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doing him special damage, Is a Household Need. An Invaluable are you going to catch him, Mr. Pea Family Medicine for common complaints body?" said the young doctor. "

banged if he wasn't in the box again.

unsolved. Col. J. R. Bacon tells of one which was placed on his back on a stump by an old planter, in Liberty County, and left there to die. Just twelve months afterward the gentleman passed that way, and there was his gopher, still alive. Yet the Florida people say that if put on their \$67.000,000 Capital ! Liverpool and London and Globe backs in the hot sand they will die in a few moments. Mr. J. B. Collins tells of one which was shut up under

> four years. Almost a Personal Allusion.

A fat old man was spread out over four seats on a Texas train. At a small station a tall lady wearing a sunbonnet entered the car. The old fat man pretended that he did not sea her texas train as train as train and water is, in certain regions, of course, inevitable. The grand question, therefore, that presents itself to every resident of a fever stricken locality is, "What means are her texas as train as the course train as the course of see her, but a gentleman just behind the fat man who took up so much room, politely removed his grip-sack, and she sat down, thanking him for this attention. Charlis attention of the companion his attention. She did not say anything for a minute or so. Then she snapped her eyes and remarked to the gentleman who had given her the seat, at the same time glancing in the direction of the corpulent old gentleman:-

"You can't rely on what you read in the farm journals nowadays."

read in one of them the other day THIS IS TO GIVE ACTICE THAT THE that the average age of a hog is only accounts of the late firm of John Hahn & Co., are to be paid to the undersigned, and The old gentleman grunted.—

Thomas Bailey Aldrich is a blonde and wears his mustache with the ends pointed a la Français.

buggy. He has missed lots of fun. Novelist Crawford has a very flexi-Singer.'

Beecher denies that he ever stole apples while a boy, but it is said that Easter falls on St. Mark's day, Pentemaintains a suggestive silence

Senator Vance's summer recreation consists of having old-fashioned and chopping-bees involve axes to tician .- | New York Journal.

evil Spirits and Evil Names.

Chinese parents are afraid to give evil spirits, of whom they stand in constant fear, should come to understand how precious they are, and cause some calamity to overtake them. And so you constantly meet with children answering to the names of Little Stupid, Vagabond Flea, Dirt of Spring Dog—the idea being that when the spirits hear the little ones called by such uncomplimentary names, they will imagine that the

Her Romantic Soul Was Satisfied

A romantic New Hampshire girl was willing to marry a persistent lover, but wouldn't consent to the ceremony taking place anywhere but in a cave. As there was no cave within a radius of fifty miles they within a radius of firty miles they
were forced to abandon that project.
In a happy moment the idea of a
cellar marriage suggested itself to
the young man. The idea was
broached and accepted by the young
lady and the wedding speedily fol-

Where He Drew the Line.

"No," said a Vermont deacon, "I don't approve of hoss racin', but when another member of the church comes so godless as to try to pass me on the road comin' home from meetin', I feel it my duty to the church to let out a leetle on the lines, just to keep him from puttin' his trust in earthly things."—[Troy Press.

"How sleep the brave?" asks a poet. This depends largely on the number of cats in the neighborhood. Fresh and Cured Meats, - Waverly (O.) Mugwump.

Mrs. R. Hill, of Lee County, has a chicken which has no feathers on it, being perfectly smooth nearly all over.

Out of Sorts

Many persons feet unwell, not absolutely sick, but in a state of discomfort. The liver is out of order. Take Simmons Liver Regulator. This unfailing specific for liver disease has restored more people to health and happiness than any other agency known on earth. No one can take the Regulator and remain long unwell. Rev. R. G. Wilder, Princeton, N. J., says: "I find nothing helps so much to keep me in working

The story that the site of Chicago was bought for a pair of boots is not surprising when we consider the size of the accepted boot in that locality. This probably gave rise to the remark .hat corporations have no soles.-Life

We hear a great deal in these speculative days of lucky investments. The most lucky investment which man could make would be a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil. He would never be troubled with aches or pain, and could devote his time to making

Roston has been shocked by the discovery that Sitting Bull eats with tells of one which was shut up under a chimney for seven years, and was known to remain alive without food all that time. A negro man in his savage to the Concord School of Philosophy to learn how to eat pie.

> Preparing to Encounter Disease. The prevalence of malarial disorders being

dependent upon vitiated conditions of atmes-For a third of a century Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has been the embodied answer to this question. In thickly populated, and sparsely settled districts allke, in town and country, it has afforded constant protection against malarial infection to those who have used it. It eradicates and prevents, with equal certainty, fever and ague, billous re-mittent dumb ague and ague cake, and nul-lifies also the pernicious after effects of using persistently the hurtrii alkaloid sulphate of quinne. It also remedies, with thorough-ness, dyspepsia, liver complaint, constipa-tion, debility and rheumatism.

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Ominous Prophecies Concerning

Somebody has unearthed an old prophecy for the year 1886, of a de-Rev. Sam Jones says he never cidedly uncomfortable nature. It rode with a girl in a tight-squeeze appears that in the church of Oberemmel, near the city of Treveri, in Germany, there is a stone tablet ble baritone voice, but he dosen't mention that fact in his "Roman Singer." some centuries old, on which is cut the prophetic verse—in prose it may be rendered:—

David Davis has lost about 100 pounds in weight since his marriage. It is rumored that his skin now sets on him in Mother Hubbard dress style. weepings and waitings

cost on that of St. Anthony of Padua, when the conversation turns on and the Corpus Domini comes on St. watermelons. Here, then, are the first conditions of the prophecy fulfilled, so that now believers in prophecies and anxiouslog-rollings and chopping-bees on his Black Mountain farm. But log-roll-ing is not far removed from politics, disagreeable that can possibly hapgrind, remarks a well-posted poli-tician — New York Journal pen to this poor old planet and the dwellers thereon, between January and December, 1886. And, really, if the cyclones and earthquakes and epidemics and "wars and rumors of war" of the years 1882, 83, 84, 85, are their children the fine, high-sounding to be eclipsed, the prophecy is not names their love suggests, lest the an agreeable one.

Tired and Languld Women. How many women there are of whom these words are true: "They feel languid and tired, hardly able to bear their weight on their feet, the bloom all gone from their cheeks, ir-ratable and cross without meaning to be, nerves all upset, worried with the children, fretted over little things, a burden to themselves, and yet with parents care very little for them, and will not take the trouble to molest them.

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low its winding. A very common device for catching these marauders s to bury an open candle or starch Is just what its name implies; a box at the mouth of the gopher hole. The box is left open, and, strange to Purely Vegetable Compound, that say, when the clumsy old fellow Purely Vegetable Compound, that acts directly upon the liver; curing the many diseases incident to that important organ, and preventing the numerous ailments that arise from its deranged or torpic action, such as Dyspepsia Jahrdice, Biliousness, Costweness Molaria, Sick-headache, Rhennatum etc. It is therefore a ruism that "To have Good Health the Liver must be kept in order."

DR. SANFORD'S LIVER INVIGUEATOR. DR. SANFORD'S LIVER INVIGORATOR terribly of the gophers, and one Invigorates the Liver, Regulates the Bowmerning at the breakfast table said the was going to catch one which was

An experience of Forty years, and Tiera of his den, sir, and about eleven of the first monials prove its Merit. will tumble in, and I will have him." OR SALE BY ALL DEALERS IN MEDICINATION for full information send your address for the order on the "Liver and its diseases," it idea. "I'll bet you \$1 a gopher is not that big a fool," said he. "Good," said the old gentleman, and the money was put up. The box was duly set at the mouth of the gopherhole, and both gentlemen went on about their business down town. A remembered the bet and slipped off down to the field to see for himself. in the box, sure enough. I then put him back in the hole, and with a long pole I pushed him down as far er that almost cheats the him stay there. I then went back down-town and hunted Mr. Penbody, who had forgotten all about the

"I'll be hanged if the old fool wasn't Magnolia Balm is the charm-as I could, giving him all the hard thrusts I thought necessary to make gopher, until I reminded him that it was past the gopher's dinner bour.
'Sure enough,' said he, 'come and
go with me; I want my dollar.' Mr.
Peabody, I'll bet you another dollar you don't get him.' 'Good; I'd rather win two than one.' When we arrived at the gopher's hole I'll be

> I lost my money, and make it a rule never to bet on a gopher." It will not do to bet on anything about them, except that they can run faster than anything in the shape of their on earth. They hibernate in their burrows, and how long they can live witnout food is a question yet

Worth British and Mercantile all that time. A negro man in his neighborhood kept one shut up for

"Are they so unreliable?"
"Yes," she replied, glancing over her shoulder at the fat old man; I

old gentleman grunted .-JOHN HAHN. . [Texas Siftings.