fletter Stay at flome.

the Pannina idea out of your head. If you have packed your trunk and thrown G p your Job, uppack it and sok your former oplayer to take you back. There are a few musereds of young fellows in this country who ave an idea that in the construction of the

great canal fat lobe will so begging, and that ft will be a fine thing to chuck up the \$30 a month place on the farm and draw \$200 every thirty days on the great ditch. Applications for places are reaching the Canal Comin at the rate of 1,000 a day already, in the face of the fact that there are no places at the commission's dis-

Some time there will be a lot of work, and undould edly the rate of pay will be high. But you couldn't stand it. There isn't a more positierous hole on the globe thing that same causal site. The climate is as different from that of the United States as dark is from daylight. Strange fevers, that shay almost in a night, absend, and disease is to be found everywhere. Undomitedly, all that can be deneto make the surroundings healthful will be done; but even then it is probable that the digging of the caust will be done at the cost of thousands of human lives. The men who work and survive will be largely those who have grown up in hot countries, who are used to killing labor and who are physically stronger than the average Ameri-

If you have any kind of a position that pays you cently and has a future in it, you will be wise to get the Panama idea out of your head. If, when the time comes. you will go, and have a family, in justice to them get your life insured, if any maurance company will take the risk

How Far Is the Traveling Public Responsible?



HE recent Colorado railroad disaster is snothe tartling demonstration of the fallbillty of man gerial precaution in the operation of railroads he cloudburst which caused the wreck and re ited in the loss of so many lives was one a one exhibitions of elemental force which no upset every theory of human foresight and

mockery of engineering skill. Such accidents can be avoided in only one way, and that is by holding all trains during such terrific storms-and this the public would no tolerate. On the contrary, there is a constant demand for a reduction in running time, for greater speed, for annih lation of distance. By yielding to this pressure raliroad managers are in danger of los og sight of the cardinal factor of anfety. The American people are afflicted with the mania of rapidity. No ratiroad train, no trolley car, no automobile, no horse can go fast enough. If a railr company were to run its trains on a safety schedule would be boycotted by the traveling public

How far, then, is the public responsible for railroad accidents that are caused by the lack of proper precau tionary measures in the running of fast trains? Accidents of course, happen which cannot be avoided. Unfortunate ly too many of them result from the recklessness bred by the devil may care impulse of "getting there at any risk. It would seem that we have about reached that point where a reaction must set in. A few more horrors like that in Colorado and the recent one near Chicago Heights, and there will be a revolution of public sentiment which may result in the subordination of speed to safety.-Chi

Teach the Boys to Swim.



Curious Relic Once Belonged to Queen | Kunsas City Journal,

A REMARKABLE WATCH.

Mary of Scotland.

ne of the four maids of honor

manufacturer engraved on it.

The descendants of Mary Setous,

possession a curious watch, which was

of Time devouring everything. Time

By reversing the skull and holding

with its tall in its mouth.

of Eden

quotations.

watch is closed.

stead of punishing him, take in hand the bad's natatory adventures and excert him personally to the buthing beach to superintend his swimming. The more the youngster is whipped for his secret swims the more shrewdly he will contrive to hide them. And in his hiting he is likely to seek dangerous places, wherehe cannot be easily seen. His companions are usually boys of his own age, who can not help him if he gets into trouble in the water. He doubl, of course, he kept at home if possible from such places, but when the water-call is heard in midsummer othing short of boils and bars can keep the boy awimmer from his piunge. The bathing teach is provided in large part just to offset this danger. It is not all it should be in point of equipment and regulations for its use, but yet in point of equipment and regulations for its use, but the strong for its use the first and or weight in "Why, what's the matter, Miss Mctile is executively an excellent institution, where every cuttile strong. Swinging Sarah lost no
tiles is an our to safety as possible, and where the dantiles is matter, Miss Mctile strong for its discrete and insupersed at agint of her agitation,
ger to the yeungster who goes swimming about is reduced to middle through the orbities of the
Tike Andrews just rede down from
to a minimum. The boy who is taught by his father to town, and mounted the operall with
the Revenue a few minutes ago, and awim is a happier had than he who has to shouk away with that easy swiftness that had given her said blank and his gang from other boys and learn in some muchly hole in the creek or the explosions name she bors. other boys and learn in some muldy hole in the creek or the cuphenous name site bors.

It is not to be presumed from this about to day. He blake they are link daily norming burst of speed on lear ing shout in the hills between here in the water. It is an invaluable accomplishment, which at any time may save a life.—Washington Star.

The cuphenous name site bors.

It is not to be presumed from this hills are in this hells between here and turing. The telephone wires are derson was an noncredial borseman. Where Is the Russian Army?

sweets of a dive in a pool, will only await his chance to

repeat his adventure. When such disposition is discovered

it is far better that the father of so determined a boy, in-



HERE is the enormous Ernsdan army which as advance notices of the war said would be in to a most unassuming gall.

front and lapping the flanks. Even Kuropatkin has joined pressing. She soon discovered that may be waiting down there now to the chorus, thus confessing weakness, and as a justification this agreeable feature of the trip was pick you off. You have no right to for the withdrawal, not merely of a detached force or an not apparent on the mornings which place that gold in Jeopardy! advance guard, but of his main army, says the Japanese she chanced to be accompanied by The gold! How the wor

Yet the most there i estimate does not place the Mindo's carrier for the Laura Leigh Mindo and she was right. Whipple would solders in Manchuria at more than 200,000. An army in defense, according to accepted modern military canons, and Mindo Company. Without being not thank him for losing the bullion distinctly aware of it, this ride to distinctly aware of it, this ride to buy a rush move. Yet it must reach not Lee stay Grant from Richmond with a force less than was called, and gradually become in "You don't understand, Miss Meoulf that of his adversary? Were not the Boers able to dispensable to them both. arrest the progress of an army many times larger than This morning ride was particularly their own? Kuropatkin's dispositions, unless Russian in enjoyable, as it was the first day of apacity is colossal, suggest a commander who believes his the fall school term, after two weeks emy exceeds him. Where, then, is the Russian army?- vacation. New York Globe.

Big Expositions Played Out.



HE plain truth is that the country has had a surfeit of expositions, and that there is not the popular interest in this one, great as it undoubtedly is, which its projectors antici-pated. It is uscless to say that the people ought to be interested; that it is a patriotic duty to lend support to such an enterprise.

HESE are the days when the parents of small | Perhaps that is the idea that Secretary Shaw has in mind boys feel anxious lest their offspring may seek when he complains that the management has not made sleep water and come to grief. The youngsters sufficient use of the newspapers. It is of no use to talk of that the people do not want to go to St. Louis, punished if they are caught with wet hair, they will stay away. In the autumn, when St. Louis is Semetimes the shrewd mother ties peculiar cooler, the attendance will doubtiess be larger. But there knots in the fastenings of shoes and clothes and thus detects the outdoor bathing enterprise of the boy. Then make the enterprise financially successful.—Rochester comes trouble, and the average boy, having once tasted the Union and Advertiser.

AMBITIOUS OLD AGE

Mary Queen of Scotland, have in their Better Seek an Education at 70 than Remain Ignorant.

A few years ago two American wogiven by that queen to her favorite. A few years ago two American wo-The watch, which is in the shape of a men excited some comment by enterling college for a c and a half in diameter. It is supposed being 70 years of age and the other and brings home more stories than fish, pride, to which Manager Whipple was to have been purchased by Mary her nearly as old. One gave as her real was talking to a friend not long after to have been purchased by Mary her son a life-long ambition. Having marking his last trip.

Thusband, the dauphin of France, as cled before her aspiration for a col. And what did your wife say?" inhusband, the dauphin of France, as cied before her aspiration for a collit has the name of a celebrated Blois lege education could be realized, she mestic career, but never ceased to de-The entire skull is curiously enplore her meager schooling. Her chiigraved. On the forehead there is a dren having grown into men and wopleture of Death, with the usual scythe and hour glass and sand glass. He is depicted as standing between reason why she should not undertake clothes on?" a palace and a hovel, to show that he is no respector of persons, and underto carry out her early purpose. neath is the familiar quotation from found greater pleasure in study than in anything else and aithough she what I had caught, she didn't s might die before graduation, still she word, but went right over to Horace, "Pallida more asquo pulsat pede pauperium tabernas Regumque turres." At the back of the skull is

also carries a scribe, and beside him is the emblem of eternity—the serpeut dents in the summer school, one a New entirely beyond his explanation. Hampshire preacher of 83 years; an-The upper section of the skull is other a Congregational minister divided into two pictures. On one side Leonard Woolsey Bacon), who has is the Crucifixion, with the Marys written a good deal for the magazines kneeling at the foot of the cross, and and who is 74 years old, and two othon the other side are Adam and Eve er preachers of about 60 years each. surrounded by animals in the Garden | Of course this is not like entering for are slaves to the number of 10,000,000. full university course, but each of Below these pictures, running right round the skull, there is an openwork band, to allow the sound of the strik-ing of the watch to be heard. The recall the case of the learned blackopenwork is a series of designs cut term of life prescribed by the Psalmist, to represent the various emblems of the Crucifixion, such as scourges, the

omplete mastery of many tongues. cross, swords, spears, the lantern used in the garden, and so forth. All of There comes a time in the life of the carvings have appropriate Latin that he is growing old. Perhaps it is even \$40. n the very prime of life, about the forthe upper part in the palm of the tieth year, that this recognition of his hand and lifting the under jaw on its mortality gives the most distress, and hinge the watch may be opened, and he is disposed to doubt whether it is the plate inside is a representation possible for him to accomplish anyof the stable at Bethlehem, with the thing worth while. In the face of much evidence to the contrary it has hepherds and their flocks in the disbeen affirmed that a man who has done nothing great before that age will The works of the watch are in the brains of the skull, the disi plate never do it; that life after 40 consists being where the roof of the mouth mainly in learning on previous acquiwould be in a real skull. This is of aitions. However, as time goes on silver and gold, with elaborate scrolls, many a man develops a new courage. while the hours are marked in large and especially he resolves to live thor-Roman letters. The works are remark- oughly and heartily to the last mo ably complete, even to a large silver ment. As a French philosopher urgbell with a musical sound, which ed, a man should keep at his work holds the works in the skull when the as though immortal, even though he should know that death would come to-This curious old watch is still in morrow. Another moralist asserts that

retains a healthy mind does not shrink from an undertaking merely because

Covering the Truth.

A certain man in Philadelphia, who s fishing two or three times a year

devoted herelf faithfully to her do you had caught thirty five fish, none of new workings in the San Juan less than a pound weight?"
"That wife of mine is a queer wom-

an," was the reflective response. "You men and having married and left her know the statue of Truth we had aione in her home, she could see no there in the parlor without any

"Well, do you know, when I told her what I had caught, she didn't say a would have enjoyed her later years to statue with tears in her eyes and another representation, this one being a degree which no other occupation wrapped a rug around it. Now, what do you suppose she meant by that?" Harvard reported four venerable stu- and his friend assured him that it was

Slaves in China-At present, if the latest advices from China are to be credited, that country is the great slave country of the world Of a population of 400,000,000 there Every family of means keeps its girl this remarkable quartet has a special slaves, and a man's position is usubranch which he wishes to master with ally gauged by the number he keeps the aid of the college professors. They At any age from 3 to 15 girls are sold. eight being the age at which most smith, who, after he had reached the change hands. The girls are supposed to do housework, it being cheaper to became an unusual linguist with the buy than to hire. Slaves vary in price; \$10 is about the average, but much depends on the girl's appearance. nearly every man when he realizes A good-looking girl will fetch \$20 or

A Substitute for Cork Notwithstanding all the achieve-ments of practical science, there are some indispensable materials the making of which is still nature's secret. and for which no entirely successful substitute has been found. these substances is cork, and it is possible that in this case nature offers a substitute in the wood of a tree, growing on the east coast of Table. Among ing on the east coast of Lake Tchad, at the gateway. Could she be waiting leading around the watering trough. in Africa, which is of even less specific for him? If so it was the first time. They passed safely along for a congravity than cork.

Best Language for the Telephone, French is said to be more easily understood over the telephone than Eng-

We know of only one way to make the meat go 'round, and it is old-fasherfect order, and when wound every a man who, on a shiking ship, should loued: Make good bread, and double day keeps accurate time. It is too not take his pill at the prescribed mo the amount of the gravy.

THE INEVITABLE.

I like the man who forces what he must, With step trimuphant and with leart of cheer; Who fights the daily buttle without tear;

Sees his hopes fall, yet keeps unfaltering treef. That God is good; that somehow, true and last, His plants work out for mortale; not a tear In shed when fortune, which the world holds dear, Then Bring in dishonor-envise not Nor love tolds in man; but does his best,

Nor ever moreours at his hundler for: But, with a smile and words of hope, gives zest. To every tiller, he slone is great. Who by a life benefit common fate.

-Sarah K. Bolton, in Kansas City Star.

The Dividends of "Laura Leigh."

R soon as the mail were was seen profession for the matter of the matter B soon as the mill well was see | Strah, putting out a hand to catch the

Swinging Sarah knew better than that, municution with town, and on sight of a certain postions. Alderson remembered vaguely that traversing the mountain road ahead, the chief accountant had been valuely she had barned to regulate her speed endeavoring to get central a few min-

the advance notices of the war said would be in Mainchurla by this time? What has become of that mighty host, as numerous as that which followed Xerxes? Before hostilities began the estimate was that the Car had 120,000 troops in the Far East. At home, with the colors and in reserve, were several millions ready for transport. Nearly five months have elapsed. Dues the Manchurlan army manifest the phenomena of preponderous bigness?

On the contrary, the excuse of every Rusaian commander who has yielded his line has been the presence of the enemy in greater numerical superiority. At the Yalu, Nanshan Hill, Tellasu, in fact, everywhere contact has occurred, the Russian story of a few against many—of an encompassing Japanese tide at once aweeping over the front and lapping the flanks. Even Ruropatkin has joined front and lapping the flanks. Even Ruropatkin has joined front and lapping the flanks. Even Ruropatkin has joined front and lapping the flanks. Even Ruropatkin has joined front and lapping the flanks. Even Ruropatkin has joined front and lapping the flanks. Even Ruropatkin has joined front and lapping the flanks. Even Ruropatkin has joined front and lapping the flanks. Even Ruropatkin has joined front and lapping the flanks. Even Ruropatkin has joined to mount and the loiseing and menotonous, and at times depressing. She soon discovered that may be waiting down there now to eaces the vis major.

Yet the most fiberal estimate does not place the Mikado's carrier for the Laura Leigh Mining and she was right. Whipple would

therel

basket!"

heavy load

ne. Go back, for my sake, Tom

"What have I done?" Her first feel-

make it, and the gold must be there.

and for a moment unnerved her. Then

fearlessness of the Western spirit.

Till do it!" The resolution calmed her.

Prince no doubt felt it an injustice

carry such an unusually heavy din-

ner-basket at such an extraordinary

ace. And to think that his faithful

ervice should be so far forgotten that

riding-whip! Yet he was merely being

urged into a simple trot, and no ob-

ng rider of cruelty to her beast.

ever would have accused his charm-

She glanced back once or twice. The

un was disappearing rapidly from

the U. S. snow slide, and the canyon

was narrowing perceptibly in the

gloom. This she knew was due entire-

saintain her courage by glancing

it for its kindly brilliancy as it stood,

a guardian sentinel over the mining

camp of Ouray, and was glad it

Two of the most dangerous places

n the trail, the hanging rock and the

switchback, were passed safely and without interruption. There was only

dreaded, the watering trough, now

half a mile shead. She tried to forget

the frightful disasters that had occur-

red at this spot, which had proved the

setting for several tragedies every

year. She endeavored to shut from her

mind the thought that the canyon

was deeper there than anywhere else

along the road, and that the rocks

jutted out as though attempting to

as she would, in that brief half-mile

every incident she had heard about the

place came back to her with startling

The day had almost faded as Prince

slunk into the narrow passageway

They passed safely along for a con-sderable distance, and her heart gave

a bound of Joy as the trough came

push travelers over the edge,

clearness.

more place to be particularly

scemed so deceptively close.

"I'm really glad to see the place ngain," said Miss McSwaln, as the faster without it. I can protect it; drew up at the stile in front of the nobody will know; it will be safe with yard. The schoolhouse was located onveniently at the junction of Sneffel's road with the trail leading up to the Revenue mines on the right.
"I'm swful glad to see you back. too," was the embarrassed response of Tom Alderson, who was far too sin-

ere to be a graceful lover. The girl watched him depart, realizng, with the wisdom of a woman, that nothing but the spur of unusual dreumstance would ever lead Tom Alderson to speak of love.

"A hen that lays that kind of eggs is a pretty valuable bird," elaculated Thaddeus Whipple in his office at the large to be worn and was probably in ment and wind up his watch lacks a holding up a retort, fresh from the away. She looked at the white napkin large to be worn and was probably in-tended for a desk or private altar.— manly quality. Anyhow, the man who at 80 or any other age at which he had been hastily preparing for shipgold room, which the shipping clerk ment. "Just one more trip this month, Alderson, to get this little nugget death is near gets the best out of life. Safely in the hands of the express white and trembling. "He will never company, and the dividends of the Laura Leigh will stay where I put them last month." The latter clause quired the friend, "when you told her work had placed it in the front rank country. He had been a little anxious this month, as the output had been seriously retarded by several mishaps to the milling machinery. By hurried work, however, it seemed likely the month's showing could be brought up buttlen was not delayed in its Journey to the mint in Denver.

Alderson had made more than the usual number of trips during the past week, and he could be seen sometimes. two or three times a day riding with his Winchester across his knees, and the precious bullion hanging in the bags slung over the horn of his saddle. When shipments were large he some times had company, but ordinarily this was thought unnecessary.

"Now don't fall into the canyon, Alderson," the manager called after him as he started out. "At any rate, don't let that bullion go over with you; if gives us just the proper per cent this nonth!"

The bullion guard laughed carelessly at the good-natured jest of his mana ger. He was used to Whipple's final injunctions about not losing the "yel low stuff." He had no hour and a half to make the eight miles into Oursy, and felt very easy about arriving it time to eatch the passenger train before it left. It had been years since any trouble had occurred on Sneffel's

He rode along unconcernedly, musing over his morning ride with Miss McSwain. As he neared the end of the third mile between the mine and the Potosi school, he wondered if she would be working late and if he by He put the thought aside. It was too

much to hope for. As he came into sight, Nellie Mcinto view. Surely the worst was past Swain, for it was she, rose, and began and her fears were groundless, walking rapidly toward him.
"Mr. Alderson!" she gasped with

breathless excitement, 'you must turn An arm shot out to the bridle rein, back. There's something wrong to and three figures sprang from the night!" She leaned against Swinging shadows. Prince snorted wildly, and | failed.

Two of the fellows, all of whom were masked, stood at the horse's head. The third advanced slowly toward her, and she felt the cold barrel of a revolver touch her cheek. He laid one hand upon the born of ber saddle and leered up at ber; the white mask gave his face an unearthly as-

growled, suitenly, after a brief inspection. "It sin't a man at all; it's a that first klas -- San Francisco Argo-

"By god, it's the achosima'am," said second voice, "She's purty, ain't

she, boys?" The first speaker interposed, "Let her go, boys; it's dangerous to talk here. She can't get to town in time

to interfere with our game." The second man reached out a hand, "I'm powerful hungry, miss, and that dinner-basket looks good to me," Both men released the bridle rein as be

Nellie McSwain felt her heart throbwildly, and then it almost seemed to fall lier. For a moment it seemed she would faint,
"I'll give you a sandwich; it's all I

have left in the backet." Her volce was a mere whisper. She reached in under the napkin and her hand came out holding something bright and shining.

"This sandwich is buttered with powder and lend?" she shricked, "and I'll give you all a bite of it if you don't look out!"

Poor Prince has never understood schoolma'am's riding-whip at that moment, though she has tried to explain it to him time and again. He responded nobly, however, and then began a wild flight over the winding trail, during which the schoolma'am was conscious of nothing save the reverlaugh that followed from the rufflans

It was a wild figure that rode up to the little station, where the trainmen were giving the air brakes on No. 5 a finel test before its departure. She gasped out her story to the openmouthed station agent, and almost dropped the heavy basket on his foot in her anxiety to perform her self-appointed duty to the end. She breathed easily only when she had seen the gold safely deposited in the hands of the express messenger.

The gold! How the words stung Nellie McSwain was not the only rider who dashed down the Sneffel's road unmindful of all danger that When Tom Alderson returned to the schoolhouse, accompanied by several sturdy miners, armed to the "You don't understand, Miss Mcteeth, and ready for any affray, he Swain; I must get this gold to the found the place deserted, and both the station within an hour. It must be girl and the bullion gone. One of the men said afterward that Alderson was "Yes, but you need not go alone. "plumb locoed," and agreed that he Leave it with me while you go back was hard to follow in his mad chase

for help; Swinging Sarah can move over the trail.

They reached the watering trough in perhaps a shorter period than the trip had ever been made before, and the Had he heard aright-was that his party burst upon the three crouching scoundrels in a manner that was enfirst name on her lips? He seemed to see but dimly the clinging figure, as tirely unprecedented in the history of through a mist. Then he reached down their carefully planned misdeeds. They were entirely disarmed, figuratively and literally, without so much as an and lifted the carefully sacked retort from the saddle-bag.
"What will you do with it Where interchange of shots, and the men roped them together, preparatory to

will you keep it?" His throat was burning and he could hardly speak. march on foot down the hill to "Here!" she cried, "my dinner-Ouray. Alderson personally engaged the at-"Good! I've no time to lose, I'm tention of one of the luckless vil-lains, inquiring almost incoherently about "the girl." He coupled his inafraid I can't make it, but you shall have your way. Wait here till I quiries with so generous a use of his Nellie McSwain stood motionless for moment as she heard him gallop over her dinner-basket, concealing its

fists that the poor devil was rendered quite incapable of performing the function of speech for a time. finally managed to state that she had passed them without interruption—it vas well for him that he lied-and ing was one of fear, and she was had no doubt reached the town safely. On the outskirts of the mining camp Alderson, who had dashed on ahead, met a party of horsemen who had unnerved her. Then been quickly mustered together to go her eyes for a moment resembled Alderson's, reflecting do toward "fixing things" for Black Jack and his gang. Alderson told them in a few words that the wretches were in safe hands, and made further inquiries, in a somewhat restrained manner this time, as to the where abouts of the schoolmistress. He learned that she had ridden over somewhere in the neighborhood of Rox Canyon to await further news. The information was accompanied

by significant grimaces and ealed smiles, which the early moon now visible, revealed with undesirable "There'll be something clearness. view behind the treacherous path of doin' when them two meet," was the omment of "Dad" Austin, stage driver, as Alderson moved away.

to her imagination, and tried to The sudden neighbor of a horse which he recognized immediately, and ahead toward Mt. Abram, the last which was quickly answered peak to release the lingering rays of the sun in the evening. She blessed Swinging Sarab, came from the mouth of the canyon. The girl sat quietly on her horse as though waiting. Alderson was first to break the awkward

"I'm giad you are safe," he said. She felt the intensity behind his words. "Thank you-" her voice went off

into a whisper, and he could not be certain she had called him "Tom." "I found this at the watering ough." He held out a silver casetrough." knife. "I-I didu't know but it would

be all I would ever see again that be longed to you. I was afraid-The girl stopped him with a subdued Laura Leigh," said Alderson, laying a was going to feed to Black Jack and his unpleasant companions," Then she told him the story of her ride, and

time for No. 5. "You saved the dividends of the Laura Leigh," asid Alderson, laying a hand gently on Prince's mane.

how she had delivered the bullion in

They sat without speaking for moment or two. The horses moved closely togther, and Alderson trembling with the nearness of this brave girl who he now knew was everything to him. Over on the trail they could hear the lusty voices of the miners and townsmen, gleefully bring ing the culprits to town,

As they reached the trough, howthought for a moment that you ever, her worst fears were confirmed. An arm shot out to the bridle rein. might have gone over the side of the canyon, Miss-Miss-" His voice

it was brute strength that kept him | "Would you have cared-Tom?" from plunging frantically over the She was looking at him with the one look a lover atways knows, and be

gazed at her long and earnestly. "Would I have cared? Nellie!" He reached over in the saddle and dress

Tom Alderson has been described as ungraceful in the art of love-making, and as Swinging Sarah and Prince rubbed noses in the moonlight, it is probable they accomplished fully as "Why, this sin't our man," he much in the matter of a caresa as did naut.

CATS HAVE VARIED LIKES.

One that Relished Oranges-You Can's Make Rules About Their Tastes. "I see items in the papers sometimes enying that all cats like this or that article of diet," said the man in the conschold pet store. "Now those tales are true and at the same time they aren't true, because no two cats that I ever saw liked the same kind of food.

"There are no animals that vary so much in their ways and tastes and habits as cats. You take any two dogs of the same breed and their ways are pretty much silke. But cats vary a great deal more than people. This

shows in the things they like to eat. There's Tom and Nancy, those two like cooked meat and milk, but after that they differ. Tom goes perfectly daffy over green peas; Nancy won't touch peas, but she'll eat beans in any form until she looks as though she'd swallowed a baseball. Nancy likes

the cruel blow he received from the green corn, too. Tom won't touch it. "Then I've known a cat that would est oranges-after you'd peeled them -as long as you would feed them to her. She'd turn up her nose at any other kind of fruit. I've heard of still another cat that liked apples; and another, a pampered pet in a rich house, makes bananas and cream her staple diet. There's a big row in that house if her bananas and cream aren't there when she gets up in the morning.

"I've known other cats that were fond of cake and carrots and creamed potatoes and boiled onions and cheese. In fact, there isn't anything in the range of human diet, except highly seasoned dishes, that some cat or other hasn't picked as a favorite food.

"I suppose that olives come nearest to being liked by all cats, but there are some that won't touch olives. Even in the matter of milk their tastes vary One cat wants cream and isn't at all modest about asking for it. One refuses cream and likes milk as thin as wouldn't touch his milk until it was warmed.

"All cats are supposed to go daffy over catnip, but the rule falls down even there."—New York Sun.

MODERN ENGLISH SERVANTS.

They Demand Higher Pay, Fine Clothes They Demand Higher Pay, Fine Clothes and Hicycles. Times change, and our servants change with them. The results of the Lincolnshire hiring fairs, which extend over about ten days, and have just come to an end, shows that the oldfashioned servant maid no longer ex-

ists, says the London Chronicle. Each succeeding year recently servants have demanded and obtained higher wages, and in the case of domestics the wages paid for their services are twice as high as those which prevalled twenty or thirty years ago.

Another direction in which change is indicated is the stipulation for a regular weekly holiday as part of the hir-ing bargain. Very few servants will go out to situations now without the concession of an afternoon or evening, once a week, and in one case a girl asked for a special weekly holiday so that she might take her music les-

Again, there is the cycling habit. So nany servants on bicycles have never been seen before as during the recent vacation. They flocked into East Auglian towns in considerable numbers. ost of them on prettily-equipped, up to-date machines. The contrast with the "old hands"

who remember fifty years ago has been very marked. The agricultural laborployer, and the dress of each domestic would have provoked the exclamation that she was "a fine lady" in her grandmother's time. Another of the many noticeable

changes which the servant problem as undergone is that of securing a girl who will undertake the duties of nilking. In ninety-nine cases out of very hundred this branch of farmhouse work is now delegated to the nen servants. Such changes as these, which make

he lives of servants more enjoyable than formerly and mark their emancipation from the dull routine of daily iomestic work, are the inevitable outome of diminishing supply rather than the result of effective trade union or ganigation.

The Quality of Mercy. An amusing story is told of Doctor Gruby of Paris, the physician who is well known for his efforts to protect animals from cruelty. The story would lead one to infer that the good doctor, like "Uncle Toby" in Sterne's "Tristram Shandy," includes insects

within the horizon of mercy. One day Doctor Gruby was much annoyed by the buzzing of a bluebottle fly against his windows. The doctor ummoned an attendant, whom he directed to open the window and care-

ully put the fly outside. The servant, who knew his master's cinduess, called attention to the fact that at that moment it was raining

"True," responded the doctor. Then, after a moment's perplexed reflection,

he exclaimed triumphantly: "At least, you may put him in the waiting-room! There he may stay till the weather is fair."

Age Limit. Book Agent-Now, sir, can I sell

you an encyclopedia? Old John-Noa, I don't think so. I'm tew old to ride now.-Punch.

Women's magazines continue to plame the men for not saying tice things about their wives' cooking, and the men go on thinking that if they eat it, that is compliment enough