#### MY FIDDLE.

My fiddlet-Well, I kind o' keep her handy, don't you know? Thought I ain't so much inclined to tromp the

strings and switch the bow As I was before the timber of my elbows got so

dry, And my fingers was more limber like and capersh and spry. Yet I can plonk and plunk and plink,

And tune her up and play. And jest lean back and laugh and wink 4

At every rainy day. My playin's only middlin'-tunes I picked up

when a boy-The kind o' sort o' fiddlin' that the folks call

"The Old Fat Gal," and "Ryestraw," and "My Sailor's On the Sea,"

is the cowtillions that I saw when the ch'ice is left to me

And so I plunk and plonk and plink, And rosum up my bow, And play the tunes that make you think

The devil's in your toe.

hat's how this here old fiddle's won my heart's Indurin' love

the strings across her middle to the screechin' keys above-

rom her apern, over bridge, and to the ribbon round her throat.

She's a wooin', cooin' pigeon, singin' "Love Me" every note

And so I pat her neck, and plink Her strings with lovin' hands, An' list'nin' clost, I sometimes think She kind o' understands

-James Whitcomb Riley.

FOILED.

The scene of our story is in Russia-"Holy Russia," as the Russians call it. In the land of the czar the police officials are allowed considerable latitude. They take copious advantage of their opportunities to make it unpleasant for their personal enemies. The man or woman against whom the police have a spite is not safe in person or property. The usual mode of conciliating those in authority is to invite them to take snuff out of a snuff box, the contents of which are gold rubles. To avoid trouble with the police a man in Russia must be reckless with his rubies.

Police Commissioner Suboff was very, very obliging in some respects. He was a hopeless victim of the shuff habit when the snuff box had a gold lining. He was up to snuff in several senses of the word. To use an American expression, Suboff was an investigating committee of one, that had to be continually lubricated. He had, however, one other weakness. He was very much given to paying his addresses to the fair sex. He was not pretty to look at. He was a short, fat, bald headed man. Scientists say that in a thousand years we will all be hald. Suboff had merely anticipated the scientists by a thousand years. He was hald already, although he was unmarried. Nobody could accuse him of failing to remove the hairs out of the comb. His blood might curdle in his veins, but his hair never stood on end with terror.

As an additional attraction his complexion was very much the color of an Italian sunset, or a circus poster. His mouth was the shape of a semi-circular gash, and looked as if it might be partial to pie. His ears were large and generous, and gave him the appearance, at a distance, of being provided with wings. His face betrayed about as much intellectuality as an Irish potato. It was only when he leered that it seemed to have any expression at all in it.

One would have supposed that such a caricature of a man would have confined his attentions to females who were, com-

not that I have any doubts about your husband's guilt, but as a matter of accommodation to you. I am very busy now, but please call to morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and I'll see what can be

The grimaces and leers with which these words were accompanied left no doubt in the mind of his visitor as to his real intentions, but she managed to conceal her disgust and promised to call at the appointed hour. As for Suboff, he was in an ecstatic frame of mind. The manifest absurdity of a man with his cast of countenance creating a favorable impression on anybody, excepting perhaps himself, never occurred to him.

An hour before the appointed time Suboff was arranging his totlet before the glass. He festooned his dome of thought with a wisp of about eleven lonesome hairs that still lingered around the base of his bald head. To himself he appeared to be excruciating lovely. A carriage stopped before the door. He pranced to the window and gazed out, looking, as Mrs. Sabinsky afterward told a friend, for dl the world like an immense turkey gob-He opened the door and gallantly bler. kissed her diminutive hand.

"We are quite alone," he said, "Suppose somebody were to come? My reputation would be ruined!" exclaimed the fair visitor.

'There is not the slightest danger; and if there was here is a closet in which you could hide."

"Why, that closet is not big enough. How could I get in there with my dress?" "It is much larger than you suppose. I am quite large, and it can accommodate

me. "I don't believe it," replied the visitor incredulously.

To relieve her fears Suboff went into the closet and partially closed the door. The next moment the door was pushed to and locked from the outside.

Suboff was very much crowded in that loset, almost as much, perhaps, as if he lived in a Harlem flat. Heithought his visitor was playing a practical joke on him and that he would be released in a few minutes, but this delusion was dispelled by a firm female voice whispering through the keyhole:

"Don's you try to get out, you old scoundrel, or I'll stab you to the heart." There was something in the tone of the

voice that convinced him the speaker meant business. Col. Sabinsky's wife tripped to the table,

and on one of the official blanks, already signed by the wretched Suboff, she wrote: "Release immediately Col. Sabinsky," Suboff heard a silvery voice sav:

"Farewell, my dear Suboff, but don't excite yourself. If anybody calls remember that you are not in. You have cheek enough to carry you through anything except this door. Please shut this door after you. Ta ta."

When Suboff realized the peril of his situation he made frantic efforts to burst open the door, but it resisted all his efforts, although he swore like a man who was trying to write with a stylographic pen. He made almost as much noise as a woman's rights convention and with just about the same result. He was generally very successful in attracting attention, but on this occasion he failed ignominiously. He was almost speechless when he was released, and he had fallen off like a ton of coal on the scales of a dealer.

He got out, but the story also got out, and he was the subject of inextinguishable ridicule wherever he went. Hours before Suboff got out of that closet Col. Sabinsky and his wife crossed the frontier. They reached Paris in safety, and there it them. The best time to plant hops is in months of the year were \$11,333,340, legation .- Translated from the German by Alex. M. Sweet for The New York Mercury.

## AGRICULTURAL.

Fall Pruning Will Save

Much Labor.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Productiveness and Value of an Orchard Depend on Pruning While Young.

It will save much labor if the effect of fall pruning is thoroughly understood. Wherever a dormant limb is cut off, the and just below the cut will next season push with greater vigor and become the

main shoot if the highest left on the tree. The more vigorously a young tree s p uned in fall or winter the stronger growth of wood it will make next year. and the concentration of sap in a few harge shoots will prevent fruiting. The only pruning that can promote fruitfulness is that done while the tree is in leaf, and this result is effected by checking the vigor of its growth.

It is a good plan to use the summermade manure as a top dressing for the poor places in wheat fields. A very little fertilizer goes a great away in such cases. In our experience, when the ground is dry, little damage is done to wheat by driving over it with loaded manure wagons having broad tires that do not cut in deeply. If only ordinary wheels are used, defer drawing until the surface is If only ordinary wheels are frozen so it will be tr a load, or wait still later and draw on the snow with a sl-d. In this case some marks should be put up beforehand to show where the manure had better be spread.

It is not often that a careful farmer will allow sows to breed so as to drop their pigs late in the fall. It costs more to winter such pigs than they are worth. as it is almost impossible, however well fed and housed, to keep them from being stunted. But the pigs need not be wholly lost. Probably the best use of them is to fatten rapidly and sell for roasters about holiday time. Roast pig is better liked by many than roast turkey, and if it were offered generally in fail and early winter, it is probably the best use to which pigs dropped at this untimely season can be put.

The future shape, productiveness and value of an orchard depend mainly on the way it is pruned while young. It requires knowledge of the habit of growth of different varieties to know how to prune them to advantage. A little pruning while the tree is small sets it to growing in the right shape, and avoids which can never be done without inflicting wounds likely to destroy the vitality of the tree. It is in pruning, more even than in anything else, that a little done at the right time saves the necessity for

doing much more afterwards. A though hops can be grown from seed this is not the usual way of propagating

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Tin Mine Discovered in the Mountains Near Hot Springs, Ark.

The great Hennepin canal in Illinois has been begun. The Railway Commission of Florida nas been abolished.

Indiana's natural-gas supply is believed to be inexhaustible.

Native Alaskans Lave decreased \$,000 in ten years. Drink.

Philadelphia's Chinatown is to have an employment bureau. The World's Fair prizes for horses will be \$52,000 and for cattle \$30,000.

The rush of grain shippers threatens to blockade all the roads in Kansas.

The telephone companies in Philadelphia have put their wires underground. The Howard Athenæum, the oldest theater in Boston, is to be demolished.

Baltimore is to have a tin-plate manufactory in operation within three months. Less than half the children in Missouri of school age attend Sunday-school. An English syndicate has an option on the threshing-machine interests of this

country. An effort is being made to introduce the mango, a delicious East Indian fruit. into Georgia.

Uncle Sam is about to issue the most beautiful bill ever printed-the new silver certificate.

The log cabin which was the boyhood home of Lincoln is to be exhibited at the World's Fair.

The cotton crop of the United States this year is 8,652,597 bales, or 1,300,000 more than last year.

It is announced that a general election will shortly take place in Canada, probably in December or January.

The discovery of a tin mine in the mountains near Hot Springs, Ark., is reported by Memphis capitalists,

The Consul-Generalship of Corea at New York and the Consulship at Philadelphia have been discontinued.

George W. Trehorn, Mayor of Broken Bow, Neb., has disappeared, leaving creditors to whom he owed \$20,000.

The big 2% inch lens, which Alvin Clark has made for the United States naval observatory, is about ready to be placed in position.

National President Polk of the Farmers' Alliance says the talk of his having been challenged to fight a duel in North Carolina is a pure invention.

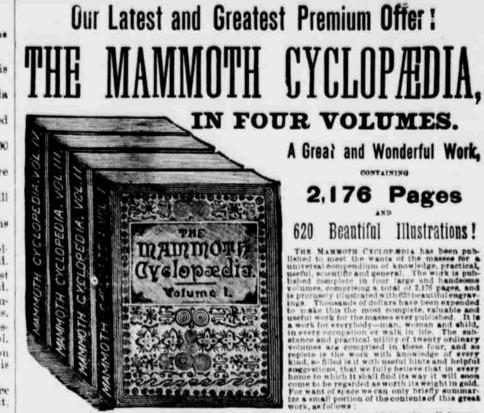
Georgia's new county railroad tax law has been sustained by the Supreme Court. This will add \$500,000 a year to the burdens of the railroads of that State.

The memory of Wendell Phillips is to be honored in Boston by the erection of a public hall bearing his name. Mrs. Phillips has always objected to the building of a statue to his honor.

The negro cotton pickers throughout the cotton belt have organized and fixed the need of sawing off large limbs later, the price of work at \$1 per 100 pounds and board. This organization is brought about by the Colored Alliance.

A contagious skin disease has made its appearance at Norristown, Pa. It is an itch, and generally begins on the soft part of the hand, between the fingers and about the wrists and elbows.

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paratively speaking, as devoid of personal attractiveness as himself, such, for instance, as those who were adorned with a hump and one eye. That, however, was not the modest sort of man that Suboff was. He forced his attentions on the loveliest in the land. If they opposed his wishes he promptly trumped up a conspiracy against the government and sent them, or their relatives, to Siberia. If a handsome woman desired to have any of her relatives sent to Siberia all that she had to do was to refuse to admire Suboff.

Suboff was in Warsaw investigating a conspiracy. A number of prominent Poles were arrested and sent to Siberia, and Suboff was hunting for more conspirators. He was kept pretty busy, but he would have paid much more attention to his official duties if it had not been for the beautiful eyes of the wife of a certain Col. Sabinsky.

Mrs. Sabinsky was indeed a beautiful woman. She was tall, well formed, with wonderful black eyes and a wealth of hair to match. Her features were as faultless as those of a Grecian statue.

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Police Commissioner Suboff had seen her at a ball, and immediately fell violently in love with her, as far as the term was applicable to such a creature as himself. He paid every possible attention, but the handsome Pole ignored him completely. When he endeavored to becoria more familiar she said something to a group of ladies that caused them to style audibly. She was evidently making "ca of him. He felt pretty sure that she said something about his personal appearance, and that was a subject on which he was very sensitive.

He rushed out of the ballroom foaming with rage. The more he brooded over the affair the worse he felt about it. He determined to be revenged. He would find means to tame the pride of the haughty beauty. Next day Col. Sabinsky was arrested for conspiring against the czar. This meant that, perhaps without even the formality of a trial, he would be transported to Siberia.

Col. Sabinsky's wife was at first very much alarmed for the safety of her husband. She felt pretty sure that her unwillingness to smile on Suboff was the real cause of her husband's arrest. She was a very smart woman-as sherp as a steel trap. She said to herself: "As Mr. Suboff has begun to play tricks o's me, I'll see if I can't play tricks on him. I'll se? if I can't beat him at his own game." She managed to have a note conveyed

to her imprisoned husband, telling him to keep up his courage, as she would find means to procure his liberation.

In the meantime Suboff remained in his office awaiting the result of his first move to compel Mrs. Sabinsky to come to terms. He did not have long to wait, for on the day following the arrest of her husband Mrs. Sabinsky called at the office of the petty tyrant.

She was admitted into the room. It was quite large, with a closet. In the middle of the room was a large table, on which were writing materials and official documents. Suboff was in. He received her with a hideous grin. His visitor was

pale and her eyes indicated that she had been weeping What is the cause of your grief, beau-

Leous lady "" "My husband is in prison. Do you

know the cause of his arrest?" "It is a very serious matter, as he has

been conspiring against the czar. I am sorry, but I have my duty to perform."

"Can anything be done to liberate my hand mand?"

I'll take the matter under advisement,

#### His Sense of the Ridiculous.

The other afternoon, as we were rolling out Woodward avenue, a swell young fellow entered the car and recognized a fellow swell, when the following conversation ensued:

"Aw, there, Chawley, me boy." "Aw, there, Fwedie, old chappie."

"Wery slipewy, Chawley." "Indeed, Fwedie, that weminds me of

w'at happened w'ile I was waiting for the caw-ah."

"W't was it, Chawley""

"W'y, one of those fellahs of the-ah of the-of the-ah-twade clawses, you know-ah, was carwying a basket ofah-ah-heu's fwruit, you know-ah, w'en he began to look at me, the beastly fellah, instead of where he was walking, and he slipped up-ah, and dwopped his basket of-ah-ah-hen's fwruit, and sat wight down in it-ah, and it so gwatified my sense of the wridiculous that I actually smiled, Fwedie, actually smiled -ah."-Detroit Free Press.

#### Historical Snowshoes.

W. P. Bennett, for many years superintendent of the teams and stages of Wells, Fargo & Co., has just sent east from Virginia City, Nev., the Norwegian snowshoes with which for twenty years he has traversed the Sierras. They are of white ash and ten feet long. In 1867 he carried the company's express packages across the mountains and was fifty-two hours in a snowstorm. When he got back the Widow Bryant-now Mrs. John W. Mackay-told him that in twenty years his snowshoes would be bought as relics. She was right. Once the shoes ran away with Mr. Bennett, and he went down the Kingsbury grade into Lake valley, a distance of over two miles, in four minutes. -New York Sun.

#### Dangerously Thoughtful.

Chicago is toll of dangerously thoughtful and trature children.

"Mamma " said one of them-a 5-yearold-the other day, "ain't there any other senses 'cept seeing, hearing, feeling, tast-

ing and smelling?" "No, my child," answered the mother; "it is usually considered that those five

would be called a sense if there wasn't so much nonsense about it."-Chicago Tri-

bune.

#### Finger Lengths.

A comparison of the lengths of the first and third fingers has been many years in Ancient Greek art seems to progress. have found the greater beauty in a longer forefinger, but in the Apollo Belvidere there is no appreciable difference in the Gorrillas, oranglength of the two. outangs and Bushmen have a longer third finger, while among Europeans and Americans the longer finger is sometimes the first, sometimes the third, and sometimes both appear of equal length .- Arkansaw Traveler.

#### Anatously Waiting An Answer.

Rise up, oh etatistician, and tell us if there be more marriages in loop year than other years, and then we shall know how to act .- Abany Journal.

was that the latter told the story to the the spring, as early as the ground can writer, who was a member of the German be worked. The nows are made about eight feet apart and the sets planted in these at about the same distance. Each set has two eyes, is planted about an

inch deep and pressed firmly down. The first year a hill of corn may be planted each way between the hops, but the second year the entire ground is to be kept well cultivated. Where the hop louse has not made its appearance the crop is

generally a very proutable one. Many farmers who have practiced the plan recommend cutting corn fodder and

piling it in small cocks to cure. In a large stack the heating of so much wet material would certainly prove injurious, but in small-sized cocks the fermentation is just enough to furnish heat to dry them out. It also softens the stalks, which are eaten with less waste than those set up in stacks and dried by exposure to the air. Rain does not penetrate these cocks to any great extent. Farmers have often noted that the dampened stalks kept in mows, even when slightly moldy, were eaten cleaner than those thoroughly dried.

The United States Consul at Mannheim, Germany, reports that German

chemists have learned how to make butter from the oil of the cocoanut. One factory already produces 600,000 pounds daily, which is sold at 15 cents per pound. The nuts are procured from Africa, South America and other tropleal countries. Cocoanut butter contains 70 per cent. of fat, and of the remainder one-third is composed of the albumen, which give it a greater nutritive value than cow butter possesses. The new butter is used largely in hospitals, and is finding its way on account of its cheapness to the tables of the poor, especially as a substitute for oleomargarine, to which it is certainly superior as usually made.

Roots of all kinds are better kept in pits than in cellars, where they are exposed to currents of air. Some earth should be mixed with them to fill up the spaces, and thus prevent the evaporation that usually makes them dry and tasteless before spring. Beets and potatoes are more easily injured by freezing than other roots and require a double or triple covering to exclude cold. Turnips, rota bagas, carrots and parsnips will all beau a temperature nearly or quite down to the freezing point, provided they are in contact with the soil. Parnips with a "It is usually considered that those it's are enough." "Well," said the little one, with an air of deep conviction. "I spose talking would be called a sense if there wasn't so them better flavored than they will be if dug in the fall.

> Several trials in recent years have shown that the pine leaves-or needles. as they are called-from our common vine forests are valuable, or can be made so, as a fertilizer for potatoes on sundy If the prejudice against sawdost from resinous woods in general can be removed and vegetable matters gathered and applied to the soil with less regard to its origin and more for its effects, it is quite likely that many farmers would find in the fine forests and groves a valuable addition to their scant supply of bodding and at the same time furnish the much-needed vegetable matter. One man raked up the pi s leaves with what decayed vegetable matter there was under them and mixed the mass with line her on the Stockton kite-shaped track and let it to in a pile a few weeks and and give her one or more trials, if every

against imports of \$8,348,377, showing that production of the white metal still outruns the enforced demand growing out of silver legislation.

Mayor Grant of New York has deelared in favor of Sunday liquor-selling at certain hours of the day. His plea is that clubs and hotels sell on Sunday, and therefore all liquor haunts should have the same privilege.

Assistant Secretary Spaulding informs the Nogales (A. T.) Collector that the practice of persons crossing to the Mexican side and purchasing clothing, which is carried back into the United States without payment of duty, is smuggling. A company has been organized at Deval's Bluff, Ark., with a capital of \$100,-000, for dredging the Upper White river, which, it is claimed, can be made navigable as far as Yellville, on the Missouri line, thus adding nearly 100 miles to navigation in Arkansas. The White river empties into the Mississippi below Mem-

### SPORTING NOTES.

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Sunol Will Trot on Both the Regulation and Kite-Shaped Tracks.

The Occidental Athietic Club of San Francisco has matched Billy Mahan of that city and Billy Maber of Australia, light weights, to fight at 138 pounds for a purse of \$1,000 October 21. In the bicycle races at Hampden park,

Springfield, Mass., Zimmerman of the New York Athletic Club was the star performer, winning the mile ordinary, half-mile ordinary, quarter-mile Safety and half-mile Safety handicaps. His time in the latter race was 1:06 4 5, beating the world's record of 1:0734.

At the tournament of the Southern California Lawn Tennis Association at Los Angeles Theodore Coulter beat E. Causton in the all comers' singles, winning the championship of the south. This is the first time in Southern California that an American has won, the DAVID COPPERFIELD English residents having heretofore been the strongest players.

It is asserted in sporting circles at New DOMBEY AND SON, York that G. E. Smith, better known as Pittsburg Phil," whose colt King Cadmus won the Sapphire stakes at Sheep OUR MUTUAL FRIEND. head Bay, is from \$75,000 to \$100,000 richer than he was the day before the race. He got all the way from 30 to 8 for 1 for his money at New York and in the Southern pool rooms.

From the following letter, which Robert Bonner received from Senator Stanford, it will be seen that Sunol is to trot on both the regulation and kite-shaped tracks: "Sunol has apparently entirely recovered, and for about ten days she has shown no symptoms of lameness, We shall soon give her good work. Her general condition seems to be very good indeed, and if nothing happens, we shall be prepared to give her a trial in the course of two or three weeks. If everything is favorable to the full exhibition of her powers, I have no doubt that she will lower her record several seconds. From what I have seen of her this season 2:06 does not seem to be beyond her powers. Before she went lame she trotted quarters in 20% seconds, the last eighth in 14%, and seemed very com-fortable while doing it. We shall try

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