#### TOPICS OF THE TIMES. A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTER-ESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticiams Based Upon the Happenings of the Day-Historisal and Naws Notes.

Girls who say the least are soonest married.

Harmony is all right if it is harmony The nearer you get to greatness the

emaller it appears. would like him better tattooed than

plain.

Enting less beef in warm weather is dictated from both hygienic and financlai standpoints.

If you see it in an unconfirmed ru or that the Japanese won a great victory it is probably so.

Tibet does not yet know that it is part of the British Empire, but it will learn the fact soon enough. And when Edward and William had

finished their spiels on peace the band struck up "Twas but a Dream. Dowle boasts of his converts "worth

a million," but the man he professes to follow had not where to lay His King Edward of England made no

he received General Booth of the Salvation Army. The Igorrotes may be happy in b ing unaffected by the present high

standing feud with the dog catcher. Sir Thomas Lipton is charged with using American hogs for the manufac-ture of his "Irish bacon." Just insists a giving his customers better than

they nak. J. Pierpont Morgan is gradually retiring from business, but at the present speed he shows in his retirement it will take him about 367 years to get clear out.

John D. Rockefeller's wealth is estimated to aggregate an even billion and a few odd millions. President Harper is understood to be interested only in the few odd millions.

A New York man, while eating his breakfast the other morning, found a diamond in a boiled egg. Unfortunately, however, nobody has been able to find the ben that laid the egg.

A man who died in Connecticut a few days ago at the age of 136 boasted that he had chewed and smoked tobacco and used intoxicants all his life. As usual in such cases, the record shows that he had to depend on the generosity of other people for what he consumed.

A lawyer in a courtroom may call a man a liar, scoundrel, villain or thief and no one makes a complaint when primitive inheritances which made court was adjourned. If a newspaper them firm believers in the existence of prints such reflections on a man's character there is a libel suit or a dend editor. And this is owing to the fact that people believe what an editor says; what a lawyer says cuts no figure.

Young men nowadays are inclined to the opinion that the opportunities for making fortunes are not as great as they were a half or even a quarter of a century ago. As a matter of fact, there is pienty of evidence that the avenues to fortunes are as unobstructed now as they ever were. Indeed, the demand for men who are capable and after the war. He was good to reliable is now greater than ever be-fore, and where there is such a demand there are opportunities for making fortunes.

There is a savor of philosophy and a dash of originality in the venerable Bishop Huntington's diocesan address, particularly when in speaking of amusements he says: "When we see how many persons make a labor of their amusement how can we help wondering whether they would not better find amusement in their labor?" The beloved old churchman has struck the nail on the head there has struck it a blow which lights up the darker sses of the human mind with the fire of everlasting truth.

Farmers in Bahla, Brazil, seem to be a long way behind the times. The state is the second in population in the republic, and its people are devoted to agriculture. Yet, according to the United States consul stationed in its capital, cultivators, planters and harrows are unknown, and there are few plows. The farms are worked with a hoe, a spade and a machete. with now and then a pick. Until the people down there wake up they will not send much to Europe in competition with the products of the farms on this side of the equator. They are not yet able to raise even enough hay for the support of their own cattle.

The completion of the new Panams canal will have some marked effects upon the great lanes of ocean travel Vessels have, to be sure, for years go into Panama and Colon for the transhipment of their freight across the isthmus by rail. The effect of the opening of the new canal may be likened to that of the substitution of a strong bridge at a convenient place for crossing a river for a more or less uncertain ford. Such a bridge attracts wagon roads. The canal will draw toward it the commercial highways of the hemisphere. Vessels which are operated by steam can pursue an almost unvarying line. Their managers accordingly prescribe courses between various ports, known as lanes, over which practically all the shipping In case of a breakdown the vessel is much sooner "picked up" on a lane than in less frequented parts of the sea. Moreover, rocks, derelicts and other obstructions may be more carefully charted and watched on the highly traveled courses. There is usually an east and west lane a few miles spart to lessen the danger of collision. he were a "good provider?"

Out of Duluth, on the Great Lakes, there is a four-track lane, two for pas senger steamers and two for freight ers. Although the oceans of the world have no visible streets or crossings or sign-posts, in the eye of the navigator they are thus very distinctly marked. No railroad train makes so direct a line between points as the steamship. No locomotive enginee: knows more exactly where he is at all times than the sea captain. Sallng vessels, responsive to winds, times and currents, go about more at mudom. Yet there are enormous areas of the sea where no sail or amoke-ats: k Perhaps Hugo thought Mrs. Langtry lanes of the Pacific one seldom spices a vessel in a trip across that ocean Nearing the Sues, however, from either approach, and it will be the same with the Isthmian canal, it seems as if the ships of the world were out on parade. so plentiful do they suddenly become.

Drink a glass of water when you get out of bed in the morning. Never mind the size of the glass. Let the water be cold if you will. Some people pre-scribe hot water, but that isn't neces-You may have washed your sary. face already and relished the experience. You may have taken a cold plunge into the tub and delighted in the shock and its reaction. The brisk use of the tooth brush has left your bouth clean and the breath sweet. But you are dirty still. Drink a glass of cold water and enjoy the sensation of being clean inside. All that is luxurious in the cold bath cleansing the outside is artificial. That which should prompt the glass of water after sleeping is natural. As a test, tell the descent from his royal dignity when 9-year-old protestant against his morning scrub of cold water that he may escape it by drinking half a pint of the fluid. He will fump at the opportunprice of beef, but they must have a lity. Sleep has drawn upon the water In the blood, and the instinct of the animal, under natural conditions, is to replenish the circulatory system and distend the blood vessels anew. The food in the stomach which had so much to do toward inducing sleep has disappeared, leaving a mucous substance in the alimentary canals. Yet man would wash his face and leave these half-clogged cannis to the duties of another day. Drink a glass of cold water in the name of cleanliness. It becomes one of the shortest and easiest of tollet duties. It is swallowed in a second and in five minutes has passed from the stomach, taking with it the clogging secretions of the alimentary tracts. It has left behind the stimulus that goes with cold water. Water is the best, cheapest and pleasantest medicine.

### PRONE TO SEE GHOSTS.

Negro Is Superstitions to a Degree Anecdote to Prove This.

"Negroes are naturally afraid of ghosts and I suppose it will be a good long time before they outgrow certain, such things," said a writer in the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "The Negro will naturally shy around the deadhouse and the graveyard. And if there is any chance in the world to see a ghost or to conjure up a ghost story you may depend on the negro to do it. But there is somewhat of the real in the story I have in mind. There was a certain old 'black mammy' in my neighborhood and she was thoroughly devoted to a certain family. She had known the husband and father of the bouse all his life-was a servant in her and she could find in him all the virtues of the old man. He took sick. ness. He died.

"She still remained in the room and would not leave even during the time the body was being prepared for the grave. A sheet had been pulled over the body, and the old woman at the moment was the only person in the room. She was keeping a silent watch Suddenly the sheet moved, as if the dead man had pulled up one of his arms in order to shift his position. She never remained in the room to see what was going to happen. She rush ed out of the house and went to th place next door, where she declared er young master was not dead, and that he had come to life. Of course it was all quite natural. The move ment she had observed was merely the contraction of a muscle, a thing which frequently happens. But yo could not convince her of the truth of the matter. She still looks upon the whole thing as a manifestation of life returned. Curiously enough, she could not be persuaded to enter the house again after that time, nor would she attend the funeral of the man to whom she had been devoted during all of his Superstitution is a curious thing, ian't it?

### COWS THAT WEAR GLASSES.



A SPECTACLED BOVING

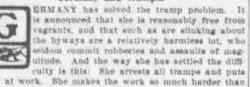
Cattle with spectacles are to be seen on the Russian steppes. The steppes are covered with snow more than six months of the year. The cows subsist on the tufts of grass which grow above the snow, and the rays of the sun on the snow are so dazzling as to cause blindness. To obviate this smoke colored spectacles are placed upon the cattle. These spectacles are a great success and are worn by 40,000 cattle, which no longer suffer from the snow blindness.

What has become of the old-fashioned husband who gave satisfaction if



## OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

Germany and Tramps.



culty is this: She arrests all tramps and puts them at work. She makes the work so much harder than the work of decent men that, after a trial of it, the tramps reform and quit the road. In our own country we have an army of the useless and victous, from which is annually recruited a considerable addition to the ranks of the

active criminals. There is not so much in vagrancy itself which cor duces to crime. Indeed some men would be in better health and morals if they occasionally allowed their legs to run away with them and carry them into the country, where they would renew the physical life that grows anemic at the bench and the desk. It is not the free and open air life that demeans; it is the effort to live without work; to get all and give nothing; to shift and sneak and steal in order to obtain food, instead of toiling honestly. even for an hour or two s day. Many of the tramps that amount of true religion decreases.

are now idling along our highways and "hooking" rides "The rural church," says Mr. Boyle, "seems doomed." are now idling along our highways and "hooking" rides on freight trains could pay for their meals by sawing a Each time it changes name—now Baptist, now New Light. little wood, or weeding a garden patch, but they are ex-tremely maxilling to do it, although not infrequently they may be relumed temporarily, but its ultimate extinction is the popular idea that mying fish beat work as hard at robbery as other people do at honorable

employment. easy prey to the diseases that are invited by meager, un- evitable." governed life, with spells of dissipation and periods of ex-posure and hardship, they exert some influence over young land, after a season on the road, are among the most de-less ignorance. The people are no longer interested by the prayed that the authorities have to deal with. Our tramp kind of preaching that used to appeal to them. army, then, is a missionary company that is going about the land preaching and practicing the most detestable of vices and often involved in crime.-Brooklyn Eagle.

#### Time to Close the Gates.



NDON newspapers are gloating over the fact hat the slums of that city are being depleted y reason of the \$0.00 steerage rate, which bles the riffraff of Europe to come to the nited States. As a result this country is breatened with a deluge of the offscourings of the world. We are menaced with an over

and, by filling the arterial system to flow of the scum and dregs of pauperized humanity. The the normal, it puts a spur to the cir- managers of the transatiantic steamship lines engaged ! culation that has grown singgish in this despicable traffic apparently have no other thought it the night. It is one of the greatest the matter than of the income it brings. Having landed the matter than of the income it brings. Having landed a awakeners and one of nature's own shipload of the refuse of Europe's population on our shore stimulants. Drink a glass of water these steamship agents practically say: "Now, you begbefore breakfast, another before gars shift for yourselves."
Iuncheon, and another before dinner. The situation demands immediate and energetic action

on the part of the immigration authorities at our Eastern ports. There ought to be a thorough sifting and winnow-ing of this horde of newcomers, a majority of whom are bronic beggars and professional criminals

The steerage rate war, which has brought the emigrant fare from Liverpool to New York down to \$10, is the kind of a rate war which no thoughtful American citizen can regard with satisfaction. On the contrary it suggests a deluge of pauper immigrants of the most undestrable type.

It is easy to see how, under a possible continuation of

these rates, several of the old world governments can well afford to pay the passage of countiess hordes of their povsrty-stricken, ignorant and turbulent subjects to America making this country a dump for the refuse of continental Europe. to speedy action. When a person can travel from the Roumanian provinces to New York for \$15, it is time to set about putting up the bars in earnest,

republican institutious are already taxed to the danger cago Tribune

point in the effort to assimilate the legions of lillferate ERMANY has solved the tramp problem. It immigrants that are coming to our shores from southern and far eastern Europe. There is a general feeling that the time has come to impose greater restrictions upon the

importation of this class of persons.

Those who assert that this would be a violation of the tradition that this country is the asylum for the oppressed of all races should remember that with nations as with individuals, self-preservation is the first law of nature.-Chleago Journal.

#### "Passing of the Country Church."



HE Passing of the County Church" is the title an interesting article in the Outlook by James 45 great earthquakes were felt. E. Boyle. From this article we learn, if we do of already know it, that the country, upon which we have been accustomed to look as the the means suggested for lessening the stronghold of organized religion, has lost its mosquite evil. It has been noticed that character as such in recent years. According when mosquitoes have access to acid to Mr. Boyle, the decay of the rural church is due chiefly fruits their bites are less polson to the tendency to achisms and divisions. The congregations divide and subdivide over some new religious fad been freed from malaris by the cultior some difference in dogma, and with each division the

inevitable. Soon the little church stands by the wayside their "wings" is a mistage. The wings forsaken. The doorstop decked with tall weeds, the win- are not true organs of flight, but rath Tramps carry moral corruption as they do physical dows broken. Then it becomes a granary or a corn crib er play the part of a parachitte or an contagion. Although mentally sodden and representative for some thrifty farmer, or is torn down and carried away ereplane. The whole motive power is of a class that gradually eliminates itself, since it is an This process may take years, even decades, but it is in-

Mr. Boyle does not think that the decline of the rural church is accompanied by an increase of vice and crime and their occasional shift of inclinacopie whose minds and habits are still unformed, and in the rural districts. The country school house is better tion, are not phenomena when a boy is found in their company prison authorities and more influential than ever. The rural free delivery with the propulsion of the fish in its assure us that it would be better for him if he were dead | mail box is fast appearing at every front gate. Intelli- aerial flight. The boys who drift into the reformatories and gaois of the gence is more widely disseminated than formerly. There is

The higher order of rural intelligence demands a better church than the old country church ever was or could be. Some rapid elevators give nervous per-In the future Mr. Boyle thinks the church people of the country will belong to strong and ably conducted churches sons the impression that they are mov-in the towns and villages. Thus the building of good roads, ing with the velocity of a railway the introduction of cural free delivery, the building of train. In truth, however, the highest suburban trolley lines and the popularization of the automobile will have a good effect reifgiously as well as mate rially, for they will strongly tend to give the rural communities a better religious connection than they ever had in for an express elevator 600 to 70° feet the old days of small country churches.-Minneapolis per minute. In a very tail building a

#### What Kills Men in War.



N the last issue of the Army and Navy Journal some data are given as to the number of wounds actually inflicted by the bayonet and saber as compared with firearms and artillery. Of all wounds treated by medical officers of the Union armies in the Civil War about four-

tenths of 1 per cent, or 922 out of 240.712, were saber or bayonet wounds. In the Crimean War the English wig-Holstein War about 3 per cent, while in the Franco-Prussian War the records show that the Germans received less than one-third of 1 per cent.

"A striking commentary this upon the advance of modern military science, showing that with the general adop-tion of long range firearms the saber and bayonet are rapidly falling into disuse, and the time is coming, if it tine not already arrived, when those old and honored

weapons will become obsolete." But it is not the builet or the artillery fire which strikes this country a dump for the refuse of continental down the largest number of men. It is disease. In the Here is a subject which should arouse Congress Civil War one man out of every 0.7 was wounded in action; Not Altogether Thankless. one of every 38 died of his wounds; one of every 42.7 was killed in action. Of the total mortality among co soldlers 90 per cent was from disease. Of the total mor- cie than a glimpse into the interior of This country welcomes thrift, intelligence and loyalty to tality among the white volunteers, 70 per cent was owing law and order from whatever land they hall. But our to disease; among the white regulars, 60 per cent.—Chi-

## ACCURATE RAILROAD WATCHES watch is ticking to proper railroad DANCES A DAY AND A HALF.

Companies Require Employes to Ad-

is of any value. Where so many thou make them register time according to to exert berself; she simply entered altogether a thankless task. ands of watches are in use it has been the Washington standard. found necessary to adopt some system to have it regulated and it is part of

bls duty to see that it is in order. graphed from Washington. At a cer- at his expense. ain time the operator at the ratiroad headquarters receives the time, records it at his own station and at the same must set his watch.

varies from the standard time a notice many hundreds of deliars a year after a run, the trainmen must com- stroyed many times that

to the time keeping department. pert employed by the company over- on earth, even among his own kind. hauls the condemned watch and reand it is again a good railtond time- \$6,158.50 in wolf bounties. The

plece. shops, to be looked after.

line, stopping at all stations. To the and Stream. expert come the railroad men, watches in hand. From constantly visiting the various points the watch repairer if we could induce others to do the knows the timeplece as well as he work. knows the men, and a short examina- How much you expect from the posttion determines whether or not the man. And how little you get.

Part of the duty of the repairer is to just Their Timepieces to Standard. see that the station clocks and the

The railroad company will not perwhereby perfect uniformity may be mit the employe to carry any watch suntide festival. insured. All watches are examined at his fancy suggests. He must purchase intervals and kept in order by a a watch that meets with the favor of staff of experts especially engaged for the management. If a certain watch the purpose. There is no reason why comes again and again to the repair a railroad man's watch should keep department and proves to be always naccurate time. It costs him nothing behind or ahead of the time it is con demned finally and the rallroad man must provide himself with one to the The time by which the watches of an liking of the company, or carry a entire railroad force are set is tele- watch that the company will provide

### Wolves Grow in Numbers.

The wolf is more dreaded of buman 'train-order" station along the line. It we of to-day inherit that dread from is the duty of the operator at the train- ancestors who had occasion to fear the order station to set the clock right by long-fanged quadruped, for there are Washington time and from this clock few portions of the world to-day where ploye attached to that station the wolf is really dangerous to man-

At every station there is a clock that | Dangerous to man's pocket, to his rds standard time. At the larger herds and flocks, he is still to-day in stations there is a clock that records many portions of the country. A ranch the correct time to a second. If it in Montana or New Mexico may pay is affixed to the clock stating the ex- gray wolf scalps. Such a scalp is cheap act variation. Upon returning from a at \$12 or \$15 to the rancher, for th trip or before beginning the return trip gray robber would certainly have depare their watches with this carefully calves or colts from the range. Yet in regulated clock. If it is found that the spite of all the warfare made upon watch has lost or gained during the them and all the prices put upon their trip the timepiece must be handed in heads these dreaded, mysterious, ghostlike, terror-inspiring creatures still Here the railroad man receives an hold their own. Outcasts for ages, her watch for temporary use while hated, persecuted, they still endure, his own is being regulated, and the ex- each for himself and without a friend

Last year the State of Minneso turns it later to the owner. With the paid over \$6,000 a month in the best of watch is given a certificate showing the wolf season. One day of the month that the department has regulated it of last March the State Auditor paid for the few months preceding was \$36. Besides the watches of the train 548.50. On this basis the current year crews, there are still the timepleces of will foot up nearly as much as the all the station employes, the signal two years preceding, which appears to tower men, the thousands of hands indicate that Brother Wolf is holding working along the tracks and in the his own, even as a matter of com merce. In many parts of the Western For these a special force of experts cattle range the gray woives are in is employed to travel up and down the creasing rather than decreasing.—Field

We would all raise the devil more

with excessive and unexpected hearti-A number of women of the Somali plained to them that Whitsuntide is a arresting officer. great religious celebration, correspond

ram, also an occasion of rejoicing. The festival proved infectious, for ne of the women broke into what is panions unconcernedly became passive spectators of the woman's frenzied exertions.

A mulck, eccentric and yet at times instant sends the information to every ity than any other animal. No doubt rhythmical step was maintained for who has brought them to disgrace and the long period stated. Not for one moment did the dancer pause for re- ing is too bad to be said of him. freshment or rest.

who, by beating their bourines and by cries of exhortation. succeeded in encouraging her to another effort.

The second dance, however, did not ist long and the woman again fell Following this bad attack another of

frantically threatened the holidaymakers, who were startled by his wild conduct. He was taken in hand by the police, however, and eventually caimed down.-London Express

She was a gushing young thing. given to springing curious queries on unsuspecting people. He was a plain, blunt man, who hated gush and gushers. She suddenly flashed her thought ful eyes upon him and said: "Don't you think poor Adam must

have had a great deal on his mind when he wandered alone in the Garden of Eden?"

He callously replied:

"Well, from the accounts I have read of the party you mention, I should say that whatever he dld have on must have been on his mind. That's the naked truth for you."

The bare idea was borrible, and she was going to faint when she thought of her new dress and saw him clutch the pitcher of water. They speak no

When a man carries his gloves, it is a greater offense than wearing them.



In a test of the sense of time, intervals of a quarter of a minute to a minute and a half were overestimated, 45 per cent by 15 men students and

111 per cent by 15 women. Many European physicians treat al-oholism by hypnotic suggestion, some practitioners claiming as high as 80 per cent of cures. The suggestion is usually repeated 15 or 20 times within s. Fint

World shaking earthquakes seem to be most numerous in the years when the earth wobbles most. For example, in 1900 the pole shifted 0.32 sec ond, and there were but 17 severe earthquakes, while in 1897 the pole's evement was 1.07 second, and about

The growing of acid fruits such as matoes and strawberries is among and districts of Italy seem to have vation of tomatoes, the natural food of mosquitoes. It is supposed that the malarial parasite is destroyed by fruit OUR PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGNS.

supplied by the tatl, which acts as a propeller, and the vibration, or quiv ering, of the wings in the air-currents, meeted

Without swift and safe elevators a is said by a writer in the Architectural Record to be 450 feet per infinite, and greater speed is possible than in one of less beight.

Unlike the famous blades of Toledo not flexible or elastic. They are un-equaled for strength and hardness, and paratively ineffective. hold a very keen edge. Japanese steel is said to excel even Swedish steel in purity. The manufacture of the swords dential campaign is its educational is a very elaborate process. Some ceremonials and superstitious practices are intermixed with the scientific operations. The sword-hardener is regarded as the most important personage connected with the manufacture. It is his name that is inscribed on the hilt, lits record, and give new promise of and his reputation that enhances the value of a sword. Those who shape the blade, sharpen and adorn it are of

### MATRONS SEE SEAMY SIDE

To those who believe that all women are good there is no sadder specta-

the woman's ward in the city jall, where the police matron holds full away and in spite of her better judg- It is a time when the whole nation ment sympathizes with the poor goes to school. Interest in public afment sympathizes with the poor wretches under her charge.

The path of the police matron's life ination is aroused to a sense of nation.

Somali Woman Infected with Religious is strewn with more thorns than ality, and to a personal responsibility Frenzy in English Town.

Somall woman has astonished society, the dregs of the earth. The questions, about which there has been Absolute accuracy in timepieces is clocks in the signal towers along the nowhere else so vital a matter as in the operation of railroad traits. If they are not doing their duty in the operation of railroad traits. If they are not doing their duty in the part of her time is spent in the operation of railroad traits. their companionship, truly a dark and are made clear in the cross fire of critwatches vary no schedule or time table he haits in his progress long enough to It was no part of her business thus gloomy sphere of labor, and yet not telam and the light of lucid and earnest

> Women make queer prisoners. ness into the spirit of the great Whit- matter how low they may be, they recognize that the matron is but carrying out the duties of her position, ribe are proving a great attraction at she comes in for only a little share of Bradford exhibition, and it was ex- their abuse. That is reserved for the

If there is anything in the old sayng in importance with their Muhar- ing that people's ears burn when some one talks about them, how the policemen's ears must sizzle. All the thets and slanderous adjectives in the termed "the mad dance." Her com- English language would be as the soft answer which turneth away wrath compared with the monstrous abuse which is heaped upon the policeman by these unfortunates. He is the one thrust them behind prison bars. Noth-

When a man is arrested he takes She collapsed at the close of the thirty-sixth hour. After an interval she was housed by the other Somali resentment against the arresting of his arrest philosophically, and while resentment against the arresting officer, he usually knows where blame lies and serves his sentence in sullen silence. But a woman feels her disgrace more keenly, no matter what her station in life.

For this reason a woman in fall to onsessed of a mania to take her own Following this had attack another of life. She tries it in a dozen ways, the natives—a man—lost his head and She will tear her bed clothes into strips and bind them around her neck in a desperate effort to strangle herself. Again, if deprived of every pos- and they were very successful, politiaible means for self-extermination, she will deliberately pound her head against the hard floor or endeavor to hat out her brains on the iron bars until she falls bleeding and sense

> It is the matron's husiness to prevent a suicide, but sometimes the prisoner's cunning outwits the matron's vigilant eye, and she will take a dose of morphine which she has secured in some unknown way, and which was not detected while she was being searched.

Several years ago a woman who was known as "Big Ella" committed suicide by putting a bullet through her heart. How she got a revolver no body ever knew. Morphine poisoning has occurred several "nes in the jail but usually it was discovered in time interact the effect of the drug. A drunken woman is usually the oc-

upant of a cell in the woman's ward. Were it not for the sorrow that one feels for her there would be thing almost amusing in the ravings of a woman who is crazed with alco-

There are few humorous incidents in the woman's ward. Some time ago s woman was seutenced to thirty days tu jail. It happened that at the same time a man was being held as a witness. He was given quarters to the jail with the privilege of walking around. He became acquainted with

the woman aiready mentioned. A warm friendship sprang up between the two and they were soon violently in love. Whenever the matron's back was turned the man pressed his suit with ardor. But the lovers' joy was short lived, the matron finally awoke to the situation, and the lover was transferred to where the object of his affection was out of

alght. Many of the woman prisoners make wild attempts to escape. can blame a woman for wanting to escape from her imprisonment. No matter how deserving of punishment, the sight of a woman in jail, where murderers, thugs and highwaymen are kept, is inexpressibly pathetic Woman was never intended for a prison cell. She feels her degradation and humiliation more than she cares to tell, and sooner or later, unless carried away by the fast pace she bas been living, she finds rest from the jeers and taunts of the world to a suicide's grave, Chicago Tribune.

# How They Exert a Wholesome Effect Upon the Body Politic.

Our presidential campaigns, it is generally considered, occur too quently in regard to the prace of mind and business interests of the community, and too frequently in considerstion of executive convenience and opportunity. The excitement and turnoti of a presidential campaign are annoyances; but such annoyances do ot constitute a valid objection to the speedy recurrence of the event. The serious objections to this frequency are, as already intimated, based upon upon the resources of many; and, more Important, that they have a decided tendency to depress business, and thus temporarily militate against the general welfare; and, furthermore, realized more and more keenly that a four-year presidential term is too brief a period for effective administration, especially amid the complications of odern demands upon the chief executive of a nation as enormous and "lmpertal" as ours. A President and his cabinet need at least six months at the beginning to learn mere details; and and Damascus, Japanese swords are during the last four months, if the chief is not re-elected, they are com-

> The consolation for the inconven lence of the too-soon recurring presi character. If is the time of our great debate, when the principles and problems of our national government are multitudinously discussed in "the forum of public opinion." The party in power must then valorously defend useful performance. The party out of power must show just cause for its return. The spokesmen of each party, on the platform and in the press, vie with one another in devotion to the uational welfare; and while certain prin ciples are shared in common by each set of advocates, each side insists upon the peculiar doctrines which are supposed to distinguish the respective par

This general excitation has a whole some effect upon the body politic, and, at proper intervals, is highly desirable. fairs is quickened; the people's imagmuch hazy and inconsequent thinking. statement.-Century

is Wise Reyond Her Years. At the Republican State convention Springfield, Ill., Senstor Cullom and Speaker Cannon tried to get a popular ruling as to which is the hand

"If I had a face like yours, Joe," said the Senator, "I'd wear a veil or build a fence around it.

"And if I looked like you, Shelby," replied "Uncle" Joe, "I'd walk backward all the time. Your rear eleva tion isn't so bad, but the front facade is a bad blotch." Til tell you, Joe, we'll leave it to

political job and I guess she'll be hop suggested Senstor Cuilom. The little girl's mother was with "Which do you think is the best looking, Dorothy?" asked the proud

this little girl. She doesn't want any

mother. The child looked at both out of big. frank eyes and said:

"I don't like to say, mamma, which I like best. I might 'fend Mr. Cannon."-New York Herald.

Andrew Gleeson's Eloquence. For twenty years Andrew Gleeson ntractor and builder, was a member of the Republican National Committee for the District of Columbia. He controlled the Irish vote, and Per ry Carson controlled the negro vote;

cally. Carson, the negro, was a natural orator, but Gleeson, rich and powerful, could not make a speech. One evening at a political meeting, where one hundred Irishmen mingled with about two thousand negroes, Perry Carson did not appear, and the crowd called on Gleeson for a speech. He hesitated, shook his head, but finally arose and

shouted: "God bless the Irish, both white and

black." It was his first, last and only speech; but it pleased the crowd all right.

Secreoy of Age Miss Oldgirl seems anxious to coneal her age." "Yes. She claims to be afraid of

"That fellow," said a braneman this morning, as a man of lelaure passed. "had a law suit with work a few years ago, and won his case."

Youth deals in fancy; age, in fasts.