TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Self-made pedestals are a good deal more numerous than self-made men.

The sooner a man recognizes defeat the earlier is it possible for him to get a new start.

We can never hope to conquer Canada now. She has determined to keep cigarettes out of her borders.

The Vanderbilt-Nellson wedding cost the mother of the bride \$6,500. All things considered, it was cheap at that.

The presimist thinks the world is worse than it really is, and the optimist thinks it is better, and both are wrong.

The Atlanta bank clerk who filehed \$94,000 drew a salary of \$80 per month. Yet he was what may be termed a highpriced man.

If the accounts are true Mrs. Regi nald Vanderbilt will have to take along a dummy annex when she desires to wear all ber diamonds at once.

Whenever there isn't anything else exciting going on somebody flourishes a revolver in St. Petersburg and another plot to kill the czar is discovered.

The dressmakers have declared that the comfortable shirt-waist must go, and now it remains to be seen whether or not modern women has independence enough to wear what she pleases.

The number of leaves on a large sixty-foot high oak tree has been count-ed and found to exceed 6,000,000, declares an exchange. Which goes to show that some people have time for almost anything.

The Emperor of Germany has order ed on investigation of the case of an army officer who ran his sword through a common soldier because the latter's salute was unsatisfactory. It is feared by the officer's friends that if he is found guilty he may be told not to do

It's a triffe late in the history of for and it might just as well be understood now that their descendants won't surrender their inheritance without a

A Kansas court has decided that if a railroad company has good modern appliances and careful and competent engineers and firemen damages cannot be collected when a locomotive spark Methodist church and several minor buildings. This is quite important to both railroads and owners of buildings.

The "shot heard round the world" was only a little louder than the drumbeats that echoed with it. The Massachusetts Legislature has been asked to give to the Lexington Historical Society the drum which woke young America on April 19, 1775, that it may be kept with other relics of the battle. It is now in the office of the State Ad-Jutaut-General.

Whoever thinks nature-study a fad of modern times should read ancient corrupt political record always pays horse in the world, says the Los Anhistory. Nearly three hundred and fifty years before Christ Alexander the block. The man who gambles away his News, has just been brought to Tam-Great placed at the disposal of his tutor, Aristotic, the services of one thoulend a fiver to some poor wretch who is
sold to A. J. Morrison, of Los Angeles. sand men through at Asia and Greece, with instructions to collect and report details concerning the life-conditions and habits of fishes, birds, beasts and insects. To this magnificent equipment of assistants Alexander added fifteen thousand dollars in gold for books and majoring and vellow fover. He stilled to be a large price. This Tom Thumb of equines, which is appropriately named "Lilipntian," stands just ance against his personal offenses. The mosquito is the exception. He carries pounds, though fat and plump. The the modern millionaires who give so which might commend him to the pres-generously to biological research, let us idential elemency, does not seem to most as remarkable as his diminutive nomena began with them.

the advice a New York clergyman of-In his native town the youth is an individual; he is under observation; wholesome scrutiny frequently restrains him from foolish actions; but in the city no one seems to see him. and his loss of individuality disheartens him and leaves him open to tempts "Make your way to some social settlement, some night-school some church," the wise preacher advises such strangers; "surround yourself with a little group of friends who will applaud your success and encourage you after failure."

Great teachers often imitate nature's way of stience. He was not a foolish man who said to his son, "There are the letters of the English alphabet. Go into that corner and learn them." Maria Mitchell, an unusually successful teacher, would draw a complicated diagram on the blackboard and say, "Tomorrow tell me what that means." may have been unintelligible to the class at the moment, but the next day most of the students had discovered its application. Such a class-room is a rewhere the teacher does all the thinking and the pupils none prepares one for nothing more practical than being en tertained, or, more likely, bored, for Apparatus, elucidation, opportunity-these are the crutches of the lamand the couches of the lazy. rolled up the cover of a book; he put a small glass at one end and a large brain at the other-it was en The coward on the field of battle breaks his word and flings it from him because it is not a Damascus blade. The king's son-the man with the masterful mind arsued and wenponless, snatches up the broken sword and wins the day.

endless series of chapters in the Bur- of her time on the ranch. dick murder mystery. And raveling the tangled threads, they could find the A young man sometimes gets cause of it in one man's fall from grace. plump refusal from a slender girl.

How? Via Dollars. Arthur Pennell was a defaulter to the extent of \$150. 000 or \$200,000. This man who was the evil genius of a social circle handled investments for Eastern people who know his family and his wife's family. These Eastern friends sent him money which he squandered in Insurious IIv-ing. Dollars! Dollars! When will men learn there is something in the world besides meney? The desire for money corrupted the life of this young man who came to the City of Buffalo fresh from Yale College with a reputation to be suvied. He wanted money for what it would buy—ease, comfort, high-living. The desire bred in him a loose standard of morals producing greed, inst, embezalement, mun-der, suicide. He changed the Golden Rule into a Rule of Gold. In the personal equation of his life he eliminated the soul of things. He forgot that the man who ceases striving to do right begins to do wrong. On one side of his scale he balanced spiritual consciousness; on the other Ease, Pleasure, Luxury. The scale tipped the wrong way. Dollars! Dollars! Dollars! When will men stop to ask themselves the question, "What shall it are profit a man if he gain the whole world and tose his own soul?"

In Bellevue Hospital, New York, ook the form of laughter-Incessant ed more wonders than a whole collegemates of the alcoholic ward— a place their cots and expressed a desire to get York Evening Sun. out into the air of sobriety. Their de-mons had been exercised, and instead of enjoying a morning of the horrors they went forth suffering from strained ribs and distensions of the jaws. We have not heard that any fractured bones or dislocated joints were mended by the laughter, but we do not doubt a course of William Rellly persevered in would work some strange healing of the hurts that seek Bellevue for re-

laugh. Although it marks no new a public and general way that it must American progress to attempt to throt-tle the American press. The freedom of apeech and the liberty of the press were all diseases are cured without the use two of the things our forefathers fought of medicine or the employment of surworld may flock at the usual prices of admission-board and lodging extra-

> There can be no doubt about it that the mosquito is an undesirable immigrant. No objection will be made, therefore, to the measures now being taken by the surgeon-general of the have vexations faults. The mosquito has a character which is a monotonous, other things that were meaner." His character had lights and shades. Various birds which have been accused of

injuring crops have been able to prove Lilliputian Twenty-Two Inches High, that they also destroyed noxlous inthat they also destroyed noxious inthousand dollars in gold for books and materia and yellow fever. He stings pony is 7 years old and is 22% inches laboratory supplies. While praising Even his extraordinarily large family. —five and a half hands—tall. not think that interest in natural phe-most people to be an argument in his size. The Mexican who disposed of favor. ment for his exclusion from this cour- he immediately disappeared there "Keep your friendships in repair" is try. Even the liberty mongers of Bos- seems to be no reason for doubting ton will hardly venture to make quota- the assertion. The wily senor, it ap fers to young men who find themselves tions from Lincoln to prove that no man pears, got Lilliputian from an island "lost and lonesome" in a great city. Is good enough to hamper the off the coast of South America, be movements of a free born, independent tween Guatemala and Samoa. insect which may belong to an infe-natives there worship pretty little people notice his good deeds, and their rior race but is nevertheless possessed horses and keep them constantly of indefeasible powers of self-government. Let the anti-mosquito immigra-

GIRL AN ADEPT LASSO THROWER.

One of the prettiest girls in the Ok lahoma Territory is Miss Agnes Mul-hall, 21, daughter of Zack Mulhall, general live stock agent of the Frisco, and leading cattle man. She and her lion that had been on exhibition in sister Jessie lead the society of the Los Angeles. The lion was in his cage after their father. Both girls are typi



MISS AGNES MULHALL

cal products of the West, and can ride and throw the lasso in expert style Miss Agues is the recognized champion horsewoman of the Territory, and won first prizes at tournaments at Oklaho ma City and Memphis, Tenn. Although ber father has a palatial bome at St. A Hugo or an Ibsen could find an Louis, Mo., Miss Mulhall spends much

A young man sometimes gets



OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

Vigor from the Farm.

estimates that the urban population of the country is of each. There are officers to be aroused to their duty, now 25.060,000. The movement to the cities goes on at an increasing ratio. "We are facing," says the Secretary of be furnished, religious and charitable measures to be em-War, "a new set of conditions in the formation of national ployed. What many a town needs more than anything else tharacter. Life in the city tends to greater alertness of is selectmen and constables who are willing and anxious mind, to a sharpening of the faculties and greater nervous to perform the plain duties of their office.—American Culti-snergy, but at the same time to a strained intensity and valor. efinement of the nervous system which will make a different race of us. If the strong, self-possessed, self-centered, dominant man is to continue his race he must continue in contact with the soil. No race of the city bred can perpetuate these qualities, for the nerves and sinews strengthened and the moral integrity enlarged and deducted by contact with the soil, by the soothing and calming influence of nature."

The city is always calling to the rural American of the old stock. It offers him golden opporcunities, and he comes patient afflicted with hysteria, which to make the most of them. Run through the list of the took the form of laughter—increasing generals of Wall street, the leaders of the bar, the skillful and for several hours incurable-work. Physicians, the merchant princes, the big contractors, the ngineers and architects who are most in demand, and you of a Falth Cure Church. Ward after New York with one suit of clothes, a change of linen and a ward was infected by his mirth and was the better for it. Nineteen in appetite for work. Their constitution was the alcoholic. inhabited by blue devils - rose from out-live the city man, and fall is not in their lexicon,-New

English Jury System.

HE English jury system remains so far unmodified for two reasons—that it has worked well on the whole, and that public opinion is not easily roused in fit glasses, but by a competent physician who makes this favor of innovations. But the requirement that all field his specialty.

There are fretful children, juvenile delinquents, women the twelve good and true men shall be unanimous does other day, one obelinate man held out against the other and altered if this were once understood and acted upon lief. We are glad to note so marked eleven, and caused all the labor of the hearing to come to Philadelphia Press. a case of the therapeutic value of a naught. In the opinion of the under sheriff, who summed up, there was no point of difficulty to be decided; but, whether there was difficulty or not, it is amazing that discovery, the medicinal value of the whother there was no point of amening that cachinnatory irruption of laughing william Rellly was exhibited in such the power of nullifying the unanimity of the rest. Of the power of nullifying the unanimity of the rest. course, the jury is "the palladium of the Englishman's libneeds attract attention from our men course, the jury is "the palladium of the Englishman's lib of science. Soon we may expect to needs at the pury is "the palladium of the Englishman's lib of science. Soon we may expect to need Na such has furnished many a flowing oratorical transfer of the pury is "the pury is the period. No one, however, proposes to tamper with the "pal ladlum." The only change advocated is the substitution of a two-thirds unajority for absolute unanimity. The Scotch have got on very well with a majority system, which gery, wet or dry, and to which a sick applies in England already to coroner's inquests, and would not do any harm at Assizes as well.-Liverpool Mercury.

Problem of the Country Towns.

VERY year or two somebody of an impulsive turn of tough cases have been brought to light, through the marine hospital service to prevent him courts or otherwise. These prophets of woe are of the burns a planing mill, a lumber yard, a from landing on our shores. The mos- same class as travelers who judge a city by its slums and two thirds of the paper money now outstanding. The quito is ignorant, victous, illiterate, and back streets. The country town is no annex of realms fourth class is \$10,000 bills, the fifth \$100, the sixth \$1,000. He has no redeeming qualities. celestial. It has its toughs sometimes, its degenerates occathe seventh \$1,000, the eighth \$50, the ninth \$2, and the As a usual thing, victous people have re- sionally, and its share of no-account folks, like the city. tenth \$5,000. The great bulk of the ones and twos, and deeming virtues and virtuous people Only a few of them, to be sure, but police supervision being even the fives, are sliver certificates. More than half of have vexations faults. The mosquito necessarily limited, moral lapses sometimes become pronounced and offensive, yet much less so than would happen and gold certificates make up the bulk of the twenties. instanced which is a monotonous, nounced and offenave, yet muce less so than would happen and gold certificates make up the bulk of the twenties. Betweeterd black. Jim Daly, the miner, in the cities were the restraints equally lax. The big cities yound the thousand-dollar limit there is practically nothing according to his epitaph, "did some without a trained police force would be scarcely endurable, but gold certificates make up the bulk of the twenties. Betweeterd black. Jim Daly, the miner, in the cities were the restraints equally lax. The big cities yound the thousand-dollar limit there is practically nothing but gold certificates make up the bulk of the twenties. Betweeterd black. Jim Daly, the miner, in the cities were the restraints equally lax. The big cities yound the thousand-dollar limit there is practically nothing that gold certificates make up the bulk of the twenties. Betweeterd black. Jim Daly, the miner, in the cities were the restraints equally lax. The big cities yound the thousand-dollar limit there is practically nothing that gold certificates make up the bulk of the twenties. Betweeterd black. Jim Daly, the miner, in the cities were the restraints equally lax. The big cities yound the thousand-dollar limit there is practically nothing that gold certificates make up the bulk of the transmitted properties. The properties are the restraints equally lax. The big cities yound the thousand-dollar limit there is practically nothing the properties of the transmitted properties are the restriction of the transmitted properties. The properties are the cities were the restriction of the transmitted properties are the properties are th

SMALLEST HORSE IN WORLD.

sects. The man who is convicted of a corrupt political record always pays horse in the world, says the Los An-

There is a unanimous senti- him claims he stole the animal and as guarded on a high cliff. Esposito took ment. Let the anti-mosquito immigration edict be enforced as strictly as pos-smallest he could find—and made away with them by lowering them from the cliff with a rope. He was otly pursued. Before reaching Mexlee the other horse, less hardy than

The tiny pony came near being eaten up the other day by a big black-maned town of Mulhall, which was named and Lilliputian was browsing nearby after their father. Both girls are typi, on straw that had been scattered about. There was an opening in the cage where the keeper could put in a bucket of water. The llop reached his heavy paw through and caught Lilliputian by the tail. The little fellow gave a kick and a squeal and part-ed with a handful of hair and flesh. Mick, Mr. Morrison's buildog, went to under lip. In the mix-up Lilliputian escaped. He is intended for a family pet at Mr. Morrison's home in Los An-

CACAO IN PHILIPPINES.

New Source of Wealth Developed in the Islands. According to a bulletin of the Philipine Bureau of Agriculture on cacao lture the cacao grown in the archipelago is of such excellent quality that here is keen rivalry among buyers to in California. procure it at an advance of fully 50 per cent over the price of the common export grades of the Java bean, notwithstanding the failure on the part of the Fitipino to "process" it in any way. in parts of Mindanao and Negros. despite III treatment or no treatment, the plant exhibits a luxuriance of growth and wealth of productiveness

cially when much of the good old stock has been sup-ECRETARY ROOT, who is a native of Clinton, planted by people of inferior and neglected training. What Oneida County, N. Y., deplores the fondness of the americans of rural communities for city life. He

Eyes and Headaches.

OST medical books for popular reading mislead. By confining himself to what he calls a "blographical clinic," Dr. George M. Gould has succeded in his book called "Genius and Eye Strain," in writing of the most useful works on popular medicine that has recently appeared.

Some four centuries of investigation in modern medicine vere necessary before the faculty discovered the relation between the imperfect lens of the eye and pervous strain, which registers itself in large or small derangement of the entire system from a passing headache down to life-long decangement of digestion. It is not surprising that this elation is still little understood by most of the c

By taking four men-De Quincy, Carlyle, Huxley and Browning and using them as examples of the neglect of this fact, Dr. Gould has made one of those convincing personal demonstrations which will lead any one who watches their own development or has to do with children to be prompt to understand that where there is interruption of normal function, in adolescence or during any work of any kind, mental or manual, one of the first questions which should be asked is whether the eyes do not need examination, not by some one who does nothing more than

occasionally cause great inconvenience. We had a flagrant who are unable to control their tempers, and men who find illustration in the Pasenhall case, where two successive themselves unequal to the task of plying their craft, their juries disagreed. And in the London Sheriff's Court the calling or their profession, whose life would be changed

Thousand-Dollar Bills. HE recent finding of a thousand-dollar bill has brought out the luquiry. How many such bills are there in existence? As a number of correspondents have asked us this question, the answer may be of general interest to our readers. According to the tables prepared by the United States Treasury, there were outstanding on Jan. 81, 1908, United States notes of the value of \$1,000 each to the amount of \$26,035,000. Of the ury notes of 1890, \$594,000 was outstanding in \$1,000 bills; \$25,000 was outstanding in national bank notes in such bills; \$46,735,560 in gold certificates, and \$156,000 in silver certificates, making the grand total \$73,515,500, which would seem to prove that there were outstanding, according to the freasury estimates on Jan. 31 last, 73,5151/4 mind publicly discovers that the country towns are \$1,000 bills. The greatest amount of our paper money is going to smash, whenever a number of particularly in \$10 bills, which foot up to \$440.556,962. Then come \$5 tough cases have been brought to light, through the bills, amounting to \$349,094,204, with \$20 bills third, footing up \$336,531,566. These three classes make up practically

AMERICANS OF PURE BLOOD STRAIN ARE FOUND IN THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS.

ANY people understand in a vague way that the purest American strain of the United States is found in the Southern States. In some of these the proportion of foreign born is a minute fraction. Of course, in the Atlantic coast and guif line States there is a large black mixture, but in the Appalachian Mountains the white Angio-Saxons are found almost pure. This is an enormous region, stretching from Pennsylvania to Mississippi and making up the mountain hinterland of nine States that front on the ocean and on great navigable rivers.

The President of Berea College, which lies near the Kentucky mountains, describes these people in a recent lecture in the North as "our contemporary ancestors," The phrase describes them like a picture. These mountaineers, to the number of several millions, are living in the precise manner and amid almost forgotton conditions of colonial times. Industrially the women retain the art of the spinning wheel and hand loom; the men are clever in the use of the whip saw for getting out lumber and the hand mill for grinding corn. The mountain stills use the primitive methods of the last century and the mountain potteries, make open lamps in which grease is burned with a floating wick. Intellectually they have rather degenerated than developed from the Scotch-Irlsh ancestors of the eighteenth century, but they have retained strict, though narrow; religious ideas.

What is to be the future history of these colonial Americans of pure blood, hardly changed for five generations, who thrive and multiply in lonely omes, only a day's journey from modern civilized life? They have physical vigor and latent intellectual power. The few individuals like Andrew Jack son and Lincoln who have risen out of the mass have left the strongest mark upon our national life and history. It is a common question, in playing with historic analogies, where the barbarians are to come from to renew decayed American civilization as the Teutonic tribes renew that of Rome. Perhaps they will pour down, when the time is ripe for them, out of this mountain backbone of the continent.-Minneapolls Tribune.

the Philippines can hardly be over "steam and awelter in its own atmosestimated, as recent statistics place the consumption) at 200,000,000 pounds, valued at more than \$30,000,prices, for many years to come. So far as known, the areas where cacao prospers in the great equatorial zone are with any other orchard crop. small, and the opening and development of suitable regions has altogethe falled to kepe pace with the demand.

Cacao is cultivated nearly everywhere in the archipelago. It is known the rescue and seized the lion by the in several provinces in Luzon, in Mindanao, Jolo, Basilan, Panay, Negros. Cebu, Bohol and Masbate, and its presence can be reasonably predicated upon all the larger islands anywhere under an elevation of 1,000 or possibly 1,200 meters. In most cacao producing countries its cultivation has long since passed the experimental stage, and the practices that govern the management of a well ordered cacao plantation are as clearly defined as are those of an orange grove in Florida or a vineyard

In widely scattered localities the close observer will find in the Philip pines many young trees that in vigor, color and general health leave nothing to be desired, and with due precaution and with close oversight there is no reason why growing cacao may not become one of the most profitable borticultural enterprises that can engage that demonstrates its entire fitness to the attention of planters in the Philipbe considered a valuable crop in those pines. The bulletin treats of climatic The importance of cacao growing in velopment of the cacao, which loves to think.

phere," the locations best adapted to world's demand for cacao (exclusive of the growth of the plant, the soil, its drainage and preparation.

The cacao, relatively to the size of planting than would be admissible

The Poor Horse Rubbered.

"I notice," said the observant lady trictly legal fare, "that your poor will, she found the way. She k side of his neck. Do be careful with

mum, and I think it must ha' drawn em all into one spot, and they ain't subsided yet."-London Tit-Bits

An Engraver's Feat.

An engraver of Odessa has engraved the entire Russian national hymn upon grain of corn, and recently he presented the curlosity to the Czar. majesty has now forwarded to him through the Civil Governor of Odesan a gold watch and chain, with his thanks for carrying out such a laborious undertaking.

CABINET OFFICERS EARN EVERY DOLLAR OF THE SALARIES THEY RECEIVE.

HE position of cabinet officer must be a snap in Washington," re-marked a visitor to a resident official friend in the office of an uptown hotel this morning. "I would like to have the office 'tendered' to me. The alacrity with which I would 'accept the portfolio' would be aston-

tablug. "But there might be reasons why you would not accept," replied the official. "The position is very far from a snap, as you say, and 1, being a poor man, would, for one man in the capital, decline the honor, no matter

how much I might secretly desire the office.
"There is not a member of a cabinet, with possibly an exception here and there, who gets out of the game for less than \$20,000 a year and no one under \$10,000 or \$12,000. To properly maintain the position of cabinet offieer, and to live upon the salary would entail the practice of economy which would be quite musual. A member of the house can live—and many practically do upon his mileage, but not a member of the cabinet upon his salary. I have known of many members of different cabinets who have spent from \$30,000 to \$150,000 a year. In the Senate and House combined there are scores of men who have practically no incomes other than their salary of \$5,000 a year. These men work for what may be properly termed

Cabinet officers do not work for their salaries; they morely accept what the Congress decided a century or two ago, in stage coach days, to be adequate compensation. The salary of the office did not enter into their calculations in ninety-nine cases out of 100 when their portfolio was tendered them.

"When a cabinet officer is a wealthy man, as most of them usually are, they work for a variety of reasons. Some have wires who have social ambitions and tastes which cannot be gratined in their former environments. Others work for the personal pleasures, the privileges and the honors the position bestows, the last being more or less passed down to their posterity. Others give up \$100,000 a year income, toll like messengers over their deska by day and eat official dinners at alght for reasons past finding out. Some helieve, usually erroneously, however, and occasionally correctly, that service in the cabinet may prove of future use to them in presidential conventions or in sengtorial elections. Dozens of members of the cabinet have

resigned before the end of the first two years. "The pay is incommensurate with the responsibilities and the work. A cabinet officer once said to me: 'My salary pays my house rent and gas bills. My work is performed solely for love; it is uncompensated, and, upon the theory that the laborer is worthy of his hire, I am going back home and gather up the stray strings to my scattered income," and home he went shortly afterward.

"To the feminine members of a cabinet officer's family the rule is re versed. They get about \$1,000,000 a year each out of it in the gratification of

their personal ambitions and desires and the fun they have.
"You often hear men say: 'I would go into the cabinet for \$8,000 a year.' These men can't get in. Ninety five per cent of the cabinet officers of the United States, who are not multimillionaires, serve their country at a sacrifice, and the latter do, too, to a certain extent. Upon a single meeting of the cabinet may hang the fate of hundreds of thousands of lives and the expenditure of billions of money, yet the men who thus are to pass judg ment are paid salaries on a par with the cashier in a New York bank of

"I should think that Congress would properly increase the pay of eablast

"My friend, you do not understand Washington life. For over a century there has been a deadly social feud between the members of the Senate and the members of the cabbet. Up to the time of the passage of the presidential succession act, placing the cabinet in line for succession to the presidency in the event of death, the Senators had the best of it, but to-day the wives of the cabinet members carry the trophy flag. There is no immediate prospect of the passage of the bill you suggest."—Washington Star,

ENGLAND'S NAVY TO BE INCREASED BY ADDITION OF THIRTY-ONE NEW VESSELS.

HE naval program of the British government for the coming financial year is bold and comprehensive, says the London correspondent of the Washington Star. Although the details of the ships to be ordered are not yet drawn up, it has been decided to order thirty-one new fighting vessels, exclusive of a river gunboat, a new admiralty yacht, and a surveying ship. The new program includes three battleships, three armored cruisers, four scouts, fifteen destroyers, ten submarines and two coast guard cruisers. Even the "forward group," who desire the cavy to be increased at the expense of the army, will be satisfied at the estimates. which propose a net increase of the naval expenditure of £3.250,000, compared with the last year.

Exclusive of £1,250,000 met by appropriations, the total expenditure will be 434,500,000. The personnel will be 127,000, a net increase of 4,600, for which fello,000 increase is taken. The biggest increase, however, is 12,250,000 for new construction, principally in contract work. The item for armaments has decreased by £150,300 to £3,250,000, but there is an increase of nearly £500,000 in works.

Those who have complained in the past that the naval authorities appear Those who have complianted in the past that the naval authorities appear to have been askep while other countries were making a great fuss over the doings of their submarines will be particularly pleased with the statement explaining the navy estimates. The admiralty have been active in ment explaining the navy estimates. The admiratly have been active in the matter of submarines and before long England should have a nice little fleet of these queer craft. A year sgo five of these vessels were under construction and they have been delivered.

Trials will shortly commence to test their practical utility, both for

Trials will shortly commence to test their practical utility, both for defense and attack, and one may expect to hear some interesting details. Meanwhile four vessels of an improved type have been laid down, and it is hoped they will be completed before the end of March. 1. One of the four has so far advanced that preliminary trials have begun, but secrecy is maintained as to the results. Evidently they have been satisfactory, for it is proposed to build ten more,

DON'T DROP BEHIND.

No Woman Should Lose Her Bold Uson

Progress and Growth, Oftentimes one hears a woman complain that she is losing her hold on progress-that she-basn't time to read and to keep up generally.

Why has she dropped behind? Some women do not. Under any circumstances, amid any surroundings, they develop. Take them into a log cabin the wilderness and they return to civilization and talk so delightfully about their experiences that everyone envies them the chance of the wilderness and the joys of the log cabin. In their success one finds a hint of the possibility of catching up with the roceusion, and keeping up with it, too. What is their secret of progress, where other women fall out of the line of

One woman, relates Harper's Bazar, who lived in the most out-of-the-way place to all Texas for some ten years, pounds, valued at more than \$30,000. The cacao, relatively to the size of and came back more charming than 600 in gold. There is little danger of the tree, may be planted closely, for it she went, explained it thus: "I never overproduction, and consequent low rejoices in a close, moisture-laden at tet either my dress or my mind get mosphere, and thus permits a closer careless. There is a great deal in girding up one's loins, as the Bible advises, and keeping them girded. Once loosen everything and you dis-solve in sloth, and lose ground before "I notice," said the observant lady you know it." She was determined to the cabby, as she handed him the not to drop behind, and, baving the horse has got a large blister on the her correspondence with many friends, subscribed for a New York newspaper, him, won't you?" and read it regularly, even if a trifle "Yes, mum," the cabby replied; "he late, and studied with so much interand read it regularly, even if a trifle rely to wrest from her his food, fuel, ourt biaself turning around so often to est the life of the far-away spot where equal contest for long thousands of see if any kind-hearted old party she lived, its people, its animals, its years. But to-day nature is man's serwould give me an extra copper or two plants, its customs and incidents, that vant; her mighty forces do his bidding. for an extra feed for bim. It did hap- when she came back to her Eastern and run his errands .- Dr. Josiah Strong. pen once, and he was so surprised home and talked to her friends about and pleased that he wept tears of joy, it, every woman of them sighed and said: "Oh, what an opportunity you had in being there," instead of commiserating her for having been a thor sand miles from a woman's club.

GREATNESS OF INVENTIONS.

True Measure Their Service to Society in Influence on Civilization. The greatness of inventions is meas ured not by their ingenuity nor by the

fortunes they make for their origin-ators or others, for that is a small matter, but by the service which they ren-der to society and by their influence the attention or planters in the full plant. The man who thinks his wife is blind on civilization. I had intended, there book which is illustrated by Japanese conditions necessary for the best degreat inventions, to show how the most paper.

destructive weapons of war are life-savers and peace-preservers; how the telephone will affect morals and elevate the standard of honor; how the arc light serves as good police; how the elevator is affecting social problems by pilling one city on top of another; how the ocean cables, the telegraph and wireless telegraphy are creating new worldconditions which are producing a new world-life, and how the bicycle and the automobile, by securing for us better roads, will not only increase the wealth but also improve the intellectual and moral life of the country, but the limits of this article forbid.

If inventions are to be measured by their effects, by far the greatest in the history of the world was the invention of the steam engine. In 1769, the same year in which the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon Bonaparte were born, James Watt patented his steam engine, which was destined to exert more influence in shaping the world's future than both of these great captains put gether. From the beginning, man bas had to struggle with nature for his life. She scorched him; she frosted him; she starved him; she smote him with disease; she overswed and terrorized him; her winds buffeted him; her waters drowned him. Before her lightnings, her floods, her cataracts, her avalanches, her tempestuous seas, he was powerless. Against the measureless forces of nature he could oppose only his puny arm. On that arm be must raiment, and shelter. Such was the un

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swer "at old riddle, "The longer it stands the shorter it grows." Friend-What is 117

Candidate for Mayor-A candidate The longer be stands for office the shorter be grown financially.-Bultinore American.

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