OREGON.

ENTERPRISE

A Boston swimmer issues a challenge for "a mile dash." Wouldn't "a mile splash" be better?

The only chance the Indian has to avoid a hair out is to learn to play a child from feeble infancy to mature football or the plane.

A Chicago man shot five times at his wife, wounding her slightly. He is tions, strikes and trust formations in are held goes back to a remote anprobably a French duelist in disguise.

The successful politician must be serious in public, but that does not necessarily prevent him laughing at the pullie in private.

The reasted peanut has just found its way into London. No wonder some of the London editors are complaining about the slowness of that town.

Some of the people of Germany are apparently just beginning to realize that Christopher Columbus discovered quite a strip of country over here.

are moving southward. Anyone who has traveled from the north toward them may well believe the statement. If a young man is in love with a girl

and she refuses to marry him it may

A scientist says the Rocky Mountains

break his heart; if she does marry him the chances are it will break his nock-Emperor William may conclude to be his own J. Pierpont Morgan and buy

up the German steamship lines to prevent them from falling into the hands of the American. On the day that the steel trust announced that its earnings the past year

were \$84,000,000 the census bureau gave it out that this country has a popmintion of \$4,000,000. Carnegie's intense desire to die poor will not prevent him from defending

the title to his \$2,000,000 island off the coast of Georgia which the sea isiand cotton king claims to own. The ways of the world are changing.

A certain man kept tab on his children up to eleven. When twins jumped the number up to thirteen he committed suicide. In the days of our forebears the father would simply have gone on calmly keeping tab.

The price of \$4,500,000 or \$5,000,000 which we are now paying for the Danish Islands in the West Indies is a bargain counter quotation compared with the price asked for them formerly. Denmark's asking price was \$15,000,000 a generation back and Mr. Seward offered \$7,500,000 for them. Apparently the market for islands is less active and high than formerly.

A couple recently married set an excellent example to prospective bridegrooms and brides. The money each would have expended for a present to the other was constituted a fund for the endowment of a free bed in a hospital. Persons of ample means, who study to obtain some povelty as a wedding gift to husband or wife that is to he can always find opportunities along the paths of charity to establish a memorial of their own happiness by conferring happiness upon those who pass their days in life's shadow.

The young woman in Pennsylvania who puts the value of a broken rib at \$100 was influenced by the mitigating circumstance that the rib was broken by a young man in an affectionate hug. At first she offered to compromise on a basis of payment of the surgeon's bill of \$11.50, and when the young man foolishly and ungallantly tore up the bill, proper feminine pride compelled her to raise the price. It would seem to us that \$100 may be regarded as a ridiculously small sum for the pleasure of giving such a hug as would fracture a rib; but, of course, this is not to be fully determined until the lady is shown in evidence. And perhaps the rib had been broken before. Or possibly it was not one of the more important ribs. All these things must be taken into consideration by unbiased legal authorities.

Ottmar Mergenthaler was one of the greatest inventors the world has produced. It was his mind that fashioned the linetype machine, now used by every large newspaper in the country. He gave his life largely to the perfecting of this typesetting machine, which, as he said, was able to do everything but think. Before he died, however, he perfected another labor saving device, a machine that turns out fruit or berry baskets or boxes from the raw lumber. With but one employe to tend it it makes as many baskets in an hour as a dozen of the most expert handworkers can make. It is said that one of these machines operating at ordinary speed produces complete strawberry boxes at the rate of 12,000 a day, 1,200 an hour, 20 a minute, or one every three seconds, and then by the simple movement of a lever or two and the turning of some thumbscrews, the machine is so changed that it can go to work at making peach baskets, grape baskets, or anything else the manufacturer may want, the matter of size being but little trouble, as the dimensions can be instantly changed by simple movements. Modern invention is rapidly bringing about the day dreamed of by reformers. It is not to come vention. The multiplication of labor is catching it.

to produce all that the world needs by the work of a few hours each day, leaving the remainder for cultivation and recreation.

In all directions steadily and surely the world is getting better. It is getting better morally, physically, socially, industrially-in every direction. Some social developments are temporarily discouraging and some are hard to understand-but, as in the growth of manhood, the tendency is constantly whooping cough correspond to revoluthat the boy digs up when he goes fishing are absolutely essential to the agricultural growth of this nation. How many realize the importance of these little wriggling worms? How many people know that the dust in the air gives color to the smulight, colors the clouds, makes the fruitful rainfall possible? How many have thought of the extraordinary good which comes into the world because of the universal habit of celebrating each person's birthday? When is your birthday? Has not every single birthday made you at least for a time a better man? We may ignore the beginning of the New Year, for that is a very general celebration. No man ignores his own dirihday, the day which begins all of his years on earth. And very few human beings, indeed, fall on each recurring birthday to make good resolutions, determined that they will try to do better. Even a man's apparently selfish birthday resolutions are good for all the people. He resolves to succeed better-that means that he must work harder and add to the productiveness of the race. He resolves to be temperate, to exercise self-control, to give up gambling, or in some way to improve himself-every such resolution, multiplied by millions, is good for the whole race. Of the 1,400,000, 000 human beings on the earth 4,000, 000 on an average celebrate their birthdays every day. Every single day 4,000,000 of human beings begin a new year. Every single day that great number of people form good resolutions, and determine to do better than they have done. Nobody can estimate the power for good on earth of this constant exercise of the greatest moral force, the will to do right. Whenever your friend has a birthday, encourage him if you can in this noble human tendency toward good resolutions. And when your own birthday comes make up your mind that, as one little drop in the ocean of humanity, you wil do what you can to make yourself a better man or woman, more worthy of the trouble taken by your father and mother, and more useful to the other human beings who cling to this little ball of earth with you.

The Nervous New Yorker.

One of the most marked outward manifestations that the New Yorker gives of the high nervous tension under which he lives is his habit of talking aloud to himself in the street. This habit is one of the first things that observers of street life in New York notice. It is a form of nervousness that is due not only to the high pressure at which so many New Yorkers are kept. but to the noise of the street traffic. When the rush and rumble of the streets is so great that a man "cannot hear himself think," he speaks his thoughts aloud. It is only rarely that a woman is observed doing this. Sometimes the man who is talking to himself, if he is happy, will mumble only phrases and half sentences audibly. If he is angry or deeply concerned he will speak steadily and sometimes make emphatic gestures. But nearly all of the men who talk aloud in the streets have their business affairs uppermost in their minds, and the word "dollars" is the one that is oftenest heard. Downtown, in the financial section, this habit of a large number of New Yorkers is particularly noticeable, but one may observe it in almost any part of the town. Paris is possibly the only other one of the great cities of the world where the habit is so noticeable as it is here. Actors and writers and the many minor poets of the French capital may be seen declaiming their lines or verses, unheeding their observers .-New York Evening Post

A Dr. g-Net Writ. This story is told of a judge who was for some years on the District bench of North Dakota, says an exchange. On one occasion an attorney appeared before him with a written request that a writ of duces tecum, linguidus licit, issue; and the judge, after adjusting his glasses and giving the paper a very careful reading, handed it to the clerk with instructions that the writ issue. whereupon the clerk informed the court that he was not an attorney, and did not understand the nature of the writ; so the court again took the paper, bowed his head, and apparently went off into the far land of study, and after some moments had elasped arose and

addressed the clerk as follows: "Mr. Clerk, you will issue a writ that wil play the deuce generally, and take 'em in goin' and comin', sick or

Big Coal Field.

St. George's Bay, Newfoundland, contains an immense coal field fully twenty miles in length and ten in breadth. It has been estimated that if the output were to reach 250,000 tons per annum, the coal bed would not be exhausted in

When you pass a woman on the street and she draws in a breath and by agitation or legislation, but by in- says "and" to her companion, some one

saving machines will make it possible LEGENDS OF TREES.

SUPERSTITIONS FROM ANCIENT DAYS CONCERNING THEM.

The Oak, Holly, Mistletce, Poplar, Mulberry, Fig. Bay and Rose Are Vegetable Growths that Are Rich in Associations-Old-Time Myths.

Christmas is the only holiday identifled with certain vegetable growthsto a better state. Mumps, measles and the holly, the mistletoe, and the Christmas tree. The veneration in which these society. Many of the most important tiquity. There are, however, some agencies for improvement are ignored strange and curious legends attaching and misunderstood. The earth-worms to other products of the vegetable king-

The oak tree is rich in associations. having been held sacred alike by the Hebrews, the Greeks and the Romans. oak under which it is believed Abraham stood when the angels came announcing the birth of Isaac was long an object of veneration, and was said to be still in existence in the time of Constantine.

All the caks in the grove of Dodona: in Epirus, were said to be gifted with prophecy. Some of the trees were cut lown and hewn into timber to build the saip Argo. One of the myths states that Jupiter derived his power from the cak, and he taught men to live upon accens, so they might become strong and wise, and to swear by the oak was

a most solenin and binding form. When returning from the infernal regions it is related that Hercules were a wreath composed of poplar leaves. His brow being damp with perspiration, the inner side of the leaves, coming in conther with it, turned white, and the outersurface of the leaves turned almost black from smoke. From this, it is said, came the sliver-leafed poplar,

From the Arabians comes a story as to the origin of the yellow, for which there appears to be some foundation in the scriptures. David, after his marriage with Bathsheba, was one day playing on his harp, when two angles appeared and accused him of his great sin. For forty days and nights David shed tears of repentance. "From his tears flowed two streams, which an from the chamber into the garden, and from them sprang two trees, one of which was the willow which incessantly weeps and mourns and the other the frankincense tree, which sheds big tears, each in remembrance of his repentance.

The ancients had a custom of making presents of dried figs and bay leaves on the first of the year, for the bay tree was considered good for the health. There are always to be found some bay leaves in the enolcest packages of figs which come from abroad.

It was near a white mulberry tree that the lovers Pyramus and Thisbe met their tragic death; and the poor mulberry tree, being, it is said, sprinkled with their blood, forever after bore red fruit.

The holly is said to have come by its red berries in a similar way. Some of the gods, it is said, were diverting themselves one day by shooting at Blader, the god of mirth, after placing him against the holly. Lokl, the god of envy, shot at him with an arow tipped with mistletoe. A few drops of his blood spurted over the holly, conlike teardrops.

Some traditions relate that the original color of the rose was white, says the New York Times, but that one day when the gods were feasting Cupid with his wing upset a bowl of nectar. which fell in a shower upon the earth. dyeing all the roses red. Another story tells that the goddess of flowers, upon finding the dead body of her favorite nymph, implored the gods to assist in changing her into a flower which should be the queen of flowers.

"In respnose to her request." this legend, "Bacchus bathed the flower in nectar, Aurora caused her dews to fall thick upon it, refreshing its roots, while Apollo's beams shone with invigorating warmth. Flora crowned its stem with a diadem of bloom unsurpassed for beauty, and Vertumnus anointed it with perfumes from the Vale of Tempe."

SUN-BATH ON THE SIDEWALK.

An Invalid Learns Something About Human Curiosity.

An invalid who had been in the country for her health, and was ordered to continue the "fresh-air cure," even after she had returned to the city, describes in the Atlantic Monthly some of the amusing experiences which came to her through the unrepressed curiosity of the public. She took her place on the sidewalk, in the sun, with steamer-chair and rugs, expecting to "live and let live." But she was destined to learn something about human nature before the day ended.

I am in the very act of seating myself, she says, when the attack begins. Two excited-looking women rush up to me. One of them begins with a volley of questions:

"What is the matter with her?" (I am supposed to be unable to speak for myself, and my friend is addressed.) What alls her? Oh, what left her like this? Is it rheumatism? If it's rheumatism. I can tell you what to do. You take some vinegar and some salt. common salt, and you put in it some iye, just common iye, and you apply it. I have cured a great many people of rheumatism with this. There is a man who is a conductor on the railroad-I cured him; and he says if he ever has a twinge again, he will get in a tub of

Smiles and nods and the strangers have gone; I begin to realize what I am doing. Nurse-maids who have children age.-New York Tribune.

out for an airing discuss me in the soothing tones supposed to be adapted to infant ears, and in the midst of my reading I hear murmurs:

'Yes, yes, a lady out taking the sun Nice sun for the lady. Will do the lady good."

Homeless dogs and friendless chi dren shelter themselves about my chair to rest. I am of great use to organ grinders, acting as the nucleus of a quickly gathering crowd. I serve as an intelligence office, and receive constant inquiries as to where people live. whether I know any one who would ike to hire a servant, and whether I know of servants who wish to hire

I also had an offer of work. A negro man addressed me: "Yuh mus' scuse me, lady, fut speakin' tuh yuh. I axes yuh pardon, but I been a-lookin' fuh somebody lak yuh. I wan' tuh ax whether yoh would lak tub teach somebody-o' cose tuh be paid somethin' ev'vy week. It's my wife. She can't rend, and I want hub to lun."

Small boys seem not to accept the sltnation, perhaps because they are the frankest of mortals. I hear them eross the street, saying: "Come on let's go over and look at her."

One day I was examined by two and heard surprised voices:

"Is it a lady?" A long pause, and then, with still great surprise, "Ye-es!" At another time I had my arms under my cape, and I heard from a pair of urchins, in awestruck tones, "She ain't got no hands!"

One day two little fellows sat down on the steps by me, and one ventured

"Lady, what's the matter with ver? Can't ye walk? Got both yer feet cut This time I questioned them in return, and upon my asking why they were not in school, one glibly replied: "I have to work. Got to help my mother.

"Do you work?"

"Yes'm." he said, proudly, and handd me a paper on which was written. Please belp my mother to pay her rent. God will help you. God bless

My remarks concerning this kind of work quickly ended the curiosity about



S. R. Crockett writes to his publishers concerning his latest novel. "The Firebrand": "For the purposes of "The Firebrand" I lived romantically among the ex-brigands, actual smugglers and other fine fellows in the utmost Pyrenees and Sierras of Moncayo."

The name of the heroine of Anne on both sides. Not one in fifty of those Scarlett, Mary Imiay Taylor's latest novel, was a pure invention of the author. Yet, strange to say, Miss Tayfor has received a letter from an actual Anne Scariette living in Newark, N. J., stays. Do you see this?" And the man ever saw."-Exchange. who naturally expresses a lively inter- of medicine pulled a small buildog pipe est in the origin of the title.

sequently the berries are red, and the Homes and Her Friends," by Constance almost invariably comes in contact cheek to strike," said Bobbie. "That's grief of the mistletoe was so intense Hill. It will give a picture of Jane with the skin just at the forward bend right," said the teacher. "Yessum," that ever since her berries have been Austen's daily life in her different of the chin, and the heat of the lighted said Bobble, "and if he struck that ill iomes, and thus make us realize the influences that affected her as a writer to a head whatever impurities may be -for we take it for granted that many in the vicinity. I have treated some What a power o' funerals they do be readers are interested in Jane Austen. Timely advice is given in an exchange as to buying so-called juvenile books. Because a book is labeled "juvenile" it does not follow that is a proper book for children. These books should be examined, unless well known, for very

often they contain matter that is not really intended for young readers. Buyers of such books should take nothing for granted from the titles of books intended for sons and daughters. Every one hears of the "list of best

selling books," but who ever beard of a list of books that have never left the shelves! The Public Library of Lincoin, England, gives the names of such books. The number is not large, only 35 out of the 10,538 volumes in the library can boast that the dust on them has never been disturbed. Not a single novel, however stupid, can claim this unenviable distinction. Works of theology and history lead all the rest in this sleep of the unread.

Is there anything new under the sun? Attention being called to the fact in find a place for the money?" one of Maurice Hewlett's "New Canterbury Tales," that the sex of a girl disguised as a boy is discovered by throw- had all the children's pictures tuk with a private citizen."-Washington Stating an apple in her lap; the Academy asks Mr. Hewlett if he is aware that to have me own taken this week, to me a sealskin wrap and— He-And the same incident is used in "Huckle- send to the old folks in Ireland."—New you promised to keep my stockings berry Finn," then the New York Times York Commercial Advertiser, comes and says that Charles Reade used it in "Cloister and the Hearth," and finally some one else suggests that the incident was used long before member Eben Jones, the crabbed mill-Charles Reade's time-but this is back far enough for us.

Old Religious Books.

The dispersal of the religious orders in Paris has been followed by the ap- Yones, in dees yob you geef me doubler pearance of a large number of religious an ballef a day. Besides dat, do you eat books in the boxes of the denlers on me or do I eat myselef?" the Qual l'Orsay. Here they jostle "Oh, eat yourself!" replied the old with Voltaire, under the shadow of his man. "I have dyspesia." statue, and with ditties of the "cafe concert." These books principally come from the Carmelites' library, in the Rue de Vaugiard, which was dispersed two months ago, when the order my book this year?" turned its back upon France at the bidding of an inhospitable law. Some of the books are very old, dating back 200 in the world to hinder you."-Atlanta or 300 years. The signatures of their pious owners are pale and rusty on pages that have turned yellow with

WON'T SELL TO AMERICANS. Filipinos at San Fernando Opposed to

Yankee Business Men. American enterprise in the Philip pines is meeting with opposition at some places where the natives have stopped fighting, but are evidently not ready for Yankee business methods. One of these piaces is Sun Fernando. capital of La Union province, in the Island of Luzon.

The city has a population of about 13,000, and is 171 miles north of Manila. with which it is connected by wagon road. The province is fertile, raising much rice, corn, tobacco and sugar CHD#.

Gold is found in the sands of the rivers of the province, but it is coarse, San Fernando has a good harbor on the News. western coast of Luzon.

Naturally some of the Americans in the Philippines have been attracted to this fertile part of Luzon, which is peaceful now, but their reception, in a business way, has not been a hearty one, according to a correspondent of the Manila Preedom. He says:

"The effect of American justice and discipline is very noticeable in this province and in adjoining districts. Everybody is at peace with his neighbors, and Americans pass through here er-Doctor, don't you think that buly often without arms.

"The natives are thoroughly convinced that bamboo canoes with tin gin too soon.-Life, cans and causes of barbed wire are no check to American soldiers, but they are stubbornly opposing American oc tainly! He will be a great life saver cupation and enterprise by refusing to "A life saver?" "Yes; explorers will lease or sell vacant land in lots for cease going then."-Chicago News building purposes.

have been trying for more than a let a porous plaster come into the house month, two of them for two months, vithout crocheting a red border around for a location upon which to erect business buildings. The presidente is the chief monopolist and succeeds very well in discouraging Americans from locating here.

"This place has a fine harbor-the best there is on the western coast, with possibly one exception. It has fine natural drainage is the gateway to the gold denosits of Benguet and Lepanto provinces. San Fernando is the shipping point for the famous Niguillian tobacco at a hot pace, makes pedestrians bolldistrict.

the titles to term firms about here it will perform a benefit which will be Bits. appreciated by all well-disposed persons residing here. Oh, for about 75,000 Tagniogs from the vicinity of Manils did you say?" "I said it was certainly to settle here and teach the dog-in-the a very handsome door, but not what! manger Becanes what civility and prog- had come to talk about. That made ress are

"With that number of energetic Taga | mine."-Tit-Bits. logs planted in this province, with its natural advantages, it would become vious to see what elegant furniture the garden spot of the archipelago."

"Pipe-Osis Chinnitis.

"Have you ever noticed," said an uptown physician the other day, "the number of young men who are nursing sore chins? Some have swellings on one side only; the majority have them young fellows knows what is the matter with him. Most of them imagine hap, and, let's see-where is that, now! that their blood is out of order, and go dosing themselves, but the disease still one of the poetlenlest little things l out of his coat pocket and placed it in should strike your right cheek," asie! A book will soon be published by his mouth, "I put the pipe to the right the Sunday school teacher, "what John Lane called "Jane Austen: Her side and note where it rests. The bowl would you do?" "Give him the other tobacco acts like a positice and draws paralyze him."-Exchange twenty cases, and as soon as the short havin' at the church these days. Shure style dhudeen was abandoned for the it's shtarted me thinking. Miss Caserstraight stem variety, the trouble Thinkin' av what? Mr. Grogan-That ceased. I think that I am the original whin it come toime fur my funeral discoverer of the maindy and have would ye be the widdy?-Philadelphia called it 'pipe-osis chinnitis.' "-Phila Press. delphia Record.

Poverty and Pride.

The Woman's Aid Society of this city has many cases of improvidence on record, and one of the best of them is the story of the woman whose husband with pie in his hand-that's all, Janewas in juil and whose family had been Judge. supplied with food and clothing by the society. To the woman herself they gave \$10, thinking she would know the wants of her destitute family better than an outsider. A week after the gift a deputation of members called at the squalid home to see the results. They found no betterment in the condition of the home, so one asked:

Well, Mrs. Nolan, how are you getting along?"

"Fine." Mrs. Nolan said.

"Did the clothes fit?" And did you

"Sure. The clothes fitted fine, and, the money you gave me, and I'm going'

Didn't Dare to Risk It.

Inhabitants of a Minnesota town reionaire lumberman who hired all the Philadelphia Press. mill hands himself. One day a Swede applied to the irritable old man, and secured a place on the saws.

As he was leaving he said "Mester

His Privilege.

An author wrote to his publisher: "Can I hope for any royalties from

The publisher replied:

Constitution.



Jack-You seem afraid to question? Billy-No; I'm a mid question the pop.-Judge.

Miss Withers-Are you a marrya man? He-What do you take me for Miss Withers-Oh, this is so sudden Town Topics.

Sue Brette-How dp know to gallery gods threw Cas at you? Ba Lette-How do I know? Ye gods, dide; I catch them in the act?-Chion

Teacher-Anonymous means withou a name. Write a sentence showing pu understand how to use the word. Small Girl (writes)-"Our new baby is and ymous."

Society-Society has to have its force dation, you know. "I suppose so "Fancy anybody trying to be anybote if there were nobody who was nobody New York Sun.

Never Too Young: The Child's Fanis too young to submit to an operation! The Doctor-My dear sir. you can't be "Will there be any honor for the min

who discovers the North Pole?" "Ces

"Does your wife do much fany "I know her American citizens who work?" "Fancy work? She won't creit and running a yellow ribbon through the holes."

Little Willie-Say, pa, what is the disference between biography and autobography? Pa-Biography, my son shows a man as he is, while autobioraphy shows him as he thinks he is Chicago News.

"Why do you call the fast blerds rider a scorcher?" "Because he gos ing mad, warms up the police, gen "If the civil commission will look up roasted in court, and then thinks its whole thing is a burning shame."-Th

His Version: "What did papa say?" "He showed me the door." "And what him laugh, and a minute later you were

"Doesn't it make you the least bit et-Mrs. Eyeffy is putting into her home next door?" "Not a bit. My husband says it will be sold by the sheriff within six months-and I'll be there to buy." -Chicago Tribune.

The Stamp of Poetry: "I don't see much poetry in this," he said. "Don't you?" she exclaimed: "why, just see There's 'methinks' and here is 'may-Oh, yes, here it is-'haply'-why, it's

"Suppose, Bobble, that another ber

Coming to the Point: Mr. Grogan-

Mr. Newlywed (to his young wife-Jane, you didn't feed any tramps resterday, did you? Mrs. Newlywed-No. love. Why? Mr. Newlywed-Oh, nothing. An unknown tramp was found dead beside the road just below bere

Piscatorial Delights: Mrs. Innocent-What did you enjoy most about your fishing trip, dear? Mr. Innocent-1 go! most excited when I was reeling in my love. Mrs. Innocent (bursting into tears)-And to-to-th-think you prouised me y-you wouldn't d-drink a drop--Harlem Life.

"What have you ever done to deserve the office to walch you aspire?" askel the voter, "Nothing," answered the candidate, frankly; "if I had ever done anything to thoroughly qualify me for so important a position I could probad'ye know, they looked so nice that I bly make a great deal more money as

She-You know, John, you promised darned, and you haven't done it. She-Well, you don't mean to say you'll break your promise on that account? He-Well, it's just like this: You don't give a darn and I don't give a wrap.-

"Mrs. Knox," said the bostess at difner, "your little boy doesn't seem 10 have much appettie." "No, he doesn't that's a fact." "Don't be bashful, Wilile," the hostess urged. "Won't you have some more of anything?" "No. ma'am," Willie replied. "I filled up on cookies before I come, 'cause I heard ma tell pa we wouldn't get much here."-Tit-Bits.

"I want to announce that I'm a cardidate for State Senator," said Nuriteb; "can't you start my boom in your pa-Der?" "Sure," replied his friend, the "Yes; you can hope. There's nothing editor, "and I'll print it in a way that will be sure to attract the attention of the machine leaders. We'll say: Mr. A shiftless man is always boasting dacy for State Senator from his dis-\$amuel Nuritch announces his candiof what he would do if he had money. trirt,"-Philadelphia Press.