TEN ACRES AND MARY,

I'm up an' away For I sing this song As I toll along-Twe got ten acres and Mary!"

Troubles enough-For the worl' is rough, An' things will go contrary; But ever this song, As I trudge along-Tre got ten acres and Mary!"

No angel bright. With wings of light: Of a angel I'd grow weary That's a jay to you-I've got ten actes and Mary!" -Atlanta Constitution.

THE FACE HE SAW

Two blind people who love each

He, an ungainly, stunted figure, with a very homely face; she, tall, thin, of yellowish complexion and of sickly appearance.

Benevolent people had placed them in blind asylum years before. There they were brought up.

as children they had played together. braced his poor blind friend. and were contented and happy. The pleasures of the world were as strong to them as its daily miseries. They knew that quiet, comfortable house, its large garden-and nothing more. There they belonged. They could know nothing of what was going on outside. One thing only was clear to them and that was-that they loved each other.

A hot summer day. • • • The two sat on a bench in the garden

chatting. "Paul, I am so glad." "On what account, Anna?" "Ah! Don't you know? To-mor-

"Yes. To-morrow the famous oculist will be here.'

"And he will make us both see." "If he is really able to accomplish

"You are joking. Of course, he will be able to do it. That is his business." "Then, at last, I shall be able to see your lovely face. Of that I am glad." "And of nothing else?"

"Nothing." "Paul," said she, laughing quietly, law do you know that I have a lovely

"Because I have seen you twice already-in a dream. You had golden bair and wings as white as snow." "Oh! if that were only true!" "It is quite certain." "Was I so beautiful?" she asked, setz-

ing him by the hand: "so beautiful? But when I reflect, Paul, I think it would be even better for us to be true each other than to be able to see. That would be lovely. Don't you think

"I know not," he answered thoughtfully; and then both were silent. . . . The eventful day had passed. The operation on the eyes had been performed. If not all a delusion, it must prove

a success. "Neither of you must take the bandage off the eyes for fourteen days!"

had gone down, the two were again woman whose husband cut off her seated in the garden, clinging close to bangs.

"Paul, when will we first see each

"In fourteen days!" "I know, but that is much too long.

Eight days would certainly be long enough." "Less time than that, perhaps; but

we have the doctor's order." "I cannot endure to wait so long. What if the operation has been a failere, and we have rejoiced in vain! To fondly tuck them in the bed What then?"

"For all that, we could-

He was silent.

"Only for a moment, dear Paul. It will surely not be wrong." "You will, notwithstanding-"Only for a moment. We will put

the bandages on again immediately. You need not be at all afraid. Please, "Rather let us wait. We have suf-

fered many years. Let us endure it a few days longer."

"No, I cannot wait. If you love me, do it, or I will myself alone." He hesitated a while, but at length

answered calmly: "We will do it." "When?" "To-morrow morning early-here a

this bench." "Thanks. You will come at the appointed time?"

"Yes." "Good-night."

"Good-night. I hope you will have a good sieem." . . Morning twilight. Paul has ben long out of bed. He is in dread of the next hour. Anna. of

handsome also, but he can never appear before her in this dreadful uncer-"Off with the bandage!" He tore it loose and threw it on the table. His eyes were still closed. He ances, Sir Charles Coldstream in "Used ran to the cupboard and searched there Up," and Plummer in "Cool as a Cu-

until he found a small mirror. He then cumber," both downright "side-split their thousands and their tens of thouwent to the window, where he seated ters." himself and waited. His heart beat violently; his head was in a glowing

sightless eyes fixed on the little glass, which his fingers held in a firm clasp. It must now decide his fate. In a few minutes he would have certain knowl-

Clear daylight came.

bling all the while with torturing extonsled hair, those decayed teeth, that ong neck? It could not be possible. Englishman, born in London. I am an No; it must not be!

He closed his eyes, leaned far out of the window, opened them wide and A scientist says the earth is shrinking looked again. His image was still there, at the rate of three inches a year. This unchanged. Still he would not believe may account for the anxiety of some

a vell seemed drawn slowly over his eyes. It grew more and more indistinct; darkness gathered all about him, and suddenly everything was black. He

saw no more. Despair seized him. He thought he had become insane. He threw the mirror away, stamped with his feet and struck himself in the face. Anna would see him, and she would be horrified. She would forsake him-ugly and blind -and she would go away into the sunny world and forget him. He must remain behind, helpless and alone. All the happiness was gone forever.

He sank into a chair and sobbed like a little child. Suddenly he started up. A well-

known hand caressed his head. "Is it you, Paul?" he heard her ask in a whisper. "Yes," said he, breathing heavily.

"Paul, I looked for you everywhere in the garden and could not find you. Then I took off the bandage." "And do you see me?" cried Paul in deadly alarm.

"I must say that I do not. No, no! It is just as dark as it was before. The operation was a failure. I see nothing whatever."

"And I nothing," said Paul exultingly. "I also took off the bandage, at once everything became quite dark." "Now," said Anna with a sigh, "we must remain forever blind."

"It is better so," answered Paul with a happy heart; and he tenderly em-

DIVORCES IN VARIOUS STATES.

Oklahoma the Only One that Believes in Making Separation Easy.

With the enactment of the law requiring one year's residence in North Dakota before a divorce can be granted. another State joined the decent majority of those which are not inclined to make things easy for people who wish to be separated from wife or husband. Oklahoma is now the only State or

territory in which only ninety days' residence is required. The term of residence now required in other States is as follows:

SIX MONTHS. Arizona, Idaho, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

ONE YEAR. Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Isl and, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. TWO YEARS.

Florida, Indiana, Maryland, North Car olina, Tennessee, Vermont. THREE YEARS.

Connecticut, New Jersey. FIVE YEARS. Massachusetts (unless parties are residents at the time of marriage).

During the reign of the ninety-day residence law divorces were sometimes granted on curious grounds. For instance, a woman was granted a divorce because her husband did not bathe frequently enough, thereby causing her great mental anguish. Another man slept with a razor under his pillow, solely to frighten his wife, who was accordingly given a divorce. A third defendant made his wife climb a stepladder to drive nails in the woodshed; one woman complained that her hus-Such was the doctor's order before he band treated her as a child; another got a divorce because her husband enlisted On the next evening, after the sun in the navy; a decree was issued to a

The winter evening slowly drags, The purple flames that race Far up the chimney seem to shed Less cheerful warmth and light, When, putting on their little gowns, We kiss our boys good-night

We follow them as off they go, With ringing laugh and shout, And turn the gaslight out; And, clasped in one another's arms So warm and snug and tight,

They fill our hearts with worship When we kiss our boys good-night. And as they drift to Slumberland

We linger round their cot, For lo! a strange enchantment Binds us voiceless to the spot, And life somehow grows sweeter, And the vexing cares take flight, When, bending o'er their sleeping forms

Then, looking to the future, Into whose mysterious years They must go to meet life's issues, Now with gladness, now with tears,

We pray that He may lead them Ever in the path of right, When no more beneath our rooftree

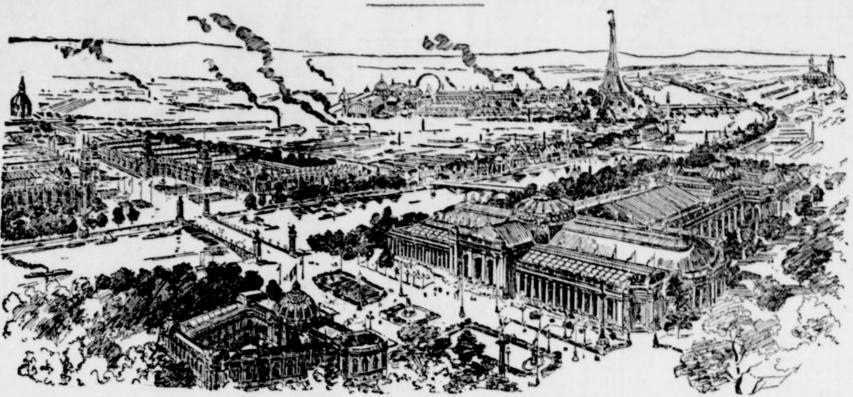
A Scotchman's Self-Control. story in support of the truth of the remark about a Scotchman, a joke, and a surgical operation. When "starring" in fore long. But as a fact, when I sit Edinburgh, his landlord, who seldom down to think it over, death does not attended any other public meeting save the "kirk," asked Mathews if he would is a mere episode. We have to face it chilge him with "a pass for the play- some time-why not once as well as an-

Meeting his landlord on the stairs as to be dreaded. The thing is to teach he proceeded to his own room after the one's self not to be afraid. You can branch and twig of the tree, to the disperformance, Mathews was cordially acquire a contempt for danger just as comfort of any who may be under it. greeted by that gentleman, of whom he you can acquire a language or a knowl-

"Aweel," said the Norther. conseeder you played unco' naturally; but, beigh, mon, I'd a hard matter to

family said: "My wife is a Canadian of English descent. My daughter is a Yankee, born in Detroit. My son is an American citizen, made one in Detroit."

BIRD'S-EVE VIEW OF THE PARIS EXPOSITION GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.



Texas Stockman's Unique Contribution

to the Paris Exposition. than which there will be no exhibit whole public with your elbows." more remarkable and yet so characteristic of the Lone Star State.

out South and West Texas. He is the taught courage.-Chicago Record. rough and graphic standard of measurement of the West Texas stockman. "Big as the Doble steer" is the hyper-

LAST OF THE "LONG HORNS." or something from South Water street,

and-"Blacksnake nothing, you old catapult. You want to get a new pair of Unique among the exhibits at the glasses. That's nothing but a little Paris Exposition will be the contribu- crooked line of melted tar that leaked tion of a Texas stockman, J. M. Dobie, out of the street-repairers' kettle. Tame of Ramires, Live Oak County. His yourself and try not to get scared so curiosity is the celebrated Dobie steer, easily as to break up the peace of the

The old gentleman went away very quietly and did not look for his younger The Doble steer is known through- friend to resume his lecture upon self-

Orang-Ontang va. Burglar.

Some two years ago a retired officer bole they use when describing a pair of the merchant service, living in the galls are using this barb-wire system in of horns. It is a hyperbole, for travel Rue d'Alesia, Paris, M. Duchesne, the wide plains over and another steer brought home an orang-outang from with a pair of horns such as has the Borneo. Since growing to its full size vert it into a private line by plugs so Doble steer cannot be found. He is the brute is a terror to the neighbors. arranged that when one party is using the last of the old tribe of monster Its master won't hear of its being the line he can cut out all others ex-

Three Towns in Indiana Connected by Using Ordinary Fence Wires.

line, which connects the Indiana towns of Anderson, Pendleton and Ingalls. It distance when there will be tenfold this grounds, and watered it daily. In a number. One clothing company at Anderson, with branch stores at Pendleton, and the Wagner glass works, with offices at Anderson and factory at In- a grassy lawn, their business affairs exclusively. They use the line frequently. They can concept in Mr. Alley's residence, which is used as a central station. Ordinary ness of a worm, and from all appearphones are used with no special

In constructing the line, Mr. Alley used the top strand of the barb-wire subscribers with ordinary telephone wire. In some instances where the satisfactory and puts the line in shape to be used as well in wet weather as at any other time. The inventor expects insulator, which is very cheap and the only one yet found that can be used on a fence wire line.

thirty-seven times and railroads six times. At these crossings the line is either carried through a gas-pipe conduit, with insulated wire or by building bridges, which is done by merely nailing a piece of timber fifteen feet long to the last fence post and extending

outfit for each house, consisting of re-

the Independent long-distance teletance Telephone line at Ingalls, and in this way Indianapolis and Greenfield may be reached by the users of Mr. Alley's system.

The line has been in operation since December and has not been out of or- locked up the little silver box, which der except for a few hours, when a contained nothing but a few dried fast train on the railroad struck a cow, threw her body against a fence and day. He also enjoyed his dinner again. broke the wire. A telephone communication, by this simple method, is placed In 1867 there was a merry picnic in a within the reach of every community. wood. Among the guests was the love-Farmers who do not have regular tele- ly seventeen-year-old Countess L., with agines himself to have been changed phone outfits and wires leading to their whom the young Prince fell madly in

BARB-WIRE TELEPHONE LINE.

One of the most novel telephone systems in the world is the "barb-wire" is fifteen miles in length. Its inventor, He then secured some wheat from the builder and sole owner, Cassius Alley prison stable and sowed it on the first of Pendleton, now has six subscribers layer of his coat. He cast it down at \$50 a year each. The time is not far carelessly at one end of the prison

little trouble with the lines. fence of the Big Four railroad, making the connections with the offices of his posts had rotted it was necessary to paint the wire and posts with rubber paint to insulate the wire. This is fairly to put in a newly invented form of glass

On this line, wagon roads are crossed

This barb-wire line is connected with

he could imitate the grass by some means he could elude the watchful sen-

tries and make good his escape. Through the aid of his convict friends he procured some pieces of burlap, and with the aid of some rope made them pear, she believes that they are due to into a long coat that would cover him completely when lying on the grass. few weeks the grass grew up through the sack coat, and before a great while the piece of burlap was conformed into

He was now ready to carry out his plans, and patiently waited an opportunity. At last he succeeded in getting his new contrivance across to the northwest of the prison, and in a few minutes was under his grassy coat.

Slowly he crept along with the cleverances success would crown his efforts. strength of battery and there is very But his progress was too rapid and very soon he heard footsteps coming in his direction. The moving grass plot which was slowly making its way up the hillside soon came to a sudden standstill as the eye of a guard had noticed the grass moving and came to investigate the phenomenon. A kick in the ribs apprised Casey that his plan had been discovered. The guard took Casey and a red shirt now covers his breast.-San Francisco Call.

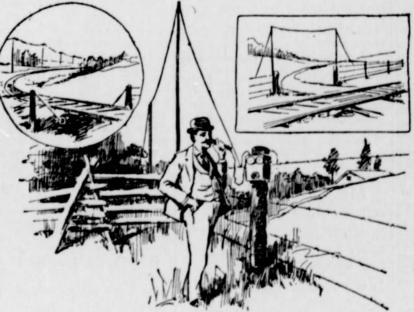
OTTO OF BAVARIA.

Remarkable Story of the Insane Mon-

arch and His First Love. The following remarkable story is related about the unhappy King Otto of Bayaria. This last week he ate almost nothing for some days, although his appetite is usually unnaturally good. He sobbed, wailed and screamed uninterruptedly for hours, and even became at times dangerous. One morning, however, his physician and a keeper cautiously pushed aside the heavy brocade curtain which divides their bedroom from that of the poor monarch and to sleep. found him with tears running down his which they had often seen in a drawer, the key to which King Otto wore on a fine steel chain round his neck.

As soon as the King perceived that he was watched he turned round and smiled so happily and naturally that the doctor, surprised, stepped nearer. Wearing the same joyful expression the King cried out to him: "Countess L. has passed a better night. She is now out of danger." He then carefully

This is the other part of the story. residences are supplied with a small love at first sight. He sat next to her



BARB WIRE FENCE TELEPHONE.

instrument at a very small cost. This at lunch, paid her the greatest attenfittle contrivance is so arranged that it tion, and then disappeared with her can be attached to the main barb wire into the wood. As the young people at any point and thus the farmer is did not return, and it was getting late, PENETRATED SHREWD DISGUISE

ing Grass Plot. Green Casey, a convict at San Quentributed, only one of which went to a fellow convicts at the prison for the sent to the Convent of Misericorde, novel contrivance he has invented in order to make his escape from the prison walls some time ago, and through Sheriff Langdon of Santa Clara County the story has leaked out.

Casey was a kind of trusty around the prison grounds, and while working in one of the grounds in the vicinity of the prison he took it into his head that he would like to escape, and was beginning to tax his mind as to the most advantageous way to suit his purpose, As he was strolling around on the green the prison an idea struck him that if have a population of over 190,000,000.

enabled to call up his city merchant, or the mother of the Countess became broker, or lawyer just as well as if he anxious, and sent men servants out in had the ordinary telephone equipment. all directions. The culprits were found with their hats full of strawberries, which they were merrily eating. The next morning they were separated for-

Prince Otto went with the King to tin, has won the admiration of all his Munich, and the youthful Countess was where she has remained up to this day. During the few days throughout which the King had shown such unfavorable symptoms, the girl whom he had loved in his youth was really lying dangerously ill in her cell. Somehow or other -how is not stated-the incurably insane monarch had become aware of the fact.-Berlin cable London News.

If our Southern States alone were as

HOMESPUN PHILOSOPHY.

Observations on Commonplace Things by the Atchison Globe Man. As a rule, a man who can wait pa-

tiently, has nothing to do. Every man falls heir to something; sually to a bad case of kin.

The older people become, the more xcuses they are able to find.

Everyone thinks he works for a man who is mighty unappreciative.

After a man does a clever thing, he sually talks about it too much. A bad preacher is tolerated a great

leal longer than a bad newspaper. Only one man in ten is methodical nough to keep a match box filled.

After a man passes fifty, half his time s devoted to hunting his spectacles.

There is a disease among cattle known as big jaw; many people catch

A woman with a little practical sense is a great evangelist, and accomplishes great good.

If you have a bad dream about a man don't teli him. Nearly all men are superstitious. When a woman gets in trouble she

sends for her preacher, while a man sends for his lawyer. Nearly every man owns a collar and cuff box, and keeps his collars and cuffs

in the bureau drawer. People who are very positive that they have a right to their opinions deny

the same right to others. When a woman's first gray hairs ap-

secret sorrow and not to age. Whenever a mother's attention is called to her children, she makes a dive

at them, and wipes their noses. A man can no more be cool under exciting circumstances than he can have

his leg cut off without flinching. Those who give nothing to charity then selves, usually criticise those who

do, and say they should give more. A man may perhaps have a better time if he goes on a trip alone, but his health is better if he takes his wife along.

In planning a week's work, a woman now substitutes club meetings for the time formerly taken for baking and

Some people's idea of a good show is one where the price of admission is ten cents, with a chance on a tea set thrown in. When the measles break out in a

large family of children, it becomes a

continuous performance lasting at least

four weeks. A novel may be wicked, but if it has enough history in it to make an excuse for the literary clubs, the wickedness is overlooked.

GOT THE BODY BY VERDICT.

How Undertakers Used to Fight in the Old Leadville Days. In the old days, there used to be great rivalry between the undertakers of Leadville. It wasn't necessary to sit before a man's house to be the first to ask for custom when he died. Men died too suddenly and there were too many deaths for that. This happened after the mines were discovered. People were coming to Denver by the thousands and there was no place for them

At an altitude of 11,000 feet sleeping cheeks, gazing into a little silver case in the open air was not conducive to good health. Men died like sheep the first night they got there of heart disease, or more slowly of pneumonia and other kindred diseases. All had money, some a good deal and others a little, everybody enough to pay funeral expenses. This fact was an encouragemen to the doctors and the men who attended to the last rites. For a time 1,000 men slept under the shelter of a shed. Some mornings twenty of them

would be found dead. William Simpson and John Moran were the principal undertakers of the town. The competition was keen and both men had scouts to look for bodies. The scouts had many fights over their claims for the right to take a body for burial. John Atkins was the scout for Simpson and Bill Green the scout for Moran. Things came to a climax one morning over the body of a young En-

"You're a liar," responded Green, "It's mine. I was the first to find he was

An argument of that kind could only be settled in one way in Leadville at that time. Both men drew revolvers, both fired and both fell.

The coroner held an inquest. The verdict was: "John Atkins and Bill Green came to their deaths by pistol shots. Bill Green died first and therefore Atkins won his fight. It is the opinion of the jury that

William Simpson, the undertaker, for whom Atkins worked, is entitled to the body of the Englishman." Undertakers in those days of sudden death wouldn't change salaries with

the President of the United States. Germany and Nine.

The figure 9 has a peculiar connection with the career of the German Emperor. His Majesty is the ninth King of Prussia. He was born in the fiftyninth year of the century, entered the army in 1869 and completed his university career in 1879. The dates of his birth and marriage, January 27 and February 27, both make nine if the figures 2 and 7 are added together.

Fingers in Asia.

In some other parts of Asia it is considered immodest for a woman to show the ends of her fingers, while among Mohammedan woman of Arabia, who are closely veiled, exposing the back of the neck in an emergency is held to be a much greater breach of decorum than displaying the face. - Boston Trav-

The Reason of It, "I hear that Lazyman has just had

a raise in salary. Wonder how it happened." "They say he's the only man on the staff that hasn't attempted any spring

The Smallest Horse. The smallest horse in the world is a

Shetland pony owned by the Marchese Carcano, in Milan. It is twenty-four inches high, and when standing beside "Blacksnake! Venomous kind! Must Lots of men never say die but they all grass which grows in abundance around densely settled as Germany they would its owner the pony's back is only an inch above his knee.

At break o' day, an' never of work I'm weary;

course, is beautiful, but he? Who knows how ugly he may be? Perhaps he is

In feverish anxiety he sat there, his

He felt the light, opened his eyes keep frae laughing." slowly and stared at the mirror, trempectation. No, no, no! But see! What is that? Could that be himself? An old, pock-xarked, ugly face! He? hose pale, sunken cheeks, that red,

glass until it became clouded. Then dwindles away.

Kissing Our Boys Good-Night. Oh, what a change comes over things, What quiet fills the place;

We kiss our boys good-night,

We may kiss our boys good-night. -Galveston News.

hoose." On this favor being readily granted, the "guid mon," as Ian Maclaren would things in a proper light they would find say, donned his cheerful black suit, and that danger loses its power for ill and witnessed Mathews' two great perform-

then inquired how he had enjoyed the entertainment.

Robert Barr, the novelist, when asked a few questions about himself and his

"Kill what?" inquired a gruff man, who had been partially telescoped. it. In horror he kept or staring at the people to get possession of it before it have got here in a bunch of bananas do it sooner or later.

horned cattle of the plains that gave chained up, contenting himself with high enough to allow clearance for trafto Texas its additional nickname of shutting the animal in his bed room fic. "The Long Horn State." The steer before measures 15 hands and weighs be-terday, but unfortunately for him, built at a cost of about \$100, and the tween 1,600 and 1,700 pounds. His Nicolas Bargeve, alias "The Devourer," enormous horns from point to point had determined to make a professional ceiver, transmitter, battery, call, etc., measure nine feet seven inches. The call at M. Duchesne's apartment with costs not over \$10. The magnet bell horns could easily be made to measure intent to burgle. Now as this illustricall is used. over 10 feet if taken off the steer, ous character had only been three days steamed, and straightened. When the at large after completing his ninth term steer is standing in a natural position of imprisonment, he was naturally unon level ground the tip ends of his aware that such a pet as the oranghorns are fully six feet above the outang was tolerated in these particular rooms. Consequently, when the Time was, fifteen or less years ago, burglar was suddenly pounced upon by when the long horns were no curiosity two hairy paws, he was somewhat surin Texas, but to-day there are few re- prised, and his screams soon brought minders of the grand old herds that help, with the result that M. Bargeve have been so closely interwoven with was drawn out of the room by his feet, the history of the State. The steer in in a very ignominious fashion. He was Paris will excite the wonder and com- taken to the infirmary, and it is reportmand the admiration of all visitors to ed that he has gone mad and now im-

and said he thought that few of the My sister Grace is twenty-two

spoiling for a fight understood what it And what she wears is always new-

into an ape.-London Post.

suspenders, too!

bein' thrown away!

And she can sing and play,

She dresses out of sight;

A beau most every night.

Not stuff that's thrown away!

She puts on style, I tell you what!

She's proud and haughty and she's got

never get new things to wear; I'm just

Little Willie and Sister Grace

don't get nothin' new;

s'pose they will some day,

then they'll come to me instead of

FAMOUS DOBIE STEER OF TEXAS.

the world's great show. HOW TO ACQUIRE

A Contempt for Danger and Coolness in They cut pa's trousers down for me; An elderly man and one much young-I have to wear his old coats out, his old er than he were walking along Fifth avenue a few days ago, moving in the His hats and shoes don't fit me, but direction of the depot. As they proceeded they conversed on the one topic which is now uppermost. The younger

man had spoken of the dangers of war

enthusiastic recruits who were now

was to be actually face to face with death. "Well," said the old gentleman with a deal of feeling manifested in his face, "I don't know about that. I am getting Charles Mathews used to tell a good along toward the close of life, of course, and perhaps I may view it differently, being naturally expectant of dying beseem such an awful thing after all. It other occasions? If people could only bring themselves to look upon these that peril need not make one afraid. What are these big guns which shoot dexterously fashioned that at a disdestruction in time of war, slaying sands? Mere cylinders of steel and not

edge of astronomy. It is all training. I myself-" At this very instant his glance fell pleased me vara much, ye ken, and I upon the white surface of the pavement where he was about to set his foot. He seemed to stop in the middle of the motion, and leaped sidewise, crying in an

agonized voice: "Look out! He'll strike you, and if he does you're gone! Heavens above! pavement? Get out of my way!" men in getting away from the fatal two inches. spot, and elimbed upon a flight of steps to watch while directing that somebody kill it.

Nine people out of ten who inquire sympathetically, "Can I do anything?"

do not mean it.

a boy, you see, And any old thing's good enough to doc Most everything that I've got on one day belonged to pa-When sister's through with her fine things she hands 'em up to mai -Chicago Times-Herald. Artificial Willow. One of the curiosities at Chatsworth the Duke of Devonshire's place, is a weeping willow made of copper, and so

can be made to burst from every They Reward Domestics. Whenoa German servant girl reaches her fortieth year in the employ of one family she is presented with a goiden cross by Empress Augusta Victoria. Last year 144 of these crosses were dis-

tance it resembles a real tree. It is

actually a shower bath, for by pressing

a secret tap, a tiny spray of water

Sensitive Gold-Weighing Machine. A gold-weighing machine in the Bank How did the reptile get upon a city of England is so sensitive that a pos-He tage stamp dropped on the scale will pushed over two women and three turn the index on the dial a distance of

resident of Berlin.

Actions speak louder than words.