What an Old Sportsman Related to an In-

quisitive Reporter. "I have held my watch on several kinds of ducks and geese, but the main part of what I am going to tell you comes from several old hunters who have favored me with their experience. and one of these old-timers in a letter says: 'I can tell you just about to the sixty-third part of a dot how much space any one of them can get over in an hour. There is not a railroad train that can hold a candle to the side of the slowest duck that flies.'

'The canvas-back can distance the whole duck family, if it lays itself out to do it. When this duck is taking things easy, enjoying a little run around the block, as it were, it goes through the air at the rate of about eighty miles an hour. If it has business somewhere and has to get there, it puts two miles back of it every minute. and does it easily. If you don't believe this, just fire square at the leader in a string of canvas-backs that are out on a business cruise some time. Duck shot travels pretty fast, but if you happen to hit one you see if it is not the fifth or sixth one back of the drake or leader. A drake does not always lead, but it generally does if there is one in the flock; if there are more they will seldom take the lead. If you wish to bring down the leader you must aim at a space of at least eight feet ahead of him, and if he falls you will find him a long distance, probably two or of Her British Majesty's ship Bellerothree squares off.

"The mallard is a slow one; it is all he can do to make a mile a minute, but he can do it if he wants to. Hisregular rate is about forty-five miles an hour.

"The black duck is a slow coach. He is about as good as the mallard. and the fintail widgeon and wood duck can not do much better. The red head can go easily, and make ninety miles an hour as long as he likes, all day if necessary. The blue-winged teal, and its beautiful cousin, the green-winged teal, can fly side by side for one hundred miles in an hour and take it easy.

"The gadwale, you see them here very seldom, though well known like the mallard is a smarter duck and harder to shoot. It can make ninety miles in an hour and not try hard.

"May be you may think a goose can't fly. Why, it can double the speed of the fastest trains on any of our rall-Well, it has a big corporation, but it ground so suddenly that it fools our best wing shots.

"If you see a flock of honkers moving along so high up that they seem to be scraping the sky with their backs, A Constellation Which Australians Have you would not think that they are making close on a hundred miles an

THE AGE OF MEDIOCRITY.

Philosopher.

Reflections and Reveries of a Wise Porting. As the floor of vaileys is raised of the mountains, what is average will rise at the expense of what is great. plateau with fewer and fewer undulations, without contrasts and without and the moralist a gradual deseline; on the one hand, a progress of things; on the other, a decline of souls. The useful will take the place of the beautiful, ladustry of art, polittic of poetry. The spleen will become the maindy of a leveling age. Is this ocratic era? May not the general well-being be purchased too dearly at such a price? The creative force tending to produce and multiply differences, will it afterward retrace its steps and obliterate them one by one? And equality, which in the dawn of existence is mere inertia, torpor, and death, is it to become at last the natural form of life? Or rather, above the economic and political equality to which the socialist and non- of religion. socialist democracy aspires, taking it too often for the term of its efforts, will there not arise a new kingdom of mind, a church of refuge, a republic of souls, in which, far beyond the region of mere right and sordid utility, beauty, devotion, holiness, heroism, enthusiasm, the extraordinary, the infinite, shall have a worship and an abiding city? Utilitarian materialism, barren well-being, the idolatry of the flesh and of the "I." of the temporal and of Mammon, are they to be the goal of our efforts, the final recompense promised to the labors of our race? I do not believe it. The ideal of humanity is something different and higher. But the animal in us must be satisfied first; we must first banish from among us all suffering which has its origin in social arrangements, before we can return to spiritual goods.

-From Amiel's Journal.

THE TWO NAPOLEONS.

Both Attached a Superstitious Importance

to the Letter M. It is not generally known that both Napoleon I, and Napoleon III, attached the most superstitious importance to the letter M. This will be understood when it is remembered that Marbœuf was the first to call attention to the genius of young Bonaparte at the military college, that Marengo was Napoleon's first great victory, that Molae was the General whom he superseded in the command of the French army in Italy, that Mortier was one of his best Generals, that it was Moreau who betrayed him, and that Murat, King of minating point of his fortunes, Moscow was the scene of his greatest disaster, and it was Metternich who defeated him in the field of diplomacy. No less than six of his Field Marshals and twenty-six of his best Generals had names beginning with M, and Maret, Duke of Bassano, was his most trusted confident. His very first battle was that of Moulnotte, and his last that of Mont Saint Jean, subsequently and more universally known as Waterloo. Among his victories were those of Millesimo, Mondovi, Montmirail, Monterean and Montmartre. His first Chamberlain was M. de Montesqieu, his last residence in France was at Malmaison. He surrendered himself to Captain Maitland phon, and his attendants at St. Helena were Montbolon and Marchand.

The superstition attached by Napoleon III, to the letter M may be accounted for by the fact that his wife was a Countess of Montijo, that his most intimate friend was the Duke of Morny, and his most dreaded enemy Manzini. The most glorious feats of reign were the capture of the Malakof | Press and of the green Mameleh during the Crimean war. His most famous Field Marshals were McMahon, Duke of Magenta and the Duke of Maiakoff. The great victory of Soiferino in 1859 took place on the banks of the Minclo, and the cities of Mantua and Milan played further West on the Allegheny river an important role during the camand at Kishammock, though looking paign. The Mexican war and the execution of Emperor Maximilian caused his power to wane perceptibly. Malmesbury was the name of his most intimate friend in English political life. Sedan, which witnessed his fall, is on the banks of the Meuse; the surroads. Of course I mean a wild goose, rende of Metz rendered his restoration to power impossible, and Moltke can get from feeding ground to feeding was the name of the man to whose gennus he chiefly owed his defeat -N.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

Chosen for an Emblem.

I have seen the announcement of a hour, but they are. The wild goose is book called "Under the Southern not much on foot, but it means busi- Cross." That means a great many countries, over half a hemisphere, says "The broad-bill goose comes next to a traveler writing from Aestralia, for the canvas back duck in speed. Put the cluster is visible in ten and fifteen the two together and in an hour the north latitude, or even further north broad-bill would not be more than ten of the equator. I have often mentioned miles behind."-Wilmington (Del.) the brilliance of the stars of the south, and here was this beautiful constellation of the cross (crux) wheeling around us, barely dipping to the horizon at her least or lowest sweep. The Consul-General for Australia said to The age of great men is going; the me one day: 'Captain, do navigators epoch of the aut-hill, of life in multi- use the north star and southern cross plicity, is beginning. The century of as beacons or guides when projecting individualism, if abstract equality tri- their courses over the vast northern umphs, runs a great risk of seeing no and southern cceans?" I looked at more true individuals. By continual him a moment and saw he was not teveling and division of labor, society quzzing me, for he was an educated will become every thing and man noth- man, and replied: "No, sir; not as a rule. The star Polaris will do in the by the denudation and washing down north Atlantic-i. e., when she has, say, an altitude of reasonable height, but is seldom used now, in these days. The exceptional will disappear. A and south of twenty degrees north latitude never, for then she is seen too dimly. The southern cross never, for oppositions-such will be the aspect only when it is on our meridian is it of human society. The statistician directly south, although Polaris, on will register a growing progress, the contrary, varies from the true north only a small amount; she is north herself. May I ask why you propose this question, sir?" He said that on the last Sabbath in church the clergyman annonneed that the marines made conical economy of religion, and arithmes stant use of the north star and the southern cross as guides over the trackless ocean, and he (the Consul) was not indeed the fate reserved for the deme so sure of it. It is said that King Cetewayo, when in church in England, heard the minister make such a foolish remark that he arose, gathered his which in the beginning we see forever toggery about him, and said gravely to his attendants: "Come, let us go." I should have done the same if I had been where our Consul was. It is thus that I often learn how men appear, no matter how great they are, when they do not know what they are talking about; for instance, the Kennebecker talking about spiritualism or any kind

Well, the Australians have captured the beautiful cross of stars that wheel over their heads, chosen it for an emblem (of trials, perhaps, or to apply to themselves as a crucial test), and placed it in the field of their flag, with the English Union Jack in the upper left-hand corner. They are ahead so far as the cross is concerned, and probably the book means "Australia" and its crucial test. - Boston Journal.

-A Philadelphia tool manufacturer instructs his workmen to hold large steel tools in a north and south line while they are being tempered. He says that many years ago he noticed that such tools would often fly apart when being tempered if held "east and west," and that the liability to such SIEINWAY. BACH. Gabler, Roenial Places: Burdest Organs, band Instrumental Largest accidents was greatly lessened, if not pool of entirely obliterated, if the tool was held "north and south."

The Northern's New Sleepers. Railroaders speak in high praise of the new vestibuled sleepers of the Northern Pacific, saying they are without doubt

the finest sleeping cars run upon any road. Each car has two state rooms one a single and the other a double room. Each has its own private toilet room. The remainder of the car is altogether different from the ordinary sleeper. The toilet rooms are large and much more private. In the old style of Pullman the gentlemen's toilet room has no privacy whatever. In these they extend across the car and are partitioned off so that one passing through the car sees nothing of the gentlemen making their toilet. Each car is supplied with hot and cold water, and ice water as well. The water is car-ried in tanks beneath the car, and by a new arrangement the necessity of pump-Naples, was the first martyr to his ing water for tellet purposes is done cause. Marie Louise shared the cul- away with. The water is forced into the pipes by means of air pumps. Warm water is obtained by having the water pass through a coil of pipe encircling the heater. The drinking water passes through pipes upon which is placed a large quantity of ice. In the toilet room is an air gauge carrying the same amount of pressure in a tank beneath the car as is in the drum under the engine. This constantly has sufficient pressure to keep running both hot and cold water, as well as ice water. The two water tanks beneath the cars are sufficient to supply the capacity of the car for sixty hours. Should the car be cut off there is attached an air pump, with which by the manipulation of an employe sufficient air oan be forced into the tank to keep up a stream of rumming water for ten hours. In case of fire the car is supplied with stream of rumming water for ten hours. hose which, attached to the toilet room faucets, will give a stream sufficiently heavy to check any ordinary blaze. The interior car is all hand finished, the trimmings being in blue silk glace, making altogether the finest cars yet turned out

WIT AND WISDOW.

by the Pullmad shops.

-Prosperity is no just scale; adversity is the only balance to weigh friends. There's nothing like being all bro-

ken up to make a man see the necessity arms by the French army during his of mending his ways. - Burlington Free

-Young men are apt to think

to know, is but an ignorant man, what-

ever he may know beside. - Tillotson. The man is rich who doesn't want more than he has means to get. Some one has said that riches consist in the abundance of things a man does not want, and there is a great big pile of solid chanks of wisdow in the saying.

True humanity consists not in a squeamish car; it consists not in starting or shrinking at tales of misery, but in a disposition of heart to relieve it. True humanity appertains rather to the men to use real and active endeavors to execute the actions that it suggests.

The old proverb that misery loves company is a true one, and we prove it so for ourselves. A pain in the body is associated with one in the soul, but we also find ourselves beset with all kinds of imaginary itis when compelled to sear real ones. Worries have their affinities just as kindred spirits have, and they seek each other in all direcions. United Presbyterian.

Sympathy is one of our finest deelopments of human character. Who ins not known and felt its sweet influences.' In dark hours of grief, whenthe poor heart bleeds and whose has not some time? How tenderly soothing are the kind tones or tears or acts which indicate sympathy with one sorrow! Human nature rarely approximates so nearly the divine as when it thus gives proof that the tide of others woes reaches and moves it. - G. C.

- To do as well as one knows how is a fair attainment in morals; but to mail or express promptly attended to. know what one ought to do, and then do it, is more than a fair attainment. Many a conscientions person is so sadly deficient in moral perfection as to fail very far short of well-doing even while doing his best. In order to lo what is right, it is essential to know what eight is. It is not chough to keep up to one's own highest standard, but one's own nighest standard should be a correct standard. S. S. Tomes.

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- A young woman who has her own living to make needs to disembarrass herself of all false pride, says a writer in Harper's Bazar.

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