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## A Tale of the Early Settlers of Louisiana.

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CHAPTER XIV .- (Continued) "Simon Lubols," she said, in a freezing tone, "spare me from your professions of love, for they only add to my misery.

Now answer me a solemn question: Where is my brother?" "Your brother?" Simon uttered, start-ing in spite of himself, "What should I

"But de you not know of him?" she asked, looking him steadily in the eye. "I do not." But he trembled while he spoke, he could not help it.
"But you know he was select by the

Indiana on the same night that I was." "How should I know?"

"Slmon, it is strange that you have never once asked me concerning the event of my abdaction!"

of my abduction."
"I - I - a have had enough to think
of without that. My love for you has
sugrossed my every thought, and claimed
my whole attention."

"Then you know nothing of bim?"
"I-I-why, how on earth should 1?"
"Never mind. If you do not, then that is enough. Now, appoint the time for the wedding when you will." "It shall be this very day." "As you will. If it must be so, I care

not for time. Henceforth all times are alike to me." "Ay, aweet Louise, all of joy."

"Yes such joy as the lost child feels in the deep wood, such joy as the poor orphan feels when she stands by the cold corpse of her dead parents!"
"Nonsense! But come; you shall find better quarters than these."

So Simon Lobols led his promised bride forth from the prison house back to the dwelling from whence she had been tak-en on the previous night, and then he went out to hunt up some more fitting garb for her to wear. He went to the Governor, and there he succeeded in pur-chasing a suitable habit. It was a dress made after the fashion of the times, of pale blue slik with scarlet facings, and worked with silver lace and thread. It belonged originally to one of Perier's daughters, but she had never yet worn it. It having been made for her wedding dress, and her lover dying on the eve of

marriage.
The dress fitted Louise to a fault, and when thus prepared, she suffered herse when thus prepared, she somered acres to be led to the church, for Simon had determined that there should be no subsequent question about the legality of his marriage. When they entered the cube church they found quite a number of people collected, and the aged pricat was there in his robes.

The poor girl's head ached, and when he stock before the pricat she trembled.

she stood before the priest she trembled violently, and even Simon was startled when he saw how pale she looked.

"Go on," she whispered. "O, go on, and let me out from here, or I shall die;"
The priest commenced the extensory. and Bimon answered the questions dis and Simon answere the questions of tinety. Then the holy man thread to the bride, and he asked her the usual questions. She looked up, and in a faint, forced voice, she replied: "To the best of my abilities I will do all this."

What more could human law require? Even Simon was surprised, for he had feared she would hesitate. But he knew toot how sick and faint she was, and that she might have answered thus promptly n order to hasten the ceremony, for she wanted fresh sir. The ceremony was tin ished, and the nuptial tie had been form ed, and the marriage was registered in the great parchment book of the clerk. The fee was paid, and then the bride

groom turned away.
"In heaven's name, my wife," cried simon, as they reached the open air. "what is the matter? What is it that

thus affects you?"
"O, I am sick—sick as death;" was the faint reply. "Hasten—hasten to our home, or I shall fall and sick by the

Minon saw that his companion spots the truth, and with quick steps he hur-ried on, sometimes bearing his bride in his arms, and anon helping her to walk. At length they reached their dwelling, and Loppa was at once sent for the phy-The old man came, and at a

Simon stammered out a reply to the ef-fect that the negro woman might have

neglected it.

The physician dealt out his medicine, and having given directions for the care of his patient, he writed. Simon procured for his wife another attendant, so as to have two of them, and then he informed Louise that his business called

him up the river, "To the chateau?" asked she, faintly. "Yos. I was in hopes that you would have accompanied me, but that is now impossible. However, I must go, though I shall return as soon as possible

And what will you tell my father?" "Simply that you are my wife, Of course I shall explain how I rescued you from the savages, and how, in return, I claimed your hand. But I have prepared the best of care for you during my ab-sence, and you shall not want for any-The physician will be regular in visits, and I hope to find you well

The invalid betrayed no sorrow at the departure of her husband, nor did she exhibit any extended signs of deep affec-tion at his adieu. She closed her eyes as he spoke the parting words, nor did she open them again until old Loops came and whispered in her car that her husband was gone.

CHAPTER XV. Up and down the wide walk in the gar-den paced Brion St. Julien and Goupart St. Denis. The old man was pale and wan, and his steps were short and trem-ulous. The slivery streaks seemed to have multiplied themselves upon his head, and surely many a deep line of care was added to his brow. St. Denis care was added to his brow. St. Denis looked not so pale, but a sorrowful look was upon his face, and in his dark, rich brows eye dwelt a melancholy light, such as could only come from a broised and bleeding heart. His hands were folded upon his bosom; his eyes bent upon the upon his bosom; his eyes bent upon the ground, while within his own stout arm vas locked that of his companion.

"We can search no more," said the marquis, in a troken voice. "They must either have been slain, or else horne away off to the far homes of the Chickneaws. "And do you think old Tony's report can be relied -pon?" naked Goupart.

"Yes. He says he is sure, and if he | who has received a shot through the

eels so, then it is so."
"Then our only hope is in enlisting the hole French force in our behalf. hese Chickasaws are a powerful, war-ike people, and not easily overcome."
"Ah, we cannot do that," returned the

marquis, sadly. "The Governor, Perier, is not a warm friend of mine. He had not his eyes upon this place before I bought it, and he meant to have gained it free of cost. He dares not show open heatility to me, but he would not help

"Then," said Gompart, "I will myself. to in search, even though I disguise my-self in the outer semblance of the red

But the marquis shook his head dubi-But the marquis shook his head dustously at this.
"No, no," he said. "You would only
throw away your oven life, and then I
should be left fill alone. I could not
live, Goupart, if you, too, were gone.
Alasi what of life is loft to either of us
now! I had just seen the opening of
life's promise—the building of my soul's
great hope—when this drear midnight
came!"

For a while after this they walked on in silence. All search had been made that could be planned with reason, but in rain. Old Tony, who was quick of wir, and who had not forgotten the wild life of his youth, had followed the trail of the maranders a distance of forty miles.

the maranders a distance of forty miles, and there he tost it upon a branch of the Tickfah. This trail led in a south-easterly direction, so the necessed ones had not a shadow of doubt that Louis and Louise had been taken to the distant homes of the Chicksanws.

The day was drawing near to its close when one of the famale domestics rushed into the sitting room and announced that Simon Lobois was coming. Both the marquis and St. Desis attarted to their feet, and gased upon each other earnest. fort, and gazed upon each other earnest-

"O," uttered the old man, "I wish I knew that Simon was innocent of all crime in this." The words were spoken with strong, sudden emotion, and show-ed that the speaker had been racked with

dark doubts.
"I would not say that he is guilty of all this," returned Goupart; "but things is extracted from it and sent to the reest most darkly against him. However, we can easily tall. His face is very apt to reveal the emotions of the inner man and I feel assured he will betray him-

The marquis took a turn up and down ounded in the hall, and in a moment nore he entered. He moved quickly up o St. Julieu and caught him by the hand. "Ah, my good, kind father," he attered, have been detained longer than I exected. But I am happy to find you

But the nable routh spoke not in re-sty. He could not. He detected in Si-non's eye a look of trimiph that was not, to be mistaken, and from that moment are snapletons were all alive again.

"But I do not see Louis. Where is

The marquis gazed fixedly late the quaker's eye, but he could detect no.h-ng there out of the way. "Louis la-le-gone," the old man ut

"How? Have you not found him ret?"
"Then you knew he was gone?" said
the marquis, with a quick glance of fear.

ere gone from here."
"How?" the old man asked.
"Louise herself has told me the story," as the culm response. Both the old man and the young start-

to their feet.
"Louise! Louise told you?" gaspe.i Yes, menslear," returned Simon, gar-

ag upon the youth with a look of malig-ant triumph. "I had the good fortune at triumph. "I had the good fortune rescue the loved damsel from the hands

the Indians."

At this Juncture the marquis sank back his sent, and Gonnart followed his ex-

And where is she now?" the stricken rent asked, in a whisper.
"She is at New Orleans, I should have

brought her with me, but the state of her health would not permit. She has a fever; but you need not fear, for I have

"It was most strange," answered Si-non," assuming a devont look. "While in New Orleans, I heard-that a small party of Chickasaws were on their way wards Lake Pontchartrain with a wi "We can't drive it off this time, Monsieur Lobola. It is finally seated, and
must have its run. But the lady has a
sound constitution, so you need apprehend no danger. But she has not followed my directious, I am sure, or she
would not thus have suik. Has she had
the nutritious food I ordered?"

Simon stammered out a reply to the offeet that the perce we have the second sound and having the light of the percent of the percent of the percent of the fort
at Natchez. The fear became so firmly
fixed that I resolved to set out; so I engaged the services of one who knew the
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the result in the resolved to set out; so I enthe result in the resolved to set out; so I enthe resolved to set out; so I enthe result in the resolved to set out; so I enthe resolved to set out lake, and landed as near as we could to the opening of the trail that I had been informed the Indians were upon. We mounted the bank, and almost the first thing that met my eye was the form of an Indian pacing up and down by the side of an open space in the woods, knocked the sentinel down, and in a m meat the whole party were upon their feet. At a little distance I saw the form of a female askep upon the ground. I demanded that the prisoner should be given up to me, but I had to use some heavy threats before they would yield. At length, however, upon my promise At length, however, upon my prothat I would not cause them to be me leated further, they gave the prisoner up, and you can imagine my deep joy when I knew that I had saved Louise St.

For some moments there was element in the room. Goupart, who was very pale, but whose lips were firmly compressed, was the first to break it.

"How long ago was it that you found the laft?" he asked.

"About two weeks," was the reply.

"And has she been sich ever since?"
"No. I had meant to bring her with
no, but she was taken down with a fever on the very day before I started."
"St. Julien," cried the youth, turning to the old man, "I will away at once

and seek her, and as soon as she is able she shall be with you. Tony shall go A satanic smile dwelt upon

A stante smile dwelf upon Smon of features as Goupart ceased speaking, and in a tone of the same nature he said:

"You need not trouble yourself, Monstenr St. Denis. I assure you I should not have left Louise, had I not seen her in the care of those who will be faithful. She has her own servants to attend her."

"Her own servants!" utbered Goupart, benefits other.

"Bet Goupart had better go down, Si-ton, and come home with her," suggested is old man. "Excuse me," answered Lobols, "if I

object to that. Monsieur St. Denis is not just the man that I should select as an en-ort for my wife!" Goupart St. Denis started half up from his sent, and then same back like a man have been propagated in Louisiana.

heart. His face was deadly paie, and his hands were clutched upon his knecs. "Your, wi-I-left" gamed the old man, starting up and taking a step towards his

"Yes, my dear father," Lobois replied. "I am the happy man. The sweet chil has accepted me as her husband. An why should she not? She awad her very life to me, and in gratifiede she rewards me with her band."

"But not yet, Simon! You are not mar "Most assuredly we are.

"No. no; that is impossible! Louise could never have done..."
"Hold, sir! We will have no argument about it. Here is the document that will

uitlefy you."

Thus speaking, Simon took s. from his pocket, which he opened and handed to the marquis. It was a legal certificate—on attested copy of the re-ord—bearing the seal and signature of the colonial clark, and vouching for the legal marriage of Simon Lobels an Louise St. Julien. The old man read it and then, with a deep groam, the paper fell from his hand. Quick as thought, Goupart picked it up. The hope had flashed upon his mind that the document might be a forgery; but as his eye rests might be a forgery; hot as his eye restee upon it, the hope passed away, for he knew it was a legal transcript of the record. The paper dropped from his hand, too, and he sank back into his chair. The thing had come with a thunder-crash upon him, and for the moment he was unable to speak. But one look into the face of Lobols started his heart to life again (To be continued.)

NOTHING GOES TO WASTE. Chemistry Has Found Uses for What

Were Once Refuse Projects, There is no such thing as waste product in the industries of the present day. Everything is wheat that comes to the of the manufacturers. In every big factory now there is a chemist whose business it is to find out what can be done with the refuse. In the packing house every particle of grease factory. The residue is converted into a fertilizer and sold to the farmer. Buttons and knife handles are made from the borns and bones and the scraps are ground into bonement for feeding poulthe room to compose himself, and by the try. Gine and gelatine come from the time he had done this, Simon's footstep boofs and the bristles and hair are used in making brushes and for putting into mortar. The hide, of course, is tanned and made into teather.

In making coal gas, ammonia, car sonic acid, acetic acid, coal tar and various nitrogen compounds are also Then the black-hearted man turned to produced From coal far many fine coupart, and with a stiff, formal bow, be dies are made. From crude petroleum "Measlear St. Denis, I hope you are paraffin and vaseline. A still heavier off, left as a residue, is used for axle grease, and the carbon is turned into atteks for electric lights. The sulphuric acid used for purifying the products of petroleum is recovered and turned into asked Labois, after he had taken much phosphate rock, which is thus dis

Cream of tartar is made from the Yes-I knew that both your children in potash that they are used for fertilizing tobacco plants. From the oil comes a good quality of saind oil. Combined a doc, if not the male with its majestic with beef suct it makes cottolene, which antiers. Turkeys, prairie chickens, and after 19,000,000 acres, a territory nearly la used as a substitute for lard. The crudest part of the oil goes to the seap easily caught in coop-traps. They are equal in extent to the State of Indiana, the gills again working like a busy crudest part of the oil goes to the seap easily caught in coop-traps. They are five tribes are the sole owners and generally sold alive to the white population for a song." All classes of the been termed The Five Civilized in turn, besides being used medicinally, flamy family abound everywhere.

Tribes," because they have long since the sturgeon with his helps to make nitroglycerin, the explo-

These are only a few illustrations of for farming. The eastern portion con- toms and habits. how the chemists make profitable use tains part of the Boston Mountains,

A traveller in England rested at noon asphalt mines to be found in the Unit a wayside ion and took luncheon ted States are in the indian Territory. ne tandlord was a social person and after presenting his bill sat down and ently endeavored to gain control of chatted with his guest.

"By the way," the latter said, after foot down" on all propositions and

a while, "what is your name?" shows no favor to capital. These mines "My name," replied the landlord, "is are operated by private companies un Partridge."

"Ah," returned the traveller, with a Coal, a semi-anthracite variety, is humorous twinkle in his eyes, "by the mined in great abundance. ength of your bill I should have thought it was Woodcock!"

This story, as it appears in a recent primarily the filmt districts, are inhabbook by a distinguished English diplomat, is credited with having amused amphibious animals. Battlesnakes are Bismarck.

The Joke on the Joker. A Long Island justice has decided that to send a worthless package by express to a person, requiring the recipient to pay charges, comes under the ead of petty larceny and is punishable as such. In the case the justice decided one man had sent by express a worthless package to another as a loke. The express charge was 35 cents. The man who got the package couldn't see man finger nail. anything funny in the business and

complained to the magistrate, who en-tered a charge of petty larceny and ex-of grain and vegetable products are tortion and fined the loker \$5 and costs. "As to this here plan to kill moskee ters with coal oil," said Mr. Medder grass, while the grocer was filling his

can, "I don't know that it is fatal to them insects, but if they are anything like about a dozen hired girls that has started the breakfast fire in this town and subsequently gone out through the roof, it will be hard times for them Jersey biters when the coal oil campaign sets in in dead earnest."-Baltin American.

"Willie, didn't I see you matching ennies with Willie Blimmer?" "Y-yes, mamma!" Well, don't you know it's very wicked?"

'Deed I do, mamma!" "Then don't you do so, again."
"I w-won't, mamma-I'm busted!"-San Francisco Bulletin.

The Magnet. "Look here, Dunwell, how do you manage to bring out all your apartent house debtors? When I ring the bell no one shows up."

"It's dead easy! I go down disguised as a health-food sample distributer. In two minutes every occupant of the house is in the ball,"-Chicago News

White blackberries and green roses

## The Indian Territory and Its People

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OPENING OF OFFICE FOR SELECTION OF ALLOTMENTS AT MUSEOGER

tory is of such a nature that it ac- fellow red men. The remainder of the

tons of the different tribes. Those who grees, who are squatting on lands with-

"would be hunter" can readily procure shals and courts only.

dates all the desires and cus- 400,000 people are "whites" and ne-

were nothing new in those days; 'man of nature" was still numerto be able to better control them. Again manity—Indians, negroes and "whites," and again the original number grounds of the Indian were reduced in size, and the tribes forcest to abandon their within the limits of the Territory, homes and settle anew. And why? Hecause thousands of territorians they live and without a voice in the wanted room for homesteads, the government by which they are constrides of industry and civilization trolled. For the administration of

ances and absolute freedom. with the vexed question of making The latter were slaves of the different some final and amicable settlement, or bands prior to the war, and after being treaty, with some of the larger tribes illerated through acts of the Indian of Indians which lived in the southern councils, they were adopted by the repart of the Union. Virginia, North spective tribes as members of the Carolina; Alabama, Mississippi all bands, and now share in their lands sought to open the Indian's land to the and annuities, being called "freed-plow of the farmer, the ax of the timher cutter, or the spade of the miner.

favor tilling of the soil find an abund-

sinc, copper, platinum, etc. The only asphalt mines to be found in the Uni-

A number of syndicates have persist-

shows no favor to capital. These mines

der the control of the government.

The timber is semi-tropical and of

many varieties. The wooded regions,

so numerous that the Indians pay lit-

tle or no attention to them. About

fifty species of lizards are represented in the Territory, ranging in size from

one to ten inches, some having venom-

ous teeth. Scorpions cause very se-

rious wounds, although their sting is seldom fatal. Tarantulas and centi-

pedes attalu an enormous size; speci

mens of the centipede have been found

which were ten inches long, each ver-tebral division being as large as a hu-

cultivated, cotton is king in the Terri-

planted, they have exhibited a wonder-

ful endurance and have yielded enor-

A CREEK INDIAN'S HOME.

us crops. Apples, pears, peaches,

apricots and all varieties of berries are

stupendously productive.
The agricultural inclinations of the

Indian have hitherto been but slight. The "whites" from the adjoining

that their aspirations were futile, they

custom for more than twenty years,

Wherever orchards have been

The crops comprise mainly

"IE Indian Territory was reserv; | the lease contracts and sees to it that

us, and the administration sought to dian Territory?" The owners in com-

were great and fast, and the redskins, public affairs no uniform system of opposed to all this, favored disturb government and no code of laws now exists. The owners, as has been said. So the government was confronted are Indians, "whites," and negroes,

ed for the red men more than the Indian receives due remuneration seventy years ago. Reservations for the use of his lands.

All this may lead the reader to ask "Who are the inhabitants of the inand again the original hunting grounds aggregating about 85,000 souls. An

The 400,000 non-citizens also embrace Congress began legislation on the matter of removing the Indian from these States to the West, and present may have defaulted in their citizenship ed articles of treaty to the different by not moving to the Indian Territory tribes, which in time and turn were when the treaty was ratified by the ratified by the chiefs and councils of tribe, or by removing after once having established a home thereis, or by re-The topography of the Indian Terri moving too late to the abode of their

not come to the commission. So it do modations in the interior being inadquate the commission purchased the ecessary equipment for its mainta nance in the field. Then it advertised a schedule of its appointments in the various towns and villages. By coming to the Indians in this way, it could variably secure the enrollment of the majority of the efficens of each tribe. To proceed just and fairly in the alotment of land in severalty, the govrnment ordered an appraisement of

rolls. Great difficulties confronted it however, in the change of name

nation. When the making of the roll

began, the great majority of the Ir

disns, opposed to enrollment, won

The commission has its headquarters In the town of Muskogee in the Creek

among the members of all tribes.

equal amount of dollars worth of land. view of appraising the land, the posed of six appraisers, one cierk, two only difference is that Jeff teamsters, and one cook. Two of these buried."—Philadelphia Press. appraisers are surveyors, and act in a double capacity. Each party, while living in one camp, operates in two divisions, with three appraisers in each, one of them a surveyor.

The Choctaws and Chickasaws will ceive approximately 500 acres per capita, the Cherokees 120, and the recks and Seminoles 160.

The United States laws probibit the sale of firearms and intoxicating liqnors within the limits of the Territory This law is enforced very rigidly.

to seven small tribes in the northeast-ern part of the Cherokee nation. They Bits. ern part of the Cherokee nation.

are the Quapaws, Peorlas, Ottawas, Modoca, Shawnees, Wyandottes and Weil, Bridget, did Master Arthur shoot any tigers in India? Bridget—Of any tigers in India? Bridget—Of Shure we have the tribal government of five large tribes herns of the craychurs hung in the of Indians will only be a memory of hall - Punch. past history.-R. A. J. Mangelsdorf, in the Illustrated Home Journal.

HABITS OF THE STURGEON.

Has a Peculiar Telescopic Mouth-

The sturgeon is an interesting fish. I has, for instance, a telescopic mouth Its mouth has not the usual bony jaw spening like that of most fish. on the under side of its head, like that of a shark, and is more like a bole than anything else. In front of it, hanging down like a thin beard, are a number of sensitive tentacles.

Whenever the sturgeon in his search for food akims the surface of the bot tom these tentacles sweep the ground If they chance to pass over the end of out a title. All houses and places of fertilizer for farms where there is too ant amount of land suited to this pur- business were erected on lands and the siphon of a soft shelled claim the information is immediately telegraph pose, and the hunter need not wander lots, the owner thereof having no title far in order to replenish his gamebag, whatever to the estate save his good ed to the brain and the telescopi Though the buffalo has been exter faith that he might at some future time mouth unfolds into a tube over the residue of wine fuctories. Cotton seeds minated, there is no want of other be able to secure the land from the neck of the clam. Its gills begin to are stripped of lint for making paper. The black bear tribe and obtain a clear title. Thus work with the speed of bellows when They are then crushed for the oil and still provis about the dense forests, towns of 5,000 inhabitants have agrung a fire is being stirred up. The sand the meal is pressed into cakes for feed while the catamount—a kind of moun up. But these towns have no municiing stock or burning as fuel. If the tain lion—lies in readiness upon the pal government, no municipal water little cloud. In a few seconds the cakes are burned the ashes are so rich limbs of trees to leap upon his proy, supply, police or fire protection. Order and around the clam has been sucked in potash that they are used for fertilis. Deer are so plentiful that even the is maintained by United States mar through the gills and the clam is lifted through the gills and the clam is lifted into the mouth of the sturgeon. Once inside the vestibule of Mr. Sturgeon's mouth its shell is crushed to pieces

Portions of the Territory are very given up their wild and swage ways shoel-like nose will cultivate the mountainous and afford no opportunity and have adopted the white man's cushusbandman, Gathering momentum The northeastern part of the Terri- he forces his snout into the bottom of refuse, a branch of the various in-dustries that people in general know sections also have very extensive of Indians; the northwestern portion inches deep and from fifty to sixty mountain ranges. The mountains are by the Creeks or Muskogee Indians, feet long. The current clears away rich in different ores, such as iron, The Choctaws will inherit the south-



A BUNCH OF CATTLE IN THE CREEK NATION

astern division, while the Chickneaws ing along the furrow Mr. Sturgeon dain the land directly west of the gathers his harvest of moliusks Choctaw's claim. The central western | crustaceans.

The entire landed estate embraces

and prior to the removal to ent abode dwelt in North Carolina and are is made from the roe of the feadjacent States. The government had male. This not only reduces the numlong been negotiating with these In-dians, and in the year 1835 succeeded possibility of an increase of the supin having a treaty ratified by the tribe ply. It is said that "smoked sturaccording to which they were to cede geon" is being made from the West haired woman who meets him at the all claims to land east of the Missis- Indian catfish. In some States there door. "I believe not." she answers, sippi and accept 7,000,000 acres of land are laws against the promiscuous vest of this river.

There are now about 30,000 Cherokee Indians and 4,000 Cherokee. "freedmen" iving in that nation who are all mem bers of the tribe.

The Cherokees do more farming than any of the other five civilized tribes. Even before the first treaty was made with them, in 1785, they invariably had their patch of Indian corn near their but, the squaw doing the labor in those days. Now they also raise cotton. Most of the work, however, is done by the African descendants, their labor in nany sections of the nation being as cheap as the wind.

When Congress created the Dawes heap mo' hope ob hebben dan dey make rolls of the members of the Five Tribes. In order to accomplish this, it States, however, have aspired to own was necessary to take a census of each some of these fertile fields; but seeing of said tribes. When the rolls are completed they will contain names of fullleased land at a ridiculously low fig- blood Indians, negroes, and white men, ure. This practice had been a regular with every intervening degree of blood. Some Indians entitled to enrollment when the government finally took have but one sixty-fourth degree of charge of this matter and made up a Indian blood and show no resemblance took have but one sixty-fourth degree of schedule of stipulated rental-fees per whatever to the red man. In compilacre. The government now draws up ing these rolls, the commission was

ortion is the Seminole Indians' claim, The number of sturgeons is rapidly being the smallest domain of the five. growing less, says the New York Trib-The Cherokees are the largest nation, une, owing to the love of mankind for their pres caviare and smoked sturgeon. Cavislaughter of sturgeon.

Woes of the Poor Women Elschen-Mother, when I get mar-ried, shall I have a husband like fa-

Mamma-Certainly, my dear, Eischen And if I stay single, shall be an old maid like Aunt Anna? Mamma-I think you will. Eischen (with a deep sigh)-Well, J am in a fix.-Volks Kalendar.

Charcoal Eph's Daily Thought. "Dey am er hull lot ob people in de worl'," said Charcoal Eph, getting back on his old strain, "dat got er simulssion, it instructed the same to prospects ob gettin' dar, Mistah Jackson."-Baltimore News.

Given It No Chance

"Time is money, you know." "Well, I don't know. Money never hanga beavily on my hands."- Philadelphia Bulletin.

Ambition makes men want to do things they can't

People who ridicule fools are usually in the same boat.



Surcastle: Guest-Walter, bring me beefsteak. A real large one, as my yesight is very poor.-Ex.

Economical Robble: "Do you say one prayers every night, Robble?-No; some nights I don't want anything."-Ex.

Yeast-"It's hard to keep a good man-Crimsonbeak-"That's why they put such heavy monuments over some of them, I suppose,"-Youkers Statesman

Softleigh-Are you quite sure Miss Banks is not in? The Maid-Of course. all lands in the Indian Territory, so I am. She gave me one of your photo that each citizen would receive an graphs in order to make me double graphs in order to make me doubly sure.-Chicago Dally News.

"Bryan still seems to think he's very commission organized and equipped much like Thomas Jefferson." "And many field parties. Each party is come so he is." "Nonscover" "Fact. The only difference is that Jefferson is Mrs. Upjohn-"What beautiful floors!

How do you keep them so nicely polished?" Mrs. Gaswell (giving her the toy glare)-"I don't. I leave that to housemaid."-Chicago Tribune. Lawyer-"Have you ever seen the

prisoner at the bar?" Witness-"No. sir; but I have seen him many times when I strongly suspected he had been at it."—Philadelphia Evening Rulletin. Mrs. Watts-Trumps-Oh, yes, we

had a delightful time. We played cards the whole evening. Mr. Watts-

hall!-Punch.

Progressing .- She -"How's the motor car getting on, Sir Charles?" He-"Well, fact is, I've seen very little of it. You see, I've only had it three months, and when it isn't in the hospital, I am,"-Punch "If you kiss me again, sir, I shall call

ny mother!" "What's the use of that? said Chollie Freshe; "you know I'd prefer to kiss you, and, besides, your father might object to my kissing the old lady."-Baltimore Herald. A Vision of Bliss.-Rostus-"Als reamed ob heaten las' night," Zeke "Am dat so? An' what did it look

ike?" Rastus-"A monst'us big chick-

en roose in de middle ob a watermil-lon patch."—San Francisco Bulletin. Subbubs. We've got a new girl at or house. Backlotz-Hah! It's easy nough to get a new girl, but can you He declares she weight nine ounds at least.-Philadelphia Press. Blessed sleep; "Supposing you oke up some day and found vourself

a millionaire-what'd you do? right to sleep again, so that the knock-

ing of the tax assessors on the door uidn't annoy me!"-Baltimore Hernld Satisfied Quite.-Nervous Old Lady-I hope your horse is quiet, cubman, What's she laying back her cars like that for-look!" Cubby (complacently) "Oh, that's only her feminine curiosl-

ty, mum. She likes to hear where she's goln' to"-Tit-Bits Why John Was Absent.-The following brief but explicit telegram was sent from a near-by State to Georgia recently: "Reason John didn't git ome fer Christmas wuz-he stopped in a hotel fer the first time in his life, an' blowed out the gas."-Atlanta Con-

stitution. Tallent-What's this? "Lost, house dog; a liberal reward will be paid for his return." Why, man, there's your dog out in the yard this moment. Gilfore-Yes; somebody'll come along and steal him as soon as

ton Transcript. Scribbler - "Confound It, Maria! didn't I tell you not to let the baby touch anything on my desk?" His Wife-"Well, you know I can't watch her all the time. Has she done any mischief?" Scribbler-"I should say she has! She's written a historical

novel"-Judge. Public spirit rewarded: "I see Shenson is assessed twice as much on his personal property as he was last year." "Yes; the assessor found out he was the only man living in the block that paid anything for having the street sprinkled last summer, and we socked it to him."-Chicago Tribune.

"I see it's become so windy on the corner where the Flatiron Building has been creefed in New York that sometimes people are blown off their feet." "How humiliating it must be for a New Yorker to be carried off his feet by anything that doesn't come from Europe."-Chicago Record-Her-

"Can't I sell you an encyclopedia?" asked the affable agent of the shortslowly closing the door; "I believe not. I am president of our cultre club, and have heard all there is in all the encyclopedias several times over --

Mrs. Nextdoor-"Your daughter has improved wonderfully in her plano playing." Mrs. Homer-"I'm glad to hear you say so-if you are really sin-cere." Mrs. Nextdoor-"Why, what do you mean?" Mrs. Homer-"Well, you see, we didn't know whether she was improving, or whether we were mere-ig getting used to it."—Chicago Dally

Lives Saved by Dogs. According to the monks of the hos-pice of St. Bernard, their famous dogs year on the mountain

Some of the money speat on fol-derols in the parlor should really go toward buying hardware for the kitchen and tools for the man of the house to work with.

We wish we enjoyed preaching as much as we sujoy a brass band. What good time we would have every Sun-