Cruelly on the High Seas. At Portland, Or., on the 18th, sailors on the German ship Margaretha told startling stories of alleged cruel treatment on the part of Captain Rasch. The sailors, to a man, relate a series of outrages perpetrated since the vessel left her home port some eight months ago, that if true, whether committed with or without cause, are exceedingly startling, cruel and inhuman. They allege that ever since they started out they have been in danger of getting killed one way or another, and they assert that not for anything could they be induced to again go to sea under command of Captain Rasch. The crew, 25 men all told, have laid their 61cc; mutton, 71cc; pork, 6@7c; veal, complaint before the German vice- 6@8c.

Portland a Reserve City. Portland is now a reserve city, and thousands of dollars heretofore kept in San Francisco and New York by the bankers of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will come to Portland. The condition imposed upon national banks in reserve cities is that they shall carry 25 per cent of their deposits in available funds, instead of 15 per cent. Portland banks have been carrying from 30 to 60 per cent ever since the panic of 1892 and '93, and the new condition will not be a harship to

Steelhead Salmon Scarce. Steelhead salmon are becoming scarcer as the season draws to a close. So few are being taken that the cold storage plants at Astoria have refused to receive any more, and the quantities delivered of late were so small that they did not pay for the trouble of handling them. Private buyers are paying 516 and 6 cents a pound, but the supply is only sufficient for local demand. The season ends February

Puget Sound University. The new management of the Puget Sound university, of Tacoma, propose to pay the debts of the university and endow it under a subscription scheme, to be known as the 20th century fund. All endowment notes given will be made payable within 10 years, and will draw interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. It will require but \$50,000 to settle all debts and put the college in good financial condition.

Waterworks for Elgin. H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, has contracted to put in a gravity water sys- 16c per pound. tem and an electric light plant in Elgin, Or., construction soon to commence. The water will be carried through a flume for a distance of over two miles. A part of this power will be used in running a large flouring flower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, 75c mill. Mr. Gates has contracted to employ local labor in the construction of the plant.

Geo. W. Dent Dead. George W. Dent, brother-in-law of General U. S. Grant, and uncle of U. S. Grant, jr., candidate for United States senator, died at Oakland, Cal. He was 70 years of age. For 16 years Mr. Dent was appraiser of customs at San Francisco. He was appointed by President Grant, and held office until retired by President Cleveland. Mr. Dent came to California in 1852.

Herring Fishing at Port Townsend. On the 18th the docks of Port Townsend were lined with people watching anglers catching herring, which were per pound. so plentiful in the bay that in a single haul of the jigger one to four herring were landed. The fishermen enjoyed the sport, while the onlookers secured a mess of herring by simply picking them up off the dock.

A Thief Caught. About a week ago \$500 in coin and an old man named John Weaver, near do seconds, 18@20c per pound, Canyonville, Or. Curtis Hartline, 22 years of age, was arrested there by Con- 29@31c. stable T. J. Butcher on a charge of having stolen the money. After his was held to answer.

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Boggs Makes Revelations Ex-Treasurer Boggs testified in court recently that about \$70,000 of the warhim while he was treasurer of the city, ture to give it firmness." but were signed three days after his term expired.

Soldier From Walla Walla Dead. F. J. Carlyle, of Walla Walla, received a telegram from Manila, inform- her empty plate, "but I do not believe ing him of the death of Allen Carlyle, one dish of it ever would make anybody his brother. The deceased was a mem- stuck up." ber of company I, Washington volunteers, now at Manila. His death was ascribed to typhoid fever.

The Astoria Push Club. Secretary Lyman, of the Astoria the creameries at Albany, Rainter and observations and reporting to the creamery committee of the association.

First Columbia River Smelt. The first Columbia river smelt of the season were offered for sale in an Astoria market on the 18th. They were taken at Cathlamet, and the consignment did not exceed over 50

The Dalles Slot Machines. As a result of the semiannual license recently placed upon all electrical slot machines by The Dalles council, \$250 has already been collected and turned

into the city treasury. F. E. Thompson, who left a trail of bad checks on a local bank from Seattle to Kamloops, in the interior of British Columbia, is under arrest at the latter point. He has drawn between \$500 and \$1,000 on a \$10 deposit made at Seattle the day before Christmas.

There will be more new fishing gear on the Columbia river during the next season than there has been for several years. The price for raw fish promises to be good, and in anticipation of it, nearly every local fisherman is knitting himself a new net, and, what is a more promising sign, the cannerymen are not hesitating about giving the fishermen plenty of credit for twine.

The total rainfall in Ashland thus far in January amounts to 2.06 inches, within half an inch of the average for the entire month of January, as shown by the records for 17 years past.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Scattle Markets. Onions, 85@90c per 100 pounds. Potatoes, 20\$@25. Beets, per sack, 75c. Turnips, per sack. 50@75c. Carrots, per sack, 45@60c. Parsnips, per sack, \$1. Cauliflower, 50@90c per doz. Celery, 35@40c. Cabbage, native and California

\$1.00@1.50 per 100 pounds. Apples, 35@50c per box. Pears, 50c@\$1.50 per box. Prunes, 50c per box. Butter-Creamery, 27c per pound; dairy and ranch, 18@22c per pound.

Eggs, 27c. Cheese-Native, 12@1216c. Poultry-Old hens, 14c per pound; spring chickens, 14c; turkeys, 16c. Fresh meats-Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 634@7c; cows, prime,

Wheat-Feed wheat, \$23. Oats-Choice, per ton, \$24. Hay-Puget Sound mixed, \$9.00@ 11; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$15.

feed meal, \$23.50. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton, \$25@26; whole, \$22. \$3.75; rye flour, \$4.

shorts, per ton, \$16. Feed-Chopped feed, \$20@22 per how long it could stand it. ton; middlings, per ton, \$17; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

Portland Market. Wheat-Walla Walla, 59c; Valley, 61c: Bluestem, 62c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.20; graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 41@42c; choice

gray, 39@40c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$22@24; brewing, \$23.50 per ton. dlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16.00 an unpleasant taste.

Hay-Timothy, \$9@10; clover. \$7 @8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton.

seconds, 45@50e; dairy, 40@45c store, Cheese-Oregon full cream, 12 1/20; Young America, 15c; new cheese,

10c per pound. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$2.25@3 \$1.25@3; geese, \$6.00@7.00 for old, \$4.50@5 for young; ducks, \$5.00@ ways destructive of digestion. 5.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@

Potatoes-65@70c per sack; sweets, 2c per pound. Vegetables-Beets, 90c; turnips, 75c per sack; garlie, 7c per pound; cabbage, \$1@1.25 per 100 pounds; cauliper sack; beans, Sc per pound; celery 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per

box; peas, 3@31/2c per pound. Onions-Oregon, 75c@\$1 per sack. Hops-15@17c; 1897 crop, 4@6c. Wool-Valley, 10@12c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 26c per pound.

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 714c; spring lambs, 71/2c per lb. Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$4.25; light and feeders, \$3.00@4.00; dressed, \$5.00@5.50 per 100 pounds.

Beef-Gross, top steers, 3.50@\$3.75; \$2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@6 %c per pound.

Veal-Large, 61/2@7c; small, 7@8c

San Francisco Market. Wool-Spring-Nevada, 10@12e per pound; Oregon, Eastern, 10@12c; Valley, 15@17c; Northern, 9@11c. Millstuffs-Middlings, \$22@24.00;

bran. \$20,50@21.50 per 'on Onions-Silverskin, 50 @ 75c per sack Butter - Fancy creamery, 24c; some valuable articles were stolen from do seconds, 21@23c; fancy dairy, 22c; Eggs - Store, 27@28c; fancy ranch,

Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencia, \$2 @2.50; Mexican limes, \$6 @6.50; Caliarrest Hartline admitted his guilt and fornia lemons, \$2.00@.800; do choice, \$3.50@4.50; per box.

"It's a dreadful thing," he said, with a gloomy air, "that ice cream rants involved in the warrant suit makers are getting so unscrupulous against the city were not signed by that they put glue in the frozen mix-

> The pretty girl set her lips together for an instant. "That may be true," she responded, rubbing the spoon suggestively over

And he had to order a second allow-

ance .- N. Y. Recorder. Struggles of the Young Mind.

The following are extracts from examination papers presented by pupils Push Club, has been authorized to visit at a prominent private school in this neighborhood: In history-Q .: "What Skamokawa for the purpose of making was the character of Henry VIII?" A.: "Henry VIII was a congenial libertine." In rhetoric-Q.: "What is an epigram?" A.: "An epigram is a figure of speech sometimes used in a joke and some times on tombstones." Definitions-"A myth is a half fish and half woman." "The vowels are fivea, e, i, o, and u, and sometimes w and y."-New York Tribune.

From the Pound. Lodger-How do you buy your sausages, Mrs. Knag? Mrs. Knag-Oh, by the pound,

Lodger-Ah, I thought it was someflavor. - Larks. It is 18 years since the first Japanese

newspaper was established, and now there are in existence 575 daily and weekly papers, 35 law magazines, 35 medical magazines, 11 scientific and a large number of religious journals. Plenty of Change.

"Have you any change about you?" "Can't hear a word ye say." "Becauset, if you have, I can pay you that bet about the war, that I owe

"Oh, I guess I have change enough for that."-Brooklyn Life. Old gentleman (who has received a

present of butter from one of his tenants)-And how does your mother make all these beautiful patterns on these little cakes, my dear? Messenger-Wif our comb, sir .-

THAT BEEF WAS BAD

Testimony of Major Daly, the Chief Surgeon.

MEAT PRESERVED BY CHEMICALS General Miles Charges Strengthened

Before the War Investigation Committee. Washington, Jan. 23 .- Major W. H.

Daly, chief surgeon with General Miles, and whose field service stretched from Tampa to Porto Rico, whose reexpeditionary forces created a sensation the war investigation committee today. Ilved in the meanest kind of a cabin. Daly's report was the strongest in in substantiation of his attack on the as his own. He was willing, he said, we could.' to stand by his report. It was wholly voluntary, and was not called out by Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3.50; any request or in obedience to any cirstraights, \$3.25; California brands, cular or letter. At Tampa he had no-\$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.75; graham, ticed a quarter of beef hanging free in per barrel, \$3.60; whole wheat flour, the sun on shipboard, and he became Interested in the experiment of having Millstuffs-Bran, per ton, \$14; fresh slaughtered beef placed under such moist climatic conditions to see

> "I observed," he said, "that flies, especially bull flies, did not affect it; did not alight on it, or if they did they got away from it very quickly."

He had cut off a piece of that beef at Tampa and cooked it, but it neither smelled or tasted naturally. He noticed indications of chemical presence in the meat that brought back recollections of chemical stuff he had used to preserve elk in hunting expeditions in the Rocky mountains some years be-Millstuffs-Bran, \$17 per ton; mid- fore. All that day and next he had

In that previous hunting expedition he had analyzed the chemical preservative and found it to contain borax and Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; salicylic acids. These were to be used externally on elk, but he had rubbed it into the raw flesh and also injected it. Questioned as to these ingredients he said borax was not safe to be used in connection with food, nor for ordinary medicinal purposes, while saliper dozen; hens, \$3.50@4.00; springs, cylic acid was most nauseous, loathsome and disgusting, and almost al-

FROM A DIFFERENT SOURCE.

The German Version of the Present Difficulty in Samoa.

Hamburg, Jan. 23,-According news received from Samoa, Chief Justice Chambers on December 31 annulled the election of Mataafa, who was returned by a sextuple majority, and declared Malietoa Tanus, son of the latter king, Malietoa, who is still a minor, to be king. The three consuls

visional government. claimant for the thr tice Chambers, it is added, went on the provisional government closed the Central or South America. Knitting her marked copies of the papers con- some remark or other." court. A British warship then landed a detachment of blue jackets, and later the court was reopened under the protests of the provisional government.

No Official Report at Washington. Washington, Jan. 23 .- There is still lack of official reports as to the situation in Samoa, but it can be said that the state department is moving in the matter with due deliberation, and with full regard for maintenance of the tripartite agreement for government of

the islands. The navy department's order to Admiral Kautz, on board the Philadelphia, at San Diego, went today. They were simply to "make ready." If, as stated in the press dispatches, the Philadelphia is not in condition to go to Apia, it is supposed the vessel's hull will be cleaned by divers.

PAUL JONES LOST.

Part of Her Stern Found on Breton Island - Was Blown Up.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 23 .- The government steamer Pansy touched at Biloxi, Miss., this afternoon, and reports finding on Breton island a part of the the launch. The condition of the pieces. The Pansy met the Mand with Messrs. Jones and Taggart on board. The latter visited the wreckage and identified it as part of the Paul Jones. No bodies were found.

The launch had the following pleas ure seekers on board: Joseph Brinkham, Louisville; Miss Margerie Woodland, Chicago; Colonel Harry C. Yohis daughter.

The crew consisted of three men. whose names are unknown.

A Curious Seattle Verdict. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 21.-The jury in the trial of Isadore Schopps, for the murder of Gus Hoyer, has brought in a verdict of "not guilty by reason of insanity."

Nothing for Coos Bay. Washington, Jan. 23.-It is learned that the rivers and harbors committee has left out the appropriation for Coos bay. An item of \$100,000 was made that point to warrant the expenditure. -Philadelphia Ledger.

A Bank Burglarized. Arthur, Ill., Jan. 23 .- The bank here was entered by burglars last night. The loss is between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The bandits escaped.

Central Pacific Stock Up. San Francisco, Jan. 23.-Central Pacific railroad stock, which less than three months ago was quoted at 13, has advanced to 48. Mrs. Stanford owns 33,333 shares of the stock, and at 13 it was worth \$433,329. At the present rate she might sell it for \$1,599,984, and it is said she has received even a better offer.

Pope Convalescent: Rome, Jan. 23 .-- Dr. Lapponi, physician of the pope, says the pontiff, who has been suffering from a slight attack of influenza, is convalescent.

ODD WHITECAP RAID.

It Cost a Witness \$50, but the Sum Wasn't Grudged. "Strangest experience I ever had." said the man who used to do a whole sale business in live stock, "was out in Iowa, and not very many years ago, elther. I had put up at a little country tavern in a sparsely settled country, where it looked as though the inhabitants were having a pretty hard struggle to keep the wolf from the door. About midnight there was a great hubbub about the place, and there came an imperative demand for me to show myself. I found a dozen masked men, and my first impression was that they were after my money. But they declared that they were whitecaps, that they were going to make a raid, and that they wanted a witness. It was no use port condemning beef furnished the to protest, and after they had put me in one of their ugly disguises I rode with some weeks ago, made his long-awaited appearance as a witness before they routed out a poor old couple who "'You owe \$40 on this place, and

language of those submitted by Miles haven't paid it, said the leader sternly. " 'I couldn't." was the old man's tremhy, \$15.
Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; beef supplies. On being sworn the witness identified the report submitted saved and scrimped and done the best " 'You let one of your cows get killed

> and that was another \$25 lost.' "'She was struck by lightnin', sir. Are you goin' to punish us fur that?' This was from Beckle. "'You're lettin' this shanty go to

> pleces. It needs patchin' and a new roof. This is no way to live, and we wan't have it! "The old man only groaned, while Beckie's eyes flashed and she wished

> their son Jim had lived. "'Twenty-five, forty, we'll call it a hundred,' said the captain, and I made up my mind to fight rather than see the cruelty of 100 lashes inflicted upon this good old couple. 'There it is,' and the captain handed over \$100. I promptly added \$50, and we left the bappiest pair you ever saw.

"That's the kind of whitecaps we are,' laughed the captain, as we rode homeward. 'We never let people like that suffer, though we do sometimes bring bad citizens up with a short turn."-Detroit Free Press.

The Chinese Chopatick.

With the evidences of Asiatic contact supposed to be strong in Central America, one might have imagined that so useful a device as the simple chopsticks would have secured a footing. These two sticks, held in one hand and known in China as "hasteners, or nimble lads," are certainly the most efficient device for their purposes ever invented by man. Throughout that vast Asian region, embracing a population of 500,000,000, the chopstick is used as a substitute for fork, tongs and certain forms of tweezers. Even fish, omelet and cake are separated with the chopsticks, and the cook, the street scavenger and the watch repairer use this device in the form of iron, long bamboo

and delicate ivory. The bamboo chopstick was known in China 1000 B. C., and shortly after this recognized Mataafa's people as the pro- date the ivory form was devised. Their use is one of great antiquity in Japan, one of the men who say: "There are may search in vain for the trace of any board a British warship, whereupon object in the nature of a chopstick in needles of wood are found in the work baskets associated with ancient Peruvian mummles, but the chopstick has not been found. Curious pottery rests | she lost a real man. But perhaps that | "I think she does," frankly answered mony of its early use is yet to be re- Times. vealed in this country.-Popular Science Monthly.

Sea Lions as Rat-Catchers. The wonderful alertness and activity of sea lions in the water which enables them to get fish for their food in arctic sens are qualities that are manifested in a still more striking way by the captive specimens at the Zoo. These three sprightly individuals in the big outdoor tank have developed into rat-catchers that never miss their prey. Rats are pests that naturally thrive about the animal houses, and at nights, when the Zoo is deserted by visitors, the rodents run in all directions. They are fond of water, and they find their way in considerable number to the sea lion tank to dabble at the water's edge. They may go to the lake and seal pond with impunity, but when they venture to the home of the sea lions that visit is their stern of the naphtha launch Paul last. Swiftlessly and noiselessly the Jones, also a yawl boat with bow sea lion dives and reappears at the sursmashed and other small articles from face precisely at the spot where the rat is peering into the tank. One snap and wreckage tends to show that the naph- it is all over. The rat goes down the tha tank blew up and tore the boat to hungry throat at a single gulp. So many rats do the sea lions catch in this fashion that they are sometimes indisposed to take their early morning meal Philadelphia Record.

of fish thrown to them by the keepers .-Bad Spelling a Disease. A medical authority claims that bad spelling is caused by a disease. In cercum, St. Louis; Miss Florence Yocum, tain conditions of brain and nerves the patient frequently writes "ot" instead of "to." In another slightly varying in the crevices of the mortar on the form, instead of "the," the first letter back of the tomb, spreads toward the is omitted, and so in many other short light and forms a leafy canopy over the words. The malady usually affects the brain only in connection with the surface. words of one syllable, but cases have occurred where longer words have been so distorted that it was difficult to get their sense. It is a question whether one would be comforted by by mental disease or whether one would prefer to have this lack of accuracy set down to ignorance or carewhere near the pound, from the horsey by the department. The committee lessness. That it is not always a proof world. The leader of this sect is a fasays there is not enough commerce at of defective education is quite certain.

Saffron would strike an ordinary observer as decidedly expensive at 56 shillings a pound, until told that it is composed of the central small portions only of the flowers of a crocus, 70,000 of which it takes to yield the material for one pound .- Chambers' Journal,

Poisonous Castor Oil Plant. There is no plant which animals so A goat will starve rather than eat it, and those destroyers of everything green, the locust and army worm, will not feed upon it.

Over 60,000 oil wells have been struck in the United States.

EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER OFFICE.

Compositors and Pressmen in White Turbans and Bare Legs. I went the other day to see the editor of an Arab newspaper in Cairo. His office is a disused palace; all new khe dives build new palaces in this country. so that it is difficult to find a house of any size that has not begun life as a palace. In the middle wing sits the Never a daisy that grows but a mystery editor writing his leader-a string of Arabic cobwebs down a narrow slip of Never a river that flows, but a majesty paper. The editor is a stout map it fez, blue serge and yellow elastic-sided Never a Shakspeare that soared, but boots with two warts on his nose and a deep-blue dimple on his chin; he Nor ever a prophet foretells, but a mightwrites in a light overcoat and a rug over his knees, for it is a very cold win ter-clouds half-way over the blue sky. and you must shut your windows by 5. Into the statue that breathes the soul of He has just finished a slip of copy he rings a bell, and there comes in a Under the joy that is felt lie the infinite little brown-faced devil in a fez, blue gown, bare brown legs and slippers. Crowning the glory revealed is the glory "May you see the office? Of course"the palace. Here are about six bare Great are the symbols of being, but that rooms, all open to the others, the plaster peeling here and there from the high walls. Here stand the cases of curly Back of the sound broods the silence, Arab type-bigger than ours, because the language has more symbols; here Back of the hand that receives thrill the are the bare-legged compositors at work. In the next room the paper is going to press on the old-fash oned sort Space is as nothing to spirit, the deed is of machine; as the white turbaned, brown-legged, white bicycle-skirted native turns at the wheel for his life, the And up from the pit where these shiver, half-printed sheets swing slowly over, one after another, a maze of twirls and dots and quiggles that you would say Twin voices and shadows swim starward, no man on earth could read.

And not many can. The sub-editors can, of course-four grave-faced young men in the inevitable fez and overcoat, solemnly translating from the Times; they salaam respectfully, and when the Englishman, who looks as if he had money, returns their salute, as being brother journalists, it surprises them much. "But." says the editor, "our east, but not large enough to necessi- of resentment, in Warren's eyes. tate a rotary machine; yet we sell 5,000 read in India and Somaliland."-London Mall.

There Are Others. raised a heavy sea on the unusually you?" peaceful waters, and dwelling on thoughts of suicidal tinge. But Lushi "Yes." was not that sort of a man. He was passed he had made the acquaintance taining the wedding notices. Now Girl cheerful conviction that by her folly lery and becoming serious.

The Return of the Rations. which they sometimes did it.

them. It was a severe trial to the men. Breaking open the biscuits and fluding live worms in them, they would throw some of these scraps along our front, called out sharply to our men:

"Throw that hardtack out of the trenches." Then, as the men promptly gathered it up, he added, "Don't you know that you've no business to throw hardtack in the trenches?"

Out from the injured soldier heart there came the reasonable explanation: times, sir, but it crawls back."

Tree's Root in a Tomb.

Mechan's Monthly has recorded trees growing from the mortar of stone walls a horse chestnut several years old is church at Kempsey, near Worcester, England. The monument built in the church is to the memory of Sir Edmund Wylde, who died in 1620. The tree is now several years old, having sprouted stone form of the old knight as cut on

A new religious sect has been founded in Russia, in the province of Saratov, the main idea of the members of which is that while the soul is immorbeing told that bad spelling was caused tal the body is of the devil and should therefore be neglected as far as possible. In Russia this possibility goes further than anywhere else in the natic of the name of Panjackko, and neither he nor his followers will consent to wash, change their clothes or clean their houses. Indeed, their gos pel is dirt.

Marriageable in Turkey. The Turkish woman is marriageable at the age of 9 years, and by Turkish law, at that age, if married, she is competent to manage her property and dispose of one-third of her fortune. The law allows her to abandon her husdetest as the castor oil plant, it being band's house for just cause, and will her husband.

> Some people are so skeptical that they even doubt their own doubts.

in the armor of their weakness.

Women are strongest when incased

INDIRECTION. Fair are the flowers and the children, but their subtle suggestion is fairer; Rare is the rose-burst of dawn, but the secret that clasps it is rarer; Sweet the exultance of song, but the

strain that precedes it is sweeter, And never was poem yet writ, but the meaning outmastered the meter.

guideth the growing; scenters the flowing:

stronger than he did enfold him, ier seer hath foretold him. Back of the canvas that throbs the paint-

the sculptor is bidden; issues of feeling; that crowns the revealing.

er is hinted and hidden;

which is symbolled is greater; the create and beheld, but vaster the inward creator; back of the gift stands the giving;

sensitive nerves of receiving. outdone by the doing; heart of the wooer is warm, but warmer the heart of the wooing;

and up from the heights where those and the essence of life is divine.

A GAME OF BLUFF.

-Washington Star.

RAG and a bone and a hank A of hair," cynically quoted Marion. The next moment he repented his words, when he noted circulation is as large as any in the the hurt look, accompanied by the flash

Marlon meant to be sympathetic, copies daily; it is something in a place after the manner of men, by uttering like this. It is difficult; other native papers are subsidized by France or sentimental heart troubles but he Turkey or others; we, because we are quickly realized that the case before independent, must shift for ourselves. him was too genuine and severe to be Still it grows and grows; our paper is cured by such superficial ointment as quotations from cynical Kipling. So he took another tack.

"Of course, old man, there are women Ludwig Lushi is a good man. He and women, Some can be had for the preached a most valuable sermon to asking, while others play for all the women the other day, and his text was line they can get. It's just like fishthat magnificent piece of slang, a gen- ing"-his metaphor suggesting an iluine classic in its way, "There Are Oth- Instration from out his sporting proers," A willful young woman who was clivities-"a hornpout will bite at alengaged to marry Lushi threw him most anything, but a gamy trout inover at the last moment without a sists on a nice fly for an attraction, word of warning. She did not really and even after you've got one really mean it, for five days afterward she hooked you've got to play it until your telegraphed Lushi to come to another patience is almost gone. Now, you'd town, meet her, and marry her. No rather have a girl with some spirit, doubt she had pictured the distracted one who'd stand you off for a time, Lushi wandering by the river's brink than one who was all the time throwin the moonlight, heaving sighs that ing herself at your head, wouldn't

Warren vouchsafed a weak, doubtful

"By the way, have you asked her?" "No. That's the difficulty. I don't Malietoa Tanus, Tamasese, another as attested by references to it in the alignment for the throne, and Chief Just an eight records of that country. One others." In the five days which had really get a chance. Just as I get my others." In the five days which had really get a chance. Just as I get my others." of another girl, won her, and married founded interruption interferes, or she her. In answer to the telegram he sent switches me off on a sidetrack with was debated at the dinner table where

"You think the girl really cares for brought out the following story from No. 1 will go through life with the you?" asked Marion, dropping his rail- a rather dyspeptic-looking man who

past our soldlers faced privation and out," remarked Marion, "and that is owin' most everybody here a piece of hunger. A little story, in H. Clay to-say, I have a plan," breaking pork, and if I cut up the pig I'll have frumoun's recent book, war Memor-les of a Chaplain," tells of the spirit in plan," he slowly repeated, "and I be- what to do,' said the butcher, 'What's While before Petersourg, doing siege work in the summer of 1864, our men continued, his face brightening as his take him in and give out the next mornhad wormy hardtack served out to plan was unfolded to his mind, "and ing that he's been stolen." 'By jinks, I'll bet dollars to doughnuts that you'll I'll do it. win out." Then he buttonholed Warren, pulled him into a corner, and adthe pieces in the trenches, although the dressed him in a low, earnest tone, inorders were to keep the trenches clean. terspersing his remarks with emphatic A brigade officer of the day, seeing gestures. When he had finished Warren still looked dublous, but somewhat more hopeful.

. "Oh, good evening, Mr. Warren. I'm so glad to see you. We're just packing up, getting ready to go to the moun-

"Indeed! Lovely weather. Hope you'll have a pleasant time." But he "We've thrown it out two or three might have been a phonograph, or a Punch-and-Judy operator, for all the expression he put into his words. "Oh, I've no doubt we will," she answered, with a toss of her head.

"There's so much going on there all and on church steeples. It is said that the time, and so many interesting people to meet," she continued, with a still growing from a tomb inside an old bored air, as if her immediate surroundings were productive of nothing but ennul.

"Yes," he assented, in a listless monotone, which might mean anything or nothing. She pretended not to notice his ab-

structed manner, and rattled on. "My friends write me there are ever so many nice people there, and with golf and driving and dancing there'll be no end of fun."

"Yes." Again that tone of polite indifference. "Well, I'm going for a trip myself," mark,

"To Hongkong."

You're--

"Indeed! Where?" This was her turn, and she countered forcibly in the matter of polite indifference.

"To Hongkong?" This time she was interested, in spite of herself. She repeated his remark, that fellow's singing." with distinct emphasis on the words, and a rising inflection on the end of each. "Oh, come, now, you're joking.

"No, really," he asserted; "there's an | right?" opening there in our house. They want a young man to take charge of their "The feller's not singing. He's hawkbranch banking-house there, and I can ing fly-papers!"-Answers. have the place. It looks like a good poisonous to the whole animal world. protect her in so doing. She cannot be opening, and I thought I'd take it. Of compelled to labor for the support of course, it means"-clearing his throat -"tearing one's self away from one's greatly missed."

"Oh, Mr. Warren," broke in the girl, reproachfully.

The genuine woman was speaking.

"Well, for a day or two a few may

remark my absence, and then-He finished the sentence with a care ss wave of his hand, to denote the ephemeral nature of the friendship he conceived was felt for him. "But there are no nice girls there,"

she remarked, mischievously. She was trying to get back to the coquette again. But her eyes were

moist. "That isn't a consideration," he answered, gloomily. "There's only one girl in this world for whose smile I'd give the hopes I entertain for my business future, and I'm afraid that in her eyes I'm but as all the rest of the world." "Who is the young lady, may I ask;

do I know her?" she queried, with an attempt at gayety. Warren glanced at her, but she wasn't looking at him. She seemed to be manifesting an extraordinary interest in picking at the end of a ribbon on her dress.

"I've just been reading the Social Gossip," wrote Marlon, who had gone West for a month on a business trip, "and I congratulate you. But why in the name of all that's absurd did you hesitate to call for a show of hands, when you held a flush? One of these fine days you will want a crest. How would this suggestion meet your approval: 'A bold bluff painted on a field of blue?"

And he underscored two words in the last sentence.—Boston Herald.



No bird can fly backward without turning. The dragon fly, however, can accomplish this feat and outstrip any

Oysters, after they have been brought away from the sea, know by instinct the exact hour when the tide is rising and approaching their beds and so, of their own accord, open their shells to receive their food from the sea, as if they were still at home.

The tongues of the cat family are covered with recurving spines. In the common domestic est these are small. but sufficiently well developed to give the tongue a feeling of roughness. But in the lion and tiger the spines are strong enough to enable the animal to tear away the skin of a man's hand merely by licking it.

There are several species of fish, reptiles and insects which never sleep during their stay in this world. Among fish it is now positively known that pike, salmon and goldfish never sleep at all. Also that there are several others of the fish family that never sleep more than a few minutes during a month. There are dozens of species of flies which never indulge in slumber and from three to five species of serpents which the naturalists have never yet been able to catch napping.

The Pig Was Stolen.

a man was sitting one day, and it had eaten very sparingly:

"I used to live in the country," said for the chopsticks are exhumed in kind of a girl would be happier in the Warren, "although sometimes I feel he. "One of my neighbors, an unlucky, Japan, but even this enduring testi- end with a man of dough. New York as if I didn't know whether she did or unthrifty sort of a man, killed a pig not," he continued, somewhat dubi- one day with the aid of a local butcher. 'By jinks, Sam, I hate to cut up that "Well, there's only one way to find pig." 'Why? 'Cause, you see, I'm abruptly into his sentence. "I have a to give most of him away." I tell von lieve it will work if you follow my ad- that? 'I'd have the pig hung up outvice. Put yourself in my hands," he doors till twelve o'clock at night, then

"It was a wonderfully fine plan, the farmer thought, and he left the pig hanging out, as the butcher suggested. "At eleven o'clock the butcher himself came along and packed the pork into his cart. It was not there when the

farmer went out after It. "The next day, with a long face, he addressed the butcher in a hoarse whisper: 'I say, Sam, somebody did really steal that pig.' 'That's right,' sald the butcher, nudging him and winking wickedly at the same time. But, by jinks, the pig was really stolen.' 'That's right; you stick to that and you'll be all right,' said the butcher, encouragingly, and he hurried off, leaving his friend in a most bewildered state of mind, from which I

don't think he ever fully emerged." Music Hath Charms. A couple of sailors, returned from a long voyage, strolled into the bar parlor of a public house near the docks.

Above the rumble of the traffic in the street could be heard at intervals a harsh, unmusical voice, After listening intently for a moment one of the sailors turned to his com-

panion and said: "Eh, Jack, lad; it's a long time since we heard that song." "What song?"

"The one that fellow's singing in the street-"The Light of Other Days." "Stow it!" ejaculated the other gruffly. "That fellow ain't singing 'The he added, rousing himself f. om his leth- Light of Other Days' at all, man. I've argy, and almost blurting out his re- been listening to him. He's a-piping 'The Banks of Allan Water,' "

Each sailor was certain he was right. and, with characteristic contempt for money, a wager was made-a month's wages depended on the result. "Here, Tommy!" called out one of

the men to the little son of the landlord, "run out and get to know what Tommy departed on his errand, which did not take many minutes.

youngster returned, "which of us is "Naythur," replied Tommy, grinning.

"Well," demanded Jack when the

"I must be getting o'd," sa'd a woman to-day. "All the friends I go to see are in trouble. I can remember when friends, but then, I probably will not be I didn't have a friend who had grief."

If there is anything particularly useless lying around the house, you can The coquettish manner was gone. make up your mind it was won as a prize at a card party.