KINDNESS TO ANIMALS. & Philadelphia Doctor Plays the Samari-

tan with Questionable Success. A good friend of mine, a kindhearted man, loving and gentle and quiet, although a Philadelphian, held me the other day until I missel a are shaped come from steel mills in train while he did a plain, unvarnished tale, perfectly rigid with cold fact unfold. It seens that Dr. Armluther, for it was he, went home the other evenang-I forgot which other one-and found awaiting his home coming, cowering in the vestibule of the palace. taken to a machine on which the teeth a plain, plebeian "yella" dog, the sands of whose life were liable to run out through his ribs unless they were soon caulked with bread and meat and some sort of food. Dr. Armiuther stooped upon the pebbly strand, as it were, to examine the inscription on the dog's collar and there read: Dr. Mayfield, Lansdowne." Not alone professional courtesy, but the promptings of a kind heart and the influence of early education urged my friend to give the dog "rest and a guide and food and fire. ' When a boy many and many a time had he read stories of boys who had befriended lost and the proper temperature, a light base deception he demanded the return homeless dogs, giving them shelter for the night and crusts of breaddespised of all boys and most Logs-to eat and has then, leading the dog home to his master, gone straight away and married the banker's daughter, or else paid off the mortgage on the farm for the poor old father, or had been elected Governor, or something of that sort. Never failed. Well the doctor decided to keep the dog over night. But the cat objected. Such are the narrow results | ing the tempering department, the saw of a lack of early education. Nobody ever read the "lost dog and good boy" series to the cat when she was young. She had always viewed the stray dog question from the safe vantage ground of the shed roof, and when this lost dog came into the dining-room for a simple repast, the cat of the household cried out with an exceeding loud voice. and snuggling up to the dog like a house afire, made it interesting for him. It was only a few miles out to Lansdowne, so the doctor decided to take and is moved back and forth at the will the dog home at once; he could send it out by the messenger. He tied a string to the collar and went his way to the station, dragging the reluctant dog, who seemed to be a stranger in town, shy and bashful when he met a big dog polishing, which is done with emery vations. There are only two stations or a grown man, but insolent and aggressive when he met a pup or a little child. Arrived at the station, the train and the messenger were gone. Never mind; another train in twenty minutes. All aboard; brakeman orders dog to baggage car. Doctor kicks; agrees to go into smoker, but draws the line at baggage car. Conductor comes along, tears coupon out of commutation book for passenger; "twentyfive cents for the dog, doctor," "Monstrous; why the face for a grown man is only ten cents." "Can't help it: dogs are not humans; twenty-five cents." "Well, take it out of the book." "Can't do that; the ticket book is not mitted to further hammering for the ucts per acre, it being \$10.26; and the good for other members of the family." Doctor groaned and paid the fare. All ing, and is then eased ready for ship-respect, they yielding an average value out for Lansdowne. Dog gets into a fight in the station. Man is found at last who knows where Dr. Mayfield lives. "Yes, I know him: used to live here; moved into town last week. Lives on Walnut street." Train back in an hour; dog whiles away the time by Echting other dogs, snapping at waiting passengers, making himself fresh with every body when he is loose and howling like sin when he is tied. On the car, makes a rush for two peaceable setter dogs belonging to a hunter; licks the dogs but gets the stuffing kicked out him by the hunter. Crawls under the seat and mutters all the rest of the way to city. Drunken man, attracted by dog, insists on crowding into seat with doctor, who is a Prohibitionist, and entertaining him with dog lore and stories of his own dogs; largely apochryphal. Another twenty-five cents for dog fare. Some trouble finding Dr. Mayfield's residence. Doctor appears; benevolent man says: "Poctor, I have brought your dog home after a great deal of trouble, many annoyances, some cost in money and a great loss of precious time. I wish, in return for all this, you would either take off this collar or put on it your correct address. "Dr. Mayfield looks down at the dog with undisguised contempt: "Why, bless you, sir, I hope you don't think I ever owned such a cur as that? Come now, that's too bad; I wouldn't have the brute

There was nothing more to be said. A moment later Dr. Armluther stood on the marble doorstep, under the still shining stars, cold and clear in the blue skies of the winter night, alone. All, all alone. The dog had not come down yet. I don't think he is expected. down before about the middle of Lent. A cold, bitter smile played over my friend's genial face as he walked down the deserted street wrapped in his own gloomy thoughts and limping a little with his right foot, like a man who had just kicked a goal from middle field and wasn't used to it. That dog, if ever it does come down, will never rush into the fire, or dig into a snow bank to save Dr. Armluther's life. Nor will the doctor be Governor of Pennsylvania this year. Nor will be marry the banker's daughter. However, as he married a million dollar wife some years ago, he won't mind that failure

dette, in Brooklyn Eagle.

about me for any money." "But it's

your collar?" "O yes; the collar which

you see is a fine one, belongs to me.

It was on the neck of a handsome

spaniel, which belonged to my daugh-

ter; some fellow stole the spaniel and

the dog.'

ABOUT CIRCULAR SAWS.

How the Plates from Which They Are

Made Are Treated and Tempered-O Ordinary circular saws are of all sizes from six inches to six feet in diameter. The plates from which they circular form, almost round, if not perfectly so. The first thing to be done is to see that each plate is made a perfect circle. A hole is then cut in the center, and the teeth are marked around the rim. The plate is then are to be cut. It is placed upon a pin at such a distance from the machine that the edge comes beneath the die. and the operation of teeth-cutting begins. The steel is cut cold, each tooth being made by one blow. All sizes and descriptions of dies are necessary, as the style of saw and saw-teeth are many. After the teeth have been cut the next operation is that of tempering, which is the most difficult and important process in the making of a saw. Several saws are placed in the furnace at a time and allowed to remain until they have reached cherry red, when the plates must be taken from the oven and plunged into Press. a vat of whale oil, heated by pieces of red-hot iron or steel, which are place ! in the vat one after another until its piece is dropped in. a brilliant flame continues to burn until extinguished by stirring the liquid with a long iron | by royal command in 1717. rod. The large glowing plates are then cautiously slid into the vat. Leavgoes back to the main shop to be ham- Paris exhibition. It is composed of mered and straightened ready for grinding. This work is done by hand. After the plate, which has been more or less warped during the tempering process, has been made perfectly straight again, it is placed in the grinding machine, which is a carriage berapidly revolving grindstone. The carriage is fixed in automatic bearings, of the operator. It usually takes about to the energy with which he entered two hours to grind a large five-foot circolor saw, though the time varies according to the kind of saw that is being made. The next operation is that of noninst the side.

that is, care must be taken to prevent ling by more than 3,000 feet any mete- length. one tooth projecting farther than the orological station in Europe. others. For this purpose the saw is placed in a bearing, and made to turn published an instructive table of the slowly. It is then gradually brought number, size and productiveness of the in contact with an emery wheel, the farms in twenty-six States. The revelatter turning very swiftly, until the lations made by this table are surprisedge of every tooth touches the wheel, ing. The New Jersey farms lead all The saw is next sharpened and sub- the others in the value of their prodpurpose of "traing" and straighten- Dakota farms rank the lowest in that

maker's business is the renovation of | icut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts old saws injured in fires. It is straight- follow in successive order. But Westened up, tempered over again, and pro-

vided with a new set of teeth. This article has dealt only with common circular saws, the teeth of which are not separate from the plate. Other saws, however, supplied with inserted teeth of various kinds, are made in large numbers. These are all patent saws, and can be supplied with new sets of false teeth as often as necessary. -Mechanical News.

## **OUAINT WORSHIPERS.**

How Clergymen Used to Read from the

This was in the good old days of Methodism when the solemn congregation was not supplied with hymn books, and in all probability could not read them if they had been.

At Wellersburg, a quaint old country town in the heart of the Blue Mountains, along the Maryland State line, the minister, as had been his wont for full forty years, arose to read a few lines of the hymn from his solitary book, when it was the duty of the worshipers to sing the lines and await their one from the next.

The good and holy man appeared somewhat nervous on this especial Sabbath morn, but even his nervousness could not cause him to deviate one single inflection in his see-saw-cracked intonation as he leaned forward, as he had done many a time and oft in giving the opening hymn, and said with the old-time drawl that seems forever lost: My eyes are dim. I can not see.

evidently sold him, but kept the Heft my specs at home collar. I will take the collar, if you The quaint, simple, faithful congreplease, but you are quite welcome to cation dutifully sang:

> Maw aws aw deem aw caw naw saw, etc. This slightly rattled the dear old relic, and his voice trembled somewhat on the rising inflection, but not enough to create a suspicion in the minds of the slow-thinking congregation, as he

I did not mean that you should sing. I only meant my eyes were dim. Away went the congregation again

to the sweet tune of "Old Hundred:" Aw dre I naw meen thaw yaw shaw saw, etc.

It has been many years since the ittle three-cornered plot of ground back of the old church has held the revered form of the faithful pastor, but even to this day there is a legend in those mountain wilds that the quiet, holy man had once laughed outright in the pulpit, and for no apparent cause. Pittsburgh Disputch.

-The Atlantic liners accomplish their high speed with a consumption of precedent and tradition .- Bob Bur- of one and a half to one and threequarter pounds of coal per horse power | tial perquisite. - Chambers' Journal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

-A Brooklyn man is so modest that he never changes his boarding place

until after dark .- Time. -"If any one calls for me," wrote the escaped convict to the warder of the jail, "tell him I am out and you don't know when I'll be back."

-The records kept in Paris hospitals show that fewer deaths occur between seven and eleven o'clock in the evening than during any other four hours of the day.

-On eight of the ballot slips used by a St. Paul jury recently the word guilty was variously spelled: Greilty, gilty, guildy, gealty, gealtey, galdy,

guldy, geilty. -A jug of eider thirty-two years old was unearthed in Camden the other day, and of the twenty men who got a swallow of the smooth and deceitful liquid sixteen were made drunk within ten minutes.

-At a church fair in Troy, N. Y., they blindfold the men and let 'em kiss the women at fifteen cents a piece. One man kissed his wife seven different times, and when he ascertained the of his money and got it. - Detroit Free

-Pawnbroking, or the business of lending money on pawns or pledges, the land." appears to have originated with the contents are properly heated. As each Italians at a very early period in the the Mont de Piete in Paris, established

> engine ever made was recently completed, after two years of labor, for the 180 pieces of metal, is a shade under three-fifths of an inch in heighth, and weighs less than one-ninth of an ounce.

A watchmaker made it. -A convict who was lately released from the Joliet penitentiary after serving a six years' sentence, took with tween two wheels which turn it, and at him \$531 which he had earned by man knew nothing about that industry | about thirty days. when he entered the prison, but he into it.

-Europe can not compete with the United States in the loftiness of her stations for taking meteorological obserwheels. To polish a large circular saw on the European continent which reach the plate is secured to a large wheel or any great height, being about 10,000 dange, which turns, carrying the saw and 11,000 feet respectively. Among with it, the workmen meanwhile press- | the stations in America is Pi'ce's Peak, ing an emery ball (attached to a handle) | which has an altitude of 14,100 feetor only about 1,600 feet lower than the

-The New England Farmer recently One important part of the saw- third, and singularly enough, Connectern farms are so large, and so easily worked, that the gross results satisfy their owners hugely.

THE AUSTRIAN COURT. Substantial Perquisites Enjoyed by Emperor Francis J.seph's Servants.

Nothing except the linen, plate, china and glass is ever served twice at the court tables; but the full meaning of this can not well be grasped by anybody who has not seen the system at work. Some of the servants have as their perquisites the bottles which have come up to the dining-room but have not been uncorked; others, the uncorked bottles; and others again the wine that remains in the glasses. Therefore it is the interest of one set of servants to keep the glasses full; of another set to draw as many corks as possible, while parting with as little wine as they can: and of a third set to draw corks sparingly. The result is that often a great deal of unseemly whispering and nudging goes on at the sideboards. As regards the food, there are different orders of claimants for perquisites; one man having a vested interest in the joints, another in the poultry, a third in the sweet dishes, and so on. Then there are the men to whom wax candles belong, and these naturally make a rush to blow out the candles the moment the last guest has walked out of the room. Altogether, this system of perquisites causes the imperial banquets to be served in double-quick time, so that the longest of them sel dom lasts beyond three-quarters of an hour. The Emperor's dining hour is five o'clock; but it is etiquette for the guests to arrive a clear half hour beforehand. After dinner coffee and cigars are served in a smoking-room; the Emperor lingers about a quarter of an hour and the guests separate soon after 6:30. But another curious result of the perquisite system is this-that the court servants make open traffic on the imperial leavings. Incredible as it may sound, there is a basement corridor in the palace, which is like a bazar full of shops. Here not only the keepers of small hotels and restaurants but the cooks of many ladies belonging to the second-class official world come to buy cold meats, pastry, sweetmeats. wines and candles. There is one sort of Tokay which can only be bought from the court servants, as none is made except for the Emperor. It is to be presumed, however, that the uncorked bottles of champagne and other fine wines are generally sold by the dozen, and they must form a substanOF GENERAL INTEREST.

-"A Kansas apple has the flavor of banana, the tart of a lemon and the ragrance of an orange," says a Kanas paper.

-"Che Mah," the Chinese dwarf, the smallest liliputian on earth, aged fifty ears, is so small that you can cover aim with an ordinary plug hat.

-A church at Almont, Mich., raises money in a novel way. A box is placed n the church, and the members on their birthday dropped as many cents into the box as they are years old.

-An Ohio farmer mortgaged his arm to get his wife some diamond ear-rings and she lost one of them in the suds the first wash day and attempted to hang herself in the barn.

-An intoxicated man, who died on New York doorstep the other day, was identified as an ex-millionaire marchant of New Orleans. Four years before he began dissipating, and his wife on that account left him. .

-A farmer was rather noted among his friends for a complaining disposition. One year the crop was exceptionally good, and some curiosity was fert to see how he would meet the case "I am afraid," said he, "that such a great crop will be a powerful strain on

-An intelligent taxpayer of St. Paul, Minn., was asked to buy his daughter world's history. The greatest pawn- a geography, and he wrote the princileaps from the surface of the oil, and broking establishment in the world is pal of the school: "I do not see any use for a girl to take geography lessons, for it is of no use to them, be-It is stated that the smallest steam | cause they can not be any officer in the army or pavy,

-The barkeeper of one of the large New York hotels has decided the interesting question of the value of New York "swear-offs." He says that he has noticed that immediately after the first of the year the receipts for drinks fall off on an average of 35 per cent. but as the month advances they gain steadily, and by February 1 they are back to the starting point. A "swearthe same time press its sides against a stonecutting as "overwork." The off," therefore, will generally last

-A diver at work on the Wellingsoon became skilled in the work, owing ton. New Zealand, harbor improvements, was down in h s diver's dress. placing blocks between the piles that had just been driven. While there he was seized by an octopus that grabbed him with some of its legs and the piles with the other. Do what he would the diver couldn't get away, so he stood perfectly still, and pretty soon the octopus released its grasp on the piles. Then the diver gave the signal and was drawn to the surface with the creature clinging to him. It was The saw must then be "rounded;" summit of Mount Blanc-and exceed- | killed. Its legs measured nine feet in

> -A farmer, who recently chopped down a hollow beech tree at Anna Station, O., which was apparently 150 years old, had his attention drawn to a peculiar-looking earthen jar, which was well sunken in the center of the hollow butt. A few blows of the axe liberated it from its confined position, and, after securing it, it was opened coin. They were all of Spanish mint- and hopeful for the future. May you ney Bigelow, in Chicago America. age, with a few exceptions. Some of the coins were over 300 years old, bea all the Spanish silver pieces were about 200 years old. The face value of the coin was about \$500.

## A PLUCKY MAIDEN.

During Feat of a Beauty of the California Foot-Hills. Near Forest Ranch, in the mountains

above Chico, resides a young lady who for grit and pluck we'll take off our hat to every time. The lady in question, Miss Kate Lucas, resides on a mountain ranch with her mother and brothers, the latter being engaged in furnishing the meat used by the large lumber crews high up in the Sierras. Miss Lucas is a tall, lithe and wellbuilt girl. with red. rosy cheeks, jet black hair, bright, flashing eyes, and is the acknowledged belle of that vicinity. She is an intrepid horsewoman, and rides fearlessly and alone over the mountain slopes and through the ravines. She scorns a saddle and at times rides a fiery mustang without either bridle or blanket, simply using a lariat, the end tied around her horse's head and neck. She is a capital shot with the rifle and has worsted many of the crack shots there by her unerring aim. She has been out with her brothers hunting, and very rarely fails to bag a deer or other wild animals which so abound in that section. Sometimes the young miss assists in capturing the wild cattle when they are required for the market, and then the lariat is twirled with a precision that often puts the vaqueros to shame.

A few weeks ago, after a daring ride after a particularly wild and fleetfooted steer, which showed fight from the start, the young lady laughed at the vaquero who seemed to be afraid of the animal, and smilingly challenged him to throw a rope over the animal's head and ride him. The vaquero declined with thanks. Miss Lucas then displayed a piece of courage and daring worthy of the ancient Roman arena. Springing from her horse, she went up to the bound and bellowing beast, quickly and deftly tied a rope around his head and neck. then told the vaquero to let him loose. This he did reluctantly, and the enraged steer was quickly on its feet, but equally as quick the fearless !ass was on its back. Then commenced a ride that is rarely witnessed. For half an hour the wild chase and ride was continued-over hill and dale, through brush and canyon-when the steer gave completely out and the triumphant girl led her captive to the house. It was a bold feat, and the daring rider has made herself famous in that secprise.

FESTIVAL OF THE BATH.

The Progress de l'Imna, a French

nual ceremony known as the Festival car on the 22d of November. The foreign Ministers and foreign residents which takes place in the royal palace. The Progress de l' Imna describes the Queen of Madagascar as being draped in a flowing robe of red, seated upon dier, but here, of course, the love of the throne, with a young Prince of the the parent is vastly more powerful royal family at her feet. The Prime than the benevolence of the military Minister was seated at her right, and superior. to the left, upon a red velvet cushion. was the royal crown, with several of the princesses and principal dignitaries | nearly all future progress, and watches, of the court scated, as usual, on the therefore, carefully over the child's ground. The European spectators work. He hears the child recite his all stood facing the throne, the lesson before going off in the morning, only one allowed a seat being and takes the greatest interest in the M. Le Myre de Vilers, the French Minister. Behind the Europeans Germany being nearly all day schools, stood the ladies of the court, a the children and their parents are very number of officers and the choir of singers. The Queen's bath was placed many opportunities for the child to in a corner of the room, railed off with absorb lessons of a moral and intelcurtains. After the Queen had taken her seat on the throne, a number of The school work being to the child of persons came in with the water and great interest, and the parent knowing other objects to be used for the bath, from day to day the progress made, while underneath the bath itself a fire nothing is easier than for them to diswas lighted. As soon as the water was cuss the work of the day in their walks. sufficiently heated the Queen came In this way the parent can smooth down from her throne and took a seat away many of his boy's difficulties, and to the left, while a prayer was being make his studies even more attractive. recited and a hymn sung. She then went into the curtained enclosure and Germany a picture of happiness, one proceeded to take her bath, a salvo of where each is able to contribute someartillery announcing to the people that thing to the entertainment of all. the sovereign was going through the Music takes, of course, first rank, and most important part of the ceremony. hard, indeed, would it be to find a At the end of about a quarter of an family of even very narrow means hour the Queen came out from the bath where this accomplishment was not dressed in a scarlet robe trimmed with cultivated. Some of the children play lace, wearing her crown and a magnifi- on an instrument-piano, zither, violin cent diamond necklace, and holding in or guitar; all will sing. The family her left hand the horn of an ox tipped room is the largest room of the house, with silver, inside which was water from where the sewing is done in the day-Minister, she walked to the principal where the family congregate for an door of the throne room, sprinkling hour or two's diversion before bedthe spectators as she passed along. time. Salvos of artillery were fired all the time and until she had taken her seat on the throne again. The Princes of youngest tot recites a few lines; anthe royal family, the representatives other of six performs on the piano; a of the different castes of the no- third reads an essay relating to the bility and the Ministers then came festive occasion; the next, perhaps, to pay their respects to the Queen has a violin obligato; this will be foland call down upon her head all the lowed by a song; a more ambitious blessings of heaven. Speaking in the piano piece will succeed, and the evenname of the people and the army, as ing close with some Latin verses, or an well as his own, the Prime Minister oration by the learned one of the very pleased that the Fandrona had the family entertainment, and no one Majesty would live long enough to see do absolutely nothing to entertain a thousand such ceremonies, and that others the Queen could count upon the devotion of all her subjects. He concluded of Madagascar with foreign nations

live long, gentlemen, and may God bless you!" Rice, milk, with pieces of beef preserved since the previous year's festival, were then served, and after another hymn the ceremony ended. For three days before the festival it is unlawful to kill oxen or sheep for food; but the day after the festival there is a wholesale slaughter of oxen, it being five thousand beasts are killed in the twenty-four hours at Tananarive alone. It is the custom for each family to send a quarter of beef to its relatives and most intimate friends, the meal at which this meat is eaten being followed

by sports and national dances. ABOUT ELECTROTYPING. A Description of the Simple and Yet Wonderful Process.

A solution of chloride of gold in cy-

anide of potassium is used for goldplating, and a small plate of gold, instead of silver, is suspended in the solution at the positive pole. Nickelplating is a more recent invention, but is effected in the same way, and has become an immense and profitable industry. It is equal to silver in beauty and brilliancy, and has superior re sistance to those impurities in the air which tarnish and discolor the more expensive metal. Electrotyping is a modification of the same process, by which any number of reproductions of a "form" of type can be obtained in a solid block of metal, thus saving the wear of the type and allowing it to be distributed and used for other work. After the type is set up into a "form" a wax mold is taken of its surface. The face of this mold is dusted with finelypowdered graphite or black lead, to render it a conductor of electricity. and is then suspended in a solution of sulphate of copper, so as to form a part of an electric circuit. Metallic copper is deposited upon the face of the wax mold, giving a perfect reproduction of the original form of type, and when it has reached the requisite thickness it is removed, strengthened with a backing of type metal and mounted upon a block of wood or metal ready for use in the printing press. This process is a very cheap one, and where a large number of copies are to be printed prevents the rapid wearing out of the expensive type. Wood-engravings are always printed from these electrotype reproductions, as the soft wooden block would be rapidly destroyed in an ordinary printing press. In the process of stereotyping the plates are cast directly in type metal from a mold of the original type in lar Science News.

GERMAN FAMILY LIFE. How the Queen of Madagasear Observes The Relations of Missess and Maid and Peculiar Ceremony. Parents and Children.

The life of German servants is very journal published at Tananarive, gives hard, their wages are small, their food an interesting description of the an- is not rich, and their masters are very exacting. With all this, however, they of the Bath, which is held at Madagas- share in the happiness of their employers far more than do those here, and this alone does more to keep them are always invited to this ceremony, at home than the prospect of high wages does to call them away.

The real children come in for a treatment almost as severe as that of a sol-

The parent most keenly realizes that school-training is the foundation of reports from school. The schools of much together, and there are therefore lectual kind in the most natural way.

The family circle of an evening is in the bath. Accompanied by her Prime time, where meals are served, and

On anniversaries a family celebrabration is always arranged. The said in substance that they were all family. Each one brings his share to come round, that they all hoped her is allowed to admit that he or she can

In this manner Germans of small means, but with good education, make his speech by saying that the relations their lives happy, give pleasure to their children and pave the way for a sucwere most satisfactory, to which the cessful career when they come into in-Queen replied very briefly: "These dividual or intellectual competition and found filled to the brim with silver being your words, I am very pleased with men of other countries .- Poult-

> SUBSTITUTE FOR WAX. An Extensive Deposit of Ozocerite Re-cently Found in Utah.

A carload of a peculiar mineral arrived in this city a few days ago. It was ozocerite, or mineral wax, and it came from Utah. Until recently this substance has not been known to exist estimated that from four thousand to in any quantity except in Moldavia and in Galicia, Austria. Three years ago, however, a deposit of the queer substance was discovered on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, about 114 miles east of Salt Lake City. The mine is known to cover at least 150 acres, and over 1,000 tons per year can now be produced.

Ozocerite resembles crude beeswax in appearance, and can be used for nearly all purposes for which wax is employed. It is now largely used in the manufacture of waxed paper. It enenters into the composition of several brands of shoe polish. Mixed with paraffine, it produces an excellent grade of candles. One of the largest fields for the new material is the insulation of electric wires. It is claimed that ozocerite is preferable to any substance previously employed for this purpose. As the mineral wax comes out of the ground in condition to be used without refining, unless it is required for somee special purpose, it is much cheaper than the product of the honey bee, and is evidently destined to be extensively used in the future .-N. Y. Mail and Express,

A Crow That Kept Bar.

Out in Monroe County, Miss., the crows have lately made themselves obnoxious by their persistent invasion of the corn fields. A man who had been hired to watch a particularly promising field and inform these birds that it was against the rule to pick up any thing therein, bethought himself how he could make a "soft thing" of it for himself and at the same time meet the requirements of his contract. Finally, by a beautiful instinct, he hit upon the plan of soaking some corn in whisky and placing it in the field, so that the crows would eat it and get drunk, and thus enable him to have a sure and easy thing of killing them. He had tried the shotgun, but crows smell powder a long way. After soak-ing some corn over night he put a good supply in the field next morning, and in two or three hours went out to see how things went on. One of the crows a little larger than the rest had taken possession of nearly all the corn, and built himself a bar out of some clods of earth, and was retailing the whiskysoaked corn to the other crows, charg-ing them three grains of sprouted for plaster-of-paris or paper pulp, but, ex-cept in the case of daily newspapers, the whole proceeding so human that tion of the country.-Chico Enter- or inferior work, the electrotype pro- he killed not a crow, but came back to cess has nearly superseded it. - Popu- the house and -took a "nip" himself. -Pailadelphia Times.