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The pirates that infested the gulf of Mexico during the early years of the Spanish occupation of Central América disappeared gradually, reappeared occasionally and vanished, the last shir showing up in the early part of the nineteenth century. One moonlight night she sailed out of Puerto Cabello, la Honduras, where she had been lying at anchor during a storm, and made

for open waters. "What is that black bulk out there?" said the man at the wheel to the captain, "and how does she find anchorage

such deep water?" "She's not anchored," said the captain. "She's lying to."

"No, she's moving. Her yards are squared toward us, but she has altered her course, and I can see her sails. How can those few patches of canvas move so large a vessel, I worder?"

"All the better for us." replied the captain. "A hulk of a merchantman with such rags will be easily overhauled. Put her no'th by half no'th-

Whether the merchantman espled the pirate and proposed to get away from her or no, she turned and moved in same direction as the latter. Notwithstanding her meager show of canvas, she did not seem to ose much

"How does she keep that bace?" inquired the captain of one of his principal men we came up to ask about the stranger. "She's a queer one," replied the oth-

er musingly. The captain called the crew on deck and ordered them to prepare for action. The guns were run out, ammunition was brought up, and a reserve supply of cutlasses was dumped at the foot of the mainmast. Then the grappling from were fixed in place and the crew stood ready. So long as they were busy they kept their heads, but the moment they began to watch the strange vessel moving steadily on under sails

incapable of giving their own little ves-

sel a headway of half a dozen knots they began to look puzzled. Presently it began to be apparent to the pirates that they were gaining on the vessel. Notwithstanding that she was under the same sall as before, she was scareply moving. Then of a sud-den her sails were furled, but, wonderful to relate, she resumed her former speed. The captain, the wheelman and half a dozen of the crew who had come up to ask questions about the singular craft all looked at one another in as-

"That's no real ship!" exclaimed one

with blanched cheeks. "She is a phan-

"Slut up!" cried the captain. "She's a ship, a real ship, and we'll be aboard of her within an hour. The first man who talks about a plantom will fee the edge of my cutlass"

This quieted the crew temporarily. though several who had been bern within the fold of the church-secretiy crossed themselves. They were of the lowest classes, and their captain was no more enlightened than themselves, though made of sterner stuff. The breeze freshened, and it was apparent to the pirates that with the difference of sail area they must soon catch the stranger unless, indeed, she were a verifible phantom. Nevertheless at 2 o'clock in the morning, when the moon had passed the horizon, the pirate was as far astern as ever. The mysterious vessel moved on like a Jack o' lantern, and the pirates began to believe that the was under the protection of a dark mist that hung over her. Several times this mid disappeared, and the pursuers always noticed that at such times the stranger's pace was either abated or she ceased to move entirely. After one of these changes of guit the pirates found themselves falling half a mile behind her and on parallel lines a quar-

ter of a mile apa t.
"Send a shot," sa d the captain. The gunners got a gun ready on the forecastle, but there seemed to be some delay. The captain went forward and found the men allvering beside the

"What's the matter?" he thundered. "May be she's under the protection of the blessed sairts," whimpered on of the men. "It vould be implous to fire. Look, there's something white in the water amiddhis! She moves again Santa Maria! The sea monsters are

bearing her forward!" Every man fell on his knees and

made the sign of the cross. Suddenly the versel, notwithstanding the direction of the wind, sheered around and stood on a course tha would take her directly across the pirate's bow. The captain still kept on his feet in the midst of his kneeling men and watched her with open mouth and staring eyes. On went his vesse and on went the stranger, passing his course an eighth of a mile ahead. Presently his fighting nature overcame his superstition, and, seizing an icon that was heating in a brezier, he applied it to the yent of the gun. The sailors covered their eyes with their bands as the gun boomed. When they looked again, the vessel had passed their course, and at the moment there was a nash, and the light of Tophet flares through a square opening in her side glaring on the figure of Satan, who was thrusting a buge poker into the place

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from whence the light was emitted fell on their faces on the deck, not during to look up. When they did, the that his weight, 1,170 to 1,200 pounds, devil's packet as they called the ves | was maintained on a ration of 21.25 sel, was skipping away from them pounds of alfalfa hay and 3.4 pounds pouring a block cloud from a huge out straw, or 17.71 and 2.83 pounds re-

chimney amidships; their vessel and forever abandoned

The devil's packet was the first steamer ever seen in the gulf of Mo. F. A. MITCHEL

Origin of "Budget,"

It is difficult to realize that the term "budget," now so often in every one's mouth, is a term less than 200 years old, the earliest mention of the word dating no further back than 1733. We borrowed it from the old French language-bougette, meaning a small bag. in which in former times it was the custom to put the estimates of receipts and expenditures when presented to parliament; bence the chancellor of the exchequer, in making his annual statement, was formerly said to open his budget. In time the term passed from the receptacle to the contents, and, curiously, this new signification was returned from this country to France, where it was first used in an official manner in the early part of the nine teenth century .- London Chronicle.

There are many people who cannot at small fruits on account of the seeds and skins, because they prove so irritating to the stomach. In all such cases the fruit should be thoroughly ripe; then press it through a small wire sieve or strain through a thin cloth; then you get all there is of usethe liquid. Blue and other berries with tough skins may be cooked a little to start the juice, then strain and get rid of seeds and skins. Never put waste into a delicate stomach when possible to avoid it. Cherry stones and grape seeds are a menace to health, and children should be taught how to neatly

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were fed alfalfa only in the stable and ordinarily were allowed to run out of doors and have free access to water and a straw pile, but were given no grain. It was found that they maintained their weight on an average when eating 13.5 pounds of good alfalfa hay per day per 1,000 pounds, live weight, in addition to some straw. The amount of straw required to balance the alfalfa ration was next studied, and it was found that the daily ration eaten was 13.75 pounds alfalfa hay and 2.25 pounds oat straw per 1,000 pounds, live weight. A similar test was made with a driving horse required to perform a moderate amount of work. He was driven six miles a

Not only the erew, but the captain day at a pace that was nearly the Aimney amidships.

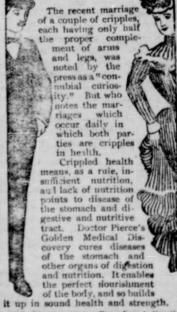
The pirates steered for land, deserted weight. According to the author, there was every reason to believe that the ration was sufficient to maintain the horse, although be did not gain in weight. These tests are especially interesting since they furnish experi-mental proof of the feeding value of

alfalfa bay for horses. Handling a Barn Kleker. In the Breeder's Gazette "M. T. G." tells of one experience be had with a barn kicker. "She was a nice big mare and very gentle," says the writer, "so I gave her to my wife and children to drive. She began to annoy by kicking in the stall. The stuffed sack scheme was at once put in practice. She would never kick when any one was in sight or hearing, so we had to watch the re-sults. The mare was tied in a single stall with the sack behind her, and the first move was a resounding whack with both feet. The sack never had a chance to swing and hit her. She met it on the rebound and literally kicked the stuffing out of it without display ing the least symptoms of fear. To make the game more interesting I took heavy punching bag filled with sand and hung it behind her. This occupied her only a little longer. She demolished it just as surely. To discover what her capacity was in this direction I stuffed balf a dozen sacks, hu in a big box stall and turned her in. She cleaned them all out with a relish

vice and made a plaything of it." Best Season for Castration. For several reasons we prefer to castrate colts in the spring of the year when they become two-year-olds. any period earlier than this, the muscles and ligaments being flabby, the intestines are more liable to come lown. Scrotal hernia is often seen in olts if not interfered with. This will right itself by the time they are a year and a half older.

intelligent to be fooled by such a de

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Breeding That Paid. A farmer in Champaign county, Ill. says the Drovers' Journal, sold \$11,000 worth of horses, the produce of one pure bred draft mare. It is reported that several central Illinois breeders have realized \$5,000 to \$10,000 for three progeny of a single thoroughbred Percheron mare. There is no pedigreed stock that produces greater returns than pure bred draft mares. They make excellent farm workers and produce high class foals.

In view of the increasing demand for registered draft animals for breeding purposes, farmers should retain all their thoroughbred mares and mate them with the best stallions, as there are customers waiting for the produce

at remunerative prices. Anti Horse Thief Society. times of peace and prosperity in Kansas is a great revival of interest in the Anti Horse Thief society, says Breeder's Gazette. It appears that Secretary G. J. McCarty, Valeda, has of late been getting many letters from all over the commonwealth asking how farmers may organize local bodies. At present ft appears that there are over 300 such bodies in the state, with about 10,000 members. It is said that twenty years ago the member of a community who did not belong to this organization in ertain districts was looked upon with

distrust by his neighbors. The Two Legged Brute. When we see a team of poor, bony horses with great patches of hair thrashed off with a cruel whip we would not give much for them, but we have more respect for them than for the two legged brute who drives them.

-Farm and Ranch. A recent report from Kansas City touching the condition of the mule market runs thus: "Dealers claim that It is not a question of selling mules that worries them nowadays, but the difficulty is in securing enough stock [fifteen hands and up to meet the de mand of the trade."

Naming a Yacht. The naming of a book is no holiday task, and authors particularly proud of a title are tolerably sure to discover that it has been already used. But the naming of a yacht is almost a greater perplexity. Plaglarism may in this case result in practical confusion carrying the most awkward consequences, and not all titles to which, in search of variety, recourse has already been had are satisfactory from all points of ylew. Not long ago, for instance, a very grave British cabinet minister. perhaps wishing for once to be sprightly, called his yacht Flirt. He had not consulted his family, who were, howev-er, quite sure, he thought, to delight in his outburst of gayety. However, his daughters naturally remarked how very disagreeable it would be to go ashore with that label around their hats.

Followed His Advice. One day a couple of girls went to the Roper livery stable and asked for a gentle horse, as they wanted to drive out in the country a few miles. The man gave them one and told them the horse would be all right if they kept the roin from his tail. When they returned in the evening he asked them if they had any trouble. "Oh, no," said "there was one little shower, but we had an umbrella and we took turns at holding it over the horse's tail, so that there was not a drop of rain souched it, and we got along all right." That explains the dazed look the liveryman has been wearing.-Hickman (Ky.) Courier.



MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Spotted muslins and grass lawns are used for many of the newest shirt walsts.

Pale blue, mauve and rose tints are leading favorites in linen, batiste and other wash fabrics. White chip picture hats trimmed

with black velvet ribbon and red or pink roses are in high favor. Many of the loosely fitting coats are of the new tussore silk, richly gar-

nished with thick string lace. Elbow sleeves characterize many of the muslin bodices, and one sees gaug-

ings on almost every other skirt. Floral painted tussores make up into the prettiest of summer frocks or blouses, with a soft chou and ceinture of liberty silk for the requisite note of

Chiffon gathered and plaited and decorated with petals of silk or spots of chenille or lines of ribbon velvet run through insertions of lace make

some elaborate deep cape collars. Pipings of yellow taffeta around the tabs of skirt and basque and bodice give a modish touch of color to a gown of white voile. The tiny cravat, as well as the lining, is of the same yellow silk.-Brooklyn Eagle.

THE HORSES.

Ben Keuney is training the bay gelding William Tell, 2:111/2, raced and marked last season by Dick Wilson. The pacer Pan Michael, a full brother to Boralma, 2:0714, that is owned by Dr. McCoy, Kirkwood, Del., will be

a "warm member" in the slow pacing

classes. It is said that the Electrite stallion Porto Rico, 2:14, will be in the stable of W. O. Foote this season. This horse trotted a quarter last spring in 28%

Direct Hal, 2:041/4, in the midst of his stud duties at Village farm, is getting five or six miles of stiff jogging daily, and the dose is being gradually increased.

W. O. Foote has stepped his green pacer Starch, by Ashland Wilkes, 2:17%, a quarter in 31 seconds at Dallas, Tex. He has taken up Rilma, 2:09%, and will try to train her again. Lord Vincent, 2:08%, that won the Transylvania in 1899, is entered in some of the 2:09 classes in the grand circuit. Lord Vincent was widely known last year as the Christian Sci-

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Edward Morgan will star next season in "The Eternal City."

Miss Viola Allen will spend the com ing summer in the Berkshire hills. John Craig will next season be leading man in support of Mary Manner-

Before beginning her London engagement Sarah Bernhardt is to make a tour of Germany. One of the features of a lurid melodrama lately seen in Boston was wolves and hyenas.

Jean de Reszke, to come to this country again for twenty performances. wants \$4,000 a performance. Lisle Leigh, formerly of the Fore-

paugh stock, is leading woman of the Grand Opera stock, Pittsburg. E. M. Holland of Miss Viole Allen's company in "The Eternal City" will appear next season with Kyrle Bellew. Eighty-five stock companies were in operation during the past season throughout the country, and thirty of them will continue into the summer.

ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

Plumbers in England receive \$10.34

a week. Roofs over the outside of the tram way cars are being adopted at Shef-

There is among the inmates of Bow (England) workhouse infirmary a Polish girl who can speak thirteen lan-

guages. Nelson's old ship, the Victory, is still to be accessible to the British public, although she is shortly to be super seded as the admiral's flagship at

In consequence of extensive building operations near the Strand, that part of London is so infested with rats that are afraid to go out at night.