Anna C. Brackett, who has been arching into the subject, says that evious to the time of Richard II. (1377-1339) all the English women who rode at all, rode like men. Richard married Anne, of Bohemia, the eldest daughter of Charles IV., emperor of Germany, and it is to her that we owe the introduction of the saddle. It is stated that she was deformed and, therefore, could not ride with ease on the usual saddle.

At an amateur theatrical perform-ance given by the ladies of Burling-ton's (Iowa) "four hundred" recently, the costumes furnished by a traveling manager were attached at the close of the entertainment. Many of the ladies had donned their costumes at home, but the sheriff would not allow the costumes to be taken from the eater, and the ladies had to go me clothed in "mantles of blushes ad what knick-knacks of attire could

Candidates in New York.

New York has a law that compels audidates for office to make a sworn report of their campaign expenses. Either this keeps the expenses down very low, or else some of the expenses are of such a character that the candides would rather commit perjury an reveal them. In Lockport, New York, it cost the candidates in the last ipal election just about \$320 to the provisions of the Soxton corrupt practice bill says. The Republican can-didate for mayor Tim Oliver, heads the didate for mayor Tim Oliver, heads the list with \$90 out of his pocket. He destend the Democratic candidate who put up just \$27 to be elected. Some candidates swore that they did not swore that they did not

Seized Seal Skins.

The Alaska Commercial company's amer St. Paul brought down from malaska 194 seal skins consigned United States Marshal Porter, of lasks, who is now in San Francisco.

hose skins are part of the number

sined on the sealing vessels James.

Seean, Juanita, Pathfinder, Min
ie, Lily and Black Diamond, by

the revenue cutter Richard Rush

at anymer.

skips are to be sold at auction San Francisco. They are valued from \$12 to \$15 apiece, making shipment valued at somewhere in neighborhood of \$2,500.

There were in all about \$20,000 orth of skins senzed, and these are specied to be shipped on one of the senzel sailing vessels that bring suplies to the Alaskan canneries and reto San Francisco with supplies.

THE WAR'S FIRST GUN.

It Was Not the Famous "Shot Heard Round the World."

Lush, after which it went to New Orleans, an 'from there to Jacksonville and then 'Filmado.

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casements, a mess of burning ruins. The war had, indeed, begun at last. "But that mortar shell from James island was not what you just now called it, 'the first gun of the war,'

though it is surprising bow many well-informed people, both north and south, believe that it was. Perhaps Whittier's verse, The shot heard 'round the world. may have helped the spread of this strange mistake, but every one who has carefully read about the opening of the war ought to remember that the first gun was, in fact, fired some

"It was long before the completion elected; at all events that is what sworn statements filed in the maty clerk's office in accordance with pupils of the state military academy of South Carolina, usually known as candidates swore that they did not know that they were running, and others put up from 25 cents to \$40. It was the cheapest election held there in years.

Seized Seal Skins. sure that this was not the main object for which they were sent to Morris island. To them at all events, the fied. Their battery was anything but a formidable one, either in its of-fensive or defensive features; but most

the Clasger of an Alarm Bell
by, in the stillness of the night, could class than de triling noises the nervous inthan de triling noises the nervous inBut once the nerves are braced and system in vigorated with Hostetter's and Bitters, this abnormal sensitivesens Bitters, this abnormal sensitivesens Bitters, this abnormal sensitivesens but even its very existence, a profound secret. These precautions were sucsmallerd mental gloom, and a vigorous bard of the extended by a travial causes. Imparied dimin is fertile cause of nerve weakness and trail mental gloom, and a vigorous bard of the expedition just in the storm of nervous disease, is unquesmake the nerves. Insonanta, or steeplessa term of nervous disease, is unquesmake the merves. Insonanta, or steeplessa term of nervous disease, is unquesmake the merves. Insunanta, or steeplessa term of nervous disease, is unquesmake the merves. Insunanta, or steeplessa term of nervous disease, is unquesmake the time an eccentric journalist conmected with the staff of one of the leadmake the merves. Insunation and the plan to promake it. J. C. Dement.

Lead over booths or tables in the different rooms.

The Chicage Tribune has started a fund for Kate Shelley of Boone county, Itowa, who some years ago crept across a railway treatle over the Des Momes are always treatl

by mail to the Mercury. The important tidings contained in his letter were received in the afternoon and immediately communicated to our head-quarter. The officers in command of the batteries which flanked the harbor Strolling into Redfern's, the ladies' have a glance at his latest inspiration

are those from members of the English

although only sixty.

gained their wealth in peaceful pur-suits, but the richest man in Germany is Herr Krupp, the gun-maker, whose income was over \$1,250,000 last year, and all from the manufacture of war

that ever happened to him was his drop out of the pension commissioner-He was advertised all over the country as having become a pension borne, arrayed in a broad brimmed agent and within a few days had over black hat, and picking flowers like 200 cases on his list and a good many fees in his pocket.

Sumter."

Seeing that his Grand Army friends were interested as well as a little puzzled by his assertion, the Virginian continued:

"The first gun of the war was, of course, the shot which drove back the steamer Star of the West when she is minesty years of age, the clust daughter sixty-eight and the youngest sixty-four. Not a man has ever been employed about the place, and during their two year's residence they have done all their own work and truck-gardening.

In March, at one time Oneon the ramusements occasionally, when she is in good health and spirits, is to summon a lot of her ladies-in waiting, and attendants and forming a procession set out to inspect her stables which are about a mile away from the house for it seems she is very fond of horses, and it is one of her notions that all her equine belongings shall be washed with one especial kind of soap. Whether it is the "Good morning."

regulars shut up in Fort Sumter. But, as far as I know, the true story of how that shot came to be fired, has never been told. I held a position which gave me an inside view of what was going on, and I well remember the elation of General Ripley, who was in immediate command of our works at the harbor, at the lucky circumstance which enabled us to prevent relief from reaching Major Anderson and his men.

"It was long before the completion of the Sir Leicester at the harbor, at the lucky circumstance which enabled us to prevent relief from reaching Major Anderson and his men.

"It was long before the completion of the Sir Leicester bedlocks, the sun continued not to set upon the British dominions, stocks remained firm and trade suffered no conscious bereavement. conscious bereavement.

General Jubal Early, one of the pet cavalry leaders of the confederacy, lives well at Lynchburg on the money he receives for lending his name to a lottery company. He has a suite of rooms fitted up with a fine library, choice oil paintings and handsome steel engravings, but boards around at different restaurants paying for his different restaurants, paying for his meals as he goes, and running no bills. He has many friends, and when he entertains, does so with a free hand.

A recent visitor offered some words of condolence to the widow of General Crook, in reply to which Mrs. Crook for which they were sent to Morris island. To them at all events, the outing was a welcome kind of picnic, with a patriotic flavor, for though they were longing for a real scrimmage of some sort, there seemed to be no immediate prospect that their enthusiasm in that direction would be gratified. Their battery was anything but field. Their battery was anything but me: and now those same words come me; and now those same words come back to me."

fensive or defensive features; but most people on both sides of Mason and Dixon's line were still clinging to the belief that something would yet turn up to avert the clash of arms, and nobody thought that there was any special reason for haste in putting the finishing touches to the little sand fort.

"There had, so far, been no serious interruption of travel or of mail and telegraphic communication between the North and the South; but the Star of the West expedition had been planned as a surprise, and the utmost

Like some of u isn't above induly reduced prices."

The prince Bismarck's house in Berlin, at which the great statesman and his big hunting hound were prominent figures. The prince walked around in the plain undress of a cuirassier officer, chatted pleasantly with acquaintances and now and then bought something. Princess Bismarck sold articles at the principal table, and other titled ladies presided over booths or tables in the different rooms.

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A QUEEN'S CAPRICES.

Her Royal Signature Looks.

tailor of New York, the other day to HERE AND THERE.

Here And There.

How the Star of the West Was Driven Cleared \$25,000 in one season, and \$160,000 in ten, has little or none of living that he is said to spend less than \$1,000 a year on his immediate wants.

There are 689,812 men employed on the railroads of this country. The spring of 1861, in which all three had the series which flanked the harbor entrance on either side were at once notified to be on the alert, and the Star of the West crossed the bar at dawn next morning, only to find the passage to Fort Sumpter disputed by the cadet artillerists of Morris island. The first shot of the war was fired across her bow. This was a kind of reception she had not bargained for, and to the disgust of the expectant garrison of the besieged fort, who only a few of our old letters from were watching the scene from the parapet, she turned right around, took to her heels and an hour later had become a mere speck on the ocean horteness.

In the smoking room of the Astor house the other evening two grizzled for, and to the disgust of the expectant garrison of the besieged fort, who only a few of our old letters from were watching the scene from the parapet, she turned right around, took to her heels and an hour later had become a mere speck on the ocean horteness.

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admiration upon epistles emanating from such distinguished sources as the queens of Italy, Greece, Sweden, the empress of Russia and Germany, poor dethroned Eugenie, and a host of princesses, duchesses and lesser lights of the aristocracy. The most im-portant and interesting of these letters, to an English-speaking reader,

royalty. Wales, headed
"Marlborough House,
Pall Mall, S. W.

Her royal highnest the princess of Wales, wishes to see you about some cool summer frocks, and also, about a mantle and coat for the empress of To Mr. Redfern."

From the Queen herself, comes the

Her majesty wishes Mr. Redfern to end in her account."



rest of her sex. Far The richest men in the United States pleasant summer weather she likes to take her breakfast in a tent on the lawn, and it must be served precisely at half past eight o'clock, for England's queen does not countenance laz ness; marching up and down outside are two gorgeous looking pipers in full Highland costume, playing the bag-pipes, Then she has some simple tastes, and all a true English woman's love for out door exercises: and she is often to be seen in the lanes at Os

> any country bred child. One of her amusements occasionally

be washed with one especial kind of soap. Whether it is the "Good morn-ing. Have you used ——" sort I did not learn. She is very observant, too, and has a really wonderful memory for details for one who has been for over fifty years burdened with such great re sponsibility. It seems that when sh

is at her summer residences of Bal-moral and Osborne, it is her custom to go around her tenants and the cottag ers, and to note just what addition to their furnishments or wardrobes would be more welcome. These items she keeps in mind for months, and then at Christmas there goes to each cottage just that very thing which was most longed for. To the women and chil-dren she most frequently gives the material of a good wool gown, and for these she calls upon the house of Redfern. Now it has been the custom of this firm to take the opportunity of clearing off all their unutilized and "passe" stock, even though it should date back more than one season. Well, the last time these stuffs were carried down for her majesty's inspection, she said, after examining them:
"Now, I am quite willing, you know,
to help you get rid of your old goods, to a reasonable extent. But you've been sending me some of these de-signs for the last four or five years, and I'd really like to have a few new and I'd really like to have a few new ones, once in a while, or I'm afraid I'll be giving the same patterns to the same person over and over again."

Like some of us Americans, Victoria isn't above indulging in "bargains at

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"Right off—now?"
"I don't believe you can do it!" "Then I'll die trying. It shall be a "Yery well."
Then one took out his false teeth and laid them on the fence, the other hung his hat and overcoat on a picket and the first observed:

"Be careful of my left leg, Tom, I've had a boil there." "All right, and you look out for my right ear, as it is sore from neuralgia."
At this moment a policeman hap-pened along and warned them against

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