### Beef for Hebrew Consumers

re is a great deal of meat killed here for the consumption of the Jewish popu-lation, and the method of killing is very different from that adopted by the Gen-tilles. The cattle are taken from the stalls, tied by the hind legs, ropes are **tastened** around their heads, and their asses thrown up so that their throats are exposed, and then their throats are cut This operation is always performed by an officer of the Jewish church, who alone handles the meat and prepares it for the market. He must be a shillful man, not to say a courageous one, for it is no small matter to handle these big cattle and cut their throats. This throat cutting is a revolting sight, and the animal expires in great agony, failing in a pool of blood. The instrument used is a long knife, with the very keenest possible edge. It is drawn once across an animal's throat, sinking deep into the neck, which it some times nearly severs from the body. The killing must be done at one stroke. Two would be regarded as a mutilation, and mutilated beasts will not be eaten by the

After the killing, the knife is cleaned until it is absolutely spotless, and it is then wrapped in several layers of cloth and put away where no Gentile hands may touch it. All this killing and dressing is done according to the laws of the Jewish church established and adhered to from time immemorial. The person who performs the office is vested with the au-thority of the Jewish church, and it is for him to see that the beast, in every part, internal and external, is in perfect condition, else the carcass must be rejected. The meat, when cleaned and dressed, is hung up in the ordinary way, but each separate and distinct piece must have the al of the synagogue affixed to it. This seal, which is then tied through a slit in the meat made by another knife. Thus every identical parcel of flesh intended for Jewish consumption is dressed and sealed, and it may be interesting to note here that the Jews only use the forequarter, rejecting the hindquarter altogether.— Boston Herald.

### The Accumulation of Manuscript.

Now, it will hardly be said that there are not more than two hundred and fifty people in this country who earn their liv-ing by their pens. I do not know the exbe surprised to learn that there were at least twenty times as many. And what becomes of all the work that these people produce? A great deal is taken up by the cheap and obscure magazines, by the weekly story papers, and by the daily papers which are reached by the compara-tively new "syndicate" system. But all these are not enough; and yet these are all these are the still all there are. There still remain thousands of writers who have no vehicle for papers would like to print.

Every editor will tell you (and tell you truly, in spite of the skepticism of many of the rejected) that what is offered would Harper's, for example, have in their drawers MSS. enough to fill at least two years' issue: many of these MSS, have been kept five years; some longer yet; occasionally they will return a paid for contribution

### WHO CAN EXPLAIN IT!

#### A Strange Disease on the Little Island of St. Kilda-Another Story.

Few portions of the habitable earth have received more attention during the past three centuries than the little island of St. Kilda, which lies off the coast of Scotland No people are so strongly at tached to their home as the inhabitants of this lonely place. Benevolent persons in Great Britain have repeatedly offered to move them all to Australia or Canada, and to provide for their wants till they could get established. They have, how ever, always declined these propositions. The climate of the island is so severe that it is scarcely endurable, the sea about it is so tempestnous at most times that vessels cannot approach it, while the soil is so sterile that it will produce little but

grass, potatoes and barley The people suffer from cold, hunger and isolation. It is also affirmed that they suffer from the visits of strangers, even those who come on errands of mercy All writers on St. Kilda affirm that the arrival of a vessel is immediately followed by a peculiar sort of influenza which affects all the people. Rev. Aulay Mac aulay, great grandfather of the distin-guished historian, wrote a work on St. Kilda, in which he speaks at length of this strange disease. Martin, who wrote this strange disease. Martin, who wrote an account of the island and its inhabithe island, who is represented as a gentleman of great learning, enumerated the 'Strangers' Cold" as among the principal afflictions of the people, and one for which there was no relief.

Dr. Samuel Johnson, who was much in-terested in the Highlands of Scotland and ceremonial is performed by the slaugh-terer lighting a stick of sealing wax with a candle, and then impressing it with his the neighboring islands, endeavored to dispose of the "Strangers' Cold" by means "How can there be a physical effect with out a physical cause? The arrival of a shipful of strangers would kill them, for if one stranger gives them one cold, two strangers must give them two colds, and so on in proportion." The logic was ex-cellent, but it did not prevent the poor people of St. Kilda from suffering from a severe cold for eight or ten days after the arrival of every vessel. A writer in a recent number of Chambers' Journal declared that the disease actually exists, and that it is folly to attempt to deny the

fact. He states that there is a mass of evidence to establish the occurrence of act figures; nobody does; but I should not such a disease after the arrival of every vessel that cannot be disposed of, especially when there is no contradictory testimony.

The same paper states that a parallel to the St. Kilda case is found in Tonga and Samoa. Some affirm that influenza was unknown throughout Polynesia till white men came. It is also stated, in regard to a small island on the west coast of Africa, that "it is a singular fact that any vessel touching there from St. Helena invariably their productions, even when these are brings with it a disease resembling influ-such as the editors of the magazines and enza." The same story is told about an

island that lies east of New Zealand. Here all the people begin to cough almost as soon as a vessel lands. The blind cough, and so do infants, though they be gladiy accepted, were not the number have no knowledge of the arrival of of accepted and paid for contributions already in excess of what the magazine can ever hope to use. The Century and secures immunity, as it recurs when an secures immunity, as it recurs when another vessel lands.

The publication of these statements, supported by many authorities, in a lead ing magazine has called out many expressions of opinion. All admit that it was to the author of it, with permission to impossible for the inhabitants of an island near the South Pole to obtain information magazine would accept a first rate article. from those living on St. Kilda. Some scarcely expecting to be able to use it, but believe that the natives of several islands have killed the crews of vessels because they contracted the influenza from strandone; but it is by no means impossible. What is true of the great magazines is true in proportion of the lesser ones. The has lately been the fashion to deny any phenomena that could not be explained by natural causes. The old argument of Dr. Johnson has been employed by many persons to disprove the existence of many things Still thousands are ready to give widence of their constant occurrence. People who believe in things that they cannot account for are classed as super-stitions, and few are willing to be thus designated. -Chicago Times.

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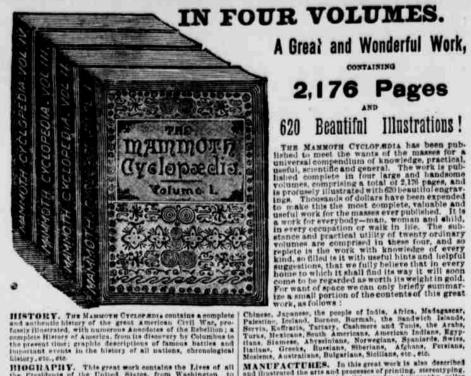
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to the throne of his fathers. William's younger brother, Charles, declared that he would claim for his own sons the right to succeed to the throne instead of the sons of his elder brother This bold threat decided William to relinquish all idea of wedding the woman he loved, in order to choose one of his own rank. Thus he married Augusta, princess of Weimar This disappointment increased the warlike inclinations of a wounded heart .- Foreign Cor. Boston Transcript.

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"Papa," said a beautiful girl, as the old gentleman came in late. "did you notice the dead body of a young man in the

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Aunt-Mina, what has become of all your beautiful curls? You have not got

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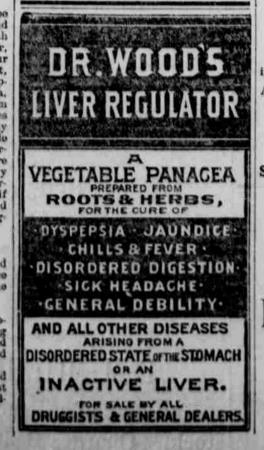
Boarder-Strawberry shortcake, Mrs.

Stew! Mrs. Stew-No, Mr. Fickle; it is plain

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