

a may be described in y. Wherever you find a good Africa or a navigable river nland lake there you may be

"Do I," he said when he had settled for a talk, "look like I had the emptiness of ages in my face?" The reporter did not reply, because he thought the man was going on with

his remarks. "I ask you, do 1?" he repeated. The reporter hastened to assure him that as far as he could see he did not. "Do I seem to be bearing on my back the burden of the world?" "You carry it very lightly if you do,"

smiled the reporter. "Would you say that I was dead to rapture and despair, a thing that grieves not and that never hopes?" "Not unless 1 was a liar," ventured the reporter.

"Would you think that anybody had loosened and let down my jaw?" The reporter merely shook his head. "And has anybody slanted back my brow, that you can notice?" the man went on.

"Not in the least." "Or has anybody's breath blown out the light within my brain?" "Never a blow," said the reporter. "Do I strike you as stolid and stun-

ned, a brother to the ox?" "Anything but that," admitted the renorter. "But why are you asking me all these questions?"

"I'll tell you. I raised on my farm in Illinois last year 10,000 bushels of wheat, 12,000 bushels of oats, 40,000 bushels of corn and 1,000 head of cattle, to say nothing of other stuff and stock, and I'm just back from a European trip. Now, what I want to know is if Markham knew what he was talking about when he wrote "The Man with

the Hoe."



The male butterfiles have the proud privilege of a pocket, but the pocket of a butterfly is wonderfully made. It is really an extension of the under like the upper side, so that it is very hard to detect, and no one has yet discovered how it is opened, although, undoubtedly, the butterfly can throw it

open while he is flying. The recent trials at Indian Head, on the Potomac, of the armor made for rial mashes on both coasts. Bel- the Russian battleship Retvizan, building in this country, seemed to show that armorplate of the Krupp form made in America has the advantage in the endless contest between guns and armor. Five-inch projectiles with a striking velocity of more than 2,000 feet per second falled to penetrate more than two inches in a five-inch plate, and the projectiles were broken in pieces, while the plate was not cracked. In a Brussels street traversed by an

electric tram car line, it has been noticed that the trees on one side of the way begin to lose their follage early in August, the leaves turning brown

and dropping off. But in October the same trees begin to bud again, and British flag is not far off. The the trees on the oposite side of the

worm.

but

WAR. THEN AND NOW.



LOSSES GROW LESS. SOME LESSONS TAUGHT BY THE ANGLO-EOER WAR

As Effectiveness of Weapons Increase Fatalities in Battle Apparently De- ate troops and left 119 dead companions crease-Comparison of Casualties in Some of the World's Greatest Conflicts. ruts and trall prints on the spot where

the guns had stood. The regiment num-The South African war has demonstrated some things about up-to-date The heaviest losers at the battle of fighting machines. One important fact Gettysburg were two opposing regitensive cemeteries and making bloody and the Twenty-sixth North Carolina. history, the old-fashioned fighters, with They fought in the first day's battle alfall of a few score of officers in a single linas 688 out of 820.

Federal batteries. The Confederates longs to the smoothbore and the second to the rifle barrel era, and the figures held their fire until the daring Yankees were close up, and 215 of the Minneshow that as weapons improve casualsotans out of 262 were struck down ties grow less in percentages. The averupon a few square yards of earth, just age was 26 per cent. in the days of the at the point of contact. In the second musket and pike, 20 per cent. with the battle of Bull Run, 1862, Duryee's zousmoothbore and bayonet, about a simiaves stood up in front of a battery which was being mobbed by Confederlar loss with the rifle barrel and bayonet, and in the Franco-Prussian war, fought with the breechloading rifle, the stretched in regular rows around wheel casualties fell below 16 per cent.

bered 470 at the beginning of the fight. German Emperor at Work. The correspondence addressed to the emperor is enormous, but the bulk of brought out is that, for creating ex- ments-the Twenty-fourth Michigan it, chiefly petitions, is opened and dealt with in the civil cabinet, only the letters of princely personages and others their old-fashioned short-range weap-ons, still hold the championship. Dy-test which took place in McPherson's being opened by him personally, says namite bombs and lyddite shells, bullet. woods. At the end of the day nothing Good Words. These have to be replied sifting machines and long-range smoke- remained of either regiment except to either by himself or by secretaries, less powder guns have not feazed the their flags and two pitiful squads of according to marginal notes made by world's record for carnage an lota. The battle-grimed soldiers. The Michigans him, and then the cuttings from varicivilized nations stand aghast at the lost 397 out of 496, and the North Caro- ous newspapers, pasted in folios, are laid before him. fight as though it were an unheard of The casualties sustained by these Each of the chief ministers of state

sometimes even blossom. Meanwhile thing and that science had rendered troops were almost entirely from mus- and heads of departments of the army warfare too frightfully gory for it to ketry fire. Instances might be cited to and navy has one or two fixed days of the week on which he is received by

SUSAN B. ANTHONY. Old hunters say they have frequently

'GRAND OLD WOMAN" OF FE-MALE SUFFRAGE

She Has at the Ripe Old Age of Eighty Years Retired from the Presidency of an open stretch of country was in danthe National Woman's Suffrage As- ger of being run down and killed. In ociation

The career of Susan E. Anthony, who was the cellar of an old house, with as retired from the presidency of the a portion of the walls still standing. National Woman's Suffrage Associaion, and to whom, in honor of her eightleth birthday, a grand reception cape through a narrow opening in the lately occupied by a bore and his vicwas tendered in Washington, has been walls. The hounds, supposing the fox im. The bore squared himself in front in remarkable one. She made her first was trapped, dashed into the cellar of the poor fellow and proceeded to tell pool and proceeded to tell speech in public in 1849, at Canajoharie, pell mell, only to find Reynard gone the story of his life. The victim writhed and squirmed, and when he icademy. Her subject was the relaion of women to temperance. Two escaped was too small to permit them years later, at Rochester, N. Y., to get through.

whither her family had moved, she first became interested in the anti-slavery igitation. Before 1851 had ended she ad made the acquaintance of Garrison. Phillips, Greeley, Pillsbury, Douglass, Stephen and Abby Foster, Lucy Stone and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, all believers in woman's right to the franchise,

and she became enthusiastic in the ause. She attended her first woman's rights convention in Syracuse in 1852. Lucretia Mott was elected President and Miss Anthony was made Secretary. From that date to the present she has attended from one to a dozen conventions every year, and never has been out of office.

sixes placed side by side, lifting a For several years she worked, might weight of 1,070 pounds? Think of it; and main, in the temperance cause, but over half a ton. His name is George indignant at being "suubbed and insult-Collins and you can wager he comes ed" by the men's conventions, and "disfrom the West. His home is in Detroit. gusted with the subserviency of wom-All life long he has taken care of his en," she resolved to devote her life to health. It has not entirely been a hobthe emancipation of her sex. From this by with him, but he had a desire to live decision she never has swerved, except long and that was the surest method he during those years when she labored knew of arriving at his object. for the freedom of the negroes. She He moved to the city, where his repuhas been mobbed again and again, and tation for strength was not known. often has held her ground when every Not long ago he went to an amusement man on the platform fled to a place of park and stood watching the young safety. men rivaling each other at a lifting

Her Great Labors. At the present time it is difficult to of loud talking and laughing, but not

conceive the ridicule and contempt much lifting. One of their number, heaped on the pioneers in this move- however, made a fairly good record ment; nor did it come from men alone. which the others could not equal. He When Susan B. Anthony tramped from | was declared champion. A small crowd



TELLTALE CHAIRS.

vitnessed this trick when young foxes their Significance in Accordance with Their Relative Positions. were being closely pressed and in dan-

ger of being run down and killed by "Chairs are great pantomime perthe hounds. Another and an even ormers," said one of a group in the sharper trick was played by an old fox totel lobby to a New Orleans Timessome weeks ago while being hotly Democrat writer. "I mean," he exchased by hounds. The fox had run plained, "that they have wonderful some twenty miles, and while crossing powers of expression

"Look at those two, facing each other n the corner. The one nearest us, if a field through which the fox was running with the hounds close to its heels you will notice, stands perfectly straight and stiff, while the other is wisted around a trifle to the right, and The fox made straight for the old cel- we know by that token as plainly as if lar, leaped into it and made its es- we had witnessed it that they were in the wall through which the fox had anally escaped the record of his travall was written legibly in the furniture. Now, that pair of chairs by the desk

tell quite a different tale, and one could almost say that they were engaged in pleasant conversation at this very moment. Observe the confidential angle of the arms. I have often encountered chairs arranged like that, only more so, on the plazza of summer hotels early in the morning after a moonlight night. They fairly reeked with romance! It would be impossible, by the way, to place chairs in such a position deliberately. You couldn't do it to save your

ueck. The effect depends upon a very subtle combination of lines imparted

"Did you ever go into a room where a poker party had been playing a stiff game all night and notice the way the chairs stood about the tables? In nine cases out of ten they tell the story of the wind-up as clearly as it could be done by types. Several years ago I was at a hotel in a little town on the Texas and Pacific, when a fellow was shot in a quarrel in one of the rooms on the second floor. He had been in party of three who were playing cards, and when 1 went up to look at the scene of the tragedy, very shortly afterward, I was struck at once by the arrangement of the chairs. They formed a dramatic tableau. One hugged the table, and had evidently machine. They were doing a great deal been occupied by the chap who looked on. The other was thrust back several feet, at an abrupt angle, as if whoever

sat there had risen suddenly, and the third was overturned in a pool of blood. One could not have asked for a better record of what had happened."

ACCIDENTS LESS FREQUENT.

Travel on American Railroads Is Safer than Ever Before.

There are 50,000 flagmen, switchmen and line watchmen employed on the railroads of the United States and the duties which devolve upon them relate primarily to the security of passing trains. The use by them of lanterns at aight and flags by day, while desirable in a small way as a measure of protection, especially at crossings, is by no means so important as the signal lights which are displayed from towers and which are regulated by telegraphic communication maintained along the line of track. Under the signal rules adopted by the American Railroad Association, the application of which is general not only throughout the United States, but in Mexico and Canada as well, a red light whenever displayed ignifies danger and calls for a stop; a green light cautions and commands"Ge slowly;" white indicates safety and commands "Go ahead." A blue flag by day and a blue light by night displayed at one or both ends of an engine, car or train signifies that workmen are engaged on or about it. When thus protected it must not be disturbed. One effect of the more general use of uniform signals has been the steady reduction of the number of fatalities on American railroads, the total number of which is now considerably less than it was ten years ago, though in the meantime railroad travel has increased enormously. The total number

When the hunters rode up they found the pack in a trap, with one of the hounds wedged fast in the hole through which the fox had made its escape. By the time the bounds were gotten out of the cellar the fox was safe in its hole .- Philadelphia Times.

AGED MAN'S STRENGTH

Although 66 Years Old, He Can Lift a Weight of 1,070 Pounds.

When one is young and strong," is natural expression. Youth and strength are supposed to go together.

unconsciously by the occupants. But what do you think of an old man, whose years are represented by two

is the only great African river a does not enter the sea under age late in the autumn and budding protection. The Congo was ed up, boomed and made accessible Mr. Stanley, a British explorer, and ts waters are as free to the flags of all growth of the trees affected. nations as if they were British. The only harbor in southern Africa that is Munich, Prof. Chun exhibited the reworth having which is not British is suits of the German deep-sea expedi-Delagon Bay, and John Bull to this day ruefully recalls the fact that he only lost that by allowing it to be sent to arbitration before a tribunal which took more account of musty little deeds of a remote past than the necessities of the living present. The only harbor on the southwest coast, the natural port of German southwest Africa, is Walfisch Bay, where a British sentry stands on guard under the shade of the union jack. Wherever navigable water is, there the descendant of the old vikings recognizes his fatherland even in the heart of Africa. Of the great lakes which lie in a long string from the Zambesi to the Nile, there is not one on whose shores there is not a British possession. Even the smaller lakes, such as Lake Tchad, seem to attract the sea rovers of the Northland .- W. T. Stead, in the Independent.

WHAT "UNDER FIRE" MEANS.

Twelve Hours of Agony that Seeme Like Years.

The following are extracts from a letter from a sergeant in the Seaforth Highlanders, says the London Telegraph:

"The Black Watch in front made an determined sulphides. attempt to charge the position, but we had to retire and simply run for it, the enemy blazing at us all the way and ing about. This is to be accounted for cropping our fellows like skittles from in two ways. First, they are nocturnal

their splendid positions. "There was nothing for it but to lie down and pretend to be dead, and this should be on the move their colors are I did about 5:30 a. m., till, I suppose, so much in harmony with their sur-6 p. m., the sun pouring down on me all the time, and not a drink of water all first and gather themselves into a coll. day, and dare not stir hand or foot, so as to escape observation by remainand expecting every minute to be my ing still and to be ready for defense if last. I could hear oothing but the cries, moans and prayers of the wound. | coll. As to the distance to which they ed all around me, but I daren't so much | can strike, a great deal depends on the as look up to see who they were. Shots and shells were going over me all day the object struck at. From a good pofrom the enemy and our side, and plenty of them striking within a yard of me-1 mean bullets, not shells-and

yet they never bit me. "I believe some of the fellows lost their heads and walked right up to the enemy's place, singing till they dropped them. One youngster lying close to me said he would make a dart for it about 3 p. m. I tried my best to persuade him not to, but he would go. A couple of seconds later I could hear them pitting at him, and then his groans for about a minute, and then he was quiet.

"About this time the sun began to get fearfully hot, and I began to feel it in the legs, which were now very painful and swollen, because I was parched with thirst. Most of the wounded round me had ceased groaning by this time. As it began to get dark I managed to wriggle my body through the shrub farther back, and after I had been at it some time, on looking up found myself right in front of another intrenchment of the enemy. They senta few rounds at me, but they struck just in front and ricocheted over my head. After a bit, it getting darker. I got up and walked by, and there was nothing but dead highlanders all over the place."

THE MAN WITH THE HOE.

He's Quite Different from the One in Markham's Poem.

He was an intelligent-looking man, coll dressed, clean shaven, and seemed to be quite at home amid the handsome to be quite at nome and the handsome use the same at a passed off on noving line of Confederates and capures of Gettysburg given in the table, ures of Gettysburg given in the table, ures of Gettysburg given in the table, which are official, the total is little the time its colors, in order to stagger the which are official, the total is little be

street are upaffected, losing their fol only in the spring. The cause of the anomaly is supposed to be leaking electrie currents, which stimulate the

At the recent scientific conference at

tion. Some of the fish found at a depth of about 10,000 feet resembled, he said, the fossil species in the rocks of the Mesozolc era, when the earth's atmosphere was dense with carbon. These fish, in many cases, had special means of collecting light. Some possessed enormous eyes, occupying nearly the whole side of the head, and some were yards, and may close down to 1,100 or 1,000 yards. At the latter range the fire supplied with telescopic organs. Others carried their light on their heads in is supposed to be very effective. Artillery is, of course, effective to break up a manner similar to that of the glowsolid lines of infantry, but it is impos-

sible to make artillery fire effective The National Museum in Washington against troops who are covered behind has come into possession of a meteorite a height, for instance, or by the lay of which fell on Thomas hill, in Allegan, the land or by rock and trees. Michigan, on July 10, 1899. The fall Gen. Sickles said recently that he occurred about 8 o'clock in the mornnever had much faith in the effectiveing. Observers noticed a slight bluish ness of long-range weapons, for once tinge and a hazy appearance in the you teach troops that they can send a

track of the descending stone. Some report that they heard a rumbling and bullet a mile, it takes away their intrepidity. Napoleon III. demoralized rushing noise. The meteorite probably his army by causing the soldiers to weighed originally seventy pounds, it was shattered by its think that the long-range breechloading fall, the largest piece weighing chassepot and the mitrailleuse would sixty-two and a half pounds. defeat the enemy. It took all the elan It buried itself eighteen inches in the out of them and made them mere maground, and was picked up while yet chines. The Germans, who, by the warm. It is friable, and contains finely | way, also had their breechloading, longdisseminated metallic iron, olivine in range rifle, the needle gun, rushed to

close quarters, and the result was disthe form of black glass, and some unastrous to the French. Deadly snakes are seldom seen mov-**Civil War Fatalities**

Gen. Nelson A. Miles said, apropos of the subject of modern improved weapin their habits and generally in repose ons and projectiles in relation to battlewhen discovered. Secondly, if they field casualties, "Losses diminish in proportion as man-killing devices progress." This is a fact, as shown by figroundings that they see the intruder ures, and is well known to close students of warfare. Take, for instance, the Federal attack upon the Confederate stone wall at Fredericksburg in necessary. They always strike from a 1862. The experience of the Seventh era, when the masses carried muskets manner of the coll and the position of in after other brigades had been resition a snake can generally strike an object distant one-half or even two- Confederate fire, but in twenty minutes, thirds of the creature's length. No snake can jump, in the true sense of the word, and so long as one remains of 450 men 240 were killed and wound-

extended at full length it is practically harmless. In such a position it may be easily killed or avoided.

Fell Short of Her Ideal

When schoolgirls grow confidential with one another they sometimes, I am told, describe the sort of man who corresponds to what they call their "beau ideal." Did you ever happen to hear what Mrs. Stephen A. Douglas was right. credited with saying on this topic? "When I was at school," she remarked. "I used to vow that there were three brought in as a supporting column to kinds of men I never could be induced the initial attack. It consisted of eighto marry. First, I never would marry teen regiments, and there were nineteen a man who was younger than I. Secregimental commanders shot down and ond, I never would marry a man who was shorter than I. Third, 4 never disabled in one notify the brigade of but kept the field. In the brigade of would marry a politician. Well, I kept Col. Caldwell, to which the Seventh Regiment belonged, there were 116 offi-Douglas I married a man who was not cers present, sixty-two of whom were quite as old as I, who was not as tall killed or wounded. Gen. Hancock's dias I, and who was one of the most vision lost 2,029 killed and wounded out prominent politicians of his day."-New of 4.834 paper strength: that equals 42 York Mail and Express. per cent. Caldwell's brigade numbered 1,987 on paper, and lost 952 killed and Much Area, but Few Inhabitants.

Russia's Asiatic possessions are three times the size of Great Britain's, subjects.

tury. In seven great battles of that New York (Steuben) regiment in that and pikes, the average of casualties was charge is typical. The Seventh went 26 per cent., so that each man stood but about three chances in four of espulsed in front of the stone wall so that cape. The casualties in the bloodiest it did not receive the fierce outburst of battles run as high as 35 per cent. In this class belongs the battle of Lutzen, or at the outside thirty minutes, out of which proved a victory for the Swedes. twenty-five officers in the regiment ten | but their leader, Gustavus Adolphus, were killed and eight wounded, and out | was killed, and one of his regiments lay

upon the ground in the order in which ed. All of these casualties came from the men had stood while fighting. In bullets fired from the stone wall. This the middle of the eighteenth century the bayonet attached to the musket suloss in officers killed was never exceeded out once in the whole civil war, and perseded the pike. There were twenty that was in the case of the Seventh three great battles fought with smooth New Hampshire at the storming of bore muskets and bayonets from Fontenoy in 1745 to Waterloo in 1815. The Fort Wagner. In that affair eleven officers of this regiment were killed outaverage of casualties for this period of smoothbore musket and bayonet fight-

ing was about 20 per cent. In the attack upon the stone wall the Seventh Regiment fought with Han-Losses Decrease cock's division. This division was

of the foe.

The following fifteen battles of the muzzle-loading, bayonet period represent the martial nations of the world: 1. Eilau, 1807. Loss, 26 per cent.

equaled during the century.

2. Bunker Hill, 1775. Loss, 24 per cent. 3. Stone River (Murfreesboro), Loss, 23½ per cent.

4. Marengo, 1800. Loss, 23 per cent. 5. Chickamauga, 1863. Loss, 21 pe cent.

6. Antietam, 1862. Loss, 21 per cent. 7. Leipsic, 1813. Loss, 21 per cent. 8. Gettysburg, 1863. Loss, 20 per cent. 9. Shiloh, 1862. Loss, 20 per cent. 10. Lundy's Lane, 1814. Loss, 19 per

wounded-that is to say, 50 per cent. 11. Mars-la-Tour, 1870. Loss, 16 per In a forlorn hope attack upon log cent. breastworks at Petersburg in 1864 the 12. Waterloo, 1815. Loss, 14 per cent.

but hold only 23,000,000 inhabitants, as First Maine heavy artillery carried 832 13. Woerth, 1870. Loss, 14 per cent. men in line and lost 632 killed and 14. Solferino, 1859. Loss, 12 per cent. wounded in a rush that kept them un. 15. Sadowa, 1866. Loss, 12 per cent.

There are some women who always der fire not to exceed seven minutes. At Gettysburg, during a crisis, the First the battle of Eilau is placed at 40,000 The loss in killed and wounded a use the same kind of judgment in al-Minnesota was called upon to charge a by conservative estimates. In the fig-

Probably the almost bloodless victories artillery fire was still more deadly dur-, the emperor and at these interviews of our navy at Manila Bay and Santiago ing the civil war. It must be taken for all business connected with the departhave led people to look for enormous | granted that such was the case when- ment is transacted and his orders takgains on a minimum of investment, ever solid bodies of troops marched up en on all matters requiring such. Va-These were marvelous exceptions. War to the cannon's mouth. In Pickett's rious interviews are also accorded in means fighting, and fighting in a war charge, when the assaulting column the forenoon to officers and others who means fighting, and fighting in a war worthy of the name means killing on both sides.
The effectiveness of the iong range weapons used in the South African war and the mortality which is looked upon by the laymen as something excessive attract the notice of military men who have had actual experience in war.
Under the regime of magazine rifles the battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 or 1,600 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 range of the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 range of the south war battle the south war battle usually begins at 1,500 range of the south war battle the south wa

place was frightful in the extreme. Much of the execution at that fight was gan the attack on the Federal fortified before dinner, which is at 7 in summer position at the close of a November day.

probably as late as 4:30 p. m., so that for fighting. Only one corps of the ment to bed. Such is the normal pro- ing her they had all the rights they and stepped forward into the circle. Confederates actually closed in on the gram of the emperor's day; but, as wanted. In the winter of 1855, one of Naturally there were shouts of derision of the fact that while some railroad Federal works, and its strength was may be imagined, it is frequently the coldest and snowlest on record, she at the gray hairs and the bent form, accidents appear to be absolutely una probably not over 15,000 men. In the broken in upon by military duties and canvassed the whole State of New but the two men went to work with a voldable, serious accidents entailing battle there were 6,000 Confederates inspections, by representations, espe- York in the interest of those petitions will. At first the old man made a lift the wreckage of trains and wholesale killed and wounded, among them thir- clally in winter, when numerous re- and also one asking for the franchise, or what he thought was one-and the disasters are very much less frequent teen general officers. The officers who ceptions, balls, festivals, concerts and going from village to village, from machine registered 600 pounds. The than formerly. The adoption and main fell were found close to the Federal state dinners take place, and by politbreastworks, in some cases in the ditch, ical business. where they had been shot from their

horses while attempting to ride over He Engaged the Boy. the works at the heads of their col-

umns. The scenes witnessed at the battle of Franklin have seldom been fell that he wanted a lad to assist in she make this canvass, and after ten the surgery who must necessarily be years of effort on the part of herself Since the Franco-Prussian war there of strong nerves. He received several applications, and began to yield. has not been a conflict between armies

equally equipped until the present. In the battles between Russia and Turkey were, in order to test his nerves, he threats of violence, and strong in their the Turks had inferior weapons. Being fanatical fighters, like the dervishes in the Sudan, they were slaughtered by corner: the breechloaders and dynamite shells

To go back still farther for examples of the execution of weapons in wardo 80." fare. It is interesting to look at the records of battles in the seventeenth cen-

a spoon. While they were pouring a hot mass them, hired the hall, secured the speakinto the skull the doctor would throw ers, and made herself responsible for his voice so as to make it appear to the expenses. She has been always proceed from the jaws of the bony cus- and is to-day the financial burden beartomer, and gurgle out:

"Gr-r-r-gr-h-uh! That's bot!" This was too much, and without ex- more than all the rest. reption the lads dropped the basin and The first memorial ever sent to Con-

small boy came and was given the in 1867. They, with others, organized hasin and spoon. After the first spoonful the skeleton appeared to say: "Gr-r-r-uh-r-hr! That's hot!"

fast as ever, the boy rapped the skull and impatiently retorted: "Well, fist blow on't, ye auld bony!" The doctor sat down on his chair and

London Tit-Bits. A Very Trifling Incident.

form a marriage ceremony for a couple "Have you ever been married be fore?" asked the clergyman of the

"Have you?"-to the bride. "Well, yes, I have," replied the bride laconically; "but it was twenty years ago, and he was killed in an accident when we'd been married only a week.

San Francisco Wave.

The length of the world's railways is

As soon as a man gets so old he has no more trouble with heart affairs, his ing saved from being run down and

work and then the emperor, frequently door to door with petitions praying the attracted by the noise had collected and of passengers carried on American railwould take from fathers the power to chance. and 8 in winter. Work again follows will away their children, it was women

Dr. McTavish of Edinburgh was an unheard-of thing for a woman to do, something of a ventriloquist, and it be- yet not only one but many winters did and a few associates the Legislature

when telling a lad what the duties Undaunted by abuse, slander and would say, while pointing to a grin- sense of justice, Susan B. Anthony and ning skeleton standing upright in a a few companions went steadily forward, blazing the way which is now "Part of your work would be to feed so smooth and flowery for the millions the skeleton there, and while you are of women banded together in organihere you may as well have a try to zations and holding their great public meetings. Scores and scores of conven-A few lads would consent to a trial, tions, alone and almost unaided, she and received a basin of hot gruel and has originated and carried through to a successful conclusion, advertised

er of the suffrage organization, and can LIFTING A 1070-POUND WEIGHT. raise more money than anybody else-

By that time all was excitement. The third and last trial was at hand. The gress asking for the enfranchisement old man gave a frightful tug, every muscle and vein in his neck stood out. The doctor began to despair of ever of women was prepared by Miss etting a suitable helpmate until a Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and all the force of his back went into the work. So the machine when read in 1869, in New York City, the first National Woman Suffrage Association. The same year the American Associasmile. He tried to better it, but failed tion was organized in Cleveland. Twendismally. The old man was declared Shoveling in the scalding gruel as ty years later the two consolidated. the champion of the park.

As Head of the Association. Miss Anthony never could be peruaded to fill the office of President of the association when it was possible to persuade Mrs. Stanton to do so, but voung woman. "That's what he'll do," said Miss with that lady's family affairs in early days, and lecture engagements in later years, the former was acting president lay the world at your feet and compel much of the time, and from 1879 Vice you to walk on it, because you can't af-President at large. In 1892 Mrs. Stanford a cab."-Washington Star. ton, then 76 years ofd, begged that the gavel might be transferred to Miss An-London Fashion Pays High Rent. thony, and the delegates yielded to her In the fashionable thoroughfares of London a good house rents for \$50,000

wishes. SOME OF REYNARD'S TRICKS. a year.

He Sometimes Outwits the Hound When Pursued by Them. Not long ago the Washington hunt of Valley Forge started a young fox in the North valley hills, and the hounds were running it across the open

fields when the hunters were surprised to see a much larger fox come from economize. the woods and run diagonally across the track of the young fox ahead of stronger track of the bigger fox they ers must look down on their hatred.

took it up, young Raynard thereby be-

accompanied by the empress, rides, Legislature to enact laws which would the alleged champion addressed them roads in a year is not far from 600,000, due to cannon fire. The Confederate accompanied by the empress, rides, Legislature to enact laws which would the integer champion addressed takes to enact a we which would the integer champion addressed takes to enact a we which would the integer champion addressed takes to enact a we which would the integer champion addressed takes to enact a we which would the integer champion addressed takes to enact a we which would the integer champion addressed takes to enact a we which would the integer champion addressed takes to enact a we would be drives or plays tennis for a couple of permit a woman to own property and challenging any of their number to step 000, and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and challenging any of their number to step 000, and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and challenging any of their number to step 000, and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and challenging any of their number to step 000, and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and challenging any of their number to step 000, and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number to step 000, and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number to step 000, and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the number of fatalities to enact a woman to own property and the numb hours, returning in time for more work control the wages she earned, and forward if they thought they had a passengers average less than 250, or less than one two-thousandth of 1 per

George Collins, remembering the days cent. While the number of passengers there was not two hours of daylight dinner and precedes an early retire- who slammed the door in her face, tell- of his youth, accepted the challenge carried is increasing, the number of accidents is diminishing in consequence schoolhouse to schoolhouse, most of youth tried his hand and had difficulty tenance of a complete system of railthe distance in a sleigh, with not a in reaching 700 pounds. Collins tried toad signals entails a considerable exhome open to her, not a dollar sub- again and made it 800 pounds, which pense upon railroad companies, but if is much more than made up by the scribed toward her expenses. It was the young man increased to 850 pounds. advantages attained, which include



and when on his wedding tour.

lumps and knobs and knots. "What cheer?" gayly cried the wood man, as he drew near. "Bees!" moaned the bear.

greater security in travel, a high rate

of speed for passenger trains, a much

diminished danger of track obstruction

and a practical diminution in the num-

ber and success of suits brought for

damages. The work of making trave

safe on American railroads is going

ahead even faster than is the work of

railroad building, actively resumed

Fable by Uncle Ell.

A woodman who was passing through

he forest came upon a bear who was

rolling over and over on the ground

and uttering the most dismal com

plaints. Bruin had one eye closed, and

was covered from head to heels with

since 1897 .- New York Sun.

"But nature gave you a coat of fur ta protect you from the stings of bees." "So she did." answered the bear. "hu she also made me fool enough to wan honey just the same when I was shed ding my coat, and every sting would lift me a foot high."

MORAL:

None of us is ever satisfied with a registered 1,070 pounds. The alleged good thing .- New York Sun. strong youth looked at it with a sickly The Rubicon.

The proverb in regard to passing the Rubicon originated from the circum stance of Julius Caesar's crossing the stream in the year 49 with his for

Did Not Doubt Him. midable force. This act marked the be "He says he would gladly lay the ginning of civil war. The Rubicon h world at my feet," said the sentimental the ancient name of a small stream which divided Italy from Cisalpins

Cayenne. "After you're married, he'll Gaul, and was the boundary of Cas sar's province. It separated his prov ince from a fertile and populous coun try, upon the conquest of which he de termined. At the brink of the Rubicon he paused, conscience smitten and un decided. Finally, the love of conques led him across the stream and sent way and pestilence into the heart of the country. The proverb signifies the en

trance upon any undertaking, fron There are only two times when a which there can be no retreat. sane man can persuade himself that he has a long purse: when he is drunk.

Thought He Was Orthodox. The tendency of most doctrines is to be very narrow, and the loyalty for 1 It is easy enough to be economical particular church is "bred in the bone." when you have plenty with which to as a certain little boy bears witness His mother was telling him of the childhood of Christ, and in the course The individual who climbs to fame of her story said that Christ was the hounds, and when they struck the and fortune over the shoulders of oth- Jew. The little fellow looked up a her in wide-eyed astonishment and said in an awed voice: "Why, mother, I al

True charity begins before your own ways thought that the Lord was

fairly roared, but when the laugh was over he engaged the lad on the spot -A clergyman was called upon to perin middle life.

bridegroom. "No, sir."

so it really ain't worth mentioning."-

The World's Railways. more than seventeen times the circumference of the earth at the equator.

