# TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

It is sometimes easier to meet bill than to dodge it.

As a rule popular subscriptions are in the unpopular class.

This world is but a fleeting showand all the best seats are taken.

Lots of people would rather die a nat-ural death than send for a doctor.

Never judge an actress by the dia monds she thinks you think she wears.

It takes more money to be a millionaire now than it did fifty years ago.

It has been said that a number society men never pay anything but compliments.

one with the least excuse for dorsal expansion.

In the demand for an open door Is a seller door that is desired,

French assassins are now close rivals of French duelists in bloodthirstiness They hurl the deadly tomato.

The reason we do not hear directly that planet have not got as far along as wireless telegraphy yet.

Russia has just ordered six new battle ships and three armored cruisers, which of course are to help her keep the Manchurian door pried open.

We hope that some good old mothe in Israel will turn around before enter ing the pearly gates and admit to the children that no one ever had fits through eating orange peel, or secured curly hair through eating the crusts.

A Berlin professor has discovered that seven out of ten girls who take plano lessons are attacked by nervous affections. It was long ago discovered that people who have to fisten to them fall a prey to nervous prostra-

It has been suggested that the fallure of the college athletes to make good in the Knusus harvest field was due to the disregard of football rules. The farmers insisted on making the "halves" of rather over thirty minutes' duration each.

A gentleman is being sued for divorce on the ground that he never speaks to his wife. There is on record somewhere the reply of another gentleman in a similar case. He admitted that he had not spoken to his wife since their marriage, but offered an excuse. "I didn't like to interrup

It is a genuine refreshment to the soul newadays to met a man who says: "I want work and it does not matte what it is, so long as it is honest and fairly paid for." There are men whose courage and nobility were never suspected when they were prosperous, who, when adversity came upon them. threw off their coats and pride and are working at jobs they used to give as favors to other men.

Consumption is as unnecessary as We live in a vitlated air at home. We breathe foul dirty, poisoned air abroad and the bacilius attacks us in our weakened state. We can prevent any disease almost, though there are few that we can completely cure.

The is success in Life.

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It takes a man with wonderful selfcontrol to look and in a poker game when he knows he can't possibly lose. Bacteria are no respecters of places or persons; they go wherever they find a thoroughfare and a waiting vehicle. One of nature's unending tasks, at which she is busy every minute in the year, is the filtering of water for buman use. When she has enough of the right sort of sandy soil and time enough she makes a thorough job of it. When she basn't, the fever germs lurk in the old oaken bucket and lie in wait behind the faucet.

The ministry seems to be losing its attractions for young men. The pay of clergymen is better than it once was, though in many instances it is very small yet. The churches are finer, but comparatively fewer people attend them. The simple days of oldfashioned faith and primitive have passed. The puritan period has vanished. Whether it be science or commercialism or liberalism or education or the freer exercise of thought, any of these or all of these that have influenced religious thought and conduct, there has been a change within the church and without.

Returning to this country on an English ship, an American traveler was mortified by the lack of familiarity with the words of "America" which close announced "America" as the hymn to be sung. The first stanza was sung with fervor. Weaker in vol-ume was the second, and the third staura began with the support of two or three voices, and at the end the organ alone was doing its duty. the other hand, "God Save the King" was rendered with confident power by a handful of Englishmen, who knew their national authem perfectly.

Some figures have just been issued covering the growth of electric rail roads in the United States. They are astounding. The increase in twelve years has been 177.94 per cent. 18 to there were 8,128 miles of single the men oppose them, but because of track in the various systems. Now the enjoyment they experience every 1850 there were 8,128 miles of single the total i. " 577 miles, and roads by night in taking them off.

the score are projected or building. Originally electric roads built up cit ies. They brought suburbs near to centers. They solved the problem of ten: home owning for people of moderate means. They made it possible for a man to live where there was room to breathe, have a lawn and a garden. enjoy the comforts of country life, and still reach his work for 5 cents. The benefit they conferred on humanity cannot be measured in money Then came the suburban lines, and there cannot be too many of them Town and city all over the land are, or will be, in touch. The visit to a metropolis is no longer an event in the country village. There is a car every bour, the fare is moderate and the journey pleasant. The suburban electric railway has removed much of the monotony from rural life. The farmer can see a good play in a modern theater if he wishes. He can go to an occasional professional ball He is independent of the railwas never a large item in profits, and China will kindly understand that it long-distance travel has increased since people got the riding habit. In the old days you could find hundreds confines of their township homes from nickel trimmings, air brakes and plate from Mars may be that the people on glass windows. It whisks you along country roads and through shady lanes, lands you in the heart of a great city and gets you home in time to do the chores. Who wouldn't ride once in a while? There is \$2,806,000,-000 capital represented in electric railways. In 1902 they carried 4,809,554,-438 persons. And the business is only an infant. Watch it grow and transform America.

### CARDINAL VALIGHAN'S SUCCESSOR

Bishop Bourne, who will probably ucceed Cardinal Vaughan as Archbishop of Westminster, London, is the youngest rember of the English hierarchy, being 42.

He was born in London and edu-cated at the historical Catholic Paris and the Catholic University, of



n the following year.

Dr. Bourne is neither a great preacher nor a great scholar, but as an organizer be has no equal among the English Catholic Bishops. He is an glish Catholics and at Rome

# Worth an Admission Fee

A new hand at golf lately had an experience which the New York Sun describes. The man tried to get to the links early, when no one was there to witness his lack of skill. A caddle followed him to the tee, and offered to go round with him for fifty cents.

"Never mind, son. I'll get along." With that he made a magnificent swing at the ball and missed it by a

"Say, mister," said the caddie, "I'll go round with you for a quarter.' The player declined and tried to look self-possessed. He made another swing at the ball and missed it again.

"Say, mister," said the boy, "I'll go with you for fifteen cents." By that time the man was "rattled," and struck at the ball three times. The boy, who had retreated some dis-

tance, called: "Won't you take me for nothing? I'll go round for the fun of it."

Green Turtles of Florida. The green turtles of southern Florida live in deep water and feed on sea plants, mostly the kind called "turtle grass," which they cut off near the roots, esting the lower parts and leaving the tops floating so that it collects in great fields and marks the spots where the animals are to be hunted for by the fishermen. After browning on such ocean pastures the green turtles go to the mouths of rivers for to need from time to time. The Florida fishermen say the reptiles enter

baths of fresh water, which they seem statesman or the peasant. the creeks and roll together in masses his countrymen showed. The captain of grass, comenting them into balls and, as a result, there came about a read service on Sunday, and at the with clay. When the turn of the tide new manhood and a new womanhood, takes the balls out to sea they follow them. The fishermen watch for such pire. Bismarck's natural and acquired balls floating down the creeks, and astuteness taught him, as a similar when they see them they stretch nets across the mouths of the streams and always catch the turtles.

A Considerate Husband "Do you really think I have appendicitis?" said Mr. Meekton. "I must confess that I have fears to

that direction." "Well, there's one comfort, anyhow It'll be something for my wife to brag about to the neighbors."-Washington Star.

Women do not wear cornets because



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# OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

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Flood and Fire.

to the forestry laws of many foreign countries. At the In elegant American widows and orphans, and the church way accommodation train that ran once a day each way, and charged him supply of forests, it is calculated, will disappear in another Weekly. smartly for a cindery seat in the generation. Whether the estimate is exaggerated or not, smoking car. Strangest of all is the fact that we destroy much and replace little is undoubt-The chesticst individual is often the fact that the steam railroads have not ed. There is pressing need for a more vigorous and liberal use with the least excuse for dorsal been seriously injured. In a few instances passenger trains have been relterate, in connection with our present misfortunes, altaken off, but the traffic that was lost though there are other improvements which ought to be well within our ingenuity and our enterprise. Reservoirs could apparently be arranged to receive the surplus waters in time of flood, with the additional advantage of releasing the old days you could find hundreds them in time of need. Much more stringent regulations of country dwellers who never left the along railway lines might diminish forest fires. The private individual whose abandoned cigar or bondre starts a con-January to December. Now there is flagration is beyond the reach of practical control. He will the suburban car, with plush seats and exist, and continue to make the world pay heavily for his existence, as long as the criminal and the tramp-one of which, indeed, he often is. We cannot expect individuals, lumber companies or railroads to give up their search for rapid wealth, or even their cherished indolence, out of pure sprinkle gparks from laziness, as long as such practices speech to fight with a bowie knife those who falled to for \$200 damages to the sleeper in are permitted. The duty of those of us who are interested agree with him, in the national welfare is to agitate until state and national

### Strenuous Life of the United States.

service.-Collier's Weekly.

legislation puts more checks upon the general recklessness.

We can never be safe from wanton nature's freaks, but,

when we put our minds and wills to it, we can decrease her

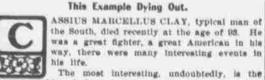
and make her work more smoothly in man's

T may be asked if American domestic habits have not something to do with the frequent breakdowns of American nerves. In perhaps the majority of cases, in cities at least, the day is admirably arranged so as to give the at least, the day is summany arranged a residue to bed. It business man no rest whatever until he gets into bed. It has come within our observation that, in our civilization, there are three systems of living out the ordinary working have outgrown Cassius Marcellus Clay's bowle knife and pay for the repairs. Lourain. Ordained in 1884, his first and there is the American system. The last combines the appointment was as rector of South-chief features of the other two. The Englishman goes to work late and comes away early, but during working hours he works all the time. His function is light, and eaten hastely-perhaps at his desk. For this he makes up by a letsurely breakfast and a letsurely dinner; while he has the early part of the morning and the latter part of the after noon to himself. The Frenchman, on the other hand, goes to work early, and works hard till noon. The American is apt to underrate the energy with which the Frenchman works while he is working. But at noon work ceases, and he sits down to an abundant meal, well cooked, well served and eaten with appelite and in peace.

After his dejenner he has his polit verre, his smoke,

Southwark, succeeding Bishop Brett bines the chief features of the other two. The American thank God!-Lewistown, (Me.) Journal.

| goes to work early, like the Frenchman; like the French NE part of our country drowns while another man, he works hard; like the Frenchman, he works late; burns. Is it not strange that we do so little to prevent calamities which sweep away our properties and our lives? Until the need be cooked hadly and served worse; it is oftener still, perhaps, comes extreme, it is difficult to procure laws drawn from a paper in his pocket, and not served at all for the general good when they condict with As for any intellectual repose or mental distraction from the desires of many individuals. Much the same steps the grim facts of work not only is it not thought of, but would reduce floods that would reduce droughts, and consequently fires. Forests are admittedly storers and dis- of setting forth to the moment of return mind and body tributors of dampness, yet we whose country is so much alike are deprived of their proper nourishment and rest, the prey of fire and flood, have forestry laws far inferior. It is scarcely strange, therefore, that Europe should be rich



fact that although born a slave owner he was converted to him, until at last nothing remained to the doctrines of the abolitionists by listening to a speech. He was a clever speaker, but not in by William Lioyd Garrison. This conversion of the tail clined to action, indeed, he resembled fighting Southerner by a speech of the mild friend of hu an india-rubber ball, which hops, and manity is intensely interesting, since it proves how much hops, and hops, but more feebly every sincere argument can do even with the most unpromising time, until it at last comes to a full material. Cassius Marcellus Clay was converted to the stop. idea that no man should be a slave. He was converted a The Pullman Company has made a so thoroughly that he talked abolitionism through the They will destroy forests for money, and South at the risk of his life, occasionally interrupting his nent Christian Endeavorer of Denver.

Another incident in the life of General Clay, according trip. It seems that the car was capto the Louisville Courier-Journal, is preserved in an oil tured by Woolston's friends and decopainting at the Metropolitan Art Museum in New York.

The painting shows the Czar of Russia with his staff and women's shoes and old horseshoes and the foreign Ambassadors at St. Petersburg. Cassius Mar- hanners and things were nailed to the cellus Clay was the American Minister to Russia at that time. In the picture he and the Russian Czar are the only side and out. Nalls were driven into two men who have their hats on. On the occasion that the car with as much sbandon as if it the picture represents one of the other Ambassadors one had been a picket fence. When the of the other Ambassadors said to Clay that he ought to sleeper got back to Denver from Og-remove his hat in the presence of the Czar. To this the den it is said that it looked as if American Minister replied: "I take off my hat only to it had been the target for a Gatling those who take off their hats to me."

schools of Ushaw. Ware, St. Sulpice, day. There is the French system, which is that of the paris and the Catholic University, of continent of Europe in general; there is the English system: fortune that we have also outgrown hill idea briefly expressed: "I take off my hat only to those who take off their hats to me,"-Chleago American.

### Wealth and the Man.



EALTH is but relative. A million now is as but \$100,000 a hundred years ago. And then in this land was a group of landed aristocracy, an oligarchy of slave-owners, a class above the mass who, like Dr. Hillis' pampered sons and daughters of to-day, still sought the primrose path. Poor old human nature! It is much the same the

world over day in, day out. God isn't trying the American people especially. Rather do we believe that the same natand perhaps a game of dominoes or cards, while he dis ural laws work now as hitherto. If you eat too much your and perhaps a game of dominions of cards. While he distributed in the case politics, the arts, or the topics of the day. He takes his two hours of refreshment as a matter of course; he has no prickings of conscience at wasting time, nor searchings of heart lest some one else should "get ahead of him."

Even the laborer, who in America eats his cold midday meal in a ditch or behind a pile of boards, generally sits to wark Diocesan Seminary, and for his services here was named domestic as the lower animals. Then, with mind cleared and as welling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts as the lower animals. Then, with mind cleared and as welling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champages puts to swelling around in a verb loaded with champage puts to swell and the same properties and the sam services here was named domestic as the lower animals. Then, with mind cleared and swelling around in a yacht loaded with champagne, puts prelate to Leo XIII. in 1895. In 1896 cheered, and body strengthened and refreshed, laboring his time into inventing such marvelous things as the merse was created Titular Bishop of Epi- man and business man return to their tasks, to work hard cury lamp, the electric interrupter and the electric conphania and Coadjutor Bishop of and late. The American system, as we have said, com- verter, is a signal example that there are men and men,

> was one of them defective. served America at the court of France as minister plenipotentiary, was one Copy the Yankee Modes. of the leaders of early modern times in the study of nature and nature's law's, and not the least in domestic late, are for the most part copies of science. His first maxim was: "Eat American crooks. The trick of follownot to dulineas; drink not to elevation." eports the London Catering World. Even in his youth his mind was filled suming the role of an indignant husband, taking her money away with schemes for self-regulation and guidance, and he set before him the her and getting away before she has a the monastic orders are hearded, and spoonfuls of friend onlons and a cup task of acquiring the habitude of certain cardinal virtues based upon sim- worked for some time in the West. a priest letting his beard grow that ple living and habits of thought. His It wasn't successful long here, because constant effort was to better the con-dition of mankind, and his methods than their French sisters, and, unlike the increase among the Catholic priestwere intensely practical. The record of the life of Abraham promptly going into hysterics or faint-

Lincoln is tracved back to that time lng when robbed. when he was seen sitting on a rail man of simple habits, and his greatcience, mind and body.

RESULT OF SIMPLE HABITS

Frederick the Great fostered above all agriculture and the cultivations of fruits and vegetables. His endeavor to benefit his people was based upon the natural laws pertaining to their New York Sun, health and simple happiness. He rec ognized the fact, ever since clear to the minds of the leaders of the Ger mans, that the body is the basis, and must be simple and completely labed in order to perfect the soldier,

Bismarck's great work had for its basis the recognition of the simple laws of nature. He followed thom, first in Prussis, and later in the emperception and reasoning had taught Frederick the Great, that political economy and domestic economy are, as serve." sciences, closely interlinked and interdependent in their relations to the

state. While in France as United States minister Thomas Jefferson wrote respecting the education of a daughter who was with him in Paris: "Of domestic economy she can learn nothing here, yet she must learn it somewhere, as it is of more solid value than anything else." To his friend Peter Carr he said: "A strong body makes a strong mind." Jefferson practiced his simple natural foods, and he labored zealously all through his busy life for the upbuilding of an American system bishop of Vienna by the Catholic

French swindlers, about whose methods a good deal has been written of she goes to make a purchase in asthe fatter, do not assist the crooks by

A simple little swindle that was suc fence in one of America's small West-cessful in this city for years was ern villages, with a law book in one worked by a man and a boy. The boy hand and with a piece of maize bread would walk up the street swinging a in the other. Abraham Lincoln was a pitcher around his head. The man standing on an opposite corner would ness was to no small extent dependent call attention to the boy's recklessness upon that early simplicity and good. and offer to bet \$5 or some larger ness which gave strength to con- smount that the boy would bresk the pitcher before he reached the corner. The crook rarely failed to book a victim. Of course, just as the boy reached the corner he would break the pitcher

Anxious to Please. "Now see here," said the man who called himself "particular," and whom the outside world called "fussy," to the restaurant waiter, "I want you to pay attention, and serve things exactly as say, or I sha'n't eat them, and what's more, I sha'n't pay for them."

"Yes, sir," said the waiter, head bent forward, face devoid of any sort of expression,

"I want tonut, well tonsted, but not the oven for one minute, then served." "Yes, sir. Well done, not burned. buttered hot, set in oven one minute,

"And coffee, strong, clear, hot, but not scalding."
"Yes, sir. Black, hot, no scald." "And steak-sirioin, thick but not too

thick, well done but not overdone. "Yes, sir. Medium sirioin, medium broll.' "And two eggs, new-laid eggs, fried on one side only."
"Yes, sir. Two, fresh fried, on-on-

which side, sir?" A thrifty housewife can get eight

A petition has been sent to the arch for strolling actors with their shaven to put it. One is a diet on onl faces, and another is that many of The other is onion plasters. And the them are suffering from "preachers" third is onlon syrup sore throat," which they think flow-

ing beards will cure. than is generally supposed. Some of poached egg on toast, three privilege is extended to him. In fact, the wearing of beards seems to be on hood, while with the Episcopalian priesthood the contrary is the case.

# A Change of Heart.

hooses to make the best of them A young woman stepped to the desk, and asked to a trembling voice for tel egraph blanks. She wrote upon one last a third. This last she handed to the operator with a feverish request that he would "hurry It."

This he did, and after she had gone e read the other two for his own amusement.

The first was, "All is over. I never wish to see you again."

The second read, "Do not write or

try to see me at present."

The third was, "Come at once. Can you take next train? Please answer.

Not as Crazy as He Scemed Toledo real estate man paid \$500 for an old dock at Manhattan, O., a adjacent to Porto Rico were infested when newly cut.

Highest Look in the World. The lock to be placed in the Danube minister of commerce has offered ing sight of any pirate vessel. crowns for the best plans for it.

It is a pretty thing, when a mother dies, to speak of the vacant chair, but you can bet if there are any men in preaching by subsisting mainly upon picnic pieces out of one spring chicken, the family, it isn't the rocker,

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Short Stories

In attacking Mr. Chamberlain in a The pirates, unsuspecting any resist-speech before the Primitive Methodist ance, bore down on the disguised ves-Conference the other day at Newcastle on Tyne, England, the Rev. T. Guttery, of Newcastle, defined the present policy of the British government as a "reign of blood, beer and Birmingham."

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It is related that once when Punch printed a cartoon representing an imighary conversation between James McNell Whistler and Oscar Wilde wired Whistler: "Ridiculous; when you and I are together we never talk about anything except ourselves, 'You forget," replied Whistier in a return telegram, "when you and I are together we never talk about any thing except me."

Henry Labouchere says that the speeches of Lord Rosebery always remind him of the description given by the South, died recently at the age of 98. He Prince Bismarck of a vertain Prussian was a great fighter, a great American in his statesman: "At the first he would way, there were many interesting events in have an opinion, then he weakened it by self-contradiction, then again an The most interesting, undoubtedly, is the objection to the contradiction occurred

which he recently made his brids women's shoes and old horseshoes and windows of the Pullman sleeper, in-

While in Canada Lord and Lady Lansdowne pleased the Canadian peo-ple by their friendly and unassuming manners, which were in marked contrast to those of former Governors General and their wives. It is related that at a garrison ball at Halifax the colonel of the regiment that was giv ing the dance came up to Lady Lans-downe and said: "Lady Lansdowne, won't you give me a dance, please? I'm tired of dancing with these silly little colonial girls. They have no style. I believe I'm engaged to one of them for the next dance, but you might be kind enough to rescue me. Lady Lansdowne replied, in tones loud enough for everybody to hear, that the colonel was unfit to associate with any decent people, colonial or otherwise, and concluded: "If this is the way you treat your guests, I will relieve you of the presence of one of them at once." Then she ordered her carringe and left the ball.

# MUCH VIRTUE IN AN ONION.

Efficacy of the Pungent Vegetable Manifested in Various Ways.

The idea of an onion cure may not strike the fancy of the esthetic; however, the experience of those who have tried it is that it works wonders in

It is claimed by those who believe the onion cure that a bad cold can The priests do not say which of the be broken up if the patient will stay two evils annoy more, but they seem indoors and feed on a liberal diet of ing a woman into a store, and just as to lay more stress upon the fact that onions. It need not be an exclusive they are mistaken for actors. Catholic diet, but a liberal one. For instance, clergymen wear beards more often an onion cure breakfast includes a chance to recover her surprise, was whenever there is any good reason for of coffee. Luncheon of sandwiches, made of Boston brown bread, butter ed and filled with finely chopped raw onions, seasoned with sait and pep per, makes the second meal on the For supper the onions may be fried as for breakfast and eaten with a chop and a baked potato.

The strange efficacy of onions is well The operator in a telegraph office has known to the stugers of Italy and many chances for the observation of Spain, who eat them every day to imknown to the singers of Italy and varying phases of human nature if he prove the quality of their voices and keep them smooth. Onion plasters are prescribed to break up bard coughs. They are made of fried onions placed between two pieces of old muslin. The tore it in haives, wrote a second, which plaster is kept quite hot until the pashe treated in the same way, and at tient is snugly in bed, when it is plac ed on the chest, to stay over night Onion syrup is a dose that can be bought of any druggist, and is claimed by some to be unequaled as a cure for a cold in the chest.

All this is probably quite true. For to be done up with onlone, both inside and out, would be enough certainly to chase out any self-respecting cold .-Table Talk.

# LAST OF THE BUCCANEERS.

Tragic Pate of a Piratical Crew That Put an End to Piracy. As late as the year 1825 the waters

year ago and his friends said he was by a bloodthirsty band of pirates led He has been selling the oak by a Spanlard named Confrecinas. It burned, buttered while it's hot, set in and wainut logs of which the dock was was the proud boast of the buccaneer constructed and has thus far cleared chief that he neither gave nor asked \$20,000, with prospects of making as quarter. In March of the year menmuch more. The dock was sixty years tioned Captain John Drake Sloat, who old and the water curing has made twenty-one years later raised the the logs more valuable than they were American flag over California, was placed in command of the sloop of war Grampus, with orders to proceed to the West Indies and wipe the pi-Oder Canal will be 131 feet high, and rates off the ocean. The Grampus the highest in the world. The Austrian cruised for some weeks without catchprizes of 100,000, 75,000 and 50,000 morning while the sloop was lying at anchor in the harbor of San Juan a man who had swum ashore from merchant vessel captured by Confrecinas reported that the pirate brig was anchored in the Boca de Inferno (Mouth of Hell), an obscure harbor | -Modern Society,

some miles up the coast, waiting to attack a heavily laden schooner which was to sall from San Juan that very

day. Confrecions knew the Grampus well, so to make sure of his prey Captain Sloat placed a beavily armed crew and cannon loaded with grape on board the schooner and salited forth. sel with the black flag and skull and erosa-bones at the brig's masthead Not a move was made by Sloat and his crew until the vessels were almost alongside, when the marines from the deck and poured a deadly fire into the brig. Confrecions railled bis men and for some time kept up a running fight, showing great skill in manipulating his crippled vessel. He was finally forced to run his brig ashore. Forty of the crew with the buccaneer chief were captured by waiting soldiers. They were taken to San Juan, court-martialed the next day and shot. Confrecings was the last to die. When they attempted to bind his eyes he threw the men aside. ridiculed the priest and exclaimed in

foud voice: "I have slain hundreds with my own hands and I know how to die. He fell pierced by many bullets, the last and most bloodthirsty of the buccancers of that region.-Harper's Weekly.

### THEY DWELL IN CAVERNS.

Residents of Normandy Dig Their Houses in the Cliffs.

We have often heard of the cliff twellers and are accustomed to think of them as a prehistoric race, the re-mains of whose few scattered dwellogs are a matter of curlosity to tourists and a prize to antiquarians. Few people know that at the present day there are whole communities in France whose only habitations are collowed in the rocky hillsides and whose entire business life is carried

n in caves. We had seen in Normandy Isolated nstances of people living in habitstions half house and balf cave. But they were in faraway towns and villages and only the very poorest class of people lived in them. Our first real cave city came as a great surprise, for we had just left Tours, one of the most highly civilized cities in France. We were riding on the road to Vouvrny when suddenly, at the turn near Rochecorbon, this first town of cliff

dwellers burst upon us, High above us towered a huge mass overhanging rock, strata upon strata, bearing upon its summit a most peculiar tower, supposed to have een a watch tower in ages gone by. Its foundations hung over the rock upon which they were built and it seemed as though it would crash down at any moment upon the village be

Scattered over the face of the cliff, door and windows, narrow stairways and little belvideres could be seen, habitation upon habitation, in most picturesque disorder. Walls along the high road hid the immediate fore ground and we looked in vain for an opening by which we could have a pearer view of this strange communi-At last we found an open gate and, peeping through, were greeted by a dear little old woman, whose wrinkled, smiling face was surmounted by a snowy white cap. Her doorway was a bower of flowers, hollyhocks, asters. nasturtlums and deep June roses. By its side was an old well and a little outhouse for her weed and gardening tools. Her cheery "bon jour" was an invitation to enter and we gladly accepted her cordiality. We followed her across the little yard and were soon seated in her one and only room --

### PRETENDED DEAF AND DUMB Barbers Took His Signs in Good Faith and He Was Sorry for It.

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"Experiments don't always termiinte as expected," said a stockyards man to a Kansas City Star reporter. This morning I went to a strange burber shop, and, for the purpose of heading off conversation, I played deaf and dumb. As I entered I put my fingers to work and went through the motion of shaving with an affirmative shake of the head; gave the negative shake as I made the hair cutting motions, shampooing gestures, shoeblasking actions and application of bair

tonic passes. "Two idle barbers bowed in recogni tion of understanding me, and took positions at their chairs, waiting for me to make my selection, which I did by dropping into the first one.

"That fellow looks daffy as well a dumb,' said the barber who wasn't putting soap in my mouth.

"'I guesa he's all right,' answere the one who was rubbing in all of the lather on one spot. "These dummies always do act queer."

" I bet he is too mean to give you a tip,' 'He looks it,' answered the shaver 'He will be a bald-headed lobster in side of six months. It looks as though

his wife had been playing ping pong on his head." "'Sell him some hair tonic,' replied the other. 'I will write and ask him

If he wants it." "'I'll be hanged if you do!' I cried 'Go on with the shave and let

me get out of this." The shave was completed-after a fashion, and there wasn't a word spoken during the rest of the process. The tip was forgotten."

A Plague of Seals. The fisheries of Northern Norway have come to a standatill owing to remendous influx of seals slong the coast and in the fjords. The seals, which come from the White sea, have been fought without avail. The large fishing population has petitioned the

partly hunting all fish away. Not Looking for Work. Citizen—Say, can't you give my son

government for help to exterminate

the plague, which is partly eating and

Job on the corporation. Mayor-What can he do?

Citizen-Do! Why, if he could do anything I would employ him myself.