TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

The rolling stone sees its finish when It strikes the up grade.

Few college women marry. This is a serious reflection on the college men. the world.

A chronic fler is less dangerous than the liar who has spasmodic attacks of

Manufacturers of the bullet-proof un derwenr are still hurrying agents to the Balbane

A man never knows what he can do until he tries and if he tries the chances are he will regret it later. And now Mrs. Fish declares that

Harry Lehr is "an ordinary person." Surely this is the most unkindest cut It seems that the United States did not have control of Cuba quite long

enough to cure it of the earthquake If King Edward is looking for a real autocrat to pattern after he should by all means consider the Governor

When the European concert tunes up it makes such a racket that innocent bystanders think it must be the be-

Placer mining muchine has been invented that will make gold plentiful, and this will help us to stave off the Tusts for a little while.

ginning of the overture.

it is doubtful whether, in spite of all this war news, the average American will get his ideas of the little countries in Eastern Europe unsnarled.

The Holstein cow has been vindicated by the scientists, hence we get back to the proposition that it all depends upon who owned the Holstein.

Harry Lehr says the lapel button hole should be sholished. Harry is always deeply interested in some question of supreme importance to mankind.

The owner of Lou Dillon has refused an offer of \$40,000 for the trotter. Perhaps he is waiting for some Richard III. to come along and make m bid.

If the time over comes when the novelists form a union, perhaps we shall have the Great Amalgamated American Novel with fifteen different kinds of disject.

The Boston Post thinks it sees a codfish famine impending, and declares that such a famine is "awful to contemplate." If it is worse than the codfish smell it must be all of that.

Mr. Choate is now dean of the diplomatic corps in London. With an Amer-Ican dean of the diplomatic corps and a new American duchess added to the list every few days, how can they keep us down?

Ibsen says that he would come to this country to live if he were not too old; and the husbands of all the Ibsen clubs are thanking their stars that the Norwegian dramatist is not young nor bekutiful.

According to a Berlin scientist it would be a great benefit to the nervous systems of girls if they were not permitted to begin plano practice under the age of 16. It would be a great sell to the nerves of the neighbors if they did not begin it at all.

Secretary Barton, of the American as if she had been born to the pur sumption of the imperishable wood Board, are the best possible safeguards pie. No daughter of the reigning to the political existence of the empire, in that they teach Turkish sub-jects to be upright, self-respecting, lawneeds of the government for responsthie service, both at home and abroad.

American merchants are not the only business men with enterprise. A Russian firm has recently sent an expedition into Mongolia to learn what the Mongolians will buy now and what they can be persuaded to purchase in the future. There are twenty men not aided by the influence of hered-and fifty pack-horses in the party. Itary culture. Her achievements are says Mr. Tonney, that before many sent a topographer along with it, and and an agreeable personality under the great brakes are rapidly disappearing the imperial geographical society is represented by a naturalist. Thus the imercial needs of the country will be studied along with the questions of its military control and the possibilities of developing its natural resources. This is an excellent example of the threes with which Russia does the things which it undertakes.

No man could ask for a nobler mon ument than that which the late Frederick Law Olmsted has left. In the large sense he was the father of the ofession of landscape architecture, the country that this men, who was to fix the limits of the profession, was ant public works would occupy much space and is unnecessary. The man who created Central Park in New York, Prospect Park in Brooklyn and Franklin Park in Boston, laid out the grounds of the Capitol in Washington, the reservation at Niagara Palls, and the "White City" of the World's Fair Objection, in his actual work conferred a most important benefit on his generation; and in training others and howing the possibilities of his art, he did even more.

It cannot be dealed that of late the soberest-minded men among us have been filled with a solicitude amount ing to anxiety in noting the momen tum of certain dangerous tendencies in American life. The trend toward mob law in various sections of the country; the revelations of public and private corruption, and especially of the buying and selling of legislation and franchises; the growth of the unmarried person is the same as congambling mania among women as well tracting a debt.

as men; the vulgar rush for social wide-spread aysten of "grafi" and blackmall which has grown up in all classes in the haste to be rich-these familiar phenomena are crowding upon our straining our optimism and shaming our national pride at the very time when we are called upon to exult in the commercial greatness of the country and its peculiar qualifications for eeming the benighted regions of

What becomes of the brilliant mer of the schools and colleges the stuos fellows who always stood at the heads of their classes and prom most masterful achievem when they should get a whack at life? As a rule we don't hear much about them afterwards. They seem to step forth from their alma mater into ob scurity. The ordinary fellows who manage somehow to forge through high school or college with port of occasionally. Somehow they modesty and self-effacement; egoism to all rulesm. have forged to the front, following that A thorough egoist is usually too worldly wise en or fifteen years after graduation, interior. and review the progress made by the habit of mind. various members of the class, they must confess surprise at the fantaswith her richest gifts, and then turned aside to swim or sink. The man who carried off the class medal for a back on a small salary all his life. the other fellows is enting the bread to give him employment or money. The plons man, who was forever the worst of the class, and has laken shame of fate—that the fellow who graduated out of the back door be the center of his universe. San Francisco Bulletin, fore his time was up, waves a cordial salute from the pleasant hilltop success to the diplomated shumni who pass wearly along the dusty ways. It is very queer. But thus it runs. How yast and irreconclable is the difference between college and life The qualities that promise so brilliant ly to school are not always the qualliles that count most in the world. The "dig." who crammed constantly and made his poor brain an overstock ed lumber yard, seldom is the man who rises in actual life. Something of a human quality is demanded by the world. Men prefer the man who has a little leisure and a little inclination for agrosement. The boy who went about a little at college and made acquaintances, who rubbed up against the other fellows and found out the stuff of which they are made, who learned to bear himself well among men and acquire some degree of selfonfidence and assurance, has a better assets with which to commence life han a little more scholarly knowledge of the use of the Greek particles would be. One of the most important aids success is the knowledge of how to approach and manage men, how to win their confidence and hold their attention. These are things not in-

OUR AMERICAN ADAPTABILITY.

can learn them.

cluded in any college curriculum.

Some men-even men of brains-never

Admirable Polse of the Women Who Have Attained to High Position. Lady Curzon, the Vicerine of India, stands as a shining example of the facility and the adaptability of the American woman. Occupying a posttion which brings her in continual contact with royalty, she bears herself conspicuously associated with the com- tree along the Ouachita River. spur and encouragement of liberal ad before the modern methods of lumber eration.-Kansas City Star.

They Had to Wait.

Mr. Thomas, of Hermis fame, is telling his friends about two green youths of his acquaintance, who, having hired and it is exceedingly fortunate for a horse and trap for a day's outling. found themselves at the close of the expedition confronted with the bewildso great a man. A list of his import- ering problem of reharnessing the ant-The bit proved their chief difficulty, for the horse made no response hatever to their overtures,

"Well, there is nothing for it but to ait," said one. "Wait for what?" grumbled the other.

"For the horse to yawn," replied his

Celt and German in America. Seventy dive per cent of our foreign house may be built these days wholly born population in 1900 was of Teutonic and Celtic stock—the very same that made the English. Of course, a interior when finished in this remarkstill larger percentage of the native able product of the Southern awamps born are of these races and of their admixture. It is an error, then, to talk of the American people as a conglomeration of races. There is an American race, formed by fusion of the woodworker. An instance may be the original races that made the Eng-

A wedding present from a married person is all right, but one from an



Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

Egotism an Efficient of Worldly Success.

egotist, as all students of wordbooks know. who puts aimself forward constantly and talks too much about himself. Cardinal Wolsey is a celebrated example of the egotist. or it was he that said. "Ego et rex meus" and my King; for which sentence he has been

y some one was it Bacon or Addison?-as a good Latiniet but a bad courtier. An egotist is one that only one eye on the text books, and appraises all things only in reference to his own interethe other on life, we hear a good re in other words, a selfish person. Egottsm is opposed to

A thorough egoist is usually too worldly wise to be at one eye which was fixed on actual life. egotist. He is aware that the egotist is mocked and de It's queer. But it's so. When two or rided, at least behind his back. Egotism is a weakness three college mates get together, five, egolsm a source of strength. Egotism is exterior; egolsm One is an outward and visible sign; the other s

Conscious egoism is rare. The perfect egoist is in most cases quite unsuspecting of his egolam. Not infrequently tic pranks played by the world upon he thinks himself rather a model of unselfishness and the men whom alma mater blessed philanthropy. Sometimes he is an extreme pletist in religion. Sometimes an extreme libertine in morals, may be an anchorite in the desert, living on locusts and wild honey, and subordinating all the duties and interests scholarship and for whom great things of human fellowship to the thought of his own soul's welwere predicted, has perhaps drifted fare. He may be a politician wading through slaughter along until he has sunk into a rur to a throne. He may be a captain of industry, grinding and shows signs that he will remain the poor for superfluous profits. He may be a man about town, seeking pleasure at whatever cost to others. The The superior man who lorded it over regist may be a woman of fashlen, marrying some or wealth and position. Egoism is found in all states of humility and importuning his bril- and professions, in both sexes, in persons of all ages, and liant but more successful classmates of diverse characters, in the saturnine and the cheerful,

in misanthropes and good fellows. Egoism is a very efficient factor of worldly success. The preaching, it may be has proved to be egoist always looks out for himself. He has the wisdom of the serpent. Even when he makes a sacrifice it is don to wild ways. And it happens, too, that he may serve himself better in the long run sometimes—be it said to the eternal the egoist is usually cheerful, as well as successful. He shame of fate—that the fellow who never permits the troubles of others to werry him. He is

Dabbling in Stocks.



OES it pay to dabble in stocks? That is a ques on that a good many can abswer. The man r of answering, however, depends on which de of the fence the man jumps off. Some re losers and some are winners. A man can of win all the time unless he is an extraor man, and there are but few of these. The best of financiers in the country have their ups and down and you can count on your fingers the really successful

dators, 1 e., men who are in the game all the time. When you see the men who put their money into stocks in a speculative sense, you cannot but have a pity for them and this especially so the case with the man who ha had the speculative fever and who is over it. We have one in mind at the present time, and when he sees the merchant, the professional man or the mechanic placing his money in the hands of the mob down there in Wall street to eat up and gloat over, he says, "Foor foois!

He reasons this way, and it will be found true in th majority of cases. There is a greater inequality of the amounts won or lost, figuring winnings and losses the same. to begin with. This is clearly proven by the following:

A buys 100 shares of stocks, say at 70, carries it to thirty days and then seils it at 72. His gross profit is \$200 Take from this his commission of \$25 and the interest on the \$10,000 at a dollar a day, and he has a net prefit of \$145. Taking the very same proposition, change the two-point profit to a loss and see. His gross loss is \$290, which the commission and interest would make a pet loss of \$255. Here is a difference of \$110 against the loser on a proposition apparently the same. Admitting that he makes six turns always the same and breaks even, that is, makes three winnings and three logings, his account will heard. "I felt my children," he replied, "tugging at my stand as follows: Three losings at \$255, \$765; three win-nings at \$145, \$435. Therefore, he is out of pocket \$230, bread." It is this vision of the children dependent on us

times at \$145, making a total of \$2,320, against losing nine lines at \$225, making a total of \$2,265. So one can see that in the end he will be \$35 ahead. That is a good average.

Now, take in consideration the wear and tear of nerves loss of sleep and the chance of losing your whole invest-ment, and the conclusion is arrived at that a job of carry ing brocks at \$2.50 a day is an easy thing in comparison. Genera Review.

Rearing Skilled Workmen.

RMANY leads the world in its industrial edu-The supremary in the several indus-U ies for which she is so famous is directly raccoble to this educational development. The reelain industries for which Germany is ted could hardly be carried on without an pply of artistically skilled workings, and to assure nance of the supply of operatives the thevern conducts a porcelain factory at Missen. Popils and apprentices are taught drawing for two years. On the pletion of this course they spend an additional term of two years on modelling and painting. Those who deelop special skill are then sent to the fine art achoose of

Sreaden, Berlin, and the other famous art centers to finish heir education. If a pupil perseveres to the end through this long novitiate he is practically guaranteed lifetung serfice in the Government porcelain factory. Another feature of tierman industrial education which atght be adopted with advantage elsewhere is the practice sending trade apprentices to some industrial school for a portion of each year. Those who are indentured for a four-year apprenticeship usually spend at least four mouths

a year in one of these actions, which are conveniently located in the manufacturing districts. Philadelphia Record.



be annue sloty, wherever the Turk exercises rule over bristian caces. The government is execuable. After being tiently borne for a certain time, the oppressed race seeks defend itself. Then come savage brutalities on the part bies of a young married couple from f the rulers, which are met by as savage brotzlitles on the Pratt County, Kan. They had gone to art of the insurgents. Reforms are announced which are mly to be granted when "order" is restored. Order, how: In go East on a wedding trip. After ver, means a recurrence of oppression. At present the civil they had entered the train, the bus uployes are not paid at all, and the soldiers sent there are hand alighted for something, and the aid very sparingly. If at all. The whole ruling race, there. train went off and left him. His bride re, has to five on the subject race. That tricky scoundrel had neither money nor tickets. She he Sultan has long succeeded in converting the fairest dis- was frantic, but some of the passen cricis in the world into a bell by playing one European gers sought to console her. At the country off against another. We are the only power on first station she get off. It was night. which he can still count in this devil's game. Our duty, but she managed to find a farmer therefore, is to make it absolutely clear to him that come who agreed to carry her back to King what may be will get no aid from us -London Truth.

Love Is the Mainspring.



LITICAL economists have told us that seifterest is the mainspring of industry. It is st true. Love is the mainspring of industry. is love for the home and the wife and the didren that keeps all the busy wheels of ininstry revolving, that calls the factory hands early to the mill, that nerves the arm of the blacksmith working at his forge, that inspires the farmer at his plough and the merchant at his desk, that gives courage to soldler and patience to the teacher.

Erskins was asked how he daved, as an unknown barrister, face a hostile court and insist on his right to be Now in order to avoid losing at all, he must win sixteen that inspires us all in the battle of life. Atlantic Monthly.

Product of Southern Swamps Can Be Utilized in Many Industries. The ment.-Little Rock Gazette

A Mr. Tonney, writing in the St. Globe-Democrat, says: American colleges in Turkey, says with as much dignity and distinction choly cypress and the enormous conaxman is fast destroying the melanwill soon clear the Southern swamps house of Great Britain could sustain of their noblest product. Mr. Tonney exhibits in all of the great functions men class the timber as red, yellow in which she is called to figure. Lady and white, according to the first of the Curzon belongs to what would be wood. In Southern Illinois some years called a new family, even in America. ago there were brakes of a white va-She has not behind her the general riety, but the trees were pygmiles comtions of culture which many Ameri- pared with the reliow cypress giants can women can point to. She was of the Cache River country in Arkanbrought up in Chicago, a town that is san, and the mammoth red cypress mercial idea. Her acquisitions were slow growth and the uncertain method the fruit of a keen and active mind years the tree will become extinct. The vantages. Her accommodation to the ing and regions which heretofore were requirements and the opportunities of regarded as inaccessible because of the large riches shows the difference be- swamp conditions are being cut over. tween the British and the American and the lumber going into the marsystems. In England it requires cen- kets at a rate surprising even to those turies to manufacture the sort of in who are intimately acquainted with dies and gentlemen who are often de the industry. The antiquated methods veloped in this country in a single gen- of logging, so slow and cumbersome, have been replaced by the up-to-date ideas, and the new facilities and im-

provements have worked wonders in Mr. Tonney says further that just now cypress is the one kind of timber which has attained a prominent place on the lumberman's list and the increasing demand and the advancing price are attracting the attention of every one who has in any way to deal with building materials. The commercial value of a good cypress brake is simost beyond the belief of those who are not familiar with the lumbering industry. The merits of the timber as adapted to a multiplicity of uses are without question and it has taken rank along with white pine and poplar. A flooring, lath, shingles and even the gives satisfaction, which is shared alike by the builder and owner. Strength, durability and beauty of finish combine to make it popular with

While it is true that the cypress

the World's Fair buildings.

CYPRESS IS A USEFUL TREE. mediate depletion. And every cypress cereal and fruit products, as they say, of the first square meal since moon the tree felled means that in return ad aftempts to cure the patient. Saturday before." ditional wealth comes to swell the means whereby in other ways Ar- farm, and all the work is done by hu DEATH FORETOLD IN NEWS ITEM. kansas is undergoing spiendid develop-

> NO BREAKFAST THEIR CREED. Colony of Westerners Who Starrs and How One Com-

Don't Love Their Wives. Edgar Wallace Conable, founder of a strange health colony to Colorado sev- in the copper country of Southern eral years ago, Las abandoned the high Arizons, come the giad tidings that the Fin., of which county Brocksville was altitude of the Rockies and has bought great problem of the centuries has at and is the county seat. Judge Center 8,000 acres of land in northern Arkan- last been solved—and by women, of was a widower, of about forty years sas and colonized it with several hun-course. The recent colebration of its of age, who resided a short distance dred followers, all of whom believe fourth anniversary by the San Miguel outside the corporate limits of the

men do not love their wires, nor do want question has been robbed of its for him. He was a fairly good officer, the wires love their husbands. Living terrors through the successful imangur- but was a dissipated man, inclined to in family groups is a mere matter of ation of a "community of interest" plan. be quarrelsome when drinking, and have been family squabbles caused by customed to refinements and pleasant several of whom his life had been centous husbands and wives in this surroundings. Some four years ago the

rast orchard and vineyard. No form heads together and organized the club, our mail connections were limited to premises, but it is the endeavor of the donists to drive away all kinds of insects and pests.

The land, which was hought only a ing their homes on the wide stretch of the mountain country. By next summer they expect to have everything in first-class work ng order,

According to their creed, people should live in the highest form of physlcal and mental life. This embraces extended periods of fasting, for purin eation of the body and the elimination of disease. It contemplates the non use of meat, alcoholic stimulants and tobacco

Conable says that as soon as his crops begin to grow he will allow no one on the premises, except as a tem porary guest, who lives on anything out his sort of food. No morning meal will be tolerated by the Conable calony, and no cook stoves will be found in the kitchens. The housework of the women will be limited, inaamuch as be to wash away the dirt.

strengthening the body among these people. Miss Reds Benjamin, a young cited where cypress was substituted for yellow pine in the construction of

No physicians are allowed in the col-Whenever a person is ill he is ony. brakes in Arkansas are being drawn placed under the care of one of the are unfair, and inconsiderate, upon heavily, there is no danger of imbealth teachers, who, by a system of think of the many nice ones!

Conable allows no horses on the man hands or steam power.-- New York Sun.

THE ETERNAL QUESTION.

vant Oirt Problem.

From San Miguel, a mining camp The colonists out no breakfast. The tion to the manner in which the ser- two maiden sisters, who kept The settlement lies slong the 'Prisco individual attempts to procure and re Tamps, and, as this was before the ystem, and is to be made into one tain proper domestic service, put their lensed a suitable house in the central a semi-weekly mail service by back. part of the town, engaged a matron, and hired a number of capable Chian executive committee of three. Ex- lowing: perience shows that the families have | saved on an average 50 per cent in living expenses since the formation of horse by an unknown assassin and the club, the service is better, and the instantly killed last Saturday mornfood is of a higher quality than could ing, about 8 o'clock, while riding to have been afforded under the old sys- his office, as was his usual custom, It is apparent at a glance that the

onditions which made the San Miguel cooking Club a success are not comon to all parts of the United States. Chinese servants, for instance, are not to give it almost verbatum. generally procurable, and there is a habited. from the haunting fear that Bridget long-suffering employer, must be deeffect to her body. She has muscles as as a valuable object lesson in the lem.-Housekeeper.

> Occasionally you meet people who who had a taste for the sensational, but had written it.

******** COOD Short Stories

A statement was printed in the Tocks Capital that William Allen White, of the Emporta tiasette, wore plug hat at the dinner given to realient Housevelt in Topska. Bossa after Mr. White returned to Emporta is sent this dispatch to the Capital theny story that I wore plug hat. Mob forming around office. Sheriff reuses protection. Wife consulting an ttorney, seeking divorce. Printers breatening strike."

At a recent meeting of the London Club. Canon Teignmouth there spoke of fraving met James Rusoil Lawell shortly after that gentlecan had gone as minister to England. That distinguished man was cogitaing over his first public utterance n this country, and wondering to what rogth he should speak. He had thought of speaking for about forty ntnutes. He had asked a countryman of his what his view was, and had Well, Mr. received this answer: Lowell, my advice to you is that if you find, after you have been speaking two minutes you have not struck oil. you had better give up boring Early one morning recently, before

aspecting some regiments on the amoenvring ground, the present Multar of the German army, Count Hacseler, went into the regimental unteen and asked for five cents' worth of bread and samege, such as is supplied to the ordinary soldier. The man clurge thought he would do him self a good turn by handing the general an extra large piece of either luxury. Later in the morning, when half had been called, the general ordered the soldiers to produce the rations supplied ly the canteen for five cents. Naturally, those shown were not of such sold to the chief. He said, quistly Take your rations back to the canteen and tell Herr M - that Count Harmler commands him to give each of you as large a portion as he had himself for the same money. My five cents is not worth more than yours."

A laughable account to given by the Kingman Leader Courier of the trou Kingman to be married, and intended man to his wagon. They arrived so late in the night that all the botels and other places were closed, but the farmer managed to find refuge for the bride at the home of a family. In the meantime, the husband had learned hat there would be no train out of Kingman the next day, which was Sunday. He wired to Hutchinson that he was coming by buggy, but his wife was not at Hutchinson to receive the telegram. He made a long drive to Hutchinson, but found no one there who knew anything about the last By Hunday, however, an exhange of telegrams was managed, and m Monday the husband came back to "He was met at the deput Kingman. by his grief-stricken wife," says the Leader-Courier. "Hand in hand they rended their way up town and partook

Strange Story of the Killing of a Flori-da Judge Tweaty-four Years Ago.

The following story is told to The Washington Post by J. B. Wall, of unnity Salved the Ser- Tamps, Pla., who vouches for its ac-

"In 1879, William B. Center was the Co-operative Cooking Club calls atten-vittage, with four young children, and contended, although there. This cinb consists of 45 families, account and made a number of enemies, by threatened more than once

"One Tuesday morning, in the early apring of that year, a friend brought nese servants. Each family has its into my office a copy of the Savannah own table, and the unmarried ones Morning News, published the Satur few weeks ago, is now being planted have a table to themselves. The pur-day preceding, which in its column of chase of the supplies is intrusted to Florida news items, contained the fol-

"'W. B. Center, county judge of Hernando county, was shot from his just where the road from Bay Post enters the town on the west."

"The occurrence made such an impression on my mind that, after lapse of twenty-four years, I am able

"Judge Center having been well feeling of comradeship, engendered by known to me, I naturally spent much the sharing of hardships, in the less time in speculation as to which of his thickly settled communities, that is enemies had probably taken his life not so apparent in those sections of the The following Thursday, to my great country, which have been longer in surprise, Judge Center walked into my But the relief experienced office, having stopped one day in Tam only preparation of the food will by the housekeepers of San Miguel ps on his return from a visit to the Manatee River section. Of course, Fasting is regarded as a means of may "give notice" any day, or exact hunted up the paper and showed him the body among these a few additional "privileges" from her the account of his taking off, and we roman, has just completed a fast of lightful, and the success of the San the source of the news item, I sugtwenty-five days without any bad Miguel experiment will at least serve gesting to him that some enemy of his. hard as an athlete and is a perfect solving of this most vexatious prob taken a freak idea of inserting an account of it in advance, he taking position that some smart Aleck,

"He left Tamps on Friday morning

for Brushaville, reaching home that night, and the next morning just me week after the publication of the account of his death, and two weeks after it purported to have occurred. about 8 o'clock, and at the exact spot where it was reported to have taken place, he was shot from his horse and instantly killed, and from that day to this his assault has never been die

covered. "I wrote to the publisher of the News to ascertain the serves of its information, and was told that the letter containing the tirm had been mislaid, or destroyed, and no from kept of the writer

It was the strangest coincidence if a coincidence, that ever came winds the scope of my observation?

THINKS HE IS A THEORIST.

Streamsta Life In All Bight When h

To Contined to fair,
"Recovered may talk all be like about the attenuous life," said the young looking middle aged man wie has always gone in for athletic sport, that I am rather inclined to the be Hef that Romerett is more or hee a theorist. Take my own case, for example. I am just exactly the same age as the president and I dare as I feel equally as young, for I lave always taken good care of news. Without ever having acquired greet proficiency in any particular lessoy of aport I have always managed to hold my own with ordinary copies and the early part of this seams when was asked to make the tituth may in a baseball game I had so bestgay in accepting the luviration. That is suited in a broken flager on my right hand that incapacitated me for an

"No more buseball for me! I said to myself. Tennis is about my size By I switched to female, with the re sult that in jumping for a high ball at the net I came down and spraint my ankle, which isld me up for a other week. Then I went down to the shore. One day in extinuity or at sea I was select with tramps and nearly drowned, and next day, with saffing. I was knocked overboard to the boom as the sail came about The came home and took council was mywetf. 'Golf is about your size' said to myself, and I started is b The other day on the litts play golf. didn't hear a fellow yell Forel and the consequence was I got a crark is the back of my cranium that nearly put me out of business for good. The loctor said after I cause to that it is had been half an inch lower I would now be twanging a golden terp. & have about concluded that the strusome life is only to be courted by mid die aged men when it's confined in talk "-Philadelphia Record.

DECLINE OF A BUSY CITY.

Nevada Town Once Prespersor and Programmive New Slowty Dring.

Virginia City, Nov., has just about eached the limit of going down hill." sald theorge W. Sproule, rick of the United States Court. "The authorities have abolished the street lights discharged the solltary night watchman and reduced the fire department to two men. Listen to this," coplissed Mr. Sproule, as he picked up a Nevid newspaper and read. The Virginia Enterprise says that using is its shortness of funds in the Storey Comty treasury the commissioners have found it necessary to cut of all it penses possible. After the first of next month there will be so more street lights on the old Comwick. Be fire department is to be reduced to two men and the one policeman now differ duty at night will be dispensed will. Poor uid Virginia: It seems a 107 that a place once the livelest in ils world should go so completely to ils dogs that there is nothing left worth stealing and the few people left there must either stay at home nights or carry lanterns."

"I fived in Virginia City nearly M years ago," said Mr. Spronte, "and at that time the town had a population of 40,000 persons. It doesn't seen P sible that it should have reached its present state of dispidation. In those days it was the liveliest place in the West, bur none.

There are hundreds of persons are living in Montana who once field is Virginia City, and none of them let will remember the old town is 22 palmy days, and to think that see there len't even a policeman on day there "-Heiena Record.

"This is not much of a faraing country around here, is it?" said the wher of a farm of several thousand cres in the tireat West to an aid residenter on Long Island.

'it ain't, hey?" was the contempt "I reckon you aln't ony us reply. well posted about the country spens ere, mister. Talk about it not belog in great of a farmin' country! Well. sir, I kin tell you that Job Hawkins old more'n forty dollars' wath's caulyflower an' nineteen dollars' suff potatoes last season, an' I know s folks clearin' a clean fifty dollars a year on their hens. An' yit some folks thinks this sin't no farmin' country?

Cooking School A new story is told of Josiah Flynt and his tramping with tramps. "How's the eating?" he asked a

Weary Willie. "Pretty bad, pard, and I'll tell yet what's the matter. These 'ere cooking schools is penetratin' to the utternest parts, and the womin folks is issue how to mutilate the victuals into French dishes."-New York Times.

"Who was it," asked Peckhall.
"who said: 'Give me liberty or give
the death?"

"Patrick Henry," replied his friend "And what was the result?" queried Peckham. "Did they give him a divorce or did he die?"—Chicago Newa

Clever Invention.

A certain novelty looks like a fullsized eight, but it is a pencil, and when the lower edge is turned a piece of black lead makes its appearance at the

Women envy a man when they see the contented look on his face as be carelessly poses, with his hands in his pockets and whistles.