# PROTECT OUR BREAD.

The machinery of the law has not been put to work too speedily against the fraudulent use of ammonia and alum in Baking Powders. Both health and the pocket of the people are demanding protection. The legislatures of New York, Iilinois and Minnesota have taken this matter of adulteration up, and especially that of Baking Powders. It will be in the interest of public health when their sale is made a misdemeanor in every State in the UNION, and the penalties of the law are rigidly enforced. There is no article of human food more wickedly adulterated than that of Baking Powder.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is the only pure cream of tartar powder having a general sale that is free from ammonia, alum or taint of any kind of impurity. It makes the sweetest and lightest bread, biscuit and cake that are perfectly digestible whether hot or cold. It costs more to manufacture Dr. Price's than any other baking powder. It is superior to every other known and the standard for forty years.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is reported by all authorities as free from Ammonia, Alum, or any other adulterant. In fact, the purity of this ideal powder has never been questioned.

Skeleton and Corpse Side by Side. Muncie, Ind., is enjoying a sensation The house in question is a fine old brick Mutterhorn, a well to do German, a regenual, pleasure loving man to a morose, misanthropical recluse. He dismissed dance a hoedown to the music of a piall of his servants and refused to admit ano, at which his daughter presided. all visitors, even his most intimate friends, to his home.

was to enter it or even the extensive exercise."-Chicago Mail.

M. Quad's Dancing Platform. I wonder if M. Quad took his dancing royal standard and from Henry's adoption sttendant on the opening of a house platform with lars to New York. He is which has been closed up for years and a crank on the subject of physical exerthe discovery of a freak perhaps as re- cise, but he doesn't take any stock in In- the aldermen's wives to wear searler markable as ever entered a human mind. dian clubs or dumbbells. He fitted up gowns, but Englishmen baying announced and actions during the last few years of a small platform a few years ago in his in song and story that they never will be The house in question is a fine old brick a small platform a few years ago in his in ang and story that they never will be his life. Dr. Ayers said he did not be- walk securely, but the spot, though small residence, owned in 1876 by William residence in Detroit, and whenever he slaves the general English woman of to lieve there was a similar case in the his- and cramped, to which we are chained felt the need of physical exercise he day is never so happy as when she has an tired lumber merchant In 1878 Mutter- would take a turn at jig damning After entire red gown or coat or some touch of to explain the presence of this strange it is we who are chained there. horn lost his wife, a very beautiful wom- a hard day's work in the top story of the glowing color about her.-New York an, whose loss converted him from a The Free Press building he would go Sun home, bring out the little platform and The Decay of the Book Baying Habit.

After a half hour of this sort of recreation and a half hour of rest supper would His health in a few years became be served and frequently the humorist wretched, and one day the unhappy man | would dance for a few minutes later in sought a prominent lawyer of Muncie, the evening just before retiring. "It and announcing his intention of travel- beats all the gymnasiums in creation," ing for the restoration of his strength he said to me once, "and I have never gave him powers as his agent and in- found anything that suits my requirestructions to allow his house to remain ments so well. A complete mental rest locked and sealed as he left it. No one is obtained, you see, as well as physical

# GLEANERS OF FAME.

Hearken not, friend, for the resounding dia That did the Part's verses once acclaim: We are but globers in the field of fame, Whence the mass harvest hath been gathered in.

The sheaves of pury you are fain to win, Long since were stored round many a house hold name

The reapers of the past who timely came And brought to end what none can now begin. Yet in the stubbles of renown 'tis right To stop and gather the remaining cars

And carry homoward in the waning light What hath been left us in our happier peers: So that, befail what may, we be not quite Famished of honor in the far off years.

-Alfred Austin in Boston Commonwealth.

# Deserved a Room in a Hotel.

dent occurred that furnished amusement could give a clean bill of health, and to the police for weeks. Some of us were this was about the general average, at the station house one winter's evening. The boys came from the working classes. for the purpose of bailing out two of our commates who had been arrested for skylarking. While we were waiting, a great bulking tramp walked in and asked the lieutenant in charge, a rather dudish fellow, to give him a night's lodging. Not satisfied with the refusal he received, he ration of the health of the coming genpersisted.

said, "No one can sleep here unless he has school, and when I asked him the reacommitted some crime." "Is that so?" said the tramp: "that's pretty hard, but 1 suppose I can help it. How will this public school for the world," said he. auswer?" As he spoke he shot out his fist and knocked the lieutenant from his stool years, and 1 know that the system that into the spittoons near the stove. "I hope exists in New York today is harmful to I didn't hart you more than was neces any but the very sturdiest and laziest sary," he said, as his victim slowly picked kind of children. himself up, his nose streaming blood; I'm tired and want to go to sleep," The unfortunate lieutenant did not hear the ald end of it for months - Allen Wilson in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### Royal Colors.

It is always interesting to know what colors are used or selected by royal families as being their very own. To Englandthe only royal family of modern times which has selected it-belongs scarlet, and it must be confessed that it is a most offective color. The royal households of Portugal, Prussia, Sweden and most of the German princes wear blue; Russia chooses dark green; Austria delights in black and yellow. According to the usual belief scarlet, as the royal household color surface. It was found occupying a part of England, was chosen because of the red rose of the Plantagenets, but this is not true. the two hemispheres of the brain. The a little to and frat Enough to clear the It was taken from the field gules of the minister died suffering from convulsions, space at our test. Enough to brush away a of the scarlet dress of the yeomen of the

In days gone by it was the privilege of

The book buying habit has fallen off: Philadelphia Press. the pamphlet buying habit has taken its place. The pamphlet soon finds its way to the waste backet, which, in many cases, it should never have risen above, and the permanent possessions of the household are less than they ought to be by one book The average American citizen's source of intellectual pabulum is now the "news stand." It and the toy shop with piles of pamphlet libraries at one end have too generatiy succeeded the book store. The old habit of dropping into the book store and buying the latest good thing-latest in form or matter-is now indulged in by few people and in relatively few places.-Henry Holt in Forum.

Brace Up, Bossi

What is the matter with our boys? Are the public schools too much for

Not long ago one of our newly elected congressmen notified the lads of his district that they were all webcome to try for a cadetship at West Point and that the best man would get the place, irrespective of race, color or financial condition

them?

but, strange to say, the utmost difficulty cell\* He could but move his hands a little was experienced in finding youths that to and frocame up to the physical standard required for entrance to the military school. One doctor examined seven ap-While I was a student at Yale an inci plicants and found only one to whom he Many New York physicians believe that the terrific grind that the old mollies of the board of education

forced upon our children in the pu school has much to do with the deter. eration. I know one public school prin-The licutemant soon lost patience and cipal that sends his boys to a private him freedom. son, "I would not let them go to the 'I have seen the thing work for twenty

Men and brethren, are not these things give me as good a cell as you have, for worth thinking about?-New York Her- we try they celt into our hearts as a knite

> A Clergyman's Strange Disease. The death of the Rev. Thomas Pitts, D. D., of Pittsburg, gives to medical science the strangest case ever known in pathology. An autopsy has disclosed that the late minister had a veritable thorn in his brain.

long plate was discovered. It was two inches in length, three-quarters of an inch in width, and had a very rough which were doubtless caused by this trifle of the dust which clouds our eye bony growth.

This also explains all that seemed unaccountable in Dr. Pitts' erratic conduct his life. Dr. Ayers said he did not begrowth. There is more or less bone deposit in the brain, but why this form was taken is still unexplainable.-Cor.

# Street Car Sprinklers.

brand new cable plant valued at \$400,000 somewhere, perhaps near, perhaps afar off. was consigned to the scrap heap in order a prisoner as hopeless and desolate as ever that the street railway company might install electric cars on its lines, an ingenious method has been adopted for the laying of the dust which in summer time causes much annoyance to passengers. A line of water cars, very much after the fashion of the ordinary street

# PRISONERS.

# An Old Story of a Captive Teaches That We May Improve Our Condition.

From somewhere comes an old story of a prisoner. This man was chained in a cell, bound hand and foot. Scant motion his chains allowed; he could scarcely move a limb, and his days and nights he spent in lamenting his miserable faté.

His captor sent him a broom with the message. "Sweep your cell and you shall Freel The man laughed scorn Ine free: A large list of applicants responded. Jully What power had be to sweep a

Came the message again, "Sweep your cell and you shall be free." Despairingly and with a bitter smile, the man took h broom, and as well as he could cleared th place at his feet. His strokes were feebl and uncertain, but as he swept, by chains hung lighter on his arms! moved them more freely. The long un used muscles began to work. Longer a longer-grew his strokes, larger and har the space he cleared, faintly and a faintly he felt the weight of his fetters Filled with wonder and joy he rose slow: to his feet, and with an almost forgetteenergy walked back and forth, sweepin now with a glad haste which soon brough

Throughout the world are many such prisoners-prisoners none the less that the skin of the nose and forehead. Autopwalls of their cells are invisible, and to the eyes of others the captives walk as free nor up and down beneath the open sky. We are bound tast and sure, and by chains times. which encircle our bodies and souls more firmly than bands of iron. Sometimes the chains have been forged by love, and we would not break them if we could, for when and liberty purchased with a bleeding hear is dearly bought, sometimes they are forged by circumstances whose chains are lighand slender, but strong; sometimes by m cessity, whose bondage is hard and some sometimes by fear of ridicule; often, how very often, by our own reluctance and pro crastination. These are the hardest of all to breck

They may stretch, but afterward they Dr. Samuel Avers, the specialist on tighten the more, and though prome to the diseases of the brain, conducted the post earth, we mourn our incapacity, we loss mortem. When the skull was opened a daily the strength to break the chains which daily drag more and more heavily Our virtue is gone, we cry. Why mock a with hopes we can never realize? Let us lie here until we die.

Grant that the power to sweep the whol of the membraneous partition, between cell is gone. What then? Cannot we more that more light may fall through. It is true we may never do the great deeds of which we once dreamed. Few are the blessed hands to whom it is given to sweep a broad path where the feet of others may tory of medicine. As yet he is unable might be made purer and brighter because

And as we strive-who can tell?-it may be a strange strength will stir in our long fettered limbs; a mystical grace may rest on the determined effort to break the bonds of a lifelong 'repression. It may be that the strokes will grow stronger and braver That wider and wider may become the cir-In St. Paul, where not long ago a clewe can reach. It might even be that we have felt will see the struggle, and into his heart it will put fresh courage. For every prisoner who sits today grieving si lently his wasted captivity, his forlorn helplessness, there is a message, "Sweep that way lies freedom?"-Harper's Bazar

The Garden of Eden.

AMMONIA AND SUICIDES.

# One of the Most Certain Agents for Causing Death by Slow Polsoning.

Of the number of those seeking suicide by swallowing some form of poison, probably there are few who have sought to kill themselves by means of ammonia. Nevertheless ammonia, although it is the active agent in most of the salts sold towomen for their gift decorated and perfunied scent bottles, is poisonous when taken internally in a concentrated form. To attest this there have been recently in New York several cases, the most recent being that of Herman Harowitz, of which Deputy Coroner Jenkins said that death took place in a comparatively short time after the ammonia was taken. In another case, that of a child, Dr. Jenkins said death resulted in five minutes after swallowing the ammonia solution. There are on record also cases of slow poisoning from ammonia administered with intent to commit murder. Furthermore, the appearance of workmen in guano factories, where ammonia is set free by grinding guano, has been noted, and in every case there is an unmistakable system of poisoning. This is discoloration of the skin of the face, which assumes a blotched, dirty appearance. First to take on this appearance is the sies of those who - ie from ammonia poisoning reveal a dark hue on the mucous membrane lining the stomach and inter-

As an agent for causing death by slow poisoning, ammonia is one of the most certain and most difficult of detection. owing to its volatile nature. This qual-ity has led physicians to believe that some of the mysterious deaths that have taken place in the history of modern and mediaval crime are due to ammonia. It is known now that months have clapsed between the first symptoms of shckness and the death of a person from ammonia poisoning. On the other hand, death ias resulted in four minutes from the time a large draught of ammonia has been swallowed. It has been found in cases of gradual absorption of autonus in the human system that there is a general elimination of healthy exidation of the blood and a consequent lowering of the bodily strength. In the cases of immediate poisoning, death comes with frightful agony, as in the case of Harowitz. Blood gushed from his nose and, mouth.

Statistics in England put ammonia thirteenth in frequency in the list of poi-ons. Alexander Winter Blyth, medical officer of health in the St. Marylebone district, London, cites thirty cases of poisoning by ammonia swallowed for purpose of committing suicide, or the administered with the purpose of committing murder, or absorbed unconsciousy in food Of the snicidal cases six were fatal. Of twenty accidental cases twelvewere fatal. Of cases of murder with ammonia, Dr. Blyth notes two, both of them children .- New York Sup

### Conscious Clover Blossoms.

The subterraneau clover has been driven by its numerous enemies to take refuge at last in a very remarkable and almost unique mode of protecting its offspring. This particular kind of clover affects smooth and close cropped hillsides, where the sheep nibble down the grass and other herbage almost as fast as it springs up again.

Now, clover seeds resemble their allies of the pea and bean tribes in being exceedingly rich in starch and other valu-

grounds surrounding it. No limit was placed to his intended absence, and no surprise was felt as years slipped by without his return

Recently, however, his heirs, concluding he was dead, had the house entered, embalmed body of Mrs. Mutterhorn, elewas satisfactorily identified as her husband's.

fine amateur chemist, and it is supposed to put up a package. that he privately exhumed his wife's body, embalmed it and kept it continu- coin, and the person in this instance who the stones are brilliant at night, while the ally in his sight, till, feeling himself shipped his gold in a flimsy wrapper will ordinary sapphire becomes black at night. about to die, he resolved to shut himself up with his treasure and meet death at to the money now held by Uncle Sam. its side. The two poor relics were in- The postoffice officials here say that it is terred next day, followed to their final a common practice for people to mail resting place by an immense crowd .- money of large and small amounts in country, proposed to Starensen, the prem-Philadelphia Times.

#### A Bashful Man Married.

We point with pride to Joseph Schman and Mrs. Joseph Schman, who, until Thursday, was Miss Lizzie Nichols, of Riverside, N. J. Joseph had persevered against an overmastering weakness, and Lizzie had trampled on a very human tion

Joseph had loved Lizzie for many days, so the report runs, and was well beloved by Lizzie. He proposed in due time, was accepted and the day for the wedding arrived. With it came pretty Lizcome. There were tears and righteous execrations and many a pretty pout.

The days passed, and with mem came explanations from Joseph. It was all his timidity. At the last moment his cago Mail. heart failed him, and in that panic which bashfulness will often precipitate hefled from the bliss which he longed for.

Lizzie benignantly forgave him. The sun shone again, and a new day for the brought no Joseph. Another explanation was as successful as the first, and a third attempt to execute the fractions contract was as futile as the other two.

When the young man came for the fourth time to sue for the lady's hand, full of humiliation for his foolish terror, she had made her consent provisional on their immediate marriage. Before he had had time to be stricken with his unfortunate malady he had been pronounced a husband by the nearest minister.-Albany Union.

# A Chance for Realism.

A theatre is to be reopened in Pompeli "after a lapse of more than 1,500 years." It is said that none of the old company, which appeared in the house just before it closed, have been re-engaged, though we should think any one of the male members would make a realistic ghost in "Hamlet."- Norristown Herald.

A year ago only the fastest train between London and Aberduco, 543 miles, ran in fourteen hours. Last automa it was reduced to twelve hours and fifty minutes. This your it will sover the 542 miles in twelve hours, or a little over work .- Cincinnati Enquirer. forty five miles as hour.

Gold Coin Scattered in the Mails. Scattered on the floor of a postal car

on the New York and Pittsburg milroad, in which were tons of mail matter, the clerks found, a week or two ago, and found in one of the upper rooms the \$310 in gold pieces of various denominations. Portions of the wrapper were gantly attired and reclining on a sofa, found, but not enough to identify the while at her side lay a skeleton, which address or serve as a clew to the sender. The one who mailed the package doubtless thought he could save the cost of Mutterhorn is known to have been a registering or else he did not know how

There is no way of identifying lost the diamond, and, what is more unusual, probably never beable to prove his claim common envelopes and light wrappers. -Rochester Post Express.

# An Odd Lawsuit.

Dubuque, Ia., is involved in litigation concerning the meaning of "a reasonable amount." A year ago, when a gas plant was purchased by this city, one of the terms of sale was an agreement to furpride to an extent that wins our admira- nish a member of the selling firm "a reasonable amount of gas for his own exclusive use, free, during the existence of the plant." The enterprising fellow therefore put in a large number of gas jets and kept them burning night and day, thus heating as well as lighting the zie to the altar. But Joseph failed to house. Thousands of dollars already have been spent in definitely settling the meaning of the term "a reasonable amount," and it is probable that the matter will go the supreme court. -- Chi-

Seven Boats in Tow of a Monster Shark.

The singular sight was witnessed in the harbor recently of a man in a small boat making a cruise with a shark for motive power. Boat after boat went to nuptials was set. It came, but again his assistance, until a string of seven, manned by twelve hands, was in the procession; but the shark's movements increased with the increased weight, and after leading his captors a merry dance for a long while, he succeeded in throwing out the harpoon and effecting his escape. We hear that the length of the brute was estimated at being nearer twenty than fifteen feet-a customer not to be rashly tackled single handed .-Panama Star and Herald.

#### A Rattiesnake at School.

The other day, when the teacher and pupils of district No. 7, of Clay township, Auglaize county, arrived at the school house they found a large rattlesnake to year. Alpine roses were at one time quietly dosing on one of the desics. The found at an altitude of 7,000 feet, now they house they found a large rattlesnake lady teacher and the young scholars, none ov ten years of age, attacked the reptile with sticks, when it suddenly rome, rattled furiously and sprang at thom-the first evidence they had that it was a rattionake. It put the scholars to flight. A neighboring farmer was States regiser Omaka only forty are Amersummoned, who shot it, and the fright- bans. The rest are principally English, smad teacher and scholars went back to

# Violet Eyes and Sapphires.

violet, which is blue in the daylight sprinkle the whole track. The journey and black at night, ought really to be between St. Paul and Minneapolis will called sapphire, as the sapphire, which is blue in the day, becomes black in appearance when night shuts down on the world. Apropos of sapphires-among recent discoveries-the Montana sapphires are found to be harder than any other of the same stones and are found in every tint | travel.-New York Recorder. of color known. In brilliancy they equal

-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

#### A New Tax.

A Danish functionary of state, desirous of improving the financial condition of his ier, to lay a tax on human intelligence.

The more intelligent the higher the tax, and less in proportion." said our economist. and continued, "You will see how eager the folks will be to pay the higher scale of taxes."

"Quite right," sold the minister, "and in acknowledgment of your ingenious suggestion, you shall be the only one exempted from the tax."- Das Buch fur Alle.

#### The day of an Otter.

You can find an example of nature's adaptation of the jaw to use in the case of certain carnivores, like the otter-a big weasel that has acquired aquatic habits. The jaws of such beasts are so fixed in the sockets that dislocation is impossible. In some instances you cannot, even after the lity of the town has been entirely washed animal is dead, separate the jaw from the out, or so badly damaged that thousands head. This arrangement is evidently designed to enable the beast to bite to the greatest advantage without danger that the chewing apparatus will come loose.-Exchange.

#### Critics and Actors.

Mr. Outskirts tto wife, who is driving some chickens out of the yard)-Well, I don't see why a woman can't throw a stone. You haven't come within forty feet of one of those hens.

Mrs. Outskirts-I dropped my sewing in order to drive those hens out, and I think, instead of standing here criticising, you might go in and thread a few needlefuls of silk for me .- New York Weekly,

In 1470 a detachment of fifteen men sent from Canteroury for the Calais garrison, and others for London, were supplied with red "jackettis" of cloth, at three shillings a yard, and having on them "roses of white karsay" as badges. Henry VII in 1485 instituted the yeamen of the guard, and they were the nucleus of the present standing army of England. Their dress, as it still continues, was red.

Vegetation in the Alps recedes from year are soldom found higher than 6,500 feet. and are should at that. Various species of amail fruit which used to be gathered 7,500 fost above the level new are rarely ; found beyond two thirds that bright.

Of a prose of \$15 mon on the United Irish, French, Geyman, Benildinavian, Dutch, Japanese and Chinese.

sprinklers, are being built, and on each be connected by hose and attached to That tint of the eyes usually called the locomotive, so that one train can tion to the prospect of cool and enjoyable examined

# Costly Food for a Goat.

Heated with his work in the field vest upon a fence post. In one of the vest pockets inclosed in a wallet were greenbacks to the amount of forty-one dollars.

In the field was Mr. Kalbach's pet goat. In the goat's stomach, when Kalbach returned, were the bank bills, most and the Tigris. of the wallet and a large portion of the vest.

greenbacks had been properly chewed in aid of his goatship's digestion. The twenty-six dollars thus chewed was past redemption.-Philadelphia Record.

### Goodby, Yuma.

There is a strong probability that the romantic old town of Yuma will pass out of existence. For years the track of the Southern Pacific in the localof dollars had to be expended to put it back into condition. Last winter threequarters of the town itself was destroyed by floods, and now the railroad contemplates changing the route so as to leave Yuma off the line by crossing the river several miles north of the old site.-Santa Ana (Cal.) Press.

Great improvement has recently been made in the manufacture of glass for optical instruments by means of the addition to the ordinary materials of phosphorous and chlorine, which in some yet unexplained way cause the glass to be very much more transparent and enable it to receive a much higher degree of polish than any optical glass hitherto manufactured.

Louis Whitcomb. of Dayton, O., has for three years softered from a painful but obscure stomach ailment. Dr. Weis gave him an emetic, which disclosed that a frog had been the cause of the

men killed in a mine disaster alongside of the amount distributed as dividends among the owners of the mines.

A New York fakir has been arrested for sticking tulip blossoms into perforated Mexican beans and selling them to manspecting homewives as Chinese lillen.

The true site of the Garden of Eden has water car will be monnted if tank 6 by 6 been the subject of almost endless conand 12 feet long. Two or three cars will jecture. The three continents of the Old World have been gone over by theologians in a vain search for its most probable loca tion. From Chipa to the Canary islands from the Mountains of the Moon to the coast of the Baltic, each country has been thus, in future, be as rapid and pleasant the subject of search, and no spot supas it was formerly tedious and distress- posed to correspond in the slightest degree ing, and the inhabitants of those cities to the Scriptural description of the first are looking forward with much satisfac- abode of the human race has been left un

The most ancient opinion, which is given by Josephus, is that it was in the country which lies between the Ganges and the Nile. This view imagines Eden as being a very widely extended territory, embrac-Farmer Kalbach, of Reading, hung his ing all of the country from the Indus on the east to the Nile on the west.

As the "Garden" is said to have been "eastward in Eden," it is placed definitely in the valley of the Euphrates. Von Hammer, the famous Oriental scholar, places Eden in Bactrin, others locate it in Babylo nin, at the confluence of the Euphrates

Captain Wilford, a profound student of Hindoo antiquities, has labored to locate Kalbach at once slaughtered his pet Eden in Bamian, south of the Koosh range goat. All but fifteen dollars of the of mountains. Buttman puts it down in India, Heider, in his "History of Man kind," identifies it with the Vale of Cash mere; the Orientals (many sects of them) be lieve that it was on the Isle of Ceylon, while the Greeks place it at Beth-Eden, on Lebanon .- St. Louis Republic.

# Carried a Shoe in Her Hand.

A Portland lady was observed walking down Congress and Middle streets with a shoe in her hand. As the shoe was not wrapped up and as the lady carried it with much nonchalance, some little attention was attracted. As a matter of fact it was a case of absent mindedness. She went into a shoe store, laid down her wallet, rather a long and large one, and looked at some footwear. When she went out she took up a shoe instead of her wallet and carried it in a manner described above, being much astonished, when she made her next purchase, to find that her wallet had changed to a shoe .- Portland Advertiser,

# The Georgia Honeymoon.

A newly married couple from the country created considerable merriment at Buena Vista a few days ago. They had married the day before at Cordele, and were on their way to Moore's mill, where the man works. They promenaded due hat in saluting a friend. town hand in hand, and when the moon hour arrived they repaired to Clements'& McCall's store. Both occupied the same chair-the man sitting down first-and dined on cheese and crackers, spiced with kisses. - Savannah News.

#### Teamoy.

Teapoy is in England often supposed to have connection with tea; but it has no more than cream o' tartar has with Crim Tartary. It is a word of Anglo-Indian importation-viz, tipai, an unlu or Anglo Indian corruption of the Persian sipal, tripos (perhaps to avoid confusion with seapoy), and meaning a three legged table, or tripod generally -- II. Yule.

#### Wanted they Wedded.

Parson Languest-Do you take this woman to be your weshied wife? Backwords Bridgemon-martinly, and thily-don't want her without also is spliced to me .- New York Equals.

able foodstuffs. Hence they are much sought after by the inquiring shoep, which eat them off wherever found as exceptionally nutritious and dainty mor-

sels. Under these circumstances the subterranean clover has learnt to produce small heads of bloom, pressed close to the ground, in which only the outer flowers are perfect and fertile, while the inner ones are transformed into tiny, wriggling corkscrews.

As soon as the fertile flowers have begun to set their seed, by the kind aid of the bees, the whole stem bends downward, automatically, of its own accord; the little corkscrews then worm their way into the turf beneath, and the pods ripen and mature in the actual soil itself, where no prying ewe can poke an inquisitive nose to grub them up and deyour them

Cases like this point in certain ways to the absolute high water mark of vegetable ingenuity; they go nearest of all in the plant world to the similitude of conscious animal intelligence.-Minneapolis Tribune.

## Tried to Eat Forty-eight Bananas.

A banana eating contest was the principal attraction. A young fellow employed in the freight depot undertook to eat four dozen bananas, one after another, upon a wager amounting to the price of the fruit. He succeeded in stowing away fifteen without much difficulty, and although he did not appear to be desperately hungry after that, he persevered until the twenty-third banana had disappeared down his throat. At this point he retired from the contest as gracefully as circumstances would permit, and after paying the bills for the gastronomic exhibition and the bananas which the audience had disposed of, departed a wiser if not a sadder man. -Keene (N. H.) Sentinel

#### A Small Snow Storm.

La Nature, a French journal of science, relates that a gentleman who was walking rapidly along the street on a cold, fair day, and had by violent exercise brought himself into a condition. of profuse perspiration, took off his tall

As he did so he was astonished to feel what was apparently a slight fall of snow upon his head. Upon passing his hand over his head he found several unmistakable flakes of snow there.

It is supposed that the freezing outer air condensed the moist warm air within the gentleman's tall hat so suddenly that a veritable snow storm of miniature proportions was produced upon his head.

# Flirted with His Mother.

A Toledo society woman has played a good joke on her son by attending a swell private masquerade and allowing him to flirt with her; may, more, ask for a kiss without the faintest suspicion on the young man's part as to who the fair charmer was. He followed her about the entire evening, and when the time for unmasking came was at her sides ready to catch the first glimpse. Imag-ine his chagrin.-Clevelan I World.

# trouble. A German labor editor was fined recently for publishing the list of work-