#### TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A CHOICE BELECTION OF INTER-ESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happenings of the Day-Histori-cal and News Notes.

Women know as much about politics as men know about war maps.

Some men are eagerly sought after because they don't pay their debts. A man's idea of hard work is any kind at which he can't sit down and

"He was a follower of the golden should be a soul-satifying epitaph for any man.

smoke.

Civil service is said to work well in the Philippines. Wait til the Filipines get on to the ways of civilisation,

For a steady, consistent casualty record, however, the gasoline can has the Russo-Japanese war beaten a mile.

Pauline Astor is not the only American beiress who has becomed ailled with the Spender family of England.

Men should be elected to office be cause of their qualifications for the Job and not for the purpose of keeping them out of Jall.

We've seen so many sales of "mill ends" advertised lately, that only the central portions of all the factories must be left by now.

After walking home from the race track a man is in the humor to sneer at his wife for taking chances on the prine cake at a church fair.

A Kansas woman is said to have left her husband because he persisted in refusing to argue with her. Could anything be more aggravating?

Professor Mason of the Smithson ian Institute declares that "the blondes are a disappearing human type," while the peroxide supply holds out professor.

A California surgeon operated on ptient while the house in which they were was burning. It's simply impossible to stop some surgeons when they get their patients down.

Newspaper wits do not always treat antiquities with proper respect. of them remarked, upon reading about the discovery of a capstan two thousand years old in the Forum of Rome, that it must have been the one used in winding up the affairs of the Roman Empire.

Russell Sage is not the only man who does not take a vacation. The editor of the prison paper at Sing Sing admits that he has not taken a vaca-tion for five years, and says that his engagements are such that he does not see how he can take one for at least seven more years.

A Southern clergyman is trying to convince a convention of his church that Santa Claus is a myth and an abomination and that to allow little children to believe in him was to train them to be deceltful. Let us hope that the good, foolish man has no children of his own who are never allowed to play that a doll is alive or a chair is borse or that there are Indians and grizzly bears lurking behind the rose bushes in the garden.

One thing must be said for John upon his victim from behind. For instance, he has made public announce ment of his intention to dethrone Edward VII, with an added warning that the kaiser is to be the next victim: the cuar and Emperor Francis Joseph to be spared until further notice. may be assassinated for saying these have four million readers. Fiction outing will never figure in Haroid's words," exclaimed the interpid Elljah a dare-devil adversary his majesty would better look out.

When should a girl marry? Govern or Warfield, of Maryland, thinks not before she is twenty-six, and he bases this age on the fact that his wife was twenty-six when she blessed him with her presence. A certain Dr. Smith regards eighteen as a good age and Dorothy Dix sends a long screed to the Sabbath press giving various suggestions. Meanwhile the person most vitally interested makes her ar rangements to accord with her oppor turnities, and we incline to the onto ion that from now on to the end of the chapter the girl will marry just when she is satisfied that he cannot to throw away the golden chance. Girls are very much slike in this respect; so are parents

One of the distinct features of the age is the tendency to return to agriulture. Where a few years ago the farmer boys were rushing to the cities to crowd the professions, there is nov a decided move in the other direction The natural reaction that must always follow a movement so radical in some measure, accounts for the disposition to return to the soil for a livelihood, but there is more. The agriculturist has become a professional man. The college and the university have added cial course for his benefit, and gives him a degree. He is a botanist and a chemist, and science has taught him to take in the jaded and worn out farm, and with intelligence cause it to biossom like the rose. The dispiriting labor which bent the forms of the elders and sent the lads scorrying cityward has been lightened by devices that better accomplish the end sought. The long hourse are short ended, and the farmer finds time to it dulge in the enjoyments of life. This new condition, added to the facination of Independence, has turned many men from other professions toward the country, carrying with them the manerlam of their class until the extermination of the chin whisker threatened by the Prince Albert coat.

Recommendations for a change from the vertical system of penmanship glycerine and neatsfoot oil, as well as have been made before the Chicago Board of Education. One of the trus- anide of potassium.

tees, Mr. Cameron, is quoted as saying of vertical writing: "It may be good to write love letters, but it is not good for keeping books. I do not know of a set of books in Chicago where the up and down writing is allowed. If a boy can write only in the vertical style business houses have little use for him." If that is the case it is a sufficient reason why pupils should not be required to learn vertical writing. If business houses have no use for boys who write only the vertical style surely no boy ought to be required to learn that style against his natural inclination. It does not follow, howwrite the vertical should be forced to learn the inclined style. The obviously common sense rule is not t attempt to force the pupil out of his natural bent. That involves something worse than a waste of time. It results either in total failure or the acquirement by the pupil of an irregular, nondescript style not suited to book keeping or anything else in which uniformity and neatness are desirable. Very few pupils left to themselves could write the vertical style. Perhaps as many would write with a backward inclination. There is no danger that there will be any lack of penmen writing with the forward inclination if pupils are taught to make the best of the style which comes natural to them. There is no obvious reason why books should not be writien in the vertical style, other things being equal. Indeed, that style has the advantage in point of legibility When Thomas A. Edison was a tele-graph operator he had few equals in speed and anybody who could read "coarse print" could read what he wrote at top speed and his page was almost as even and handsome as print. There is no valid objection to a set of books kept by such a writer so far as the penmanship is concerned. But it cusiness houses will not have that style very well. Those who can write it like Edison can find enough writing to do if they wish. They should not force themselves to write another



style which they can never master

merely to please the business bouses

Wearing monocles, the latest fashion or ladies, a craze recently started in Parts by ladies of the Servian colony, is extending to London.

Chinese firemen seem to be immune to the firce heat of the fire room on ocean steamers, and stand up to temperature that would prestrate white

General Joubert's chair, made of own livelihood.-How to Live. bony, bok horns and hides, and capured from his langer at Lisabon, near Lydenburg, is now trensured by Lieutenant-Colonel Urmston, at Gleomroven, sound of Mull.

That meteors contain gold has been monstrated before the Royal Society of New South Wales. This suggests that the thousands of tons of meteor dust which falls upon the earth each year deposits gold everywhere.

Kitasto, a Japanese microcopist, first showed that the pin-shaped microbe of lockjaw lives in the earth. In orler that it may multiply and poison the blood it must be deep in a wound so that the air does not reach it.

When he was but a schoolboy in the Jesuits' college at Dijon Jacques Bos-suet was known as one of the best iassical scholars in Europe. At eight Louis de Bourbon, prince of Conde, was a perfect Latin scholar. Three years later he published a work on rhetoric, and at seventeen he was appointed governor of Burgundy.

In London we find there are sixtyfive libraries, which contain reading rooms, and on the bookshelves are six hundred thousand volumes, which forms eighty per cent of the reading reminiscences of his happy childhood. matter. The parks under the control of the council cover 3.833 acres, and Fuddleston said they ought to take cost over £100,000 a year to maintain.

The Mexican Postal Department has taken a novel means of informing the public of the weather bulletins given out by the weather bureau. Every letter which passes through the office is now stamped with the indications for the next twenty-four hours. This stamping is done at the same time that the postage stamps on the letters are unceled and the receiving stamp affixed.

The habitat of the eider duck, whos lown is so highly valued, practically coincides with that of the polar bear. It is found on all arctic coasts, but also lives considerably south of the outhern limits of the polar bear. The lime was when the eider duck girdled all the nothern coast lines of the world with its myrind nests; but the bird has been so mercilessly bunted that it has now disappeared from thousands of beetling cliffs along the see where was formerly known

A four-dollar gold coln belonging to Dr. Charles J. Lange is on exhibition at the Germania National Bank in Milwankee. The piece of gold is thinner than a five-dollar coin, but of the same diameter. It displays on the obverse side the "Liberty head" without a cap and the thirteen stars, interspersed with "GG387C7 grams." On the reverse side is a five-pointed star with this inscription: "One stella-100 E piuritius unum. Deo est cents." gloria." and on the rim, "United States of America, 4 Dol." The coln is val

The simple ordering of a joint of heef for dinner involves pulling the strings of an almost incalculable number of different trades, which, if every one gave up beef as an article of diet would cease to exist. The butcher of 1904 could make no profit out of the beasts he kills were he not to use up every atom of the ox's body besides that fit for food. Thus you are encouraging the making of buttons, of othbrush handles, of billiard balls, of mattresses, of mouthpleces for pipes, of chessmen, of brewers' isin glass, of gelatine, of rennet; also of many valuable oils and medicines. such as thyrolds, thymus powder,

of that terrible poison known as cy



# EDITORIALS

## OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

the club, the social function, the outdoor diversion and the

close to the world and its tolling, struggling, aspiring, in-puiring, practical millions will be successful in retaining its

old upon the people. Mankind demands something more

ious than doctrinal husks. To retain its influence the

satisfying than sounding theories; something more nutri-

the clouds and abide with the people living here below .-

Blow for Phonetic Spelling.

essfully or fall in its mission.

over.

could not recall them.

fore she is 28.

pelling languishes Chicago Record Herald.

The Girl of Iwenty-eight.

woman became an old mald at 25. Seventeen years was

The finest years of womanhood lie between the ages of

then deemed an eminently marriageable age, and this prov-

OVERNOR WARFIELD, of Maryland, is evi-

Carrying Money.



turned Alaskan miner went to sleep in a lman car in Pennsylvania the other night ith \$12,000 in gold on his person. He may not re been wiser when he gwoke next morning ut he was \$12,000 poorer. If he had put his ney in a bank and carried only a letter of credit and a small sum of cash on the Pullman would have had his fortune yet.

The mistake of carrying too much money is a common me. even good business men sometimes make it. There is no sense in any man's carrying more than a very small mount of cash. Whether he lives in the country and is olng to town, or lives in the city and is going down own, a few dollars will be sufficient to meet any emertency which cannot be met by chequing on the bank. ittle money to pay for lunch, for possible telephone and elegraph messages, for street car fare, for a carriage in ase of accident-everybody ought to carry enough for hese purposes, and there usually is no good reason why should carry more.

Even those who are traveling need less cash than many bitually carry. So perfect and so extensive has the mod ern banking system become that a man can go all over his own country and around the world on a few slips of paper that would be worthless to anybody else but a bold and skilful knave and would be very dangerous for him. The est and safest place for one's roll is in the bank. Banks fail once in a while; but the chances of losing money deposited in them are infinitely few compared with the chances of losing A from the person.—Kansas City Journal

#### Women and Work.



HE census returns of the United States show ery clearly that women are pressing forward ore and more into professions and positions rmerly held by men, and this in our opinion an excellent sign, although in some branches labor there is an outery against this usurpaion of what is termed man's prerogative, What

nen more particularly require is a training from an early age which will enable them to take their own part in the battle of life when through the death of those on whom they were dependent, or through misfortune, it becomes cumbent on them to provide for themselves. This early raining is a matter which does not appear to receive the ttention and consideration that it ought, for how many women are there who can, for example, compute interest intelligently and accurately; bow many are there who are even capable of managing their own affairs, or their own property, if they have any, with anything like business spacity? The education of woman is not compl she has as part of her equipment a knowledge of at least the rudiments of business. Women who are blessed with a fair share of worldly goods need this knowledge hardly less than those who have to make their own way in the world, and who have not the protection and guardianshi of husband and father, for such women can never be sur that they may not at any moment be called up to earn their

#### The Church and the People,



HE pastor who asks why it is that the sunger generation is losing its respect for orb prevailed: "At 20 a woman gets a man better than a church, need not go far sheld in search of berself for a husband; at four and twenty, one as good; at n answer. It is because a majority of the eight and twenty, one much worse." Nowadays the public burches do not meet the demands of people experiences a certain shock when a girl of 18 marries. ow on earth for an outlet to their physical and mental activities. The congregation to 25 and 35. It is the privilegic of every woman to decide preacher propounded his query appears to real whether she shall spend them in single bieseedness or in

which the preacher propounded his query appears to realize this fact. It is erecting a house of worship which, duplicated bilss. Considering marriage merely as a refuge, when completed, will be furnished with a kitchen, dining or even as a business venture, it may be that she who dewhen completed, will be furnished with a kitchen, dining room and gymnasium for the boys. It will supply the social and physical enjoyments while minis point of view of the individual woman's own preferences, ering to the spiritual needs of its members.

en further than this. It must compete with the school, or no marriage at all.—New York Mail.

ALL FOR HAROLD.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuddleston try not to

spoil Harold, but they are willing to

sacrifice their own pleasure at any

time to give him a treat that he will

remember when he grows up." They

planned a treat lately, but, as the

story is told in the Brooklyn Eagle, the

Harold; a child thought so much of

such things, and he was old enough

Mr. Fuddleston agreed, "I will try

"I shouldn't think of letting you go

"That is asking too much of

to take him to-night," he said, resign-

slone with him?" exclaimed Mrs. Fud

you, dearest. I will go along to bleve you of some of the care.

is hardly the thing for me to go with

ston, chivalrously. "But the little chap

musta't be deprived of the pleasure

In the afternoon Mrs. Fuddleston's

two sisters dropped in, and Mrs. Fud-

diestone told them, with a sigh, that

they were going to the circus that

"Of course he will enjoy it, but he

will be a dreadful care to you and

ache to morrow to pay for it. I think

shall just go along to relieve you.

low don't say a word, dear! I'd much

rather do it than stay at home think-

ing of you wearing yourself out watch

garet, "and I am going, too. He will

be so excited that it will be all the

three of us can do to hold him down.

gratitude. "Weil, then," she said,

Harold miss a single thing."

give to his little boy.

ittle chap enjoy it."

told Harold.

"So should I," put in Sister Mar-

Mrs. Fuddleston looked at her with

ome here for dinner and we'll get

early start. I should hate to have

At his office that day Mr. Fuddle-

on happened to speak to his two

'My stars!" one of them exclaimed.

"So should I," said the other. "I'd

rather be horsewhipped than go to the

circus with grown folks, but it's a cir-

us in Itself to watch a boy at such

I'd like to go slong just to see the

pariners about the trent he was going

"Oh, my dear," said Stater Jane.

I know you will have a head

evening on Harold's account.

ing that boy alone.

ven if it is rather of a bore to us."

"Certainly not," said Mr. Fuddle-

shouldn't ask you to go at all,

now to appreciate it.

edly

she may quite properly walt longer if she pleases. It is But the church which hopes to hold the young must go with her a question of marriage with the man she wants

Just then one of the partners look- and of the influence upon the nation

fond father asked of his wife.

raining!" he said.

be a rainy evening it would never do to fish and shoot, or to enjoy social course, you know-everybody knows, to take bim."

The circus was in town, and Mrs. thought, but the beginning of a storm shouldn't take any risk, Julis, said the other sister. 'It's lucky you didn't tell Harold?"

said the junior partner.
"Where is be?" asked Mr. Fuddle-

"Upstairs with the nurse," answered Mrs. Fuddleston.

"Well," said Fuddleston, decidedly we won't take any chances. Besides. my ticket is for a box, which only sents six people. little Harold was left at home

and six adults, instead of two, eacrificed their entire evening that he might not run the risk of getting wet and extehing a cold.

### CITY MAN OUT-OF-DOORS.

Vacation Habit Means Improvement in Public Realth and Happiness, A general and killing absorption is the business of life was once the se cepted theory of American activity. It is true that there is still tremendo stress shown by Americans In the pursuit not only of their business voca tions but of their social avecations. Yet the business man's summer vacation is getting to be more and more an accepted institution. He manages to get longer periods of complete rest and recreation, and he contrives, more over, to seize upon any number of half holidays and over-Sunday outings, especially in the warmer months. he can control his time he gives greater portions of it than ever before to horseback exercise and to goif and Lindred sports. The business man's family, instead of being satisfied, as of old, with a few weeks in a crowded hotel by the sea or in the mountains, spend the whole summer in the country, as boarders in hotel or farmbouse, or as dwellers in a country place of their own, modest or sumpfuous in accordance with their means and taste.

'The city man's modern discovery of the country and his increasing use of it in the summer months has been a So it came about that three men and subject of comment now these many three women sat down at Fuddleston's | years. There has been discussions of able that evening for an early dinner. its effect upon the city people them When it was nearly time to go Mr. selves, and upon the country people Fuddlesion asked his wife if she had into whose communities they enter; selves, and upon the country people of its effect upon manners and morals I thought it would be best to of its economic bearings and its relagive him a surprise," she answered. tion to the abandoned farm problem,

ed out of the window. "Why, it's of the great mingling of people from various parts of the country. ment in the public health and happi- tures of the same name appear identia knowledge of our own people and of one or both is a forgery. But supp decidedly conducive to an intelligent patriotism .- Century.

### ARE WE MATERIALISTS

### The Very Development of the Country

Seems to Refute the Claim Nothing is more common than the dictment against us, and nearly every like that in the conycook, but after other critic of American life, before this is discarded the child's character Arnold's time and since, has said the people who cared for nothing in par-ticular except to eat pork and chew tobacco. That we are as a whole a set manifestation of character in writing of sordid money grubbers seems to be other lands. But the impression is a handwriting from that time on confuse one. Hamilton W. Mable, who tinues about the same. The forger's cans are materialists. It is true, as man, but when examined under o name the highest types of-American dences of character that appear in of a nation like ours and to develop will be apparent to the expert in writing maintain it as it exists to-day. A land of churches and schools, of more show traces of the mental condition sun-this is not the product of that | inin letter or signed a certain letter, the gross materialism unjustly ascribed as signature or the writing is a of life in which nothing is counted as an expert detects even the most suc of value or of consequence that does not make for the filling of the purse. Democrat. This view may prevail among us more than it should, but it distinctly is not CINEMATOGRAPH OF HORRORS. the view of the vast majority of the Russian Doctor's Story of Scenes in the

Every one seems to be going carough the world compelled to see a good deal of the society of those he doesn't battle of Kinlencheng, have received

enjoy. It is hard to get a good washwoman but then it is mighty hard to wash for a living.

# GOOD

A man in North Carolina who was saved from conviction for horse steal ing by the powerful plea of his lawyer, after his acquittal by the jury was asked by the lawyer: Hor many other attractions which go to swell the sum total of bright, now, Bill, you did steel that the joy of living. It also must compete with every organ-horse, didn't you?" "Now, look a here, ization having for its purpose the amelioration of human judge," was the reply, "I allers did its and human wretchedness. And it must compete such think I stole that hows, but sense I heard your speech to that 'ere Jery, I'll The church which lives and moves and does its work be doggoned if I ain't got my doubts about it."

At a dinner given some time ago in honor of Hall Caine, Thomas Nelson Page was invited to introduce the Eng ish novelist. One of the guests next church must be of the people, for the people and by the to Mr. Page, just before the toasts bepeople. Summing up, the church must come down out of table with the request that Mr. Calne. put his signature on it. "That's a good iden," said Page; "I must do that too. I've got to introduce Caine in a HE cause of "spelling reform" has received a few minutes, and I want to be able to erious setback. The valorous and persistent say that I have read something he has

hampions of "phonetic" orthography have re- written. eived a blow from which they may not re- A young globe trotter was holding when it came to a discussion of the proposition to make an appropriation of \$2,000 a and the marvelous beauty of the wom year for five years for missionary work in phonetic spelling on there. One of the Barons Boths before the directors of the National Educational Associa-child, who was present, ventured to tion at St. Louis, the distressing fact was revealed that inquire if he had remarked anything ione of the educators could remember the dozen words clae worthy of note in connection with which the association had decided in 1898 must be "re- the island. Resenting the baron's in quiry, the youth replied: What progress can be made in spelling reform if the struck me most was that there were great educators themselves cannot remember the words to no Jews and no pigs to be seen there. be reformed? At the meeting in 1898 the national associations that so?" exclaimed the buron, in tion recommended twelve orthographical reforms as fol nowise disconcerted; "then if you and lows: Program, tho, thru, there, thereby, githe, therefare, I go there together we shall make our decalog, pedagog, prolog, catatog and demagog. It now fortunes " transpires that, notwithstanding the vigorous missionary Frank Everest, of Atchison, Kan.

work that has been done in behalf of these tweive "re- is a good deal of an American, having form" for six years past, the educators at St. Louis who small admiration left for foreign lands were called upon to consider the question of extending the or people. Not long ago he went to fight for spelling reform were forced to make the huntila- Europe on business. During the voyting confession that they had not used the words and hence age he and other passengers were uch annoyed by a Bostonian, who Could anything be more thoroly exasperating? The talked a great deal about the number these pedagogs have continued the sgitation of spelling re- of times he had been abroad. He laid form thru six years they confess they have made no at great stress on the fact that he went tempt to use the adopted words in private correspondence over twice a year. or in any other way. And so the great cause of phonetic been abroad?" he asked Everest. Ev erest admitted he was making his first trip. "I go over twice a year," said the Bostenian. "Oh, do you?" replied Exerest; and he added: "Have you ever been to Omaha?" The Bostonian lently not an advocate of large families. In an oldress to the graduating class of the high said he hadn't. "Well," said Everest, "I go there twice a week."

chool at Wilmington, Del., he said: Don't do the foolish thing of getting married Noah Webster was, as might be arly in life. I have three daughters, and will supposed, a stickler for good English, not give my consent to any one to marry be and often reproved his wife's misuse of the language. On one occasion Web ster happened to be alone in the din The world has changed a good deal in the last forty ing room with their very pretty houseyears. We have "girls" of 30 now, whereas in the old days mid, and, being susceptible to such charms, put his arms around her and kissed her squarely on the mouth. Just at this moment Mrs. Webster entered the room, gasped, stood aghast, and in tone of horror exclaimed; Noah, I am surprised?" Whereupon Mr. Webster, coulty and calmly, but with every evidence of disgust, turned "How many times must I ords?" he remarked; "you mean, words?" liberates up to the age of 28 is lost. Regarding it from the madam, that you are astonished. madam, I am the one that is sur

## HOW TO DETECT FORGERY. Experts in Handwriting Are Able to Rend Many Signs.

"I am not an expert in chirography,

but I have at least made enough of a This was serious. Aunt Jane at With all this search for recreation but I have at least made enough of a There are plenty of them in the land, once grew concerned over the risk of and health, what with Westerners study of handwriting to tell why it is but they are called hotels. Here is a taking Harold out in the night air going East and Easterners go often easy to detect the forgery of a when it was raining. Ing West, with Northerners go name, though even the man whose when it was raining. Ing West, with Northerners go name, though even the man whose "What do you think, my dear?" the ing South and Southerners go name has been forged may declare the nd father asked of his wife. ing. North, summer and winter: nandwriting a perfect replica of his "Why, of course, if it is going to with all this search for the opportunity own." Arnoid Keating says; "Of pleasures; with all this interchange of for that matter—that a man or woman Then the other partner peered national advantages (for any and every never writes his name twice exactly through the window and said it looked climate can be found in the United in the same way. There is always a slight difference, and where two strayed or is not obtainable, of what

ness, as well as for a dissemination of cally alike it is safe to assume that our own country which ought to be the signature has been forged but once, suppose the handwriting which it is an exact copy has been de avail is the comparative method then? The exact comparison cannot be employed, but other almost infallible comparisons are still available. When harge that the American people are a child is taught how to write, at first ioo materialistic, says Leslie's Weekly, its penmanship is severely stiff and That was Matthew Arnold's chief in-cramped; then it becomes very much same thing. Dickens described us as a There are little idiosyncrasies appar In fact, a very general impression ment until about the age of 25, when among the cultured men and women of a person's character is fixed and his speaks not unadvisedly on any subject, copy of the signature or writing will is entirely right in denying that Ameri, appear to be exactly like that of the Mr. Mable says, that if we were asked powerful microscope, the they evi life, it would not be the leaders of ery loop and line will be found to be commercial life, but the ploneers of the largely missing, for the same character West, men of the old South, sturdy is not behind the pen. It is in the New Englanders-idealists all; men not minute details that the forgery is dis of the selfish and sordid order, but covered. Then, again, a man's mental dreamers of splendid dreams that have condition will impress itself upon his had a glorious realization. It required writing. If he is nervous, bubbling a noble idealism to lay the foundations over with joy or depressed, the fact noble philanthropies and magnificent the man was really in at the time he charities than any other land under the was supposed to have written a corour chief characteristic, an estimate These are some of the ways by which

# Field Hospital.

The parents of Dr. Samolloff, who was with the field hospital after the (at Moscow) a letter from their son giving an appailing description of his work.

"It was not a hospital, but a sham-

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* fret hour's work it seemed to us that we were not ministers of mercy but demons of blood, working frantically, recklessly, calloque

to pain and life. The stream of pierced and shattered bodies poured in so fast that we handled them as indifferently as sacks of flour. As we backed and sawedtor it was not surgery, but burried bungling-I counted the writhing row on the floor, praying that it might get less, but for every one maimed and bandaged man borne to his couch two were carried in and cost on the ground. At last my brain, dirry in a mist of slood, pictured the whole universe as nothing but a string of clotted bodies stretching to infinity.

"Yes, I admit that we were callous. to petrifying to the sensibilities is this urried work of blood that some of us joked like flends over our task. The hospital servants who car-ried out the baskets of amoutated imbs bantered one another. 'That is Petrusha's leg.' said one. 'I know his "That's no Christian leg." oenalls."

copiled his companion. 'It's a Jew's.'
"One of these clumsy fellows slipped in the blood and sent a streaming arm in the face of a boy lieutenant, who screamed with fright. But at the time ven this seemed humorous, not herri-

Sometimes the shells fell near at tent, and we wondered if we los could be laid in that eternally growng row, and whether some one, callous as ourselves, would remove our ampl tated limbs and speculate as to their wnership

What made things worse was the deficiency of annesthetics and bon-dages. Before we were baif way ugh we had torn up our shirts. Luckily more bandages arrived before the end."-London News of the World.

#### MEN AS HOUSEKEEPERS.

### Why They Would Not Be Out of Place

in the Suggested Role, A writer in an English review exresses the opinion that if, for a while, en could take over all houseckeping duties, keeping women entirely out of domestic management, the ensuing revlution would solve the servant probm. By planning everything on busiess lines about 50 per cent of the pres-

ent labor would be saved. It is asserted that all the labor saving devices in use at present are the inventions of nen, and that there are plenty more of less beneficent ideas on tap in the nasculine brain only awaiting an oportunity for realization. Men do not save the same troubles with their employes that women do with their serants, says the writer, and it would not take the mighty massmille intellect very long to do away with the servant uestion entirely.

We are inclined to agree with the

eriter to this extent; that after a man and conducted the domestic affairs of household for a few weeks there would be no servant question, and no ervant, either. It would be a task of herculean difficulty to persuade a servant to enter that house again. We an picture in our mind's eye the donestic chaos that would result, the asoutshing innovations that would be atroduced from cellar to garret. Pany the average man attempting to disripline the cook by employing the same nethods with which he is accustomed o coerce the office boy. Imagine this nan debating the vital questions of Thursday afternoons out" and "What hall we have for dinner?" with an indignant Abigali whose eloquence exceds her logic!

As for us, we do not want a home un on "strictly business principles. onundrum: When is a home not a home? When if has a man for house keeper. Home is that realm where voman rules.—Housekeeper.

### A Cabin Full of Cuckoos.

An old prospector who, between his periods of gold-bunting, has made his home in a little cubin in a lonely can you a few miles from Los Angeles Cal., says the Detroit News-Tribune has discovered not only gold, but a ontinuous entertainment for the hours e must spend indoors.

About six months ago the prospector struck it rich." He was able to show uch assays of the ores in his claim that a party of capitalists purchased his property and paid him forty thousand dollars.

On receipt of the money the prospec tor visited Los Angeles. Among other places he went into a restaurant in which is a cuckoo clock. It was just he noon hour, and the clock uttered its euckoo notes twelve times in suc ession. The old prospector was charmed. He remained in the eating house nearly all the afternoon, listening to he music of the clock, which also anounced the quarter and half-hours.

He learned from the proprietor the same of the firm of which the clock and been purchased, and hastened to the shop. He wanted a clock which would cuckoo every five minutes. Not seing able to find this kind, he did a little mental problem, and devised a plan for "continuous performance." He ought a dozen of the ordinary cuckoo clocks, and took them to his lonely enbin.

The cabin is no longer landy. He ins set the clocks at different times in five minute sequence, so that with the volcing of the hours and quarter hours there is scarcely a moment of the day n which a cuckoo is not singing in the en blm.

On His Trait, The Lady-Now, if I could only

rust you Gritty George-Lady, did yer ever sear dat old proverb, "Don't trust a man dat a dog won't follow?"

The Lady-I have. Gritty George-Well, yer can trust ne, 'cause every dog in the country follows me.

He Knew. "You must visit our new country club," said the suburbanite. grounds are beautiful; the golf links superb. You won't find such scenery elsewhere. On entering the grounds the first thing that strikes your eye

"I know!" interrupted the city man. A golf ball!"-Philadelphia Press.

All spinsters are single from choice they say.