each having been captured by himself.

The specialty of a business man in New

York city is rattlesnakes' tails, and

outside of a menagerie, he buys every

set of rattles he can lay hands on and

GRATEFUL COLONISTS.

How They Repaid Sir Robert Walpole's

Kindness

England populated some of her Ameri-

tered pages of an old book, published

one hundred years ago, the following reference to the objectionable practice: When Sir Robert Walpole was prime

minister of England he sent a shipload

of convicts to be distributed between

Pennsylvania and Virginia, and noti-

fied Dr. Franklin, who was the repre-

sentative or commissioner, to look after

the American interests. The doctor,

in response, wrote him expressing the

thanks of the colonies for the maternal

care of Great Britain for her colonies

so strongly manifested, and that, as an

expression of American gratitude he

had the honor to inform him that he

had this day sent him by the return

ship a collection of rattlesnakes, and

would respectfully nuggest that he

have them introduced into his majesty's

garden at Kew, in order that they

might propagate and increase, at the

same time assuring his excellency that

they would be as beneficial to his

Just Like Pale-Face.

Methodist church, some time ago

which served to call a halt on long-

are red and yellow, in bands, dots,

crescents and stripes, the red predomi-

nating to such an extent that the

creature appears as a carmine rocket

when sailing through the air. Some

like those of the American flying squir-

ger" bottle with from nine to ten times that number of "seed pearls," the decaying digit and the rice carefully

What Makes Co Thirsty.

Thirst is simply a sensation by which

a lack of fluids in the system is made

snown, and in a state of health it is a generally faithful indication of the

wants of the body. Natural thirst is

ore of the pharyngeal membrane to secrete a due amount of liquids, but if

fluids were to be introduced directly

into the stomach through a tube, and

not by way of the fances -ne has been

done in some unusual cases the im-

stowed away among them.

have declared that his wings are "sails"

An incident occurred at Olney (Pa.)

Before the war of the revolution

has a cabinet full of them.

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AMERICAN JOURNALISM.

ts Cddities As Set Forth by a Literary Gentleman in La Belle France. The common saying that one has to go abroad to hear the best of the home down on the compositors' heads is left forced, says an exchange. for the reader to correct. At the very it in America. There editor, proof-reader, compositors attack each other warded to Herr Konig for examination. to find it out as I have just done."
And then he goes on to relate the appalling case that he refers to. An American editor apologizes for his misprint, laying the blame on his proof-reader, and adding the remark that if that carcless person would occupy him- revealed a minute white diamond. This self a little leas with the pretty girls is the first discovery of diamonds in mewho work in the press-room and flirt | teoric iron. with the proofs a little more, such blunders would not happen. To this on earth, a wanderer from remote reparagraph the proofreader appends a

lows whole without one gasp of incredulity. A STRANGE STORY.

the compositors throw every day more

type at each other's heads than they

set. Then the compositors take their

informs us, is only the plain unvar-

nished truth about American newspa-

Death of the Notorious Black Canon of Lyons. eration. La Figuro says: "To the cunning of an impostor he added a profound and devious scholarship. Magic and the arts of a darker age hid no seerets from him. V hen he revounced his allegiance to the church the archpishop of Paris, nawilling to lose so learned a colleague, sent two worthy canons to reason with him. But he called down so many devils upon their heads that they were only too glad to leave him in peace. For many years he has devoted himself to the practice of his art and profited greatly thereby.

"It was his wont to administer la messe noire, with all its obscene rites, in a private chapel beyond the heights of Mont Parnasse, and from many a distraught soul he exercised a termenting demon. He died at the zenith of his power. It is but a few months ago that he was called upon to relieve an unfortunate lady from a double spell. Not merely was the victim harassed by physical pain, but trees and plants

withered upon her estate.
"The Black Canon by his incanta tions, instantly cured the bodily anguish and would have restored the leaves and blossoms of the lady's garden had not she too suddenly closed her purse. A strayling from the middle ages, he leaves none to inherit his occult power, for he would have despised the experiments of so patent an mateur as Col. de Rochas. Was he the slave of superstition or a reasonable and contemptuous cynic? For the sake of humor and his own peace of mind, it is trusted the latter."

Instinct in Cobras.

It is a common belief in India that if a cobra is killed and the remains are left in a bungalow, others of the species will be aitracted to the spot. A correspondent of the Pioneer Mail records an incident which appears to indicate, as he says, that there is some truth in this theory. About nine months area Col. Ilderton killed a very large cobra in the compound of his sungalow at Dinapore, and had its skin stuffed and set up by a native mochee. Since then the compound has been infested with these snakes, and no less than eight full-grown cobras. measuring from four feet eight inches to five feet four Inches, have been killed there, one of which was sitting up, with its hood extended, contemplating the house where the remains of its preserved friend were. It is a curious fact that every snake when found was making in the direction of the bungalow, and most of them showed fight when tackied. The last two were within a few feet of each other when Col. Ilderton killed them with a stick, and were advancing up taken in the night with cramping pains boards. It is a wholesome reaction have been seen in other parts of the station.

Pites! Pites! 18thing Pites.

and stinging; most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue for about a week and had tried different billity upon those members of congress, who, under any system, must control to the continue for about a week and had tried different billity upon those members of congress, who, under any system, must control and stinging; most at night; worse by Remedy and the first dose relieved her, under the new system the public has a tumors form. who often bleed and remedies for diarrhosa but kept getting its operations, namely, the great leaders Oregonism, the greatest newspaper of the discrete, better of the West. With the General both atrict of the West. With the General both atrict of the West. With the General both atrict of the great leaders by in advance, one year, \$3.50 No hotter Orangement stops the Helping and bleed. Only fore dozen of it were required in fore, likely to be continued in principle. by in advance, one year, \$3.00 No hotter triangular room of ne expanses of the series of ne expanses of the series of ne expanses of the series of the serie

SOURCE OF THE DIAMOND. An Expert Discourses on the Meteoric Theory.

Until recently the view obtained curnews is admirably exemplified in a remond originated in some secret process rency in scientific circles that the diacent number of the Annales Politiques in the depths of the earth and was et Litteraires. Michel Delines devoted brought to the surface along with its matrix, the "blue earth," by volcanic astonishing feature of American action; but this view is no longer tenajournalism. French newspapers, he bie. The diamond is not thrown up says, do not mind misprints very much. from the depths, but falls from the coquille that does not absolutely heights! This, at least, is the conclutear up and threaten to bring the roof sion to which we are at length being

The meteoric theory has recently reworst, the correction would be limited ceived important confirmation. Great to a simple erratum. Far different is masses of meteoric iron are found in in the columns of their paper when a The iron proved exceedingly hard and misprint occurs. "This is what happens it was only with the greatest difficulty constantly in America," Mr. Delines that it was cut through. The cut says, "and the numerous Parisians who passed through a hollow which on exare going to Chicago will have occasion amination was found to contain dia-

gions of space? Are the glittering note to explain that his eyesight is stars diamond factories? Is the moon not very good and that he needs new furrowed by meteorites, richer in diaspectacles, which he has been meaning | monds than the earth? Most probably, to buy out of the \$10.25 which the edit- for it has no oxygen atmosphere in or has owed him since last December. which the diamonds could be consumed Besides, the best reader in the world on their passage through it. would be of no use in an office where

And when a shooting star "goes out" when a meteor flashes on its fiery course-is it a diamond that lights its path by combustion? It may be that the fire balls that

innings, assailing the reader of proof with many unkind and discourteous gleam for a moment mark the combusremarks, of which the least offensive | tion of a diamond's priceless value. On is that the oldest settler has never seen the other hand it may be that combushim sober. All this, Michel Delines tion is supported simply by coal. Where lies the diamond land? Who sent to earth the carbon crystal for

per ways. It is a simple unexaggerawhich men so often resign what is of ted record of events which has just more value than even the Koh-i-noorfound "dans un recent numero de honor, faith, justice? l'Arizona Kieker," and which he swal-SPEED OF SHOOTING STARS.

Swarms of Them Flashing Through Space at a Prodigious Rate. The shooting stars are small bodies, weighing, at most, a few pounds, and consisting mainly of iron and carbon.

sequently when a shower of them approaches the earth in the direction opposite to its course, the initial speed is seventy-two kilometers a second; when they follow on its course they gain sixteen and a half kilometers a second on it, their mean rate of approach being thirty to forty kilometers a second. The friction engenders a temperature of three thousand degrees Celsius, subject to which they burst into flame. If under these conditions their substance is not vaporized, they pass through and vapor mingles with the atmosphere, to fall later as meteoric dust. In this manner we come in contact annually with one hundred and forty-six milliards

bly to the earth's substance. FOOD OF AN ANCIENT PEOPLE. They Fed on Spotls of the Chase and Had

Plentifully scattered through the range a programme of legislation for relie beds of Switzerland's lakes are both houses. In the second place, the fragmentary remnants of its ancient speaker is chosen for a definite term of people's food. We learn that they were two years, unless by vote compelled that he could not dance at all for a not cannibals, for, amid a profusion of sooner to resign. But parties in the animal bones, very few of the human United States are much more stable species have been detected. The de-posits of the earliest settlements prove elects the speaker invariably holds its that the inhabitants were ardent hunt- majority to the end of that congress. ers, and then largely fed on the spoils Nothing, therefore, but the disregard of the chase. But in after ages, when of the wish of his own followers is likefarming occupations were followed to a ly to destroy the speaker's power: and greater extent, the flesh of tamed ani- when his followers no longer stand by mals was chiefly caten. The bones him, his position is much like that of have mostly been split open, doubtless the premier against whom the house of for the purpose of extracting the marrow. Among the animals domesticated | confidence. by the lake dwellers were the ox, the sheep and the goat. Their stalls, like [itical influence will be destroyed. The their masters' dwellings, were upon the executive part of the premier's power is him, but lay down from fatigue at the water; and quantities of the litter pro- not within reach of the speaker; but if end of two fields. When he reached vided for them have been found in the the tradition of party action through Norwich he had to dance in and out of mud of the lakes. Moss, which has the speaker continues, the general polalso been largely discovered, is thought liey of the party will be formed so as to by the Gentleman's Magazine to have include executive action. A president formed the sleeping couches of the who wishes to stand well with his party billity of error. household. Numerous wild fruits, such is likely to aid in carrying out the proas apples, pears, plums, raspberries and gramme arranged by the junto of which nuts, were included in the vegetable the speaker is the leading member. diet of these Swiss aborigines; and the detection of apple parings testified to apeaker's power has not been conferred a certain nicety in their culsine. They by a recent vote of the house in adoptcultivated the common cereals, wheat and barley; and flat, round cakes have been disinterred, and also several the rules of the house. It is a natural stones, between which the grain was growth, and part of the tendency

Mrs. Rhodie Nosh, of this place, was upon individuals rather than upon and the next day discribes set in. She from the divided irresponsibility and took half a bottle of blackberry cordial wasteful system of conducting the busibut got no relief. She then sent to me to see if I had anything that sould hale the consideration of the measures held to see if I had anything that would help by the leaders of the majority to be ber. I sent her a boitle of Chamber-most important. Those measures may bymptoms-Mossture; intense tieting lain's Colie, Chloera and Diarrhoes or may not be for the public good; but in the state. Heads we will give us a removes the tensors. At droggists, or present the state, as agricultural paper, by mail, for 20 cents. Dr. Swayks & Son.

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WHAT A COLD WAVE IS. Tis Not a Wave but an Avalanche of

Cold Air. The term "cold wave" applied to a sudden and great fall of temperature is a figure of speech. It is rather an avalanche of cold air that comes down upon the country, explains Prof. Russell in the Engineering Magazine. The essential idea in a wave is repetition. In the eastern part of the country there is a regular change in the temperature of air of about 15 degrees from day to night. In the high and dry regions beyond the Mississippi river the daily range is 45 degrees in some places. The great irregular changes called cold waves have no definite period.

The weather bureau definition of a cold wave is a fall in temperature of 20 degrees or more in twenty-four hours, free of diurnal range and extending ver an area of at least 50,000 square miles of country, the temperature some where in the area going at least as low as 36 degrees. Marking on a map where cold wave has occurred by lines through the places of equal fall of tent. In one of the greatest cold waves in recent years, that of February 17, on the day pree-ding throughout an area of 1,005,000 square miles, extendng from Lake Superior and Georgian ony on the North to the Rio Grande on innati. Inside of the area of 20-degree of 640,000 square mites; inside of the area of 30-degree fall there was an area of 40degree fall of 187,0.0 square miles; inside the 40-degree fall there was \$1,000 quare miles of 50-degree fall, and inide of the 50-degree fall a fall of 60 degrees at Keokuk, In., the center of the sold wave, the temperature, which was O degrees on the morning of February 16, being zero the next day.

Price of an Entree of Society. The London Times and Telegraph ublished the other day this remarkaole advertisement: "A lady of title, moving in the best society, will receive young lady into her house as a friend. Terms, ten thousand dollars per annum. Any introduction of such will be handsomely acknowledged. Address Patrician, 13,720, etc." At once the court officials set to work and they found The death is aurounced in Paris of They traverse space in swarms and also widow of a baronet, who is in a posithat it emanated indirectly from the Abbe Boullan, the famous - or in- revolve around the sun in long, ellip- tion to offer the social advantages famous-defroque, the Black Canon tical courses like the comets. When which the advertisement implies, but of Lyons, the real hero of "La Bas," | these little bodies enter the earth's orbit | she finds herself in a very straitened says a correspondent. Though he they are deflected toward the earth and financial condition; hence the advertisemakes but rare appearance in M. Huys- Public Opinion says great numbers are ment. While the officials refuse to give the book from beginning to end. And well it might for in teach he was well it might, for in truth he was the energy of their motion. Their speed butantes and their parents against this is enormous, viz.: Forty-two and a half expensive lodging, and furthermore the kilometers a second, while the speed of baroness has been notified that if she the earth on its orbit is only twenty- appears in society with any strange or five kilometers a second, forward. Con- unknown lady her name will be given to the press as the a thoress of the advertisement.

THE AMERICAN PREMIER.

A Comparison Between the American and The parallel between the English and the American premiers is, of course, by no means exact. In the first place, our speaker is powerful only in the house, writes Albert Bushnell Hart in the Atbeyond the upper strata of our at- while the premier, through his majorlantic on "The Speaker as a Premier," mosphere and pursue their proper ity in the house of commons, may, and out rest. There many invited him to frequently does, overawe the house of drink, but the notes of the tabor cut tords. The senate is not bound to rec- short his jocularities, and he pranced of shooting stars, which add consideralown a policy of successive measures and that ended his first day's exploit. and of urging those measures through. controlled by the same party, it is probspeaker is the leading member, will ar- well again, to the delight of the commons has passed a vote of want of

The speaker must resign, and his pothe speaker is the leading member. This most recent addition to the

ing rules, and in fact is not expressed in the constitution, the acts of congress, or throughout the national, state and municipal systems to put responsibility

er, and will somewhat increase. Since the legislative department in every republic constantly tends to gain ground at the expense of the executive, the speaker is likely to become, and perhaps is already, more powerful, both for good and for evil, than the president of the United States. He is premier in legislation, it is the business of his party that he be also premier in character, in ability, in leadership or statesmanship.

Soon Spotted by the Conductors, They Are Given the Sixth Degree. Every street-car line in New York employs from forty to sixty "spotters," who are paid twenty cents a round trip, and whose business it is to see that all fares received are rung up on the car indicator.

"It's the easiest thing in the world." said a Broadway car conductor to a while he never saw a live rattlesnake World man, "for us to spot them. In the first place they have to keep track of every person who gets on the car and they can be seen taking notes. The usual method is for the spotter to carry a pocketful of beans. As a passenger temperature the areas are seen to be inclosed and sometimes very great in exwhen he leaves the car, as he usually does when it nearly reaches the tern recent years, that of February 17, 1883, the temperature at 7 a. m. was 20 largers lower than at the same hour legrees lower than at the same hour the number tallies with that shown on the register.

"Usually the spotter gets on the car about five blocks from the starting bay on the North to the Rio Grande on the south and from Kansas City to Cin-of mine that he had two pockets in one, fall there was an area of 30-degree fall at all. The spotter's word is always taken, and it is seldom that a conductor

gets anything but his dismissal notice. "There is no appeal from his report. Seven trips a day is the average made by these men, and if they do not report a man or two a week the officials think they are not attending to business. There is one consolation to horest conductors, however, and that is that the spotters have men to watch them, and no one spotter is known to another. Their statements are all mailed to the car superintendent at his residence, and they get their pay each month by mail. sometimes happens that two willboard the same car unknown to each other, and perhaps give in different remajesty's English dominions as British ports. Whenever I am sure of a spotconvicts were to his American possester I give him the sixth degree as he gets off the car.

"I can't tell you how it is done, but it works to a charm, and before night four or five other conductors know him, and the next day he is known to as nany more, so that in a few weeks most of us 'get on,' as the boys say. It winded sermons. The housekeeper of never fails, and the spotter becomes a "hose eyes are as keen as can be."

The longest dance on record is probably that of William Kemp, an actor of Elizabeth. He was a comedian and danced all the way from London to Norwich. He was attended by a taborer, a servant and an overseer, and the Boston Globe thinks it was doubtless a good thing for him that there were no omnibuses or police then, for they would probably have imposed more impediments in the way of his progress than did the country people. He start-ed with several presents of groats and crooked sixpences for luck, and laden ognize the leadership of the speaker of off to llford, where he had to reject the house of representatives; but even another carouse that was offered to here there is an evident convenience in him. From liford he danced in the having a party chief, capable of laying | moonlight to a point near Romford. Subsequently he went in for early Whenever hereafter the two houses are risings to avoid market people, and though suffering from a sprain of the time, and his fourth day's dance was a hard one-thick woods on each side and lanes full of deep holes, so that sometimes, he says, he "akipt up to the waist," which must have placed him in a woeful plight. He rested at Braintree and danced three miles off his next day's journey. His next stop was at Sudberry, where a butcher tried to dance with him, but in half a mile he was tired and had to give in. He lanced the ten miles from Bury to Thetford in three hours. His next stage was to Rockland, from which

QUEER COLLECTIONS.

The Strange Tastes of Some Propts for Odd Articles. Pretty nearly every sort of odd and nteresting things, from death-masks. and autographs of famous men to postage stamps and arrow-heads, has been collected by somebody. A Boston bar-ber has a trunk full of envelopes, in each one of which is a clipping of the hair or beard of some patron, each being labeled, dated and otherwise properly inscribed. Books and papers about skating are the only objects gathered by a Paris collector. The specialty of a Madrid collector is broken tiles of Moorish origin, and he will not buy a perfect tile, but has a house full of

In Herlin is a collector whose pet

Highest of all in Leavening Power.- Latest U.S. Gov't Report

SPOTTERS ON STREET CARS.

the parsonage is an Indian woman, walking sign to the men on the road, who was secured through the Carlisle i, and who has ever been one of most prompt attendants at all the church services. The pulpit was A LONG DANCE. filled one Sunday evening during the An Old-Time English Actor Who Skipped from London to Norwich. warm summer months by an old time elergyman, whose prosy doctrinal ser-mon of a "full yard wide," set many in the audience a napping long before the e celebrity in the reign of Queen "fifthly and finally" section of the discourse had been reached. The Indian housekeeper, unaccustomed to such an innovation, and being regular in her hours of retiring, after several vigorous yawns stood up in her place in the "meetin' house," and raising up her right hand exclaimed in broken English: "Home! me sleepy." The effect was electrical; the sermon was cut short and the congregation soon dismissed, and short sermons are said to be in order since that day at Olney. Flying Lizards of Borneo. According to the testimony of our most reliable naturalists the only genus of "flying serpent" now known to inhabit the earth is a family of reptiles which make their homes in the great forests of Borneo, mentioned by Meek, Williams, Kinne and others as "the flying lizards of the South seas." The best known species of this flying saurian is Draco Volens leekii, a striped. snake-like lizard about fourteen or sixteen inches in length when full grown. The primary colors of Draco

rel, but Meek says "they approach true wings and can be used by the little saurian to guide himself at will." A Borneo Superstillon. The pearl hunters of Borneo and adjacent islands have a peculiar superatition. When they open shells in search of pearls, they take every ninth find, whether it be large or small, and put it into a bottle with a dead man's lager. They are kept and are known as "seed pearls," or "breeding pearls, and the natives of the islands men tioned firmly believe that they have distance over again to avoid any possithe powers of reproducing their kind. For every pearl put into the phial, two grains of rice are thrown in for the pearls to "feed" upon. Some of the white gem hunters of Borneo believe in the superstition as firmly as the natives do. It is said that nearly every but along the coast has its "dead fin

weakness is stuffed outs, and he pays large prices for tabbies which perish in his neighborhood, being his own One of the largest private collections

sive collection of scorpions and centipedes so far reported, the specimens DIPLOMAT WAS CHILLED. numbering over fifteen hundred, and

ABSOLUTELY PURE

he French Minister at Washington Loved the Highest Place Too Well. An interesting story is being told in Washington regarding M. Patenotre, the French ambassador. After congress passed the law empowering the president to send ambassadors to such ountries as would raise the rank of their representatives, Sir Julian Pauncefote was the first to inform the president of the intention of his counry to make him an ambassador. M. Patenotre conceived the ambition to be the dean of the ambassadors and communicated it to his home government. and his commission arrived before Sir Julian's. He went to the state depart. ment in the hope of immediate recognition as the first ambassador to this country. He was told that Sir Julian had anticipated him by informing the department of the action of his government. He was angry and wrote to the president requesting his intervention. He received instead a chilly letter from

WEN OF WAR.

Mr. Gresham.

MILITARY instruction in public schools is being strongly advocated throughout Ohio.

A NEW rifle, in use by the Italian army, sends a bullet through five inches of solid oak at a distance of four thousand feet.

THE death of Marshal Canrobert realls the fact that from him came the historic remark: "It is magnificent, but it is not war." The words were uttered as he watched the charge of the Six Hundred.

GEN. VAN VLIET is not the oldest living officer of the regular army. Lieut. Michael Moore (retired) entered the service as music boy in April, 1812, before Van Vliet was born. The lieutenant is a Brooklyn man

SENATOR GORDON in his eloquent lecture, "The Last Days of the Confederacy," is lavish in compliments and profuse in praise of nearly all the leaders on both sides of the great war, exident of the confederacy is not men-

GEN. DANIEL MORGAN WAS known as the teamster boy of Virginia and the hero of Cowpens. He served as a wag-oner in Braddock's retreat, won honor in Arnold's assault on Quebec and fought brilliantly against the British in the south. Physically he was, next to Washington, the largest general officer among the continentals.

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