HEPPNER OREGON.

To be sure the elevator combine is designed to lift prices.

lost everything but honor, and Spain had none of that to lose.

All sorts of party calculations are bemust end in naught.

Some of those Pacific possessions knows what we may be calling them a little while from now.

In a recent duel in Budapest one of the parties was wounded. This will give everybody a chance to say that they manage matters better in France.

If twenty postoffice clerks in Manila can do the work of 200 Spaniards any good American tallor would be equal to holding down the director general-

It's a subject for a moment's reflection if not longer looking into, that as much as eight million dollars were spent by this nation last year for looking glasses.

It seems only natural that the President, after seconding the Czar's demand for universal peace, should bethe army and navy.

name of General Weyler street back to a special examination. It is certainly street by any other name than Weyler entific inquiry is now to be made as to would smell sweeter.

General Kitchener wants \$500,000 for the erection of a Gordon memorial college at Khartum. Such of the native as have survived the Kitchener preparatory school are invited to at-

means the last.

One phase of the Indian situation Western ranchman. He was asked if land. the Indians near his ranch were troublesome. "Naw," was his frank reply. "They hain't got nothin' we want."

for and by the people. Imagine an American paper being confiscated for a similar offense.

A late appointment in Philadelphia is that of "Custodian of the Loft," to look after some old papers that are not needed more than three times a year. In the street cleaning department of New York three bosses to oversee five men has not been an infrequent occurrence. The padded pay-roll of politics needs no further illustration.

The literature of heraldry is running Eastern society wild. Half a dozen venders of ready-made crests and be doing Philadelphia. The rage for are taking on fine names and coaches have their lions rampant or tigers couchant on the doors. There is a general rush for insignia of rank.

We take it as a timely acknowledgment of the humanity behind the guns that the Spanish branch of the Red Cross Society has been asking for information as to the medical and humane devices used by the United States to alleviate the horrors of war. What a pity that the Spanish society had not made some effort to alleviate the horrors in Cuba that precipitated the war.

The sending of 1,800 tons of steel rails from Sparrows Point, Md., to Bombay, India, by the Maryland Steel Company is a further indication of the inroads which American manufacturers are making in markets heretofore monopolized by Great Britain. The same company has booked an order for 2,500 tons of eighty-three pound steel rails for a railroad in Ireland, thus actually bearding the British lion in his own

United States Pension Commissioner Evans has compiled from official sources the American casualties on account of the war with Spain, and places the total number of deaths at 2,906, of which 107 were officers. The lives lost in the destruction of the Maine are considered in the same light as mortality in battle. Of the total deaths, eighty officers and 2,520 privates died of disease in the various camps, and since the close of hostilities in Cuba sixty- and then decreases. Tests of the one men died of wounds which they strength of several thousands of peoreceived in the service.

A curious feature of the recent crisis between England and France was the buying of British consols (government bonds) and other British securities in the London market by French investors. It was made perfectly plain that not a few Frenchmen believed that the country their own nation threatened to fight was so much more secure. at home and abroad, and better able to survive a great trial without international disturbance and danger to vested rights, that they smothered their French pride and let prudence direct their investments into British property.

There is really no sound argument against the restoration of the cat-o'- ness of old age is reached. It is not nine-talls to its useful place among the weapons of justice. The main object the decline of strength after the fiftieth tion advanced is that it brutalizes the persons on whom it is used-that it ex- different individuals. tinguishes the last remaining spark of manbood. The answer to this is that only crimes the commission of which proves the culprits to be already with- | Stella-From her father. He keeps a out manhood or the sense of shame drug store.-Household Words.

Heppner Weekly Gazette should be punished at the whipping post. The crimes meant are those of which women and children are the

There are materials now at hand in the American and Spanish records of the recent war out of which a historical novel could be made that would rank with "Ivanhoe" or "Hypatia" in dramatic interest. Where is the Scott or | And we'll lay us down in the light to And then it came about that Spain | Kingsley to put these materials into undying form? The oppression of the Spanish officials in Cuba, their ven lity, and their brutality-these might form Lieut. Hobson is still gaining the dark background against which to strength. He has succeeded in lifting depict the devotion of some high minda \$6,000 mortgage from his mother's ed Cuban patriot. Weyler and Fitzhugh Lee in opposing roles, the secret plotting at Havana and New York, the

lobbying at Washington, the deception ing made on 1900, but a close study of at Madrid, all offer good materials. the figures shows one-half of them Blanco might be cast in the role of arch plotter, and the dastardly destruction of the Maine might be shown with all the secret workings of the demonlac have hard names as it is, Goodness forces that led to the crime. The curse of that crime should be made to follow the Spanish cause throughout the war, to lead Blanco into ordering Cervera to his doom, to blight his own plottings for a dictatorship, and to cause the THE DUPLICITY downfall of Spanish sovereignty in the new world forever-as it really did. Such a novel, with the stamp of genius upon its pages, would be the book of the decade. Who will write it?

As an instance of the thoroughness with which the England of to-day is entering upon its gigantic colonial tasks the proposed college at Khartum is an excellent Illustration. Another which apeals less to the imagination, but is far more practical, is the arrangements the Colonial Office is making for the study and treatment of tropical diseases. Hereafter medical applicants for appointment in the tropics will be gin immediately to talk of increasing required to have passed at least two months of special study upon this subject in institutions specified and to give In Havana they have changed the evidence of their knowledge by passing Obispo. The Cubans believe that a an indication of better things that scithe nature, causes and treatment of diseases peculiar to tropical regions, Much | nephew is a fool." has already been done in the study of yellow fever, the bubonic plague, etc. It is also now known that malaria is caused by a parasitic organism introduced into the corpuscles of the blood by the mosquito and perhaps by the com-It has come at last. A woman in New | tsetse fly are probably due to some kind | not do that." York has been driven insane by the of parasite or bacterium. A knowledge telephone. She raves constantly: "Ring of the causes of disease is of prime im- tell him so." and ring, but all they do is to ask the portance, whether in the tropics or elsenumber." She is the first, but by no where, but too little attention has heretofore been given to the proper regimen in health and disease in tropical regions, a subject in which America is was happily hit off the other day by a now scarcely less interested than Eng-

The right to capture private property of the enemy on the sea in time of war and divide it up among the captors is a A Paris paper has been conflacated subject of exceedingly great interest to for printing a caricature of Emperor | the commercial world, says the Chicago | she had received an answer. William's visit to the Holy Land. And Times-Herald. At the breaking out of yet France is a republic-a government our recent war it attracted immediate old gentleman. "I don't want it to get attention from the numerous captures of Sapnish trading vessels plying between the ports of Porto Rico and Cuba and other countries. The prize money that thus fell to our naval forces was justified by past precedents, but to the general observer this making a prey of | wrote a ridiculous letter on 'Unwomaninoffensive and defenseless merchant- ly Sports' that appeared in the ---" men seemed more like piracy than civilized war. By reason of this experience ed that this remnant of barbaric war- match for him." fare should now be abolished. Captain Mahan comes to the defense of the custom, and urges as his strongest argument that commerce is the life of a nation, tree. I must go home and work." on which it thrives, and that therefore shields and coats of mail are said to anything that will cripple his commerce go any further?" will cripple its fighting power. He arms is at fever pitch. Even vehicles further says that the great commer- ly, wheeling off; "I'll see that it doesn't cial interests throw their influence on go any further." the side of peace, for the very reason fer no more than the additional tax for be crippled on land by like means? they may not be forced into the ene- man hastened his thoughtful pace. my's army? Why should not the growing crops be destroyed so that there would not be food for the enemy? No. The capture of private property on the high seas is no more defensible than the capture of the same kind of property on land, and it is to be hoped that early steps will be taken among the na-It would indeed be a good subject for it, discussion at the Czar's peace confer-

> At What Age Is Man Strongest? The muscles, in common with all the organs of the body, have their stages of development and decline, says the Strand Magazine. Our physical strength increases up to a certain age her of a gentler and-er-more womanple have been made by means of a dynamometer (strength measurer), and the following are given as the average figures for the white race:

The "lifting power" of a youth of seventeen years is 280 pounds. In his twentieth year this increases to 320 pounds, and in the thirtieth and thirtyfirst years it reaches its height, 356 pounds. At the end of the thirty-first year the strength begins to decline, very slowly at first.

By the fortieth year it has decreased eight pounds, and this diminution continues at a slightly increasing rate until the fiftieth year is reached, when the

figure is 330 pounds. After this period the strength falls more and more rapidly, until the weakpossible to give accurate statistics of year, as it varies to a large extent in

Ella-Where does Bella get her good looks from-her father or her mother?

AT THE TURN OF THE ROAD.

Where the rough road turns, and the val ley sweet Smiles bright with its balm and bloom,

We'll forget the thorns that have pierced And the nights with their grief and

And the sky will smile, and the stars will

dream.

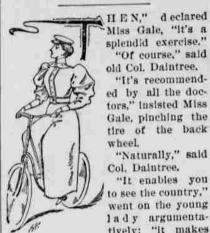
We shall lay us down in the bloom and With a prayer and a tear for rest, As tired children who creep at night To the love of a mother's breast, And for all the grief of the stormy past Rest shall be sweeter at last-at last!

Sweeter because of the weary way And the lonesome night and long,

While the darkness drifts to the perfect With its splendor of light and song. The light that shall bless us and kiss us and love us

And sprinkle the roses of heaven above -Sydney Advertiser.

OF COL. DAINTREE.



Miss Gale, "it's a | zling order. splendid exercise." "Of course," said old Col. Daintree. "It's recommended by all the doc- tisement: tors," insisted Miss Gale, pinching the tire of the back wheel. "Naturally," said

"It enables you to see the country," went on the young lady argumentatively; "it makes paper to ascertain the cause of Di's exyou hungry; It is the best thing for the

temper that was ever invented." "Fact matter is," said the old gentleman, as they went down the hill, "my "In regard to this question of cy-

cling," she agreed cautiously. "And although of course I like him," said the young lady, glancing at the ground shyly. "and all that, I cannot permit him for a single moment to say mon fly. The effects of the bites of the that I shall not do this or that I shall

> "I should have felt much inclined to "I did," said the young woman firmly.

The Colonel bent to dust his white

"These young professors," he remarked, "get a didactic manner that is at times highly ridiculous. I'm afraid I shall have to get Frank married in or-

"Married!" The bicycle was stopped suddenly. "To whom?" She rested the treadle on the curb as one who did not propose to move until

"You won't speak of this," said the

about. "You may rely on me."

"Don't happen by chance to know a Mme, Van Oppen?" "I do not know her," said the girl quickly, "and I don't want to. She

"Rather a pleasing sort of widow," said the Colonel. "She has property in there has been a general desire express- Holland, and she would be an excellent

"Hope he'll have the sense to-to patronize home industries." She laughed rather uneasily. "Good-by, Col. Dain-"You won't let this that I've told you

"No," promised Miss Gale, decided-

Col. Daintree went carefully down that they will be the greatest sufferers | the steps to the terrace walk, chuckling by war. "Assure nations," he adds, so much that infants who were exercis-'that their financial interests will suf- ing their dolls stared at him amazedly, and in their astonishment allowed their maintaining active hostilities, that the tow-haired, staring-eyed charges to asoperations of maritime commerce, for- sume an upside-down position that was when she wishes to change her state is eign and coastwise, will undergo no almost undignified. The old gentleman hindrance, and you will have removed | talked to his dog, as, leaning on the parone of the most effective preventives of apet, he looked at the arum Illy-shaped war." We think this argument proves | fountain, sparkling in the sunlight, and too much. If a nation may be crippled | watched the folk coming up the pathon the sea in this way, why may it not | ways from the riverside. He lighted a cigar, but his thoughts were so absorb Why should not towns and cities be ing that he allowed it to go out. Pressacked and plundered by a victorious ently he saw, among the people who army and the booty divided among the were coming up the gardens, a serious officers and men? Why should not non- young man, wearing place-nez. He combatants be put to the sword so that | waved his walking stick, and the young

> "My boy," cried the Colonel, cheerful ly, "how are you, how are you?"

"Not very fit, uncle." "That confounded South Kensington

"It's not that, sir," said Mr. Frank Daintree, "I-I have had some little dispute with Miss Gale." The Colonel was tions to abolish this form of warfare. much astonished. "Rather worried over

> "Tell me," said the Colonel. And he listened to an account of the dispute with all the attention of one receiving gland and Scotland. Last year Bangor news of a perfect freshpess.

"And I must say," concluded the young man, "that I consider there is no necessity for a girl to cycle, and that there are many other exercises open to ly character."

"I quite agree with you," said the old gentleman emphatically.

"And yet, when I ventured to hint to with disfavor, my remarks were received with-well, almost contempt."

"I don't know what girls are thinking of," said the Colonel, despairingly, 'Fact matter is, I expect you don't go mite the right way to work, Frank, You're too deferential, too courteous, things too numerous to mention. The This was the Gadsden purchase, too submissive. Now, a girl like Miss largest "novelty" factory in the world | So far, although the territorial ex-Gale requires the hand of steel more is at South Paris, Oxford County, pansion of the United States had been than the glove of velvet."

"Not sure that I quite follow you, sir," said the other doubtfully. "Perhaps you are not listening."

"I'm trying to, sir."

"Fact matter is, strictly between ourselves, Miss Gale wants a lord and firm has made 5,000,000 skewers, such of thirty-one years, the United States the authority of Mexico. Many of these master; some one who will simply as are used by butchers. Wooden bl- again expands its territorial limits. make her obey his commands. That's cycle rims are also an important article the kind of man she ought to marry."

"I know just the man," declared the Colonel, jubilantly. "As it happens, I've got him in my mind's eye at the present mount."

"I think you'd better keep him there. UNCLE SAM'S GROWTH

sir," sald Mr. Dulntree, warmly, "This

is not a matter that calls for the inter

of respect for you, sir, but I must

"He won't allow her to rove all over

the place, cycling," said the old gentle-man, confidently. "He'll soon let her

know that the proper place for a wom-

"Not on a summer's day like this,"

"All the year round," snapped the

Colonel, "all the year round. That's my

Colonel Daintree was a man who

read his newspaper carefully and com-

pletely, beginning with the births and

printer's name, and in this way he ai-

little or nothing. This was how it was

that, in reading his local journal at the

bow window of his rooms at the end of

that week, he came across two adver-

tisements which gave him great con-

tent. The terrier on the Colonel's knee

was also scanning the journal closely,

the latest news in regard to the muz-

terrace, Richmond."

Grove, Boltons, S. W."

"For sale, lady's bicycle. Cost \$60. A

Further down was the second adver-

"Wanted, to purchase at once, safety

learner. Write Professor Daintree, The

The old gentleman slapped his knee

jump, and the dog, a little annoyed,

went to the window, and presently

commenced to show signs of recogni-

tion. The Colonel put down the news-

toward the park in company with his

nephew, the two being quite obviously

"Now that, Di," explained Col. Dain-

It is a fact not generally known that

there was a tunnel under the Euphrates

In some oceans, particularly to the

south of Japan, islands have a way of

appearing and disappearing without

The Chinese Emperor has his domin-

ion acknowledged over 4,218,000 square

miles of the earth's surface, a territory

one-fourth larger than that of the Uni-

A great curiosity has recently been

brought into England from Monghyr,

in Asia-the Ur of the Chaldees. It is

an ordinary white wine glass bottle of

unmistakably European manufacture.

Finding its way to the Orient. It fell

into the hands of some ingenious

Asiatle, who inscribed upon the interior

of the bottle one of the odes of Hafix.

How this was accomplished no Euro-

The number of banks in 1797 was

25; in 1897, 9,457. The capital in 1797

was \$19,200,000; In 1897, \$1,027,493,-

653. The bank circulation in 1797 was

\$10,000,000; In 1897, \$198,920,670. The

deposits in the First Bank of the Uni-

ted States in 1809, the earliest date at

which reports of bank deposits are ob-

tainable, amounted to \$8,500,000; the

individual deposits reported by the

9,457 banks in 1897 amounted to \$5, 193,755,807, of which \$1,939,376,035

Between the mountains of India and

Persia is a powerful tribe, among

whom an extraordinary custom pre-

of the tribe can choose their own hus-

bands. All a single woman has to do

to send a servant to pin a handkerchief

to the hat of the man on whom her

fancy lights, and he is obliged to marry

her, unless he can show he is too poor

where 200 hands are employed.

practically worthless,

work is never happy.

were classed as savings deposits.

pean has been able to discover.

ted States.

within the walls of ancient Babylon.

on the best of terms with each other.

dog barking. I must be going."

"Good-by!" said the Colonel.

"Before you go, sir-

ference of any third person."

can do."

say-

an is the fireside."

UNITED STATES HAS EXPANDED "You leave It to me, my boy," said the SEVEN TIMES. old gentleman cheerily; "I'll see what I

Business of Spreading Out Not En-"I should be sorry to show any want tirely New-It Has Been Thirty-one Years, Though, Since We Last Absorbed Foreign Territory.

This country since it became a nation has made seven strides in territorial expansion. At the close of the revolutionary war Connecticut, Virginia, Georgia and the Carolinas bad property out West," which was spoken of as "the Western reserve," It was not a part of these States, but territory owned by them, just as Porto Rico, the are owned by the United States. After was so delineated on the Land Office Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines a while the several owners ceded this maps, which were supposed to be corfinishing at the announcement of the territory to the Federal government, and out of it have been formed various ways flattered himself that he missed States.

That part of Alabama north of lati-

tude 31 was ceded by Georgia and South Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin were all ceded by Virginia; Tennessee was ceded by North Carolina, Ohio by Virginia and Connecticut, Mississippi, north of with a view apparently of ascertaining latitude 31, by Georgia and South Carolina, and Minnesota, east of the Mississippi River, by Virginia. In 1803 the United States acquired from France bargain. Write Miss E. G., Burleigh the "Louisiana Purchase." This purchased territory is now occupied by Arkansas, Colorado east of the Rocky Mountains, Iowa, Indian Territory, Kansas, except the southwest corner; blcycle, with latest improvements, for Louisiana, except a part east of the Mississippi; Minnesota west of the a part west of the Rocky Mountains; with satisfaction, making the terrier Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma oftener," said N. B. Dupont of New Or- ton, who fought bravely in the navy in east of 100 degrees west, South Dakota and Wyoming, except the southwestern part. The United States then rested about the topography of Egypt and clamor condemned unjustly. Admiral from expansion and improved its poscitement, and saw Miss Gale walking

From Foreign Nations. States, and a well-defined claim to the sandy surface there is plenty of water, court and immediately became a great part which is now called British Co- and the Indians obtain it by digging favorite.

rect. It has been found, upon investigation, that the Louisiana purchase stopped at the continental divide, and that the territory occupied by Oregon, Idaho, the State of Washington, the northwestern part of Wyoming, and that part of Montana west of the Rocky Mountains, was acquired by the terest, as showing how this nation has been expanding since it was a narrow strip along the Atlantic seaboard.

WONDERS OF YUCATAN. Pyramids and Interesting Ruins Built

by Early Inhabitants. "Yucutan is exceedingly interesting at his eldest brother's death, in the beto the traveler, the historian and the ginning of this year. He comes of a Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, except archaeologist and I wonder why ex- family that gave to England a hero and plorers have not visited the country a martyr. One was Viscount Torring-

leans at the Planters'.

even the school books have given him information about the Egyptian pyra- tial for having failed to prevent the demids, the peculiar Nile and the customs | scent of the French upon Minorca, and In 1819 the nation grew again in ter- of the people, but the average man for having failed to relieve St. Phillips. ritory, Florida was bought from Spain, knows little or nothing about Yucatan. George III. made amends for that exeand by the same treaty which ceded But it is a fact that pyramids construct cution, as well as he could, in favors to tree, rubbing the interested terrier on Florida Spain gave up the Oregon ed as ingeniously as those of Egypt are the Byng family. the back, "that is the result of what we country. This Oregon country was de- found in Yucatan. It must be rememcall strategy."-The Woman at Home. batable land at that time. England bered that Yucatan is almost a desert. well known in the society of England's had some ill-defined claims to that part | One can travel for days and days and | capital. After her husband's death she

WEALTH AND NOBILITY.

Rich American Woman Joined in Marringe to a British Nobleman.

In Grace Church, New York, recently, the Earl of Strafford, a member of the English nobility and equerry to Queen Victoria, was joined in marriage to Mrs. Samuel J. Colgate, widow of the wealthy American manufacturer who United States from Spain sixteen years died four years ago, leaving a fortune after the purchase of Louisiana from estimated at \$10,000,000. The pomp and the French. In view of the talk about ceremony usually manifested at a func-"expansion" this map is of especial intirely absent, owing to the fact that the Earl is in mouring for his cousin, Princess Elwan, of Saxe-Welmar. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Hunt-

The Earl of Strafford is 67 years of age. He is tall, lithe, and dignified. His Inheritance to the earldom came to him the time of George I. The other was "The average man knows something Admiral John Byng, whom popular Byng was shot by decree of court-mar-

The Countess of Strafford is already which Spain ceded to the United see no running water. But beneath the went to London and was presented at



OFFICIAL MAP SHOWING TERRITORIAL GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES.

lumbia. Though the coast had long immense wells, some being 250 feet in been known to Europeans, it was first diameter, and from seventy-five to 100 really introduced to the civilized world feet in depth. It was this sandy could Four Hale and Hearty Siste & Whose by Capt. Gray, of Boston, who, in 1792, tion of the country that led the ancient salled into the Columbia River, which people of Yucatan to build immense received full recognition, for the ladies he named for his ship. In 1805 the pyramids as foundations for their build-United States sent an exploring expelings. These pyramids are carved in claim the palm for longevity. The agthe United States set up a claim to the sessed some artistic ability. country based upon "discovery, ex-Therefore, when we negotiated for the purchase of Florida, we got Spain to

NOVELTY MILLS OF MAINE. nclude in her cession the Oregon coun-Produce Spools, Skewers, Toothpicks, It was not until 1846 that England Dice Boxes and Baby Sleighs. gave up all her claims to the part of The spool factories of Maine turn out annually about 250,000,000 spools, the Oregon country now owned by the which will hold 50,000,000,000 yards of United States. In that year she retired thread-200 yards to the spool. There above the 49th parallel, and the bounare seventeen of these factories in the dary was established as it exists to-State, employing 550 hands, at average day. After acquiring Florida and the wages of \$1.50 a day each, or \$247,500 Oregon country from Spain it was twenty-six years before the United a year total. In the making of the States again expanded territory. It spools 30,500 cords of white birch timber, or 15,250,000 feet, is used. This then, in 1845, annexed the republic of timber is worth \$4 a cord. A large Texas, which had revolted from Mexipart of the spool timber cut in Maine is | co and established an independent govnot manufactured there, but shipped ernment for some time. The Texas of from Bangor to great factories in En- that time embraced not only the pres-

ent Stae of Texas, but also the eastexported 6,978,668 feet of speol bars to ern part of New Mexico and a strip exthe United Kingdom, the value being tending across the southwestern corner \$144,000, and more will be shipped next of Kansas up through Colorado into year. There is practically no limit to Wyoming. Then came the war with the supply of white birch available. Mexico, which closed in 1848, Mexico The so-called "novelty mills" of ceding to the United States a tract of Maine are numerous all through the territory which is now occupied by Arihard wood districts. In these mills are | zona north of the Gadsden purchase, turned out all kinds of little wooden California, Colorado, west of the Rocky boxes, many of which are used by Mountains; Nevada, New Mexico, west Miss Gale that I looked upon cycling druggists; checker boxes, checkers, of the Rio Grande and north of the dice boxes, wooden stoppers, handles Gadsden purchase; Utah and the southof a thousand kinds and shapes, tooth- west corner of Wyoming. A few years picks by the million, ladders, swings, later the United States bought from sleds, school desks and chairs, toy Mexico a strip of land which now carts and wheelbarrows, tables, desks, forms the southern part of Arizona and cycle stands, baby sleighs and other the southwest corner of New Mexico.

enormous, it had been effected by the A Dixfield factory has just completed acquisition of territory contiguous to an order for 8,000,000 checkers and territory already possessed. In 1867 a tory in the same town they have made chase of the vast territory of Alaska hout 300,000 of these native Indians, 200,000 dice boxes and at another fac- new departure was made by the purthis year 525,000,000 toothpicks. One from Russia, And now, after a period rior of the country and care little for

For the first time a correct map has neen published showing the acquisi- in Yucatan, but these ruins tell of anof manufacture. The product of these "Marry!" stammered Mr. Frank Dain- factories goes to all parts of the world. tion of territory on this continent by clent inhabitants who have once lived The timber used was once considered the United States. It appears in the there and made some progress in civilreport of the Secretary of the Interior. Ization.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Heretofore the northwestern part of The man who is dissatisfied with his the Louisiana purchase has been shown | Every man thinks he writes a good as extending to the Pacific ocean. It "hand"

OLD ILLINOIS QUARTET, Ages Aggregate 343 Years. Among the hills of Johnson County,

dition through the region, and in 1811 designs of sculpture and odd figures, gregate ages of this remarkable quarthe original John Jacob Astor founded showing that the ancient inhabitants of tet foot up 343 years, or an average the town of Astoria there. Therefore, Yucatan, like the Aztecs of Mexico, post of over 85 years, and they bid fair to remain for some time yet. Among their "Yucatan and the numerous Islands kinfolks, who number half of Johnson ploration and settlement." But Spain off its coast are inhabited by a people County, they are known as Aunt Peggy to purchase her at the price her father had a prior claim by discovery and an- whose blood is a mixture of old Indian McFatridge, aged 93 years; Aunt Polly nexation which she held to tenaciously. tribes. They live in small huts and Gore, aged 86 years; Aunt Sally Thack-



QUARTET OF AGED SISTERS.

there is not a horse, burro or ox or any forty years, kind of draught animal on these isl ands.

"Mexico has just conquered the Yaqui Indians in the State of Sonora, after terested in," said Mr. Meekton to the a ten years' war, but the native Indians on the mainland of Yucatan have never to dinner. been conquered by the Mexicans. The Yucatan Indians will offer as much resistance as the Yaquis, if not more, when the Mexican Government decides to make war upon them. There are you ask me what I think of the Philip-Indians are half civilized. They know little about the ruins of ancient temples Star.

have made but little advancement to- er, aged 84 years, and Aunt Fanny ward civilization. One peculiar fact is Reynolds, aged 80 years. All of these that one sees no roads on these islands. ladies are widows, and three of them There is no need for any roads, because have outlived their husbands thirty or

> "You wouldn't mind telling me what topic of conversation you are most infriend who had accepted an invitation

> "Why, I don't know that I can." "Well, I wish you would make the effort as a matter of friendship. It would be right embarrassing to have pine question or the army investigation without my having had an opportunity to ascertain in a quiet, diplomatic way what Henrietta wishes me to think about them."-Washington

> Unkind Critics "Stubrust, the critics say your book shows great promise for your future." "Future? Great Jupiter-can't a man ever do anything good and then quit?'-Detroit Free Press.