#### TOPICS OF THE TIMES. to say that they couldn't belp ESTING ITEMS.

Communis and Criticisma Based Upon

The latest new word is "skindicate," but it is not in the dictionary yet.

reckless Kores.

The past year has seen 538 persons is a wonder that any one had time to

per cent of London society women them out of the front row.

A Nebraska man threw his wife in as "boot" in disposing of a horse. He explained it by easing it was a good in the effort. chance to get rld of two kickers.

A New York doctor has found a paste that will do the work of a razor. It will not be popular with barbers and en who use their husbands' razors for ripping seams.

There is no better road to the asser-

tion of manly independence than that the chief duty of citizenship, to high principle and courage of it-to the bal-A Chicago funcier has produced a

people who are afraid the world is would be running after me with all going to be depopulated owing to a kinds of schemes, and it would take a lack of babies

Bishop Boyd Vincent lately talked to business men, and thus counseled them: "To say nothing of your selfrespect, never forget what a good in- Thomas Day is a refreshing exception nt there is, even in business, in that grand old name of gentleman."

The victims of mols fury are poor fittingly punished by the courts. The rich and influential criminals who usuit is vicious.

The Eastern press has much to say of a "spanking machine now in use at that his income is \$100,000 a year and the State training school at Red Wing. the business in a dull, mechanical way, but for positive genius we recall with some emotion the brilliant work done by mother in conjunction with the hair the "old lady" shall live out their lives to make themselves better. - New York Daily News. brush, in which we played a supporting part.

The women of Germany are estab lighting commercial schools for girls at which are taught bookkeeping, correspondence, physical geography, English, penmanship, commercial law, typewriting, arithmetic, German and French. By and by the men will have to tote water or break stone in the der:' streets. The female invasion is an as-

The salaries of Congressmen car never be fairly and equitably arranged. Some members are well worth \$5,000 a year and others are not worth 5 cents. Some look upon a sent in the House of Representatives and the sal-ary as means of getting and saving ore money than they can make to their business at home, while others are willing to pay more for a nominathis and alastica than their values for two years amounts to. No means can be devised of paying the statesmen "by the piece." So it must rest with the voters in each district to get the best they can for the money.

Forty-five thousand homeless children have been sent to Canada from Great Britain and put in good homes during the past thirty-five years. Last year for every child that was sent were five applications on filewith the societies engaged in the work of rescuing the waifs. Consequently Rettish philanthropists, who know low carefully the children are looked. after in their new homes, think that the number sent from the overcrowded British cities to the spacious colonies could be increased with profit to the empire as well as to the children. It for crawlish. In snare fishing for mo-is a good way to save men and make a rays, or publ. a long stick is employed,

Many of the words used by the Americans in Cuba and the Philippines have no Spanish equivalent. The people have therefore, transferred them bodily into their own language; but when they write them they use the letters with the Spanish values. For instance, only one familiar with Spanish would know that "diabun" was pronounced "jawbone," It is easier recognize "Yangut blof" and "ponkin and it does not take much imagination to discover "good-by" in the Cuhan "gub-bai." Thus does language grow, not elegantly nor in accordance with the strict rules of the purist, but with consid rable picturesque vigor.

The cogineers in charge of the new subway in Boston recently objected to the passage of a procession through one of the streets where they were expanding for foar that the vibration of the earth caused by the rhythmic beat of the march might endanger the abutting buildings. The line of march was accordingly changed. It is a wellknown fact of physics that vibrations are as contagious as smallpox. One tuning-fork will communicate its hum to another of the same pitch in the same room, and two clocks, one fast and the other slow, will soon tick synchronously if put side by side on the When soldiers march same table. Brooklyn bridge they break step lest the strain damage the structure.

At the recent celebration of Lucy Stone's birthday almost every speaker who had known that gifted woman had something to say about the charm down of it had to sell ye me beautifule of her voice. So sweet was it that, in auto-go-Billy,

the words of Miss Anthony, 'men used A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTER. for woman suffrage if she asked them to do so." Her name was always put last upon the program of a public meeting, "because she left such a the Happenings of the Day-Histori-pleasant impression upon an audi-cate and News Notes. The current literature of Great Britain is full of slighting allusions to the voices of American women. There is yet every reason to hope far too large. But an American wom-There is yet every reason to hope that Russia will pause in her mad and an 's voice need not be found and shrill. Nothing in her constitution, nothing in the climate, requires it so to be. It is true that weak utterance or a "crack killed in the streets of New York. It ed" voice may proceed from ill health; but the high, nasal tones that our foreign critics find so disagreeable are almost invariably due to sheer heed-John Strange Winter says that no lessness. Nobody needs to be told that per cent of London society women uoise and emphasis are different wear wigs, which, of course, keeps things, but people forget—and scream; and every such outburst, whether of loy or of anger, coarsens the voice, especially if, as is frequently the case, "the last breath in the lungs" is used in the effort. "Breathe deeply, speak knowledge of any other secret more essential to a woman's charm.

A Chinese magistrate who had killed 5,000 persons has just been executed.

Evidently be was not one of the fussy months about the formulation of the fussy months about the first panels of the first panels for the first force of secretaries to answer the letters. The old lady and I are just plain people, and we enjoy life more by liv-ing it out in the way we've been raised than if we'd try to mix with swells." to the host of the "new rich." Mrs. Stuyvesnut Fish, who claims descent from Peter Stuyvesant, is disgusted upon clanging at the doors for admisthe literary man's retort. "It really isn't worth it." Thomas Day is wise the way they have been reared, no one will have opportunity to laugh at them and they will have conscience

> A Chief's Philosophy. The press agent of the Indian Con-

gress at New York vouches for the following philosophical remarks by Chief Joseph, "as translated by Red Thun-

big chiefs.

"Bad-Deeds loses much sleep. "A secret calls at a hundred wig-

wants." "Every man knows how to make

love for himself " Stingy-Man tries to warm himself

"A hungry stomach does not quarrel

"Little Caution sets big death trap." "You can't tell a gun's kill by its

Bad-News files on the lightning's from the East contains a laughable

"In the dark is a good place to look

"Do not balt with sturgeon to catch

"The hornet's sting feels longer than

the heron's books." "You do not have to est grubs because they taste sweet to the bear." "I am always afraid that clumsy kindness will step on my feet." indness will step on my feet."

"The coward envies the rabbit's and they all were well pleased with

"A Frenchman seems polite enough Great, however, was their surprise shake hands with a crab." when their partners arrived with in to shake hands with a crab."

Catching Fish with Snares. The Hawallans fish very often with sonre for the big eel-like morays and with a noose arranged at the end, the string working the noose reaching clear to the end of the pole. A bait made of almost any kind of pounded fish or crab is thrown into the water in favorable spots, especially around rocks, where the publilive in holes and

sticks its head through it in order to correct, and her pariner, Captain Heal. I have seen as many as fifteen at the reach the balt, the line in the hand is ing first back with it, she was award, most in a flock, this being an unusual-

three inches from the bottom) is put to win. The male competitors arrived which tightens it, and the animal is

THE RISKS OF BEING RICH.

brought to the surface.



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#### OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

country.

recently.

pessimist.

country to city should be checked, and even why a counter

current from city to country should set in. The advant-

ages of city compared with country life will grow less in the future with increasing rapidity. The electric rail-way, the telephone and rural mail delivery are making it possible for both the city man and the country man to

When is a Man Old?

That is the age that President Roosevelt attained recently.

Unless running a foot race is to be the inflexible cri-

lectual powers, as well as his bodily ones, are on the wane.

How to Hold Your Friends.

HERE has lately been some discussion in this

country of the question, "When is a man old?"

It is a question that interests everybody in a

more or less personal way, and it has been

When Good Manners Went Out.

years. Life in the city has not been growing less attract-RUSSELL SAGE blames the women for impoliteness of modern men. She finds RS. RUSSELL SAGE blames the women for that the men of this day are less courteous to women than of old. Men smoke in public places, when women are present, she remarks, and feel abused when required to forego their cigars for an hour or two. Our young college people, both men and women, are deficient in good manners, if Mrs. Sage is right. One cause of the prevalent impolitoness, she says, is that many parents leave their children almost entirely to servants and consequently the little ones acquire

the manners of the kitchen.

Whatever the cause, it is an obvious truth that god slowly, and keep an even temper. is the advice a specialist gives the girls at a famous finishing school. The secret of a pleasing voice could hardly be conveyed in fewer words, nor is the grand mothers were. Something fine has gone out of something fine has gone out. ciety. Slang, awkwardness familiarity, informality have taken the place of correctness of speech, grace of deportment, formality of manner. We aim to be sincere, but too Thomas Day, 54 years of age, dis- often we succeed in being only rude. We cross our legs Thomas Day, of years of age, dis-covered a lead mine in Idaho after when slitting because the position is comfortable, and we ages by moving to town.—Kansas City Journal. which leads the loyal citizen-loyal to rears of prospecting. He had endured think that comfort justifies the breach of rule. Our premany privations, but persevered in the hope of striking something "worth times was all sham, that men and women were no better or while." He has succeeded so well that
John D. Rockefeller offered him ten
million dollars for the property, and
Ther declinate will be a succeeded so well that
the chesterfields. But the formal manners of other days featherless chicken. This leads us to hope that experiments may be continuous and based on his belief that the used slong that line until the inmates of boarding houses can be served with halfess hash.

was not based in its belief that the offered, but in his belief that he wouldn't know what to do with so dressed with punctilious formality. The rough and ready

#### Whipping Children.

E have never approved of whipping as a neans either of punishing children or of enoreing parental authority. It has always been ir theory that the parent who was obliged whip to secure obedience by the very act of whipping self-confessed both his lack of m and lack of character.

Love is the only tyrant that can effectively rule a child. with New York society for no other list such tyrannical love must be the perfect combination suited. As for those who worry about where they come shows that the heat units developed reason than that the newly rich insist of both mercy and justice. It must be spontaneous and in if they are but 30-past or even barely 40, why should not per cubic foot are 1850 and 430, reclanging at the doors for admissincere, for the person doesn't live who can successfully. They are travelling the pace of fool a child with a false love. Mother's love is held to be ally escape legal punishment are nev-the beggar on horseback to the amuse-er lynched. The mob is as illogical as ment of persons with refinement and

But that mother's love is not ideal which breeds selfishness breeding. An eminent literary man is the child by pampering and by obstinate blindness to the other day met one of the new rich the child's evident limitations.

training school at Red Wing.

A spanking machine may do hess in a dull, mechanical way, the literary man's release to the literary man's release to the real seriousness of it were recognized the applicants for marriage licenses would decline rapidly instead of hess in a dull, mechanical way, does stand vastly in need of better children. One sure in his day and generation. If he and way of getting them is for parents, actual or perspective,

#### The "Drift" of the Country.

OR many years there has been going on in the United States a constant movement of peothe United States a constant movement of peothe form country to city. Senator Fairbanks
expressed the opinion is an address at Mineexpressed the opinion is an address at Minetesy, you will get his attention and will interest him. You
stage of the long journey of this masofa State Fair, that this movement "will in good time be followed by a return drift to the unselfishness of your interest in him. But if you are selfish month will be occupied in thus trans-

untry "Improved methods of farming, increased comforts of the farm life, which come through experience and systematic education, will be the magnets," he predicted, "which along: if you look upon every man or woman you are several years has had a limited silver "Small mothers have brought forth stic education, will be the magnets," he predicted, "which will draw from the congested centers to the agricultural

> The "drift" of which Mr. Fairbanks spoke seems aleady to have set in. \* \* \*

Novel and Languable Contest in the

The infinite variety of the Gymkhana

has been illustrated once more by

Anglo-Indian ingenuity. The last mail

account of one of these entertainments

given in the Ausement's Club's rink,

at Darjeeling. The first event was "The Royal Academy Test," gentle-

men to run from the far end of the

rink with paper and pencil, their lady

partner, waiting at the other end, to sketch an animal selected by the judge

at the time of starting, best sketch to

win. Time limit. For days before in-

their proficiency when the day arrived

structions from the starter to sketch

in the excitement of the moment, think

Stakes," gentlemen to run to their part-

In the fourth event ladies had to drive

many entries that this event had to be

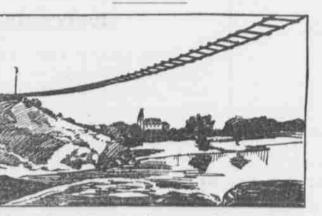
Where Wild Ducks Feed.

In Connecticut along the Housatonic

handsomely.

ers of your book they can secure for you, they will look But a wonderful change has been taking place in recent upon you in the same way.—Success ANGLO-INDIAN GAME.

### CURIOUS EFFECT OF RECENT FLOOD.



Rallway bridge at Rasselwitz, Germany, washed away, leaving only rails and Hea.

the man they nominated. One lady, ing only of the animal she had been practicing, promptly sketched a pig, and handed it to her partner, amidst roars of laughter from the spectators, stretches of water, caused by some natthe other a broad one. Some would be matter. A small quantity of it in
The next event was "The Scholarship ural conditions or by milidams, says delighted to take a scarf if the material the possession of M. Curie has caused Stakes," gentlemen to run to their part. the Field and Stream. These are gen-ners with a sum to be done by the lady erally found in isolated sections, and The upshot of it is the sale of special. in contact with the skin. A small parwithout help. First sum was a six are lined on either bank with heavy by made the and the neglect of the ticle of radium salt was scaled in a column, four figure addition of rupees, growths of alder and birch. In many stock already made up, and we are able glass tube, placed in a pasteboard box

pulled, which draws the noose tight to ed the prize. The third came "The ly large number; six to eight being the end of the pole, pinning the puhl's Whistling Coons," gentleman to run to about the average. These flocks settle ex-President Cleveland, who used to head there and choking it to d'ath, barrier and whistle a tune given him, in the brooks early in the fall and reafter which it is drawn to the surface. Partner to write name of tune and give In fishing for crawfish a long pole it to gentleman to take back to win- before leaving for the South. Once in dered through the mud and min and to which dead balt has been ited about hing post. First in with correct tune a while a Canada goose, sometimes darkness for more than two hours, have the power of storing up sandight three or four, will stop over for a stay but not a light nor a road could be down in the water in front of a bole in out of breath, and in the chorus of dif- and a good feed, but the goose is a sec. At last he struck a narrow lane, the rocks. As the ula comes out of its ferent airs, some in tune and a great restless bird in the fall and never keeps and in due course a house appeared. hole to get the batt another pole, with many more sadly out, it was very difa crotch or fork at the end, to both of finit to distinguish anything. At last
which a noose is fastened, is slipped
under its tail and suddenly Jerked, liffle, recognized that he was trying to
date, trout, watercress, newts, heigraroll and die course a nouse appeared.

Mr. Cleveland was cold and tired. So
the banged at the door till a window on
the second floor went up and a gruff
voice said: whistle "Dalay Bell," and her correct mites and a variety of food that water solution, returned first, won the prize, fowl like, and it is easy for them to procure food as the water is generally

their partners blindfolded between bot-ties. First in with fewest bottles knocked down to win. There were so "Neckwear made to order" is the Behar, driven by Mrs. Darrock; the second by Mr. Burnett, driven by Miss. Waring; and the third by Mr. Tallian by Miss. Waring; and the third by Mr. Talbert new sign seemed a remarkable conces-clifton, driven by Miss O'Brien. In the sion to the taste of purchasers as opfinal heat between these three couples posed to the modes which the store Mr. Clifton and Miss O'Brien won provided.

"We have to do it to mave ourselves trouble," one of the clerks explained. river and in fact all over the State, nine men out of ten have their own misunderstood.

are many large brooks or creeks that. Ideas as to how they want scarfs made. back from the river, have long, still One man wants a narrow scarf and shining until the final extinction of all Rock a bye baby in the tree top rocks, where the published in an analysis of sider and direct. It many stock aready made up, and we are able glass tube, placed in a pasteboard for an erevices.

The noise is slipped up close to one of these boles, and when the published in a pasteboard for an instances heavy timber flanks both how to satisfy any man, however and the published in the published Ocean

An Unpleasant Predicament. It is related that on one cold night At last he struck a narrow lane,

'Who are you?" meekly.

"What do you want?" "To stay here all night."
"Stay there, then." And the win-

Population of Germany. latest statistical estimates for The the German empire place the population at 58,549,000. From these figures it appears that the population has in creased 1.46 per cent in the last year.

Many a woma , lunagines that all her "Men used to be content to buy the Many a woma; imagines that all her kind of ties we showed them. But now troubles are due to the fact that she is

# Science

The birds of Lapland are reported by H. Goebel to number 198 species. Of these 133 certainly breed in that country, thirty-four probably do so, seventeen are straggiers and six win-ter visitors, one is an ocean species

relieving the farm of its isolation. They are bringing if a novel watch in Zorich is in the nearer to the city and keeping it in closer touch and better form of a ball which moves impercept-A novel watch in Zorich is in the harmony with all the outside world. At the same time, the same time is scientific agriculture has been making farming more at tractive to the thrifty by rendering it more profitable, and giving motion to the hands, and the trip making it more agreeable for the intellectual and educated from top to bottom of the inclined sur-by rendering its work less ardinous and more interesting face, a distance of sixteen luches, re-The rural population has also been growing denser and quires twenty-four hours. The ball is increasing the social pleasures and opportunities of the then lifted again to the top. The Highland Railway Company of

There is good reason, therefore, why the movement from Great Britain announces that it has completed arrangements for telephonic ommunication between trains and stations on its line, thus not only greatly lessening the danger of wrecks on the road but also enabling its passengers to communicate with friends and busiunite the pleasures of life in the city with those of life ness associates while traveling from place to place.

in the country. The city man is hastening to take advantage of his new opportunities by moving to the country; and A tree using aluminum almost to the the country man will hardly sacrifice his pecufiar advantages by moving to town.—Kansas City Journal.

A tree using atuminim simost to the
exclusion of other mineral elements coupous that he would not sell for very
ages by moving to town.—Kansas City Journal. by H. G. Smith, of Sydney. It is known botanically as Orites excelsa. R. Br., and the aluminum is deposited as a basic succinate. Other flowering plants show only a trace of aluminus although it seems to serve as a food unsidered with some trepulation by trades of cryptograms.

Hugo Halberger, of Munich, Gerunions, whose leaders assert that there is a imposition on the part of employers of labor to shelve disposition on the part of employers of labor to shelve many, has found that when an elec-men on account of age almost before they are 50. It is a trite remark that one man is as old at 40 as another is thrusting one of the terminals into the ground, the worms and snails within a radius of six feet or more crawl out and get away from the affected area. and where is there a younger, more vigorous man than Their behavior seemed to him to indihe? It will be five years at least, and perhaps ten, before cate that they were distressed by the electricity, and he suggests that the he will have reached his prime; certainly his intellectual powers are not now what they will be in ten years from emarkable effect of an electric current in stimulating the growth of lants may be really due to the extererion, we should say that a man is not old until his intelmination of parasites about their roots, rather than to a directly beneficial in-Senator Platt, who got married the other day, would resent fluence upon the plants themselves.

being called old, although he has reached the seventles. So would Senator Stewart, of Nevada, who got married A comparison between the heating Andrew Carnegie if called old would feel in properties of acetylene and coal gas spectively, the temperature of the acetylene flame being about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. With an acetylene urner consuming two cubic feet of HOSE who would make friends must cultivate gas per hour a quart of water was the qualities which are admired and which at brought from a temperature of about tract. If you are mean, stingy and selfish no body will admire you. You must cultivate eight and a half minutes. Under simgenerosity and large-heartedness; you must be liar conditions it required ten and a magnanimous and tolerant; you must have quarter minutes for the illuminating positive qualities, for a negative, shirking, apologizing, gas to accomplish the same results, roundabout man is despised. You must cultivate courage though the burner used sixteen cubic and boldness, for a coward has few friends. You must feet of gas per hour.

believe in yourself. If you do not, others will not believe King Menelik of Abyssinia, propos in you. You must look upward and be hopeful, cheery ing to take advantage of the acleutific and optimistic. No one will be attracted to a gloomy methods of minting coin which prevail in the civilized world, has just import-The moment a man feels that you have a real live ed from Germany an outfit of machinand think of nothing but your own advancement; if you porting it from the nearest railway staintroduced to as so much more possible successful capital; sinage circulation in his kingdomif you measure people by the amount of business they can the coins were struck for him in send you or the number of new clients, patients or read-110,000 pounds of gold buillon, besides still larger amount of silver, awaiting the arrival of the minting ma-

## DISCOVERY OF RADIUM.

It Is a Product of Pitchblende-Its Effect on the Body.

No one, not even Mme, Curle, the iscoverer, has yet seen radium in a pure state, says Theodore Waters in Everybody's Magazine. It has been ossible to obtain it so far only in combination with other material. It is judged by the effect of its properties, which are truly remarkable. It is a product of pitchblends, which is found deep in the earth. The quantity already found is so small that the figurative price of a gram has been placed at \$10,000. It may be that there are large quantities of it stored under the surface somewhere, but the man who found a quantity of it in a state of anything like purity would probably not live to tell the tale. The particles which fly from it are charged with electricity, and at night it shines forth with a phosphorescenes which has been shining since the beginning of all things, and which will go o over three months. Prof. Curie thinks that a person entering a room containing a pound of radium would be blind-The first suggestion toward the dis-

covery of radium came when a western college professor demonstrated the fact that many common substances and emitting it again at night. Common sugar is the most luminous of been brought up in a locality where these substances. Not only does the the short sound of 'a' prevailed, they augar emit light at night, but the discoverer was able to take photographs by around 'cahn't,' and since they believe means of it in an otherwise perfectly that plain, every-day 'can't' stamps dark room. Among the substances tried them as being of inferior origin, they with the sugar was uranium, an ore "A friend," said Mr. Cleveland, which, as Becquerel discovered, does not need sunlight to enable it to give off radiations, but which emits them affectation, it strikes the persons who spontaneously all the time, night and "Stay there, then." And the win day, Pollowing the lead of Becquerel, dow descended with a bang, leaving Mme, and M. Curie made an exhaustive Mr. Cleveland no alternative but to examination of the pitchblende, which move on. endless separations, of continual dividings, of constant assayings, until at last nothing was left but the sait that is now known as radium sait. The material possibilities of radium

are enormous. Among many sugges-tions as to the outcome are: The transmutation of me als (the making of gold no less), solving the problem of light without heat, the perfection of wire-

less communication, the cure of certain phases of blindness, new sources of heat, and, since it would now seetu that there is, after all, but one substance in the world (which appears to our untutored sense to assume various forms merely because each form contains a special number of particles to the atom), chemistry may undergo such a rejuvenation as will result in the most unheard-of discoveries.

Already a hypothesia has been worked out to the effect that the emanations from radium and kindred substances are on a par with the rays which go to make up the aurora borealis. It is, in fact, thought quite possible that the aurora is merely cathode or Roentgen rays on a gigantic scale, and the phe-nomenon of Roentgen rays is analogous to that of radium rays. Out of this has come the suggestion that we may soon be able to predict weather changes with greater accuracy than The bearing of the disheretofore. covery on astronomical speculation also is important.

## IN OLD DAYS OF THE BUSES.

A Philadelphia Man's Collection of the First Tickets.

It is odd to think of a common exchange ticket having a greater commercial value than one trolley fare, and yet E. H. D. Fraiey, of this city, has a collection of somewhat similar nearly the cost of an entire line of street cars. For they are none other than genuine tickets for the first line of omnibuses ever operated in Phila-

When Mary Deschamp inaugurated, in the early '30s, the first Philadelphia bus line, she stood supreme in a vast and unlimited field. She was French, as her name indicates, and when still young in her business career linked both her financial and matrimonial fortunes with an enterprising fellow coun tryman, Joseph Glenats. ness prospered amazingly, and was extended so frequently that Glenats be came universally known as the "Napoleon of amulbuses."

The Napoleon and has wife soon had over 200 buses in operation on most of the principal streets of the city. The starting point for all the routes was the old Merchants' Exchange, now the reconstructed Stock Exchange, at Third, Dock and Walnut streets, Allthe business life of Philadelphia centered at that place, and from there all the buses started, at half-hour intervals, their trips northward on Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets. The upper end of the route was usually Poplar street, and the stable was located at Beach and Pop-

lar streets. The Deschamp Gienats alliance how ever, was not always allowed to tread us "primrose path" unchecked. After some years of prosperity a formidable competitor arose in shrewd Jacob Peters, whose new Tenth street line thrived amazingly. It is said to have prespered largely on account of the nurious methods of its proprietor. It is even asserted recounts with a ce

evening the employe a supprescriated 5 cents belonging to the bux magnete and was discharged on the spirit. This adesphia Record.

Her Voice Lives. In a quiet little house on the South Side a song is sung every evening by the voice of a mother, who has been dead more than a year. Two they orphans, a boy and a girl, set on their beart-broken father's lap each night and are soothed to sleep by the lullaby

their mother sang to them when she was living. The singing is done by a phonograph out the father has taught his little ones that the voice is their mother's, and they never go to sleep without hear-

It is just a year now since this father bought a phonograph—the only sical instrument he could afford He took it home, and then, out of curionity more than anything else, he had his wife sing into it a fullaby she crooped to her bables. The proud father took records, too, of his children's cries and prattles, spending all his spare change for blank records. The young wife had a sweet, clear voice, and other records were made of the favorite luliaby, but all were not equally good, and only one was preserved

Three days after the sone was reorded on the phonograph cylinder the young mother was taken sick. A week later she died. Several days after her burial the b art-broken husband brought out the phonograph again, and, taking his babies on heard the living voice of his dead wife

When the bough bends the cradle will When the bough breaks the cradle will

Down will come tree-top, baby, and all-And every night since that time the shonograph has sung the two children to sleep.-Chicago Inter Ocean,

Why "Can Not" Is Popular. "Have you ever noticed," man who finds fault, "how many pro-ple avoid the contraction 'can't' nowadays and make use of the two words 'can not?' I have been so much struck by the prevalence of the latter expres sion that I took pains to inquire into

"I find that many people have adopted the double term because, having

cultivate 'can not.' "That requires no short 'a.' and although its persistent use may savor of can not get around 'cabn't' as a great improvement on the short 'a' 'cen't.

Epitaph. He had a cold and—who can tell?— He might perchance have gotten well; Hut everything folks said would cure He took. The end was swift and sure. —Washington Star.

Remember, Algernon, that your best girl can buy better ready-made poor than you could write in a thousand

A bride is highly prized, yet she is given away.

years.