# TOPICS OF THE TIMES. A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTER-ESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon cal and News Notes.

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Some men trust to luck in this world, and some others are lucky to get burglar shiver with horror to think of trusted.

Some men are like pins; they have their good points, yet they are apt to people who have in the past shrunk stick you.

Speaking of airships we do not care to soar on anything unless it is a feather bed.

It isn't the shortcomings of a young man that the girl's father objects to; it's his long stayings.

Even the rich have their sorrows. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller are grieved because their new billion-dollar baby isn't a boy.

A fashion note by wireless telegraphy from Bogota is that Panama hats will not be extensively worn in Colombia next season.

The man who tried to shoot the sec retary of the Bank of England is said to hold peculiar views on the distribution of wealth. This is obvious.

By dint of unceasing activity Mr. Rockefeller is able to keep ahead of Miss Ida Tarbell to the extent of one or two magazine articles all the time.

Information comes from scientific sources that a number of "extinct animals are still living." The wonders of science grow more and more marvel-

China's empress dowager is going to spend \$8,000,000 in building temples to the gods of peace. Captain Hobson money.

Mr. Rockefeller will give \$10,000,-000 to aid the search for microbes. Peary should contrive some way to convince Mr. Rockefeller that the north pole is a microbe.

It is a wonder that no great financier their arrival in this country. Most of has thought of the possibility of organthe Scandinavians become tillers of the soil. In this way the growing disizing the eligible noblemen of Europe into a trust and forcing American heiresses to get their coronets at monopoly prices.

There is a strong suspicion that Japan is behind China, pushing her forward to slap her great and good friend, the Czar. If she does, the boundary line will gallop south a few thousand more miles.

Edward Atkinson says mud will be the substitute for coal, which will enable the consumer to issue a new Declaration of Independence. If that is the case, we shall all be ready to cele- ing population is an index to the conbrate two Fourths of July.

many a man who has heretofore preferred to be soapless. Mr. James Wilson, a burglar gentieman who had been shut up in the Lancaster jail, succeeded, after stripping and thoroughly soaping himself, in squeezing through the Happenings of the Day-Historie a hole which had been supposed to be so small that no man could possibly escape by it. It must have made the putting soap upon himself, but there was nothing else for him to do if he was to gain his liberty. How can the from soap continue to regard with it fear or contempt? The experience of the Lancaster burglar should serve to make soap precious to most of those

who have been spurning it. The man who is an enemy of soap never can tell how soon he may be shut in behind bars. In fact, he usually gets there, sooner or later, and always deserves to. He should therefore gradually ac-

custom himself to soap before the far from a public misfortune.

The time is not very far distant doer has been at first a great dreamer. . .

though inadequately, recruited from

abroad. A large proportion of the im-

migrants from northern Europe, to-

gether with some Germans and Irish,

enter upon farming either for them-

selves or for others immediately upon

thousands of men are idle in the cities. to be a purely selfish use. Culture should not terminate in

The tendency is more and more toward the personal experience of the educated man. \* \* \* the cities. Farmers' sons no longer be- It remains for the young graduates to put that creed come farmers. They disdain the slow into practice. Knowledge is power, and knowledge is a and uneventful routine of life on the sacred trust. It is perfectly true that this idea is being farm and as soon as they become their abused in some of the industrial excesses of the day where own masters they are off to the nearest men are taught to become nothing but expert machines. city or large town to make their for- capable of turning out so much work, or of earning intunes. In a large majority of cases creased diivdends for somebody else, at the expense of the they fare far worse in the city than training of the mind and the development of the religious they would have fared on the farm, nature. But such over-emphasis upon the industrial idea but their ill success does not deter oth- in education does not militate against a proper amount of ers. The tide flows all one way. The utilitarism, and while not all knowledge can be practical. country boy comes to the city, but the in the sense of money-making or comfort-bringing, all culwill regard this as a shameful waste of city boy never goes to the country. ture of the mind should have a distinct relation to the Fortunately for the nation the agricul- bettering of human life and the elevation of the masses tural population is considerably, of mankind .-- New York Observer.

# The Trolley-House.

OW that parlor cars and sleeping cars on trolley lines are established we may be privileged to speculate a bit as to what will come next as an annex of the broomstick train. Suppose we hazard the guess that it will be the trolley house-first cousin to the house boat. By the build-

ing of spurs and side tracks in delightful spots at position of Americans to forsake agricountry or seashore at a fair and far distance from the culture for urban pursuits is rendered main lines resting places for these movable dwellings could less of a menace to our national fube comfortably managed. At one of them a trolley house ture. It cannot but be regretted, howmight remain for as long a time as contentment was the ever, that the native American farmer. staying power, and when this burned out the trolley pole seems destined to disappear almost enmight be put in contact with the wire and the trolley tirely, leaving the cultivation of the house trundled away to pastures new. Of course this is no life so independent and vigorous merely the roughest outline of a possible development soil entirely to immigrants. There is as that of the farmer and it is upon of the electric car, but it is the pleasantest part upon which

farmer is prosperous we all flourish; of one of these dwellings to be his own motorman may when he falls upon evil days we suffer as well be left to the consideration of those whose business it would be to perfect them .-- Boston Transcript. with him. The condition of the farm-

American Girls and Foreign Husbands. dition of the country in general, and assertion that the marriages of American girls with foreigners of rank are mainly confined to England. Up to a quarter of a century ago there were at least three such international marriages in France for one in England. Dozens of American girls have married French



## The Utilizing of Education.

F it be admitted, as indeed it must, that eduà cation like everything else should have an end, it should be admitted also that that end must be a useful one, in some real and practical sense. It is true that the fendency of much of education is to take the student off into a land of dreams and to detach him from the

crisis comes. If Burgiar Wilson's ex- scenes of active life. But that need not be so, or if so. perience serves to increase the popu- need only be so for a while. It is not lost time if young larity of soap his escape will have been minds are allowed to tarry for a period under the influence of the ideal, and of the aesthetic family. Idealism, is at the foundation of all true practicality. Every grand

when this country will have to deal But just as surely as the ideal is preparatory for highwith congestion of population in the er living, and study the foundation of success, so surely cities and consequent inadequacy of must the type of cloistral life which characterizes the colthe rural population. Indeed, the prob- lege give place sooner or later to the serious workaday spirit lem even now presents itself urgently which enters the arena of social, commercial, or perhaps every summer when farmers vainly political life to accept the tasks and fulfill the duties of seek help to harvest the crops, though patriotic citizenship. The use of education is not meant

the lay mind can dwell. Details of it, like the securing of ity of the nation depends. When the suitable drinking water and the training of every tenant

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* A "LOST" CHRISTMAS GIFT.

······ At the approach of the first Christmas after the wedding, a certain bride, desirous of giving her best beloved something made by her own affectionate but inexperienced hands, manufactured a truly wonderful nightshirt. It was made of pink and white outing flannel, trimmed with laceedged ruffles, and was further embel-

lished with rows of elaborate featherstitching. The surprised husband expressed a

-with truth-that he had never beheld a garment to compare with it; but when asked later why he did not

wear it, he replied that it wasmoment we recall but two, that of Miss Carroll, who mar-For too good ried Count Esterhazy, and who now lives in Washington, For human nature's daily food, and that of Miss Mabel Wright, who first became Mrs.

and that he was saving it for some Ysnaga, sister-in-law of the Dowager Duchess of Manoccasion that really demanded a nightchester, and subsequently married a member of the highshirt of more than ordinary gorgeousest Hungarian aristocracy. Whether the rule about sixness. It was just the thing, he averteen quarterings, which is so rigorously observed in the red, to wear if one happened to be court circle at Vienna, has been relaxed in her favor we convalescing from a broken limb or a know not. The truth is that the number of American

long attack of fever. But one day the husband telephoned that he was unexpectedly called out of town on business, and requested his

wife to pack his valise and to have it at the station within the hour, all of which she did.

Feeling tired after a long day's ride, and having nothing better to occupy his time, the man went to his room at

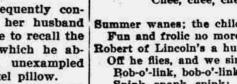
9 o'clock that night, intending to go at Modest and shy as a nun is she; once to bed. When he unpacked his valise he discovered that the long dreaded "special occasion" had arrived, for there, folded neatly in the valise, was the pink and white night-

south of the boundary line, is the result of conshirt, ribbons, ruffles and all. tions wholly artificial in their origin. Chief among these is The traveler was slightly bald, he the tying up of large bodies of the best lands in the hands wore a sandy mustache, and when he of speculators who are holding them for a rise. Take a had tied the broad pink ribbons in a trip on almost any railroad leading out of St. Paul, and all along its line will be found that the unimproved land bow under his decidedly masculine chin, he made a picture never to be exceeds in acreage the amount reduced to cultivation. In great numbers of instances there has been no thought of forgotten. He was just about to climb improving it by its present owners. They have bought it into bed, hoping fervently that no sudden alarm of fire would render it necessary for him to appear unexpected-

ly in public, when he was startled by a loud rapping at his door. Supposing his visitor to be the bearer of an expected telegram, he opened the door to find himself contronted by the last person he wanted to see-or to be seen by-in the circumstances. His caller, a man upon whom, for

NALYZING the causes of failure in the United business reasons, he was desirous of States in 1902, American Industries finds that making a favorable impression, had of the 9,971 failures 20 per cent were due to discovered his name on the hotel reg-"Good gracious!" exclaimed the astonished visitor. "Are you on your way to a fancy dress ball?" "No," returned the embarrassed vic-

tim. "I'm merely getting ready to go The young wife subsequently con-





Robert of Lincoln. Merrily swinging on brier and weed Near to the nest of his little dame. Over the mountain side or mead. Robert of Lincoln is telling his name; Bob-o'-link, bob-o'-link,

Spink, spank, spink; proper amount of gratitude, and said Snug and safe is that nest of ours, Hidden among the summer flowers. Chee, chee, chee,

Robert of Lincoln is gayly drest, Wearing a bright black wedding coat: White are his shoulders and white his

crest. Bob-o'-link, bob-o'-link, Spink, spank, spink; look, what a nice new coat is mine, Sure there was never a bird so fine. Chee, chee, chee.

Robert of Lincoln's Quaker wife, Pretty and quiet, with plain brown

wings, Passing at home a patient life, Broods in the grass while her husband

sings: Bob-o'-link, bob-o'-link, Spink, spank, spink;

Brood, kind creature; you need not fear Thieves and robbers while I am here. Chee, chee, chee,

One weak chirp is her only note. Braggart and prince of braggarts is he, Pouring boasts from his little throat: Bob-o'-link, bob-o'-link, Spink, spank, spink; Never was I afraid of man;

Catch me, cowardly knaves, if you cant Chee, chee, chee,

Six white eggs on a bed of hay, Flecked with purple, a pretty sight! There as the mother sits all day. Robert is singing with all his might. Bob-o'-link, bob-o'-link, Spink, spank, spink: Nice good wife that never goes out, Keeping house while I frolic about. Chee, chee, chee,

> Soon as the little ones chip the shell, Six wide mouths are open for food; Robert of Lincoln bestirs him well. Gathering seeds for the hungry brood. Bob-o'-link, bob-o'-link, Spink, spank, spink; This new life is likely to be Hard for a gay young fellow like me. Chee, chee, chee,

> > Bobert of Lincoln at length is made Sober with work and silent with care; Off is his holiday garment laid, Half forgotten that merry air, Bob-o'-link, bob-o'-link, Spink, spank, spink; Nobody knows but my mate and I Where our nest and our nestlings lie. Chee, chee, chee.

Summer wanes; the children are grown; Fun and frolic no more he knows: Robert of Lincoln's a humdrum crone: Off he flies, and we sing as he goes. Bob-o'-link, bob-o'-link, Spink, spank, spink;

Bonny Doon.

Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon,

pied-held on speculation.-St. Paul Pioneer Press. **Causes of Failures.** 

ital. it appears, is the most dangerous factor in the business life, as it is the greatest obstacle to getting into busicentage of failures. If to incompetence and inexperience

incompetence, 30 per cent to lack of capital, 17 lister. per cent to special circumstances beyond the business man's control, 10 per cent to fraud

ness. . Incompetence, together with inexperience, which to bed in the nightshirt that my wife amounts to incompetence, accounts for a very large per- made me for Christmas." we add "unwise credits," we find that 30 per cent of fail- sidered it strange that her husband ures are explained. It amounts to this, in brief, that nearly was never afterward able to recall the a third of those who fail in business are not well qualified name of the town in which he abfor it; another third try to do too large a business, and the sent-mindedly left that unexampled

rest fail by reason of fraud, competition, extravagance, neg- nightshirt under the hotel pillow.

on speculation, and when they sell, it is an even chance that the transfer will be to some other speculator. Drive the speculator out of the field, and the vacant stretches between villages will soon be occupied by farms. At present, even in the wonderfully fertile and productive region of the Red River of the North, a vast acreage is unoccu-

York, at present the wife of Count von Waldersee, had

for her first husband a reigning prince, the Duke of Au-

gustenburg, who was eligible for intermarriage with any

imperial family in Europe. There have been fewer ex-

amples of such marriages in Austro-Hungary. At this

women who have married European nobles would be

found, upon a complete enumeration, to have exceeded con-

siderably a hundred. We add that, while there have been

flagrant exceptions, these international marriages seem,

as a rule, to have brought the average amount of happi-

Homesteaders Driven to Canada.

HE recent migration of thousands of American

farmers to the regions of Western Canada has

not been through any lack of opportunity. in

the regions of Minnesota and neighboring

States, created by natural causes. Whatever

lack of opportunity or room exists, anywhere

ness.-Harper's Weekly.

and 7 per cent to inexperience. Lack of cap-

A member of the English commission which is now investigating American educational conditions has publicor two Dantes and one or two Shakspeares." We are disposed to be oblig-

One-twelfth of the estimated wealth the meeting of the board of directors when all the directors are present. They also represent 200 other companies, operating one-half of the railroad mileage in the country, and control corporations whose aggregate capitalization is \$9,000,000.

The Duke of Roxburghe is said to be so hugely disgusted with Americans furrow. Possibly his grandchildren that he has no desire to return to this country. Of course the Duke reserves an exception in the case of one fair American. But he may dismiss from his mind any fear that a naval expedition will be sent to bring him back to America, deeply as his absence may he d plored. So long as he keeps on the right side of extradition laws, he is quite safe.

It is at once interesting and pathetic to see how completely helpless, in the grasp of the bureaucracy, is the nominal "autocrat of all the Russias." He has managed to make it manifest that he is a perfectly well-meaning man; that he desires peace with all, the world, and particularly that he desires the advancement in civilization, including political civilization, of his own people. The more his good intentions are manifested the more it is manifest how absolutely he is without power to give effect to them.

"The American people don't mind grafting," remarked an experienced Philadelphia politician, "but they hate scandals. They don't kick so much on a jiggered public contract for a boulevard, but they want the boulevard and no fuss and no dust." Unfortunately, this politician wasn't far from the truth. The experience of almost every American city will bear him out. This peculiar attitude of honest Americans toward dishonest politicians is sometimes attributed to indifference toward public affairs. The voters are "too busy," it is said, to pay proper attention to their municipal government. But this explanation reduces simply to the Philadelphia boss' statement that the people "don't mind grafting."

For years public-spirited people have been preaching about the benefits of soap. Some men have even gone so far as to say that soap is the real emblem of civilization. Whether this is so or not, it is well known that in countries where the people are savage there is no soap. It has been difficult. however, to get some people to accept soap as a blessing or as a bulwark of face neighbors .- Kansas City Journal. the home. In spite of the good work the magazines have been doing by way of disseminating soap advertisements there are many inhabitants of our splendid country who continue to regard soap with suspicion if not with downright abhorrence. But something happened at Lancaster, Pa., the other | Tiger. day that is likely to bring soan to "

the better the prospect for national prosperity. It is not impossible that there may some day be a reversal of ly expressed the wish that in the next the flow of population to the cities. We few decades we give our attention to are so rich in national domain in this turning out "two or three Miltons, one country that our native-born citizens

the higher the type of that population

In the meantime it is upon the agricultural immigrants that we must rely to take the places of American farmers who are deserting their plows for the attractions of city life. It is evident that the native-born youth of to-day

will be glad to do so. OLDEST INDIAN IN THE STATES.

He Cherishes an Intense Admiration

for Andrew Jackson. Down in North Carolina among the Great Smoky Mountains, lives an In- given up, even by some persons of eddian chief who is said to be the oldest ucation. Even more strange is the beof his race in the United States. John lief in "madstones" about which much Kohlecostay is his name, and it was has been printed of late. There are 110 years ago, according to the tradi- many "madstones" in this country and tion of his people when he first saw the believers in their efficacy always the light. More remarkable than his know where the nearest one is kept. age, however, is Kohlecostay's success- In a sense these porous stones are pubful defiance of the American govern- lic institutions. Some of them have ment.

Seventy years ago the sixteen moun-

possessions. Five hundred of the rebels, led by A Virginia newspaper recalls that Kohlecostay, refused to leave their homes, declaring that the mountains State penitentiary for many years and belonged to them and not to the whites. For five years this handful of braves defied the government, hiding other wound. Later a "madstone" in impenetrable forests from the sol- which may perhaps have been the diers, until finally the United States, same specimen was sold at auction in recognizing their claim, allowed them the country for \$39. a reservation among the mountains they loved so well, where their descendants, with the old patriarch, Kohlecostay, still in their midst, are living to this day.

Kohleeostay, who boasts of the purest Indian blood, scorns the whites, and has always refused to live with or learn their language. He cherishes an intense admiration for Andrew Jackson, however, under whom he once fought in an expedition against the Creek Indians of Georgia-a service for which, he claims, the United States promised to pay him, but never did. And that makes one more grievance the old man has against his pale-

His Watering Place. "I've been spending the summer at watering place." 'Why, Harry told me you were on

farm." "Yes, a dairy farm." - Princeton

If beauty were taxable the fair sex are the virtues of this stone that the possess, but it would still appear to be happens to stray from the straight and

have not felt the land hunger which nobles of the ancient regime, to say nothing of those who impels the European immigrant to obtained their titles from Napoleon, like Prince Murat. ing, but is not the demand rather large? | gain possession of a farm as quickly Among these may be mentioned, the Duc de la Rochefouas he can manage it. The time will cauld, the Duc de Dino, and the Duc de Decazes. Many

shortly come when people born in this an Italian noble, from Prince Colonna down, has married of the United States is represented at country will realize the desirability of an American young woman. There are examples of such owning a portion of the soil, and when marriages in the Spanish peerage also; the Duchesse of the United States Steel Corporation that realization comes there will be a d'Arcos is an American. Many American girls have marreflux from the cities to the country. ried German nobles, and one of them, Miss Lee, of New

# ERRORS ABOUT MAD DOGS.

Popular Beliefs Concerning Them that Are Deeply Rooted.

There are some popular beliefs not cannot be counted upon to follow the quite classable as superstitions which seem too deeply rooted for universal education to destroy. Several of these concern mad dogs. The idea that a healthy dog which bites a person must be killed because if it should at some future time go mad the person bitten would have hydrophobia is reluctantly curious histories.

One was the property of an Ohio tain counties of North Carolina were negro named Depp, and on his death inhabited exclusively by the Cherokee was placed in the State library at Cotribe of Indians. For more centuries lumbus, from which, according to rethan they could count the latter had ports, it was recently taken and appitched their wigwams there, and plied to the wound of a woman bitten when the United States sent troops to by a supposedly rabid dog. The same the mountains with orders to move the report stated that the dog was not tribe to the lands provided for them mad after all, but that the woman rein Indian Territory, they showed no ceived blood poison from the stone disposition to give up their ancestral and died. That stone's career of heal ing should be ended by now.

another "madstone" was kept at the was free for the use of any person who wanted it applied to a bite or Perhaps the stone having the mos remarkable history is in St. Louis, and some time on the senses of inferior ver-

one of its "cures" has recently been exploited in the newspapers. It was rieus and surprising conclusions. brought to this country in 1887 by a Russian physician who settled in Nevada. He said that the stone had been

written on parchment in Russian, water. They go straight toward it, which the people in Nevada had to even when they are at distances so the language. He offered the stone presence by any of the senses known to be absolutely so. for sale at \$1,500, and a farmer who to us. It seems really that a sense of had seen a similar stone elsewhere which we have no knowledge informs and had faith in it agitated the forma- them of the direction in which water tion of a stock company to buy the may be found. There seems to be a stone. About a thousand stockholders sort of chemical attraction, says M. paid \$1 each and the remaining sum Werner. But how does this act, and necessary was contributed by the pres- on what part of the creature? This reent owner. The stone was used on all mains a mystery. Reptiles also seek the animals and most persons that the light, but independently of heat. were bitten by dogs. In at least one They often leave comfortable and

case, the owner says, the dog was not warm retreats to seek the sunlight. shot on the spot, but kept until it died Sight is generally good with them. It

neighbors are willing to believe that | very limited. The caymans and the narrow path.

wisest man's control.-Baltimore Sun.



Noise! another some time." HE modern world, having plunged into a civllization which, with its factories and railroads, seems to promise a continual crescendo of noise, has at last discovered a fact which the mediaeval world was fortunately unable to discover. This fact is that piercing and of a man who, all unconscious of the Thou'lt break my heart, thou warbling deafening noises, prolonged through the twenty-four hours, fact that his visitor was born in the are not only offensive to the ear, but injurious to the health. It becomes necessary, therefore, for the modern from Dunfermline." world to combat loud noise just as it combats heavy smoke and noisome odors .- Chicago Tribune.

THE LATEST TRICK CYCLING FEAT.

To a German, Paul Munder, belongs the dubious honor of being the latest claimant to fame as a daredevil bicycle rider. Until recently Munder her select her wedding finery. was an amateur bicyclist, but his bold spirit refused to be confined by the feats performed by his brethren, and he has blossomed out as a circus performer with an act that takes one's breath away. Dashing down a steep incline from a height of fifty feet, he and his blcycle leap through the air for a distance of nearly forty feet, landing on a mattress. At present Mr. Munder is trying to amuse the people of Berlin with this exhibition of wedding?" foolhardiness, and it is said that he will soon put himself on exhibition before American audiences.

an offer of \$3,000 for it has been re- crocodiles cannot distinguish a man at fused .- New York Evening Post. CURIOUS SENSES OF REPTILES.

Their Surprising Power to Divine the Presence of Far Distant Water. Prof. Werner, of Vienna, a naturalist of note, has reported the results of cite instances showing that fish cannot observations he has been making for tebrates, and he has reached some cu-The professor took all possible pre cautions not to let the creatures know that they were watched. One general used in Russia for 150 years, in proof fact is very evident, that reptiles and times their length. Frog-catchers know of which fact he submitted documents amphibians are strongly attracted by this from experience. Hearing is much

Uncle Rufus-In heaven, Arthur, there will be nobody but Baptists. Arthur-And they will continue to

Probably no one is jumped on so of unmistakable rables. So celebrated is probably the finest sense that they quickly or so hard as the minister who

there were seven yards of lace on it, too," she would sometimes sigh, regretfully, "and four yards of ribbon; but never mind, dear, I'll make you

When you can pipe that merry old strain. Robert of Lincoln, come back again. Chee, chee, chee.

-W. C. Bryant.

A CARNEGIE STORY.

Made a Millionaire of a Man Because He was Born in the Same Tows.

The clerk's confession struck a sym-

pathetic note in Mr. Carnegie's fiance.

She in turn told her who was to be her

"And you will tell me whom you are

A few weeks later Mr. and Mrs.

husband and when, and then asked:

going to marry?"

any more."

How can ye bloom sae fresh and fair? How can ye chaunt, ye little birds, Mr. Carnegie once made a millionaire And I sae weary fu' of care? bird.

same town, happened to say, "I am That wantons through the flow'ry thorn, Thou mind'st me o' departed joys, The story goes back to the time

Departed never to return. when Mr. Carnegie's fiance was pur-

chasing a part of her trousseau in Oft hae I roved by bonnie Doon, Brooklyn. After she had been shop-'To see the rose and woodbine twine, ping for several days the clerk who When ilka bird sang o' his love, had been waiting on her told her in a And fondly sae did I o' mine. sudden burst of confidence that she, Wi' lightsome heart I pul'd a rose, Fu' sweet upon its thorny tree, too, was to be married, "but I'll not have such nice things," she added, as But my fause lover stole my rose And, ah, he left the thorn wi' me. she fingered the delicate fabrics held -Robert Burns. out before the customer.

## Three Years Late.

Persons who become fretful over the delays of surface cars or the detention of steam trains ought to sit up and be cheerful when they read what the New York Press has to say of a Texas "Mr. Peacock," was the reply. "He's train. The Press declares that recently are married I'm not going to be here a Gulf & Interstate Railway train arthe floor manager here, and when we rived in Beaumont nearly three years late, and explains the matter as fol-

lows: Carnegie went abroad on their wed-The train left Bolivar, just across ding trip and were gone several Galveston Bay from Galveston, on Sepmonths. When they returned Mrs. Carnegie went to the store where she tember 8, 1900, and was caught in the had bought her trousseau to do some great storm which so nearly destroyed Galveston. Bolivar is seventy-five shopping, and all unexpectedly she ran across the clerk who had helped miles from Beaumont. Before the train had travelled far on its journey it was caught in the storm. Thirty

"Why," she exclaimed, "how is it that you are still here? I thought you miles of the track were washed away, vere not going to stay after your and the train was left stranded on a marriage. Didn't you tell me you were sandy waste.

Dozens of persons who lived on Bolto be married a few weeks after my ivar peninsula were saved from death by taking refuge in the train. After "Yes," was the reply, "but Mr. the storm subsided they walked to Bol-Peacock became ill shortly after our wedding, and I've taken my old posi- ivar with the passengers. But the tion again and will keep it till he is abandoned train was left on the prai-

The storm bankrupted the railroad. Mrs. Carnegie told her husband the and no effort to rescue the engine and cars was made until recently. Had the road not suffered so seriously in that storm the property would have proved of great value a few months later. when oil was struck at Beaumont. made the call they found Mr. Peacock The road is now undergoing repairs

and development, and a little while mont, where it was greeted by a cheering multitude.

One of the most notable of old London signs, "The Dog's Head in the Iron Pot," had its beginning in the early years of the reign of bluff King Hal, It stands out, a lonely figure on Blackfriars road at the corner of Charlotte street, the sign of a wholesale ironmonger's establishment. The dog is in the act of eating out of three-legged iron pot which it has overturned. There were also "The Black Dog" and "The Dog and Duck." "The White Greyhound" was the sign of John Harrison in St. Paul's churchyard, a bookseller who published some of Shakspeare's early works .- St. Nicholas.

When you hear a married man say he hasn't made up his mind about a thing he means that he hasn't asked his wife about it.

length, acording to Werner. In the water fishes see only at very close This will seem perhaps unlikely to anglers, although some of them can see far. Snakes seem to have a very mediocre sense of sight. The boa, for example, does not see at more than a quarter or a third of its own length. Different species are limited to one-fifth or one-eighth of their length. Frogs are better off. They see at fifteen or twenty poorer than sight, if possible. Most reptiles are noticeably deaf, except caytake on faith, as they could not read great that they could not divine its mans and crocodiles. The boa appears

Arthur-What are you going to do when you get to heaven, you out-andout Baptists? How are you going to the Congregationalists?

quarrel

a distance of more than six times their able to get back to work." That evening, when she went home, range-about half their own length. story of the clerk who had helped her select her trousseau, and ended by asking him to call with her at the Peacock home.

call it heaven ?-Boston Transcript.

Why It Is Silly. She-I think it's so silly of lovers to He-Yes, the making up is so expen sive.-Brooklyn Life.

Change of Name, Maybe. fellowship with the Methodists and to leave his all and follow him. A. G.

Pittsburg.

A few days later when the Carnegies Carnegie seated himself by the bed-

> time when he asked: "Mr. Peacock, from your pronunciation, I'd say you are from Scotland.

Are you?" "Yes," was the reply, "I was born in Dumferline."

"You don't say so!" exclaimed Mr. Carnegie. "Why, that was my birth-

place, also." That settled it. Before he left the house Mr. Carnegie had made it plain to his fellow townsman that he was Peacock did as he was told, and to-day he is one of the millionaires of the

steel industry and a leading citizen of

