What It Takes to Satisfy the Base-

The interesting fact was learned yesterday, says The New York Mail and Express, that the hides of about one and is certainly large enough to make thousand horses and the skins of at a respectable State as States go in the least ten times as many sheep are cut worn-out East. It extends 169 miles up into coverings for base-balls in this from east to west and has an average city every season. By one manufac- width of ninety-seven miles. Its area turer alone three tons of yarn are used is 15,232 square miles. It is altogether a year for the insides of base-balls. a magnificent stretch of country, with The hide and skin used is perfectly practically limitless possibilities-at white, being alum tanned, and comes least that is what the cattlemen and from Philadelphia. Out of one horse's land "boomers" tell you. But there is hide the coverings for twelve dozen so much of that sort of thing in the balls are cut, and out of one sheepskin | bounding West that you soon get used three dozen. Two strips of the leather to it, and nothing surprises you. They are required for each ball, cut wide and | tell a story of a tough old boy named rounding at each end so that they fit | Peg-leg Billy, who is now employed in into each other when put around the "punching" cows in this region, but yarn ball. Each piece, for a league who is a recent importation from ball, is seven inches long by two inches "Montany." As Billy tells it, he is the wide at the rounded ends. The pieces victim of a ruthlessly advancing civare cut with a die. Old-fashioned blue | ilization, from which he declares that Shaker yarn is used for the inside of he is not safe even here. When he the league ball, which is wound tightly was in "Montany" he had a few cattle around a small rubber ball weighing of his own from which he derived a one ounce. The improved league ball revenue amply sufficient to supply him has now double coverings of horsehide, with whisky-the one commodity which which is regarded as a great improve- he is willing to take from civilization. ment. It is also stitched with gut. One night Billy went to a raffle which The balls are made entirely by hand took place at the ranch a few miles and it requires no little skill to shape away, and with the rest of the boys them perfectly round. This is done by made not one night of it, but several, in placing them in an iron cup about the true cowboy style. After the boys who size of the ball and striking it with a had been killed had been "planted" mallet at different stages of the winding. Men do this work. They easily home, carrying a 32-calibre bullet in make ten dozen league balls in a day his left leg as a sonvenir of the event. and from forty to fifty dozen ordinary As he approached his ranch he was base-balls in the same length of time. | mighty surprised to find, not his ranch Their wages are \$2.50 a day. Women at all, but a large and bustling city. sew the coverings together on the ball. Of course gambling-houses and saloons This requires considerable skill and predominated, but there were other strong finger muscles. They can sew more substantial evidences of urban from two-and-half to three dozen life. A First National Bank stood league balls in a day, and from four- proudly on one corner, while opposite teen to sixteen dozen of the cheaper it stood the City Hotel. Two daily pagrades. They are paid by the piece, 90 pers were published, the Ripsnorter and cents a dozen for the league work and the Paralyzer, between which the most 10 cents a dozen for the others. They deadly hostility existed. There was a earn about \$12 a week. The balls are theater, the Albambra, in which were sewed with what is known as Barker's presented nightly plays that made the flax, which comes in red, blue, orange, the boys roar with delight. As he saw and pink colors. The finest balls are all this Billy swore for half an hour in sewed with pink. Horsehide covered pure perplexity, and began to fear that balls are made in fourteen different varicties.

Mr. S. W. Brock, a veteran authority on the subject, from whom the above facts were obtained, said: "People the few days of his absence. All the have the idea that the base-ball business doesn't amount to anything. Why, I remember that those who started to go into it a few years ago were hooted up, as if to defy Billy and all the boys. at as throwing their time and money away. They were told that there were plain why he left "Montany," and it is business of \$50,000 a year at it. making nothing else. There is a large demand for them, especially from the west and south, and they are sent from here to Canada, Omaha, New Orleans, and Cuba in large quantities. It is an interesting fact that in Cuba the baseball fever is on the rapid increase, though as yet they buy only the cheaper grades. In the height of the season the largest house here employes seventy-five persons and turns out three hundred dozen balls a day. This year the manufacturers have more orders than they can fill, and the demand is far ahead of any previous year. An interesting fact about base-balls is that in the past fifteen years the only important change in the professional dead ball is that of a double cover. Of course fifteen years ago they did not have everything quite so fine about a ball, for there were no professional clubs then, and players were not so particular. No patent was ever obtained recently joined in the protest uttered on the shape of the covering to a baseball, though there have been a number of claimants to its invention."

Capital and Labor.

"Pray, Gussle, dear," she coaxing said, The difference tell me *Twixt capital and labor, so That I may clearly sec."

He drew her on his manly knee, And stroked her pretty head. "Now, this is capital, my dear," The lover fondly said.

The maiden pouted as he spoke, And crossly cried: "I see; 'Tis capital until we're wed. And then 'twill labor be," - Watertown Times.

A Noble Husband.

A man and woman who were evidently husband and wife, and probably journeying to some point on foot, sat on the steps of the Mechanics' block with their bundles the other noon to eat luncheon. The man spread a hand- may be able to say Mynheer. How egg, with a grain of alum dissolved in kerchief on his knees and pulled out a hunk of bread, a piece of meat, two bananas and two onions, and began eating. The wife made no attempt to help herself, nor was anything offered Danube are probably classified as Ger- thing, but it is mean, sticky sort of her. The man got away with the bread and meat and one banana, and he was peeling the other when a law- at fault, and we probably fall back, not est and hardest hands can be made soft yer's clerk who had been interested in upon our own language, but upon the and white in a month's time by doctorthe affair remarked:

Aren't you going to share with your wife?"

bit the banana in two, "and I allus call every stranger Mr., as we call our- stains off, or a cut of lemon, which will shall. Here, Bets."

He selected the smallest of the two onions and handed it out to her, and least content to point out the absurdity use acids in the shop, but the lemon is she smiled her gratitude at the clerk as of which we are guilty, leaving to time quite as good and isn't poisonous, she vigorously munched away .- De- and some better advocate the task of while the acids are .- New York Antroit Free Press.

PEG-LEG BILLY.

How His Ranch Was Converted Into

a Prosperous and Booming City. Socorro County is almost entitled to be considered a community by itself, with all the grand honors, Billy ambled he was the victim of some woeful magic. But on inquiry he learned that a "boom" had struck this part of the country. Settlers had rushed in during land was bought up, a nominal sum being allowed him for his ranch, and in a night and day a city had sprung

This is the story that Billy tells to exnot enough base-balls used in the coun- considered dangerous in this part of try to make it pay. But you may be the country to call in question the acsurprised to know it, yet it is a fact, curacy even of its slightest details. that one house alone in this city does "What did they do with your cows, Billy?" asked a sympathetic listener the other day in the Maverick, after Billy had told the story of his wrongs. "Wall, stranger," replied Billy, "may be you won't believe me, but I'll be derned if they didn't turn one corner of my ranch into a pound and put my cattle in it fer trespassin' in the city limits, and before I could git them animiles out I had to pay the poundkeeper the hull tarnal amount that they allowed me for my land. Jest think of it! More'n thousand drinks gone in one lick!" and Billy drank his "four fingers" in stately but pathetic silence. - New Mexico Cor. New York

How to Address Foreigners.

Our language is nothing if not irregular and receptive. It takes words from all quarters and incorporates them into itself with a result which is in most cases most beneficial. I have by Mr. F. Harrison against those who would stultify and degrade it by mixing with written and spoken English every form of foreign orthography so far as regards proper names. I venture to append to this a second protest against the manner in which we speak of living toreigners. In this, as in other matters, the French are logical. If I visit Paris I am introduced by the Frenchman to his friends as "Monsieur Urban." A Swiss, a Spaniard, a Turk, a Russian, an Asiatic, a negro even, is similarly treated. Monsieur is the generic term of courteous address or skin warm and soft. A little catmeal description. With our assumed cos- mixed with the water will whiten the mopolitanism we try to be polyglot, and hands. Many people use glycerine on we give a man, when possible, the pre- their hands when they go to bed, wearfix common in his nation. It is "Mon- ing gloves to keep the bedding clean; sicur A." "Herr B." "Signor C." but glycerine makes some skins harsh "Senor D." This is all very well so and red. These people should rut far as it goes; but all languages, even their hands with dry oatmeal, and in their alphabets, are not known to wear gloves in bed. The best preparaus. In the case of a Dutchman a few tion for the hands at night is white of about a Dane, however, a Pole, a Ser- it. "Roman toilet paste" is merely vian, a Russ, a Turk? With a ridicu- white of egg, barley flour and honey. lous assumption of geographical knowl- They say it was used by the Romans in edge, the residents on the banks of the olden time. Anyway, it is a first-rate man. With the Russ, or the Turk, or stuff to use, and doesn't do the work the Greek, we are, however, absolutely any better than oatmeal. The rough-French. To us the foreigner who has ing them a little at bedtime; all the no other handle is monsieur. It would tools you need are a nailbrush, a bottle surely be more convenient, more ex- of ammonia, a box of powdered borax "Allus have," replied the man as he pedient, easier, and less pedantic to and a little fige, white sand to rub the selves. I am not very sanguine that do even better, for the acid of the this plan will be adopted, but I am at lemon will clean anything. Manicures

reform. - Gentleman's Magazine.

"IMMENSE."

The Chicago Clerk and the "Dagos,"

On a recent occasion two distinguished Mexican gentlemen of grea wealth and no end of influence among the Greasers of their own native wilds reached Chicago in the course of a trip through the United States. They had previously visited New York and shoved their highly aristocratic semi-Spanish limbs under the mabagony of some of the nabobs of Gotham. They had "smiled" with all the highflyers of the East, and then desiring a taste of genuine metropolitan city life, naturally came to Chicago fully prepared to be paralyzed by all they saw. Among other letters of introduction they brought one to P. D. Armour, the great pork aristocrat of the greatest pork market in the world. That gentleman, with hospitable intent, detailed one or the handsomest of his many handsome and able heutenants to "show the town" to these dusky children of the Montezumas. "Let joy and champagne be unconfined," said the great packer, Let them revel in truffles and pate de fois gras and let their stay in our great city be a rolling river of joyous oysters and ice cream.'

The lieutenant, nothing loth, started out upon his mission. He took them to the stock yards, and, while holding their copper-colored noses with one hand, they murmured in concert:

He drove them over the boulevards and through the parks, and again they

whispered with a sigh: "Immense."

He took them to Pullman, made the rounds of the shops, showed them the bod in Hotel Florence where the Grand Dake sleeps when he visits his colony, and as they drove away and breathed the air of freedom once more the lonesome keep-off-the-grass and don't-youtalk-out-loud policeman was awakened from his customary nap by their swelling chorus of:

"Immense." Driving to the new Temple of Mammon, he pointed them into the visitors' gallery of the Board of Trade and broke into flowing periods as he described the tremendous financial transactions of the put and call artists on the floor, and still they answered only this and nothing more:

"Immense." Driven to desperation by this one word of English, which seemed to exhaust their vocabulary, the almost exhausted guide determined to play his last trump, certain to startle them into a more extended expression of opinions, even if nothing more than a good hearty Mexican cuss word. He drove down Clark street, past the Custom House, past the palatial gambling dens, and past the scalpers' offices, and past the bankrupt HARNESS, LADIGO, actors lounging upon the "Rialto," then stopped at the City Hall and introduced his charge to the Mayor of all Chicago. For an hour his Honor, who will not talk to the newspapers, talked to his silent but smiling visitors in every known and unknown tongue. Never before had the Chief Executive of Chieago given away to such floods of eloquence or cyclones of learning, but the descendants of the Montezamas merely smiled, bowed low, and on resuming the carriage faintly exclaimed in

feeble tones: "Immense."

The next day a careworn young man stood before Mr. Armour and dejectedly bade his chief good morning. "Well," said the manipulator of

pork, "how was your day out?" The sad young man answered, with a groan, only this and nothing more;

"Immense," "Young man," said the great pork packer, mistaking the cause of his dejected appearance, "do you suppose that if I had got a head on me every time that I went out to show friends the town that I would now be the greatest pig killer in the world?" And then there was an overwhelming silence in the house of Armour .- Chicago Her-

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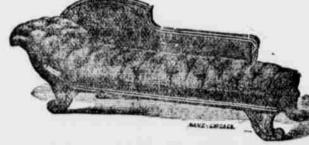
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