TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A man reasons to a conclusion. woman concludes,

Pelentum may be worth \$2,000,000 a pound, but not to us.

The greatest trouble about the servant frouble is that people insist telking of it.

if a man finds out that the women make him too fly

Nature is always generous with materials for the man who tries to make an ass of himself. So long as a woman retains her good

looks she will be only mildly interested in rational dress. Japan and Russia are both professing a determination to be good, but each

is diligently preparing to be bad. A New York man told the courts that be could not live on less than \$12,000 a

year. We can't either, but we do, It is odd that dress reform should have made such a bustle in the world,

when that was one thing it deprecated. Praying for rain in Kansas is obso The lack of a trustworthy prayer brake makes the practice too hazard-

Emperor William says only Americans meet his wants. It must be true that he intends to come over to the

King Leopold talks of coming to this country incognito. But how can he, with those whiskers and the odor of scandal that clings to him?

"Let a man marry just as soon as he can support a wife," says Senator Depew; or as soon as he can get one to support him, he might have added.

The Delaware somnambulist who fired a shot into his brain while on a sleep-walking tour is believed to have been permanently cured of the habit.

The botanist who has discovered a new kind of rubber makes his an-nouncement in the nick of time. The old kind is about played out, even as a joke.

Chinese bandits have kidnaped an American and wang \$9,000 ransom. It must be discouraging to a good, brisk American to be marked down to that figure after what those Bulgarians wanted for Miss Stone,

Lombroso says to be a millionaire one should have quick perception. That's right. The rapidity of the perception of the fact by the coal man when we got \$30 to the good this spring made our head swim

A dear little kindergartener, pupil not teacher, made a distinct impression by her answer to the question, "Who was George Washington?" She said he was "first in war, second in peace, and third in the hearts of his countrymen."

According to Dr. Barton, the college man often resembles a gold brick. He "represents a considerable cash investment," and when it comes to a show down he fails to make good. The good doctor is rather severe on the biceppy, buildog-pipey, Greek-letter-fratty, 'rab-

It is related of a Missouri engineer at Atchison that he does not healtate to drive his machine at full speed through the blackest storm at night with washouts all around him, but that he is afraid to go home alone in the dark If someone is not at the roundhouse to go home with him he sits there till daylight. It is the old story of every having his own peculiar fears. There is in Topeka a doctor who will cut a man to pieces and smile the while. He is an old soldler and often faced the cannon's mouth. But he will betray the most abject terror if one of the harmless little elm tree worms happens to drop on his person.

The duty of keeping the country abode of well-ordered peace, a light to the nations, is laid upon the Americans of these times. The call to the young men especially-not so thrilling and blood-stirring as the summons to the battlefield—is no whit less imperative. The present dangers are espable of becoming as deadly dangerous as disruption Itself if they are not averted betimes, and the averting of them will need diligent and vigilant devotion. "The Union has been saved." yes, but justice. Insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, pronote the general welfare and se and to our posterity. The enemies we have to dread now and to overcome if we may are busy in our stock ex- States; and very little east of the Mischanges, labor balls, at our hearthstones, in our own bosoms. It will be no easy war; we have our work cut

A new contribution has been made to the age-old discussion as to what is the stronger force-heredity or environment. The United States Bureau of Education has issued a pamphiet by Arthur McDonald, specialist, on "The Pauper and Defective Criminal, Classes." Mr. McDonald minimises the power of heredity. He is optimistic in the belief that inherited tendencie may be overcome by proper surround-Crime, in his view, is mostly due to association. The chief causes of crime are outlined; Criminal parentage. Neglect by parents. Poverty. Evil last eighteen in Neglect by parents. Poverty. Evil last eighteen in Neglect by parents. The saloon. Criminal lng enterprises. parentage does not necessarily produce criminal offspring. It is the early impressions of the criminal family that start the wrong tendencies. These tendencies are confirmed by evil associa tions, accentuated by poverty and for-If this is true gy there is hope for society. "maiaria."-Philadelphia Ladger,

Change the surroundings of the child and you change its nature. Better on vironment, contact with better people education—these are the forces will raise the submerged. And this is no platitudinous theory. It is true. It has been demonstrated. There are some persons so low no earthly force can raise them. There is no child born so low but that it may be raised.

The General Synod of the Reform Church in America has eliminated from the bride's response, in its marriage service, the word "obey." As ligious bodies which believe in making their forms correspond with their con municants belief, it probably feels that der blm a good catch it is apt to by this action it has merely ratified the previous decision of the American wife, who has eliminated obedience contractual theory of marriage has taken deep hold of the people is evidenced by such acts as this on the part of religious bodies. The sacramental idea in marriage necessitates obedience-nominally on the part of the wife; but as a matter of practice it is found, in such unions, that if the vife does not obey the husband, he is the duty of the Reformed Church in America, together with that of all other religious bodies that have abandon-ed the idea of authority in marriage. to tell how they are going to espou the theory that marriage is a contract with no command or duty to obey any where, and also maintain the thesis that divorce is a great evil. Undoubtold and the new, in this as in many other things. And those who see no security for the marriage institution, no sure foundation for the family, outside of an adherence to and vindication of the solemn words, "love, honor,

least have consistency on their side.

At commencement time the college graduate is handed glittering strings of sterile platitudes by the man who has never run a factory, managed a railroad, or built a bridge. As the colmen how to do these things, it cannot be expected that the learned gentlemen fire. tations to utilize the training received fronts the graduate, however, as soon as the joyous glamor of commencehandy. Strikingly original and refreshingly practical is the address of Dr. Draper, a man who lays great stress upon the importance of relieving the minds of young men of the notion that college training is a substitute for work. In his baccalaurente address to the graduates from a State university he declared that the reason for the present tendency of certain successful men to decry college education may be found "in the conceits of too many young college men and women; in their unteachableness and their unwillingness to adapt themselves to the sistent doing of things upon a work-able plan, is the foundation of all ordimary accomplishments. If one gets the iden that the things which he has studied in the books are sufficient to enable him to get on without persistent doing of things his case is hope less." In other words, the college gradmate must be willing to start "at the bottom," trusting to his college training to increase his value and efficiency as he grows into a business or vocation. If he is not willing to do this he is in great danger of becoming an "educated loafer."

GOLD FEVER IN VERMONT.

Inhabitants in Some Sections See Vis-ions of Great Wealth.

The residents of several of the southern towns in Bennington and Windham countles, Vermont, have for several months been experiencing a se vere attack of gold fever. Many of are living in a new California, and that untold wealth in mineral production can be found in the rocky bills.

Many persons who have bought claims have sent samples of their rock to Prof. Mason of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, says the Boston Herald. In every case his replies have been unfavorable, and he has done his best to discourage confidence what is the Union for? To establish in any profit from gold mining in Ver-

In returning some of these samples to a party with a decidedly unfavorblessings of liberty to ourselves able report, the professor says: "There is no gold in paying quantities to be found in the sissippl river. There are traces of gold in sufficient quantity to reward the worker everywhere, even in the backyards of Bennington, but there is no 'pay dirt' or gold in this part of the country. When I have warned some of your Vermont people who have brought specimens to me, that it would be better for them not to invest money in the hope of reward in gold mining, I have discovered by the long faces of some that the warning was too late and that the property had been purchased with the idea that it

would prove to be a bonanza." In the towns of Readsboro, Wilming ton and others near by, thousands of dollars have been thrown away in the last eighteen months in wildcat min-

Maiaria Not So Piebeian

Citiman-I suppose your town is getting a bit more fashlonable now? Subbubs-Yes, indeed; we used to complain of our "chills and fever." but now everybody refers to it as



OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

Luxury and Degeneration.

TUDENTS of sociology have dwelt on the Anglo-Saxon habit of luxury as if it were an Anglo-Saxon habit, and not an implant from the Latin. They do not call it luxury, they name it comfort, and between e one and the other no line can be drawn, for what was extravagance in the last century is the common property of all classes in this. In housing, food, drink, clothing, from her rule of conduct. That the transportation, ornament, domestic properties, the accession her rule of conduct. That the sories of travel and hotel life, the every day citizen expects and obtains more than did the nobleman and merchant three centuries ago. The effect of comfort, or luxury, is to draw men to the cities where it is most easily bought; to add to the congestion already existing there; by that congestion to induce insanitary modes of life; through luxury to induce, also, a softness, a weakness, that make us the readier prey of disease, ennul, melancholy and eventual degeneration-physical, mental, moral.

has to obey her. The corollary of the contractual notion is divorce. And it a longing to return to the soil, to live in the country, or on the shore, for some weeks or months in the year, to travel. to go abroad in ships, and yachts, to climb, bunt, fish, play golf, to take walking, horseback, bleyeling or automobil tours, to fill the eye with light and pleasing images and the lungs with unbreathed air, to regain the sense of beauty, to live more simply, and so to bring back the vital ity that is sapped by artificial living in the cities.

Hard conditions make hardy men, if they are not to ediy American society is just now in hard, and in the brief lapses from those conditions—the the position of choosing between the natural rest and appring—there is greater happiness than hard, and in the brief lapses from those conditions-the in acquiring new inxuries, or the forgetting of one pleasure in a newer. The barefoot boy, fishing with a pin and whistling in his freedom, is not only healthier, stronger. and of a sturdler moral fiber, but is really happier than the pale, over-dressed city boy who has a hundred wants unknows to the rustle. Still, the country people are anxand obey, till death do us part," at lous for their share in the distribution of luxuries, and rightly so, for in their environment they are less injuriously affected by them, if affected at all.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Protection Against Fire.

HE town of Salem, N. C., offers a useful object les-son in the system of protection from the dangers of The town is 137 years old, and in all that time not only has had no configration but no disastrous who deliver baccalaureste addresses loss was over \$750. There was only one dwelling burned are going to discuss the best ways of in 100 years, dating from 1770, and there never was but doing them. The most that can be one fire which got beyond the building in which it orig-expected of them are the usual exhor- insted. On that occasion two buildings were burned, each worth \$250. During the first 127 years of the town's history in the attainment of the highest ideals the total loss of property by fire was less than \$2,000. And of citizenship. The question that con-

The explanation of this remarkable immunity from fire is Salem's fire ordinance, which provides for inspection of pent has faded away is, How is he go- all buildings in order to remove dangerous heating apply ing to fit into the great industrial ances. The inspectors bunt out all defective flues, unsafe struggle—a struggle that grows more stoves and furnaces, insecure stovepipes and chimneys, and strenuous as the years go by? How is unsafe receptacles for ashes. They also give special attenstoves and furnaces, insecure stovepipes and chimneys, and be going to compete with the young man who has been learning a business while he has been learning Greek or to the construction of buildings. No property owner is allowed to put up an insecure building. What is even more to the purpose, the people themselves co-operate cheerfully with the inspectors, and from long experience have become with the inspectors, and from long experience have become Here is where, advice will come in themselves well acquainted with all the methods of protection against fire. Thus they have minimized the danger with the results already stated.

It is the old story, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Fires cannot be absolutely stopped, but they can be largely prevented by thorough inspection. The causes of danger being removed or provided against, there is little chance of fire.-Chicago Tribune

Grain Trade on the Lakes.

be transferred to larger vessels for transportation across school day fame is good long after school days are past-the Atlantic. This is the nearest we are likely to get in St. Paul Ploneer Press.

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HIS LAST PRATCICAL JOKE.

C. M. Harger tells in a Western pa-

per the story of the way in which :

lawyer came to abandon practical jok-

a certain county was a courteous gen-

tleman of the old school, of whom his

junfors were fond. This old lawyer

was very near-sighted, but had a hab-

it, when addressing a jury, of taking

One day when he was thus speak

ing, and his spectacles were lying on

the table, his back was turned to the

other members of the bar. The lawyer

to whom allusion has been made no

ticed on the table a piece of tissue

paper, and saw in this a chance to

With a penknife he cut out pieces

of the tissue-paper just large enough

to cover the lenses of the spectacles,

and with a little mucliage fastened

them to the glasses. The paper was

scarcely noticeable, but it was enough

to prevent vision through the glasses

ed to read. He strained his eyes, re-

adjusted the glasses, and tried again

'My God, gentlemen," he said, "I

am blind! I have feared it for years!"

Then he dropped his face in his hands.

fore any one could speak, however,

he had lifted his head and perceived

that he could see again. He examined

his glasses, and as he rubbed the tis-

sue-paper, he flushed with indignation.

Not a person in the room found in the

incident anything to smile at-not

even the one who had perpetrated the

"joke,"-and this man on the spot for-swore practical joking forever.-

Not a Bit Surprised.

"Say, boys," he broke in, "poor Jim-

Jimmy Turner was a jockey and

Youth's Companion.

my Turner's dead."

trary.

The court-room was husbed.

Presently the old lawyer had occa-

play a joke on the older man.

off his ginsses.

The senior lawyer of the bar in

this generation to direct steamship connection between the inland seas of the North and the ocean. If vessels were inline as much as 1.07 per cent of cufbuilt big enough to make them profitable as freighters between Duluth and Liverpool, they could not get through the Canadian canals, and there is no prospect of the Do minion government enlarging those waterways. They have already cost a lot of money for improvements, and now adequate for all ordinary purposes, they will be maintained in their present condition for some time to come. They can be used to advantage, however, by ships of modest tonnage, which are still large enough to encounter successfully the perils of navigation in the lakes. Such are the steamers planned for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence They will carry grain for a longer distance without breaking bulk than any other vessels ever built for a much more sensitive apparatus Carl Northwestern trade, and will facilitate export by reducing Forche has repeated the work, making charges.-Brooklyn Eagle

Vanity Fair.

HR "smart set" is early at its refined diversions, which annually grow more novel in conceit and exquisite in humor. The genius whose original and happy doings are the particular delight of society, recoi-cting the glory he won last year by dining a monkey among other guests at his table, the other day, on the beavy automobiles and their great cost, deck of the Newport-Wickford ferryboat, brought joy to the experiment of substituting solld one and all by barking like a dog and jumping about on tires on the rear wheels has recently all fours while he picked up the ladies' handkerchiefs with been made, and one of the results The diverting idea of the host who recently dined a party on horseback in Sherry's ballroom, from little in climbing hills. It is said that hills tables fastened on the ponimels of thirty-two saddles, wou so splendid a triumph to go long unrivaled. M. Santos-Dumont has given his friends the exhibarating experience of a dinner in mid-air from stilled tables and chairs, with mischine after solid tires had been put miniature airships circling round their heads; while, for on the rear wheels. At the same time another candidate for social glory, Sherry's ballroom was transformed from a stable into a barnyard, where live chickens, goese and pigs furnished a delightful sense of reality, and in the middle of which a colossal egg inclosed a to the Linnean Society in London the table, at which an elaborate luncheon was served by wait- results of experiments which show ers clad as farm bands

The ingenuity displayed in these enterprises, the inentive power, the taste and thought exercised in bringing iletalis to perfection, the lavish disregard to the cost of outre settings, and the spirit of vaunting idleness and insouciance how refreshing a contrast all this affords to the of a large terminal leaflet and two plain and unimaginative labors of those whose leaser talents smaller lateral ones. The lateral leaf-It has never in all its history had a fire where the are absorbed in earning daily bread, carrying on the world's lets spontaneously rise and fall like work, teaching its children, healing its sick, striving to solve the problems of science, alleviating human misery, ministering to elementary human needs and spreading mod-est tables of hospitality for simple-hearted friends:- Philadelphia Public Ledger.

On Wasting Time.

"IME files. This is a trite saying. We do not always realize its truth. A young man starts out in life with high hopes and strong ambition. The years ahead of him look long years to him. The day of his achievenent seems in a far distant future. But the years pass, a distance of about one and one-quareach succeeding one more swiftly than its predecessor. Soon he finds the time becoming short in which he may accomplish his plans. In work or pleasure changes come, and feet, and the height of its surface them so that the sap cannot rise off the time has flown so fast that account of it cannot be above see level 8,500 feet, a boring in in the spring and leaving them to rot taken. When one comes to middle life a year is scarce begun before it is gone. It is now that one begins to be impressed with the truth, time files. The old world, the middle renched rock at a depth of away and fall piecemeal, as though five hundred feet. Taken along with afflicted with the leprocy. This wan-measurements of rate of movement, surface meiting and temperature to destruction of property is a crime surface meiting and temperature to that should be prohibited if possible their pace is not changed. Yet how different to the one experiment enabled the following constant of seeing a summit to strain looks down clusters to be drawn. First, the temperature temperature to the community of seeing a summit to strain looks down clusters to be drawn. First, the temperature temperature to the community of seeing a summit to strain looks down clusters to be drawn. who, instead of seeing a summit to attain, looks down clusions to be drawn; First, the tem-rather than up, and sees in the near distance the brink of a perature of the ice is at the melting but it is yet committed. dark river to which be is rapidly nearing.

Youth cannot too highly value the years, the months, the tongue of the glacier; second, the the days even the hours—as they pass. Each day is a step bed of the glacier is trough-shaped; toward age. Do not waste time, Do not fritter yours days HE development of the grain trade in the Northwest, away in folly that is worse than purposeless. One cannot bottom than at the surface. The bore will be wonderfully advanced when the plans of the be working or engaged upon serious matters all the time. Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Transportation Company are fully realized. This concern, which has its people there are hours each day just frittered away; going to come as indexes of the rate of movequarters in Duluth, has launched the first of a feet for neither work, study nor amusement. It is an idle noonpresent conditions and the details of the steamers designed to carry grain from that city and the labor which alone can build up success." On the question of work Dr.

St. Lawrence to Montreal and Quebec, where cargoes will be transferred to larger vessels for transportation across school day fame is good long after school days are past.



In the typical Oregon rabbit drive herewith pictured nearly a thousand roops took part and more than 3.500 rabbits were slain. The modus open was that adopted in all battues of the sort, consisting in driving the animals from the outskirts of a V shaped line three miles long into a corral iclosed by netting, which was a literal deathtrap. As the converging army of rabbits entered the corral they made frantic efforts to escape, and many did succeed in leaping the eight foot fence, but the most of them perished, victims to the cruel but necessary measures taken by the farmers to pre-

Jimmy he looked mighty bad to me. clung to its raft of crystal until pose that he is originally stupid besion to read some paper in the course Kind of peaked about the eyesof his address. He came back to the table, put on the glasses, and attempton his cheeks for the last two months." sensible owl, it held to the refuge in it follow its animal instincts in caring "I was telling my wite yesternay, by, went on the third member of the wise by, When the Britisher Forest Castle appearance when the Britisher Forest Castle appearance when harnyard geese necessarily with the best reads more harnyard geese necessarily with the best reads and was telling my wife yesterday," Then a deadly pallor overspread his face, which was not in the least amusing to see. He staggered to a chair, The young lawyers gathered around

AN OWL'S FLIGHT FOR LIFE. Bird Carried Far to Sea on an Ice-

berg Reaches Ship. While the whaleback steamer Forest

A rug peddler called several times lead him one knows not where, so at a Wichita (Kan.) house and found counting is the bird in its strong, un-

The owl made a desperate flight from beat" when it floundered aboard, and without a great deal of youble was made a prisoner, says the Philadelphia Press.

saw the peculiar object coming labor- been introduced. trainer well known on Western tracks, lously through the air, making a line and each member of the party heaved for the whaleback. Away off on the prised. Not at all. Quite to the con- these terrors of the northern sea are positive luxury to be sick in bed. Every one of them had fore- went to do.

seen and predicted it time after time. When the "berg" parted company Just so much worrying must be To look wise when one makes as little "Well, I'm not a bit surprised," said with the feeded of the far north it done: If the husband is a "good fel- fuss and noise as the owl is no mean the first man. "The last time I saw probably carried with it the owl, which low," the wife worries for two.

flight was useless, a stretch of sea cause his inhuman master is cruel "Yes," said the second man, break- forming a barrier over which the bird "and he's had that beetle flush did not dare attempt flight. Like a particularly silly about a goose? Does sight, hoping for a better one by and for itself and its young? Before you

accept the adage about a goose's sillipeared on the horizon the bird made mon barnyard geese need not be its one last dash for life. It was probanhamed to be studied with the ducks "About a minute," said the newcom- ably half starved and ill prepared for and the chickens of the poultry house; er. "He was run over and killed by a such a long chase—a stern chase, too they hear the comparison very well passenger train."—Chicago Tribune.

—for the vessel, well to the south was indeed. The wild geess becomes -for the vessel, well to the south, was indeed. The wild geese, however, also plying steadily in that direction. which never associate with human be-However, the race was won by the ings in or about a barnyard are reowl. markably intelligent birds. No one is

Newfoundland banks an owl as the people away from home. At last Newfoundland banks an own as the people away from home. At last white as snow fell exhausted on deck he wrote and pinned this note on the door: "Madam: Kindly remain at pearance of wisdom was mistaken for an iceberg to the ship. It was "dead home tomorrow forencon. I want to

We wonder if in the next world is it, do you suppose, that the women stand next to each other in the The sailors were astonished at the heavenly choir for a thousand years, not to particularize some other and arrival of the passenger. Someone but don't speak because they have not mals? Science can tell you the reason. In the frontal bones over the brain of the owl is an immense number of

There are lots of women who are air cells. They give the forehead that a preliminary sigh of regret at his tak- horizon line was a great leeberg, which kept so busy with husbands and baing off. But not one of them was sur- had worked its way farther south than bies and housework, that it must be

Science

Coffee berries are understood to con

has found that Coffee Canephora con

feine, but that two species-C. Hum-boltiana and C. Mauritiana-are prac-

pearing to either.

ically free from the stimulating alan-

It is known that radio-active sub-

stances, like radium, impart radio-ac

tivity to other substances, and R. Gel-

gel has attempted to show whether the

ibsorption of energy is accompanted

nass of active material half an inch

On account of the frequent repairs

required by the pneumatic tires of

which could not be climbed by a vehi-

cle having a complete set of pneumatic

tires were surmounted by the same

the vibration was not increased to an

Prof. J. C. Bose recently presented

that the peculiar movements of the leaflets of the so-called "telegraph-

plant" are due to an electric disturb-ance traveling as a "current of ac-

tion" in the plant. Bach leaf consists

the arms of a semaphore, the period of

a complete movement being about

name of the plant, which is a species

of desmodium, or tick-trefoll, native to

the East Indies, but easily cultivable

The problem of plercing a glacter by

means of boring has at last been solved with results of real scientific inter-

et in experiments made last August

ter miles from the tip of the gla-

soint throughout the whole mass on

third, the ice moves more slowly at the

holes were filled up with pieces of

wood, which will serve for many years

INJUSTICE TO ANIMALS

the ass anything like so great a fool

to behave like an ass, and is the mule

only obstinate or has he a "firm char-

seem to show a contempt for the hu-

man understanding by not always car

ing to do what a human being asks

and you will find him doctle enough

There are stupid donkeys and intelli-

gent donkeys, as there are stupld and

intelligent horses, dogs, and-persons.

anything so absolutely silly as to make

the bad name he has borne for ages.

He is patient. He is long-suffering.

Much abuse makes him appear indiffer

ent to the treatment he receives. It

"As stily as a goose." What is there

called "as silly as a wild goose," while

cunning is the bird in its strong, un

the quality it is in the extraordinary

intelligence attributed to the owl. Why

looks so much wiser than other birds.

imposing appearance which has com-manded the respect of human beings

from the days of the worship of Miner

va down to the more presale presen

trapped fight.

is, however, a little too unjust to sup

excusable to give the poor creature

An ass has never been known

ment and of surface melting

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n conservatories.

by any increase in weight. He was

tain about one per cent of caffeine, to Our Animal Friends. which the stimulating properties are BAVE THE HARDWOOD TREES. tue. In a late analysis of nine kinds

Thousands of Axes Causing Great De-struction Throughout Country. at the Pastour Institute, M. Bertrand Memphis is the largest hardwood unber market in the world, but Mam-

being generally allent is one way to

make yourself respected, it may make you rather tiresome in general con-

pany, but think how much more tire

of the owl is an example some holster us young people might do well to imi-

tate. It has a wisdom quite its own. We have not a word to say against it.

ome you are if too noisy! The quiet

phis and the entire hardwood produc ug section of the country have cause old, not more than 0.07 per cent ap- for alarm over the rapid and indiscriminate slaughter of hardwood trees that is going on, says the Memphis Commercial-Appeal. The waste is something startling. Giant trees are cut down and their trunks hanied to convenient sawmills

to be cut up into boards or planks or unable to detect any such effect. With scantling or beams; or the logs are loaded on cars and shipped to the far north and east; or they are rafted on numerous weighings of fifty-six grams the streams and floated to tide water of lead, and has found that a large and shipped to foreign countries. In the mere matter of staves and stavebelow the lead increased the weight of getting thousands of axes are kept the latter about one part in twenty five going constantly and the destruction is great. Much good immber in the tops and branches that could be utilised is left to rot on the ground. Millions of feet of it are being sent abroad annually that are needed at home or which will be needed at home.

This should be discouraged as much as possible. The south is unbuilt and shown is an increase of tractive power ouses and homes of men must be built in town and country, on hill and valley, in its cuddled coves and across the sweeps of its vast prairies, and much lumber will be required for this. This one item alone would strip many thousand acres annually.

Then the question of railroad ties nust be considered. There are in the south or soon will be about 200,000 miles of relirond, including side tracks and switches and on these are used about 3,000 ties to the mile. The average life of a tie is about six years. which means that an average of 50,000 miles of roadbed must receive new ties every year, which will require in all 150,000,000 ties and in the six years 200,000,000 new ties must be provided a sufficient amount to denude a forest of enormous proportions. This number of tsilroad cross ties at 50 cents each would aggregate the vast sum of \$450,000,000, which considered merely as one item, is worth looking after.

The hardwood forests are expansive but not inexhaustible and they should be protected. War should first be declared on that arch enemy of the public, the man who begins clearing off on a glacier near Vent, in the Tyrol. At land for agricultural purposes by first making a "deadenin' dering hundreds and hundreds of valucier, where its breadth is 2,130 able trees by cutting a circle around

HOLDS DOWN HIS JOB.

Patriots Go to Marscaibe to Succeed Flumacher, but Always Return.

Eugene H. Plumacher, of Tennessee, has been consular agent at Maracalbo since 1878 and consul since 1883. Many patriots who desired to serve their country for the \$2,000 salary Consul-Plumacher enjoys have gone to Mara calbo, but none has remained. Plumacher attends to that, according to

Undeserved Criticisms Involved in Popular Adages.

"As stupid as a donkey." When one boy tells another not to make "an ass" of himself, or says that the other is as the "Saturday Evening Post." At the State Department in Wash ington they say when a ship arrives bringing a consul appointed to Maracalbo Plumacher is on deck with ef

stupid as "a donkey" or as obstinate as "a mule," he does not mean the refusive greetings. mark for a compliment, and the other "My dear air," says Plumacher, "I boy never accepts it for one. But is extend to you the heartlest of welthe donkey really a stupid animal, is comes. I-" Then, as if struck by a sudden thought, Plumscher withdraws as the human being who is supposed the hands he has outstretched and says: "But, no, I must not touch you for I have just returned from officiatacter?" Ask any one who associates ing at the last and rites for two dear with the donkey beast. He will tell friends who died of the yellow fever." you at once that the little animal is as The consul shudders. Later in the intelligent a creature of its class as you can find. There are donkeys that day, after he has dined with Plumacher, they take a stroll. The newcomer sees a row of graves, each dec orated with an American flag.

"Do they decorate the graves of solthem, but make a donkey love you diers here, too?"

"Oh, no," replies Plumacher. "Those are not soldiers. There rest the remains of several fellow countrymen, each of whom came here to be consul. They all died of the yellow fever and I strive to honor their memories."

That is enough. The next ship takes the quaking patriot home, and Plu-macher settles down to the routine of official life until another ambitious successor arrives.

Her Definition.

Little Edith went to the kindergaren. One day the teacher gave her list of words, telling the little miss to find out their meaning and then write a sentence containing each word. The irst word on the list was "niche," little Miss Bright Eyes discovers that t means a recess, so she very carefully and precisely wrote on her slate: "The children ate their lunch at

niche." And the teacher wondered at the flexibility of the English language.

Meekest Man of All. McJigger-Chicken-hearted? Well, I should say; he's the limit.

Thingumbob-Is that so? McJigger-Nothing can make him Why, I've seen him let a man cheat him out of his turn in the barber shop and he never said a word .- Phila delphia Press.

Some Reputations.

'Do you subscribe to the theory that people's characters are made by what hey eat?"

"No," answered the scientist; "but, judging from the advertisements, I should say that in many cases their eputations are made by they take."-Washington Star.

Petticoat Rule in Prospect. He-My darling, when will you be minel

She-Never! But I'll marry you.-Ilaccomplishment. Looking wise and lustrated Bits.

AN OREGON RABBIT DRIVE.