to every 600 people.

to work to find out which is the one.

from the Flowery Kingdom, it is not ery. The engineer of the mammoth always well to accept a bare rumor for the naked truth.

The man who announces that he has a method of making old bones assemble themselves and come to life probably imagines that he has a rattling

A trade journal estimates the American "output" of bicycles for the past year at about 850,000 wheels. More then, for nations and for individuals than 100,000 are exported, and about is to make themselves worthy of good 700,000 were reserved for home con- tools. Human muscles were made for sumption. Yet the bicycle is now no have supposed and declared that do more easily, wheeling was merely a temporary fad would have to own themselves beaten. and aim their dismal predictions at the motor-cycle and the automobile.

reads of the touching funeral ceremonies over the body of Italy's murdered rectly apprehend the theory of educaking can fail to be impressed by the tion. fact that anarchy is a very small senti- therefore, in the report of the elementment after all, and that it makes a ary school committee of the "citizens" noise out of all proportion to its size. educational commission," appointed by There is no hope for the anarchists in | the Civic Federation to investigate the the universal mourning for the dead Chicago school system. It is gratifyruler, and the unanimity with which ing to note, however, that the commit the peoples of the world protested tee's report affirms what has already against the stupid crime is a greater been pointed out by progressive edublow to anarchy than any of its paltry cators. The committee finds that the and mean successes can compensate course of study in the elementary

Chicago is congratulating itself-and with good reason-on the steady improvement in the health of its inhabitants. Records kept by the Board of Health show a constant decrease in the death rate during the last twenty years, particularly among children. Out of every thousand deaths during the first quarter of this twenty-year perlod, five hundred and twenty-two were those of children under 5 years of age. During the last quarter the number has been only three hundred and thirty-eight. The gain is attributed to the diligence of the Board of Health in spreading a knowledge among the poorer people of the best way of feeding infants during hot weather, and to the establishment of day nurseries, sterilized milk depots, floating hospitals and other admirable charities.

In his address at Cambridge Mr. Balfour, who is one of the many scholarly and somewhat erudite British statesmen, professed a fondness for the eighteenth century. In those days men occupied themselves much with the future. Now people go ahead regardless of it. Instances are found in the thriftlessness and wastefulness of industrial wealth and the dependence upon metheds which differ little from those used in the time of Watt. "Every new inlater those sources of nature will give out." It is proof of the existence of complains that his words will not lead to any economy in the use of coal nor will they increase the slender precautions that are taken for the preservation of the forests nor lead to a movement for less wasteful methods of ag-

Men used to look about in deserts and wildernesses for the fountain of youth. Latterly they are more sensible, and look each man inside of himself. From teaching how to be young at 60, they went on to teach how to be young though a nonogenarian, and then how to retain youth's vigor for a hundred years. And now a man has written a book-and a mighty plausible book it is-on "The Possibility of Not Dying." Why not live forever? the advance school is saying. Is not the body re newed throughout every few years? Is It not merely a machine? Cannot proper care and intelligence always replace wornout parts with new parts as good as the originals, or even better in many cases? Why not abandon the whole superstition about the necessity of dying? There was an account in the news recently of a youth of upward of 80 who was making century runs down in Pennsylvania. A wagon ran over him and broke several of his bones. He was in the hospital a few weeks and then resumed his century runs, feeling, as Teddy Roosevelt would say, "like a bull moose." And Physical Culture gives an account of a New Rochelle woman of 93 who is a great dancer, as frisky and limber as a girl at her first ball, and who is also a daring horsewoman and is only kept from jumping the rope and rolling the hoop by the entreaties of her greatgrandchildren, who do not think it dignified. To resolve to live forever is a laudable ambition. It is a good idea to hitch your achievement wagon to a star. If you don't attain the full measure of your ideal, at least you will save yourself from being a whining, shriveled, unsightly wreck of a human be

American building methods was greatsaw used for raising brick in the construction of a great apartment house. He even photographed the device, in dence of it to show on his return home. tive one of carrying them aloft on the | 63.4 degrees below zero. shoulders of men. Such incidents are of common occurrence. Many of the labor-saving devices in use in Ameriat the slow and toilsome methods there hitherto been purely continental. employed. A failure to make use of labor-saving contrivances is not always due to lack of enterprise. Many of the inventions most useful to us band is by the ear.

"would not pay" where labor is chean Efforts to introduce the trolley car for passenger and freight traffic in the West Indies encountered an obstack which the American promoters had not foreseen. The ten cents for which the company would carry a package five miles or more a rate that would in-According to the Medical Record sure generous support here-did not there is in this country one physician seem small there, for the simple reason that many a native could find ne easier way to earn ten cents than by After a preacher has made a married walking the five miles and carrying couple one they each immediately set the package on his head. If "a workman is known by his chips," he is also known by his tools. High-priced men In view of various stories that come | do their work with high-priced machinlocomotive which is puffing hundreds of people across country in a fast express train is well paid; the poor Orl ental, dragging his single passenger in a finrikishu, gets barely enough for his supper. Not only does the high-priced worker create the necessity for mechanical improvements, but the mechanical improvements in turn augment productiveness. The lesson, something better than the work which

That there are too many studies in

the public schools, in all grades and all departments from the primary to the ligh school, in nearly every State in No person in the civilized world who the Union, is the general belief of schoolmen who understand and cor-There are no new disclosures, grade is so extensive that it is physically impossible for the average child to accomplish what is required without overwork. It found that the pupils who finish the elementary schools are, as a rule, deficlent in English and can neither speak nor write the language acceptably. The committee is also in line with the most progressive educational sentiment when it declares against the teaching of foreign languages in the grades. The time and money thus expended could be employed to better advantage in the study of English and civil government. The plethora of books in the schools results from two causes-the growth of the "cramming system" in the public schools, and the continuous and persistent pressure of the school book publishers. One evil logically follows the other. Having engrafted the cramming system upon the schools, the demand for books is constantly enlarged, and the book publishers engage in fierce competition to supply the demand. The result is that the schools are loaded down with books and the old notion which regarded education as a "drawing out of the mental powers" instead of packing the cranium with useless and indigestible facts, has been discarded. It is not an uncommon sight nowadays to see a 10-year-old with THE YOUNG MAN COMMENCED HIS NARspectacles on its nose, carrying to and from school a half dozen books. This originally designed as an aid to education. Properly used it is a guide in the mental processes that are necessary to develop the mental powers of

Narrow Gage. The Lewiston Journal reports a col-

lision down in the State of Maine, in which no one was injured.

A certain old man who does handome work with the fiddle at country dances is "great on time," but unless he is argued with he will play "The Girl I Left Behind Me" from eight o'clock till twelve, for every dance except the Virginia reel.

Some of the old dancers were on the floor not long ago, and between dances one of them went up to the fiddler, who sat rubbing the rosin on his bow.

"Uncle," said the dancer, "all the folks on the floor want you to play old 'Speed the Plow' for the next dance. Can't you give it to us?"

The old man tucked his rosin into his vest pocket.

"I sh'd like to 'commodate ve fust rate," he said, "but the's suthin' sing'lar 'bout that tune of 'Speed the Plow.' Jest as soon as I 'Speed the Plow' 'long a little ways I run right into 'The Girl I Left Behind Me."

Belaying His Jaws.

Shark stories, with some reason, are commonly received with incredulity. A well authenticated anecdote, however, is told of Dr. Frederic Hill, an English surgeon of distinction.

A man fell overboard in the Indian Ocean and almost into a shark's mouth. Hill, who was standing close to the rail, grabbed a belaying-pin, and without hesitation jumped to save the sailor. The great brute was just turning on

his back to bite, when Hill drove the belaying-pin right through both jaws. Both men were got on board again un-"Perhaps that fellow won't want an-

other toothpick. Has any one got a clean shirt to lend? This was my last," were the only words of the rescuer.

Below Zero All the Year.

to be the province of Werchojansk, in out the bride. I'm sorry for you, but of the terrain is about 107 meters (about now, and you must send a wire directly ly interested in the elevator which he 300 feet) above the sea. A Russian sa- we get to York.' vant passed one entire year in this inord of the temperature, which he has hysterically perhaps at first. Then she order that he might have visual evi- recently published, and from which it thanked me prettily for doing nothing. appears that the daily mean of the en- and begged me to smoke, and declared hoisting brick is in use than the primi- The daily mean for January, 1896, was but rather liked it. When the train

Austria is the only empire in the world which has never had colonies, or countrymen traveling in Europe, and even transmarine possessions in any found out then that we had mutual Bright and Charles Dickens were loud for it all of our runners scored. Just as more especially in Asia, are astonished quarter of the earth. Her ambition has acquaintances, that our respective in their praises of their musical gifts.

> A lady who has been a widow three esting facts. times says a good place to get a bus-



The Bride Who Changed Her Mind

things have happened to you.'

tea. You must want some badly.'

ose it,' she murmured.

the summary of her remarks.

"And did you fulfill those promises?"

SANG THE SONGS OF FREEDOM.

John W. Hutchinson of a Famous Fam-

cheerfully at York.'

f each other since then."

'And her name?"

coolest!" I thought.

Julian, as he entertained a party of boon companions in his bachelor all, she said hesitatingly, as we found rooms. "Well, that's because, at pres- the place. ent, you haven't had an opportunity of judging from personal experience." 'Well, and have you?" asked a cho- straight home.'

"Rather! It was a little incident that occurred about six months ago, internovelty. It looks as if the people who a few lumps of coal under a boiler will esting-to me, at least-and if you like I'll tell you all about it.'

"Do," said his friends, and the young man lounged back in his chair and with his eyes on the fire commenced his narrative without more ado.

"It was one lovely day in the July of last year," he began, "and I was starting jubilantly off for a month's holiday at Scarborough. Knowing my luxurious habits as you do, my friends, you will not be surprised to hear that when I reached King's Cross I selected a corner seat of a first-class smoker, and provided myself with plenty of cigars and magazines. To complete my anticipation of a pleasant journey, just as I settled myself comfortably and the guard gave his whistle, the door opened and a pretty, excited young lady came bustling in. She seemed relieved at having caught the train, and sat down in a state of breathless and smiling ex-

"I looked over at her from my corner so did a loudly dressed, bounderish looking young man from his, for she was an extremely pretty girl, with brown curly hair, small features, and the daintiest little figure in the world. I frowned at the loudly dressed young



un, and he frowned at me, and just Their sweet voices, attuned to simple then the girl looked up and caught my | melodies, entranced tens of thousands | tance by glaciers, their original source glance of admiration. She stiffened, all over the country and wherever they being yet undiscovered. and then her eyes fell upon my cigar, went they received hearty welcome. which I had left smoldering in my hand, and a look of severe displeasure been recently revived by an attempt 1899 on "Hand and Machine Labor" came into her face.

'Isn't It?' I answered, looking up at the window. 'Why, goodness me, they before whom the case was heard decidmust have forgotten to take the label ed that the veteran, although past the is about twice as great as in Europe,

The girl followed my glance, and at capable of caring for his estate. the sight of the partially obliterated letters, half concealed by the blind, her remarkable one. There were sixteen face crimsoned with mortification, and, brothers and sisters, all gifted far of men can do the work of four or five biting her lip, she took up a paper hur- above the average with musical voices. riedly to hide her confusion.

It remained for three of the brothers, "I have made the same mistake, my John, Judson and Asa, with their sisdear," said a kindly matron on her ter, Abby, to blend their voices in perright. 'It doesn't matter much; a litfect harmony. The emancipation of the tle smoke won't hurt us, will it?"

slave and the prohibition of the liquor 'No; I must change at the next statraffic became their watchwords. tion," she returned, sweetly.

"'Excuse me,' I broke in, 'but this is an express train.'

"'Do you mean to say it doesn't stop at Peterborough?

" 'It doesn't stop at all,' I said, 'until never broken. John Hutchinson's voice

we get to York.' " 'Oh, dear! What shall I do? I must

get off at Peterborough,' she exclaimed. 'I'm so sorry,' I murmured, turning to the girl. 'Can I assist you in any way? If it is a case of necessity, you know, we can communicate with the "'Oh, no-that is-I mean I don't

think it would be considered so,' she etammered, her face suddenly suffused with blushes. 'You see, I was going to

"The elderly matron smiled, I had all I could do to repress my amusement, while the loudly dressed young man in the corner sniggered audibly.

"'Oh, well, I shouldn't let that worry me, if I were you,' I said soothingly 'It's disappointing, but they will be able to fix it up all right without you. "The blushes deepened and the girl is still sweet and tuneful, and wher

bung her head. warmed to his subject it rings out with "I'm afraid they-I mean, I--She broke off in confusion, and the old lady bent toward her.

'I quite understand, my dear,' she The coldest inhabited country appears said. 'It wouldn't be a wedding withtraveling in this country to study Oriental Siberia. The mean altitude you mustn't fret. It can't be helped fund of humor, and his powers of mim- the opposing twirler made a tremen-

> "This seemed to raise the girl's spirrushed through Peterborough she steadily growing. laughed more merrily still, and was so During the '40's the Hutchinsons vischarming and unaffected that long be- ited England and sang to large houses and, to the consternation of the Thisfore we reached York we were chat- and before many of the celebrities of ties, it could not be found. While they ting together like old friends. We that country. Harrier Martineau, John were chasing wildly around looking

to assist her in finding out the tele of God and the Brotherhood of Man."



The insect Vedalia cardinalis, introduced to California to feed on scale insects, has succeeded so well in its work that there is nothing left for food-and they are now in danger of disappearing through starvation.

The earth within the Arctic circle supports a considerable population, but of 49 to 7. the Antarctic circle is without trace of human life. Upon eight million square miles surrounding the south pole, the

In the islands near Singapore a new producing pure gutta-percha from the leaves are ground up and pounded in boiling water. Dry leaves contain as 'Why not?' I said, in some surprise.

"'Because because I think I'll go "But think of the anxiety of the poor chap,' I said feelingly. 'Why, he may be thinking all kinds of dreadful 'She stood irresolute for a moment; then she picked up a form and wrote, and, for the life of me, I could not re-

Every sufferer from nerves knows "But your train-you will surely that a gloomy day affects him unfavorably, while the first ray of sunshine "York is my destination,' I said un- makes him gay again. It has been quarters of an inch thicker, but it her eyes still blazing with angel suggested that the green of vegetation. "After that I found out there was no the blue of the sky and the blue-green train for an hour, and we took our way of the ocean may thus have a powerto the tearoom, where my pretty com- ful influence in calming the spirits. panion made me her willing and sym- Parville, however, cautions his readers pathetic confidant. She was unhappy, against too sweeping conclusions. All very unhappy, at home, and, in an ill-that we can say is that colors certain guarded moment, had agreed to a run- ly appear to affect the organism, and away match without the knowledge of that the subject will bear further inher parents. Now she was thankful, vestigation.

which are spread along the shores of Norton Sound, near Cape Nome, Alas ka, are said to differ from similar sands found on the coast of California and elsewhere, because they show no The Hutchinson family of singers are indication of having been transported a pleasant memory to the older genera- by streams of water. The flakes and tions of people now alive. It is nearly nuggets of gold that have been found a generation since they appeared in the at Cape Nome are not water-worn, but West, it is more than that since they sharp and angular in outline. A widewere in the height of their popularity. Iy accepted theory is that they have been transplanted from a great dis-

The report of United States Commis-Interest in this band of singers has sloner of Labor Carroll D. Wright for made by the children of John W. Hut- sets forth some very interesting facts. "'Are you aware, sir,' she said, aus- chinson, the only survivor of the origi- Aided by machinery, 4,500,000 men terely, 'that this is not a smoking car- nal "family," to cast him into an insane turn out a product which would reasylum and gain possession of his prop- quire the labor of nearly 40,000,000 erty. The attempt failed, for the judge men if produced by hand. In America the advantage derived from machinery allotted years of man, is still mentally so that the actual population of the United States is equal in productive The family was in many respects a power to 150,000,000 Europeans. With labor-saving machinery, one generation generations of hand workers

> and Plunk was engaged to take my The day he covered right for us we went against the Whistling Thistles. had won forty-nine games and had lost games to our credit with a clean record. three men on bases, when the batter knocked a line ball toward third. Those

long musical career more than 11,000 toward second and met the runner and concerts, and though 80 years of age on touched him out. He had made a his next birthday, he is still hopeful of triple play unassisted.

club was re-enforced with steel bands. "The first ball pitched, Plunk hit out, Plunk was crossing the plate the first homes were situated but a few miles Among the songs with which the baseman discovered the ball. McGugfrom each other, and many other inter- Hutchinsons delighted large audiences genheimer had driven it out with such were "Tenting To-night on the Old force that it had penetrated the canvas



foot of man has never trodden. industry has been developed, that of leaves of the gutta-percha tree. The

much as 12 per cent of sap. Two of the largest Ruhmkorff coils ever made have been ordered in this country for a foreign government, and will give an electric spark forty-five inches in length, expending energy amounting to three or four-horse power, and having a potential of half a

sist looking over. All that she said world alone could, if necessity arose, provide food all the year round for a "'I have changed my mind.-Phyllis.' "'Of all the cool cheek, that is the total population three times greater than the present. It has been polyced "But I stepped back and pretended to out to the Washington Department of be much interested in the company's Agriculture that Brazil nuts around Para grow in such profusion that thou-"'Now we must find out the next sands of tons of them are wasted every train back,' I said, as she turned again year; with cocoanuts it is the same in to me; 'and then we will have some

very thankful, that she had been pre- In winter months tornadoes occur vented. It seemed like fate. That was only in the Gulf States, but in summer they occur in the North, in Ne "There, now, you fellows," broke off braska, South Dakota, Iowa and Minthe narrator abruptly. "I needn't tell nesota. The average is twenty-five a you much more; only that we each ex- year. They are simple examples of changed cards, agreed to see one an- vortex motion. A mass of air rotating other in London, and that we parted at a low level runs into a vortex, and a tube is projected downward. The velocity of the lower end of the tube said one of the listeners, with interest. may reach two hundred miles an hour, "Oh, yes! We have seen some little and it is the partial vacuum caused by the whirl and the sudden inrush of the outside air that causes the disastrous "Will soon be Julian," said the young explosive effects, man promptly.-Penny Pictorial Maga-

The black sands containing gold

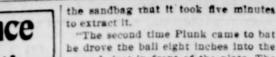
SOME EXTRAORDINARY BATTING Fierce Operations with the Stick.

"When I was playing right field for the Hurtling Lilacs," said the man When the brothers first started on with the sandy whiskers to the man their campaigns of song they entered with the sun-burned neck, "I was coninto a compact to abstain from the use sidered an exceptionally strong hitter. of tobacco and alcohol and demoraliz-But all records made by me, or by any ing associations. The compact was one else that ever pretended to do things with the stick of hickory, were cast in the shade by the performance of a tall young man of the name of Plunk McGuggenheimer, who played ruptness.-Troy Press. one day with the Lilacs. I had seriously hurt my thumb while running bases,

We were very anxious to win, as we none, and we wanted to have fifty "The game began, and the Whistling Thistles went to bat first. They had on bases thought that it was good for a hit, and started to run, but our third baseman jumped into the air and caught the ball. He touched third base, thereby retiring the runner, who wonderful power: He has given in his had started for the plate. Then he ran

doing more public work. He is a very "The umpire had called two strikes forcible speaker, with an irresistible on the first man up for our side when icry have assisted greatly in pleasing dously wild pitch, the ball going about and impressing an audience. He was four feet over the catcher's head. Our always of a peaceful nature in matters batter had the presence of mind to hospitable region and kept a daily rec- its, and she began to laugh, a little relating to himself, though quick to re- strike at it, and he easily made first be sent and battle against a wrong to' fore the catcher could recover the ball. The second man let the ball hit him, The town of Hutchinson, Minn., and the third singled, thereby filling In his country no other method of tire year is 2.74 degrees below zero, she really didn't mind the smell at all, founded by the brothers early in the the bases. Then McGuggenheimer '50's, is a flourishing community and is came up to bat, and we noticed that his

"When the train drew up, I proposed Camp Ground" and "The Fatherhood of the first base and had lodged inside in Cuba that can rival the ostrich, and of the day, ave tell him that he is the larger of the day, ave tell him that he is the larger of the day, ave tell him that he is the larger of the day, ave tell him that he is the larger of the day, ave tell him that he is the larger of the day, ave tell him that he is the larger of the day, ave tell him that he is the larger of the day. the bag. It was so firmly imbedded in go much faster than a horse.



"The second time Plunk came to bat Are Unnanally Ludicrons "The second time riting the bedrove the ball eight inches into the "When I was travelling the ball eight inches into the "When I was travelling the ball eight inches into the ball eight inches i ground, just in front of the plate. The India," said a gentlem before they could exhume the ball world, "I was constant Plunk had scored. Every ball he hit he with the almost hum banged to pieces, and seven new ones monkeys there. You see

were used in the course of the game. "The Whistling Thistles were so nervous after that that every time McGug-dent as spoiled childre genheimer batted they threw themselves on the ground to escape injury. And they were so generally upset that veranda of our hotel suc we easily defeated them by the score the noisiest chattering, an

"At the end of the game McGuggenhelmer had driven the ball into the ground three times, and had knocked at every leap, tripped four boards off the center-field fence."

SOLID BRICKS OF YELLOW.

Gold Cubes as They Reach the Mint Need Not Be Avoided.

A paragraph in the New York letter watching us eat, made a 4 of the Ledger stated that there had food and had quite a fight wa been received at one of the banks a tive servant before they lump of gold from British Columbia driven away. weighing 7,897 ounces, in shape of a "But the monkeys of Indian cone, 13 inches high and 34 inches in the most irresponsible circumference at the base, and valued world," continued the tras at \$135,275. At the United States mint them people because ther a in this city it was stated yesterday to dicrous counterfeits of a Ledger reporter that it was unusual In many of the old templs to ship gold in such large masses. It monkey settlements. I ren It is said that the nut trees of the must have been cooled in a crucible, in particular which was see which was broken from it, judging simians. There seemed to from its shape. No such masses had sands of the creatures, and is ever been received at the mint.

The usual form of gold bricks is that the woods to get rid of then of an ordinary brick, the very largest this temple I saw little siminary being valued at about \$30,000 and nestling and rocking their but weighing about 1,500 ounces. That such their arms for all the world bricks are not easily handled was eas- Christian mother. I ventured ily demonstrated by the reporter, who up one of the infants that was rewas allowed to lift from a truck a about, and instantly the bah brick from the Denver assay office, typical infantile squeal and the 8x4x3% inches in size. It was just the mother came to me, chattering size of a building brick, only three- I put the infant down, and the weighed ninety pounds and was valued ried the little one to a corner a at \$21,000. Though small, it could not ted and rocked it, frequently

easily have been gotten away with. Very little gold as it comes from the mines is received at the mint. A few in the trees to reach down and small lots brought by the early Klon. traveler's hat as he passes. dike miners is all that has been seen from Alaska. The dust, or flakes, is taken to the nearest assay office, prob. dia I witnessed early one more ably at Seattle, and there sold to the were riding in the highway as Government, which purchases all that vacant field. Suddenly from the is offered. It usually contains more or boring forest a troop of man less silver or copper or both metals. It tered the field and began a reci may be refined at the assay office, but is dance, taking hold of hands and usually refined at the mint. Many ing a large circle, then dands bricks shown to the reporter looked like and round and chattering right silver, the proportion of one-third of that metal giving them that appearance. Some small bricks, worth about \$5,000 apiece, were shown which had been refined to 998 parts in 1,000, practically pure gold. These were for a prominent watch case manufactory for and to be violated by use in its business. Chemically pure which discriminate between gold is made only for testing purposes. -Philadelphia Ledger.

HEROIC CURE FOR AN ITCH.

Serio-Comic Experience of a Man Held

Whatever differences of opinion may exist in regard to other subjects, those not designate any tribunal y who have been held up by highwaymen time where the party could be be are unanimous in the statement that | Contract to expend \$10,000 in 9 no matter how few the holders up or ing and developing" mining po how many they held up, each and every which consisted of a large no man said that the robber's weapon was mining claims, both quart and ointed directly and solely at him. Years ago in California a traveler was is held, in Stanton vs. Singleton on a stage coach that a pair of bandits 47 L. R. A. 334, to be one while went through. The fourteen passengers were all made to get out and stand in a row, with their hands high over their heads. One burly ruffian stood guard | Authority of railroad commisover them with a double-barreled shot- to order a company to build and gun, while the other engaged in the tain a depot or station house is pleasing task of relieving them of their State ex rel. Tompkins vs. Chica valuables and spare cash. This partic- Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Re ular traveler was nearest the man with Company (S. D.), 47 L. R. A. 50.

While the ceremonles were in progress his nose began to itch and instine- ments which they adjudge to be p tively he started to lower one hand to Power to decide between and scratch it. "Hands up, there!" came for justice of the peace who has the stern order, and his hand went auto- equal number of votes is held is matically back into place. But that Crow vs. Kramer (Me.), 47 L tehing redoubled and again he essayed 551, to be in violation of the he relieveful scratch, "Say, what's tion, which provides for the elect the matter with you, anyhow?" de- such officers without any provise manded the highwayman. "Are you deciding the tle, while it does wishing to become a lead mine?" "My such provision in respect to all nose itches so I can't stand it any long- cers. With this case there is er," tearfully explained the sufferer. "I on the decision of a tie vote at a simply have got to scratch it." "No. tion. you hain't," ungrammatically corrected the knight of the road, " 'cause I'll do it for you." And with that he proceeded to scratch the offending nasal organ is rapidly developing the negral with the muzzle of his shotgun. You highest ambition is to be a last can wager your shoes that that partie- a statesman. Occasionally ular nose stopped itching with great ab- ertions get him before the confi

Stealing His Thunder.

The indignant-looking passenger was some little irregularity with the about to speak, but the conductor head- commandment. The case was commandment. ed him off by exclaiming in a loud tone of irritation:

"This is the slowest train I was ever Samuel. on. What's the use of having a schedule if we don't pay any attention to it? The drinking water tastes as if it hadn't Sam, grandiloquently. "You be been off the kitchen range ten minutes. me guilty on de facts, your Host The car doesn't look as if it had been I respectively maintains dat I'm swept for a month, and it is full of cent on de technercalities."-No idiots who insist on opening the win- Life. dows when we go through tunnels, so that the cinders can blow it.' The passenger caught his breath and

say that this whole affair is an out-"I know it. But you're lucky. You can travel a few miles and then get off than the Western Catholics and be happy. But I've got to stay on of meat is prohibited or gr

this train for hours every day of my ed on nearly half the days life."-Washington Star. M. Deibler. M. Deibler, the French executioner, 96,000,000 people with fish has accumulated a fortune of 500,000

francs by his skill in working the guillotine. At an execution in Paris, some time back, he had his little son with him, from which it is supposed that he intends him to follow the same profes-Cossacks Despise Trade.

The Cossacks rarely become mer-

hants. Though they maintain 60,000 when she is 26 in her marriage fighting men, and can muster 128,000 in a month man. an emergency, there are but 440 of their own people engaged in business.

Outspeeds a Horse. Ostriches are not the only swift-run-

ning animals that can outstrip the

of Their Human Co cently completed a jour molested, which is also

birds, and they are as tan "I remember that on we were sitting at b main street of the town of long-tailed monkeys, n evidently. They shricks pulled each other's talk be having a generally While we left the table antics some Indian crows solemnly lined up on the

to give me a scornful look. "It is not uncommon for the m

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"Guilty," said the judge. "What ca?" asked the in "The facts," was the reply.

"I beg your Honor's pariet."

Russians as Fish Eaters There is no country in then exclaimed: "I was just about to which so much fish is eaten as I pean Russia, and the reason the Greek church has many days, and observes them me

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