EUGENE ..... OREGON.

\* Talking of libraries, Carnegie won't

A Pennsylvania man estimates that since his marriage he has eaten 43,800 pies. An enviable life!

An American firm has received an order from Africa for three hundred axes. And that's where Cheops origin-

Many doctors assert that nobody should ever run. Perhaps the messenger boy has got the right principle of long life after all.

Tennessee entered the lynching column again recently. Its citizens were And other newspapers are prone to denaturally incensed because a jury had clare that this is a sad commentary on acquitted a suspect.

On the same day that Mr. Carnegie

gave away \$5,000,000 Mr. Rockefeller 'earned" \$6,000,000 in dividends, but failed to give it away. That's one way money is earned and spent nowadays. Justice Brewer, of the United States

Supreme Court, said in a recent address that he who calls a mob into being cannot be pronounced wholly guiltless of that which the mob may do. The remark is both seasonable and full of sound sense.

major-general was the first instance of | England there was once a greater proa private attaining that rank in the portion of honesty than now exists anyregular army of the United States. "I where-though that may be doubtedshould know that Chaffee was not edu- but this was an exceptional communicated at West Point," commented a ty, brought into being by a stern remilitary visitor at the review of Ameriligious impulse. When Puritanism was can troops in China last summer. "He flourishing most in New England, mor- girls pack up-for May day in this cenis so unused to full-dress uniform that als were at a mighty low ebb in most he has his sash over the wrong shoul- of the world. The Greeks became the way to economy. der." It was true, and all the more honor to him for his success.

A recent importation of foreigners against which no one will be likely to truth was, and his modern descendant, ject. The custom was held as a more how Henry VIII. rode to Shooters' Hill Queen on account of her beauty, per take exceptions, except, perhaps, the natives they have come to destroy, has of truth in comparison. The Roman, mans, and the entire beautiful month took a vigorous part in the ceremonies to keep the May Day at Greenwich, and been graciously received and welcomed who stood as the embodiment of cour- was devoted to the god Apollo. Nearly which heralded the coming of spring in indulge in the gay "May-games" that by the quarantine officer of the Califor- age in the ancient world, was a more every day was a festival, and they were all its loveliness. At early dawn all grew up in connection with the delightnia State Board of Agriculture at San fluent liar than the modern child of well observed, too. An ideal month, ranks of the people rose betimes, and ful festival. Francisco. The newcomers are a con- sunny Italy. Honesty in statesman- and an ideal day, when every man, went out into the fields and woods. signment of tachina flies from South Australia, deadly enemies of the grass- esty in diplomacy are very modern fort, a poet in soul if not in pen, and boughs and had many sports and games was the Maypole, and a most interest- the present school children were young. hopper tribe-their wholesale exterminators, in fact, wherever found, sterling honesty of this man has elicit-They came as cold storage passengers, and with them came a large number true that this is a sad commentary on of ladybugs, for service in clearing the orchards of red scale-the pest of fruit- therein no cause for discouragement.

The German army has furnished another terrible illustration of what dueling means. An infantry captain present at an officer's dinner took offense emulate the example, much more will at the innocent but rough horse-play of an army surgeon, and struck him. He then retired to his quarters. In a little while two officers representing the surgeon appeared with a challenge. Before they could deliver it a brother the arid lands of the West is astounding of the surgeon entered and shot the captain dead. His excuse was that he their scope and so costly will be their sacrificed himself to save his brother, carrying out. But the cost is promised the surgeon, who had a wife and chil- to be little in comparison with the redren, and could hardly hope to survive a duel with the offended captain, a the control of rivers and the utilization noted pistol-shot. Such an incident of the water in the irrigation of terrimust come home with peculiar force | tory of vast extent. Storage reservoirs to the emperor, who has frankly commended dueling in the army as the them equal to veritable inland seas, and proper way for a soldier to protect his

There was a time when the lagolike reasoning prevailed in this country as to a war among European powers that, whichever killed the other, either way made our gain. But destruction anywhere in the world is bound to be felt throughout the world. The loss cannot always be traced, but it is as certain as the law of gravitation. A pertinent illustration has come in the report of our consul, Mr. Fowler, at Chee-Foo concerning the effects of the "boxer" trouble on our trade. The imports of American merchandise at Chee-Foo for the quarter ending with June, 1900, as compared with the same quarter of 1800, showed an enormous increase. After June 15 the imports ceased. Chee-Foo saw no armed hordes nor military movement, and, compared with other

The Yankee commercial traveler is breezy and free manners outrage the tenderest feelings of the Frenchman. who shows only an agonized desire to ed itself to him. French business is as courtly and effusively polite as a diplomatic encounter. Customers in Paris enter a shop as if it were a drawingroom. The tradesman and his clerks are saluted with all the ceremony of court procedure. Where this outward and ceremonial politeness is so general. it is easy to see that the American drummer before he has "struck the gait" would be at a masterful disadvantage. His manners have been slightly neglected in the hustle to sell the goods, and his ideas of court procedure and diplomatic usage are at the best what you might call bazy. As the excessive politeness of a Frenchman In this country seems absurd to us, so the excessive lack of ceremony of the traveler, if he is to succeed abroad, will news of the institution is spreading. have to go to a commercial dancing school.

An Indiana Jury, in its wisdom, has fixed the value of a single kiss at commodity the value of which may vary infinitely, according to circumstances and to the personal beauty of one of the parties to the bargain. A lover may swear a single kiss is worth | begins by saying in an apologetic tone. a king's ransom and all the world beside. On the other hand, and with no desire to be ungallant, it is easy to im- and-so." agine a situation in which a kiss might be dear at any price. At certain church entertainments, where money was being raised for worthy purposes, & kiss | Every misery a man misses is a bless has been sold at auction for as much as ing.

\$100, which is certainly a high figure when it is considered that the kiss was sold to raise money for the heathen. It is a traditional belief that stolen kisses are the sweetest. They are the dearest also in Indiana, for the one for which the Indianian had to pay \$1,500 was stolen. For several thousand years the value of a kiss has fluctuated so be in the back of the books as a public constantly and so widely that any modern attempt to bring it down to a settled figure must prove worse than idle.

Some newspapers, in making a critical analysis of the character of the late Benjamin Harrison, have reached the conclusion that it was the quality of honesty chiefly that made him great. His purposes were honest and he pursued them with simple honesty. He was honest with himself and honest with the world. Thus there was no humanity, when an example of plain honesty and duty well done should prove such a shining mark. Yet it was ever so. The sentiment, "An honest man is the noblest work of God," was value of truth and honesty. Our first some-the welcoming of spring, the adlegend of sin is the dishonesty of the vent of the best season of the year, the serpent in the Garden of Eden, Eve's budding of plant life and the beginning dishonesty with Adam, and Adam's of love's young dream-for the yeardishonesty with his God. We are fond that to know it is fast becoming obsoof talking of the "good old times, when men were honest." but nobody knows when they were. In younger communities deception is not so easy as in The appointment of Gen. Chaffee as older ones. Possibly in Puritan New most polished liars of the world long before they became its most accomplished soldiers under Alexander. The became to be observed history does not style by all classes, from the highest to spirits. Even Queen Elizabeth-who ancient Persian did not know what the say, being a triffe hazy itself on the subwho sells us Oriental rugs, is a tower or less sacred one among the early Ro- with Queen Catharine a-Maying, and haps, had she been a commoner-used ship, and even the semblance of hon- woman and child became, without ef- where they gathered flowers and things. Thus, while it is true that the ed wide admiration, and while it is the imperfection of humanity, we find When simple honesty elicits universal admiration from the world, it is something gained. When men realize its value, it is something gained. And if men shall strive, however feebly, to

Redeeming Waste Lands.

be gained.

The magnitude of the plans which are being made for the reclamation of even to the American mind, so wide is sults to be achieved. The plans involve are projected of a size that will make huge dams, constructed on the most advanced scientific principles, are to hold the seas in place. Canals larger than many of the well-known rivers of Europe will carry the water to the points where it is most needed, and a myriad of cut-offs and side-canals and ditches will finally distribute it to a multitude of farms. The conversion of several thousand square miles of desert into fertile country is promised as the result of these elaborate plans should they be carried out. That they are feasible in theory there can be no doubt, but that they are practicable is open to question.

## Revenues of the Riviera.

A writer in a French paper says that ports, was peaceful. But there were try. In other words, the foreign visit. He was widely known as a supThey argued and proved to their own ly able to crawl from tree to tree, when of industrial civilization gives them mous. The English are put down as Rainey went ahead and bored for nat- warm in summer; that it would 'sweat' least did not understand it," and he re meeting difficulties in France. His contributing one-third of this amount, ural gas without consulting Mr. Latithe French themselves contribute an mer and his divining rod the engineer other third; Germans, Belgians, Dutch, felt hurt and a little provoked. and Russians do the rest. Nothing is "Why, man," he said, "here you've it was annexed by France, Nice has word." become one of the richest departments.

widow of a Supreme Court Judge, has struck. You'll see. It can't last, I tell devoted her attention to the welfare you. You've made one of the biggest of stray cats. She has had constructed mistakes of your life." a cage thirty-two feet long and ten feet | And thereafter every time Mr. Latiwide, where all homeless animals who mer met Mr. Rainey he berated him are found in the vicinity receive food for scorning the divining rod, and and shelter. The neighbors call it the warned him that his gas supply would "cat mission." The cage is fitted with soon be exhausted. cushions and has a house heated with Mr. Rainey began to expect this athot-water pipes in one end. A local tack every time Mr. Latimer came in milkman has the food contract for this sight. And he prepared himself to asylum and leaves a large can of milk counteract it by saying: "But the gas Yankee drummer seems particularly daily for the inmates. Over forty cats still flows, Charlie." And the divining agonizing in France. The commercial are being cared for at present, and rod's backer would walk away, shaking

The teacher of the Sabbath school "It was only a week or two before, class approached one little fellow who said Mr. Rainey in telling the story, not yet materialized, and the iron ship of men have crossed and recrossed unbany, N. Y., and at sudden notice bewas present for the first time, and in "that Charlie met me and told me for persistently refuses to 'sweat' in the til they have been molded into that came organist. Then her singing abil-\$1,500. This verdict must not be taken quited his name, for the purpose of the fortieth time, more or less, that my as establishing anything like a stand- placing it on the roll. "Well," said the well was no good, and by Jove the very ard market price in this country for a youngester, "they call me Jimmie for day he died the flow suddenly stopped! short, but my malden name is James." Yes, sir, stopped right short on the day Christian Register.

> Remember, Jane Smith, that when a friend repeats gossip you told her, she ed it off!"-Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Jane Smith, who is a big gossip, and whom I don't often quote, says so-

The best place to get good, plain board is at a planing mill.

AY DAY is dead. There can be no doubt about this, when we compare the desultory efforts at celebrating now made with those that used to be many years ago. It is swerving from the truth for personal like the twitching of the body of some advantage, no compromising with false poor thing out of which the soul has notions for political popularity, no tol- long since gone-a mere muscular coneration of falseness in any particular. traction, as it were, animated by no spirit. The man who said "we have too many holidays, anyway," must have been happy when he looked over his calendar and took note of how little May Day is now observed; for time was when that pretty festival was the as true at the dawn of history as it is brightest and most delightful of the now. The earliest moral teachings of whole year. It represented so many all peoples were efforts to instill the things that made life sweet and whole-

> contemplate the situation. Where the young people rose at early dawn and trooped into the surrounding fields to gather wild flowers and prepare the May pole, they now take the pictures down from the walls and help the men divorce the carpet from the floor, or get breakfast while the house tury is move-day, and poetry has given

lete is apt to make the lovers of old

customs and ideas a bit sad when they

Of Ancient Origin.



BRINGING THE MAYPOLE."

ived for life itself and its happy moments. Only three days during the enire month were solemn ones-the 9th. 11th and 13th, during which the festival of Lemuria was observed with solemni-

The name May is of doubtful origin, as are many good things, it may be observed in passing. Most scholars agree that it probably came from Maia, the mother of Mercury, to whom the Romans duly crowned with the richest wreath for themselves as well. were accustomed to offer sacrifices on May Day. The Druids were accustomed in England to make huge bonfires on the summits of the hills on the eve of as well.

England, usually to the front with ob-

TURNED OFF THE WELL GAS. How the Owner of a Producer Account-

ed for Ita Failure. Here is a story of the late Paul Rainey, the coke magnate, and his friend,

and give everyone who rode in it rhen-

get rid of the sandbur that has attach- said about the Americans. Perhaps gone ahead and let blind chance guide they are lumped up with the English. you, while I would have located the From being quite a poor country when sure thing if you had only sent me

"But I struck it," protested Mr. Rainey

"Struck what?" cried Mr. Latimer. An uptown woman in New York, the "Struck a pocket, that's what you've

then one day Mr. Latimer died very suddenly

that Charlie died. Confound it, if I that Charlie died. Confound it, it is didn't believe that he went straight Love of the Weed One of the Weak- of these same Englishmen. They land- and her subsequent triumphant appeardown and turned it off! Yes, str. turn-

OPPOSED TO IRON SHIPS.

Naval Officers Long Doubted The Practicability of These Vessels. "Naval officers were the most violent opponents of iron ships," observed a During the last part of his life he was what may be more properly termed An- and doesn't know too much.

pretty girl was enthroned, from which for the manner in which the young men rection there is to be, the poets and the trated by nitro-glycerine are shown by she observed the dancers who circled and women circled about the pretty May Day, and not only were the houses about her seat of state, and sang and pole, each with a ribbon streamer in his it come soon, for in the hurried race for adorned on the following day with flow- made merry for her. And many a Queen or her hand, weaving a bright covering dollars and fame nowadays it would be ers and green boughs, but the churches of May would doubtless have been a to the pole as they narrowed the circle, a national relief to go a-Maying in the In this place the rough road was re-Queen in truth had mere beauty been a is familiar to most of us. It was a pret- fresh woods and fields on May 1 in passport to the reigning power, for the ty ceremony and befitting the occasion. place of telephoning the furniture van servances of all kinds of holidays, took fresh beauty of the young girls was Summer houses we are told, were also man to hurry up and not delay the kindly to May Day, and for many cen- much enhanced by that of the early built near the Maypole, as well as floral household procession. in every way possible, but the iron ship suggested to him that one who suffer- Canada, in south Africa, in Australia, got the best of it in the long run. Far- ed so much from sleeplessness and inragut and hosts of other officers refused digestion ought not to smoke so con outright to sail in an iron ship, and stantly. Carlyle replied that he had loaded down the records of the navy once given up smoking for an entire every year there are 270,000 foreigners the late Charles Latimer, eminent en- with reasons why an iron ship would year at the instance of a doctor, who

branches were gathered and brought

Experience has shown every one of the latter days he used a clay pipe made in objections to be without foundation. thought it would be an improvement about it. The only thing that I can qualified. compare it to was the opposition to the elevated railroads in New York City Three hundred of the physicians of the largest practice in New York City join ed in a protest against the building of the elevated railroad. They insisted that if the elevated cars were run that to other animals, but that the laws the promotion, he saved his thirtieth more of the people living along the lines lower animals also control the develop- Journal. of elevated railroads would be driven ment of man. He has also shown that crazy; that the noise and the jarring cross breeds of animals are larger and would have such an effect upon the stronger than either parent. When we nerves of the people that they could not examine into the origin of the English success in her first appearance on the exist. Hundreds of famous naval sur- people we find the ancient Britons his head in a foreboding manner. And geons and hundreds not so famous are fighting and mingling with the Romans. rounded with bouquets. That was in a on record the same way against the iron and subsequently with the Picts, Scots, convent in Montreal, where she reship. The long list of diseases that Danes, Saxons and Normans. For more ceived her education. At 14 she was The teacher of the Sabbath school "It was only a week or two before," were to follow their introduction have than 1,000 years these various breeds first soprano in a Catholic choir at Al-

A SLAVE OF TOBACCO.

opponents of iron ships, observed a During the last part of the language of well-known naval officer to a Star re- a sufferer from insomnia, and his glo-Americans. The evolution going on Wigs, according to the language of porter, "and fought their introduction friend, Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, once in the United States is also going on in flowers, must be lie-locks.

THE MAYPOLE DANCE OF LONG AGO. Just when the old-fashioned May Day turies it was celebrated in befitting flowers, the gay dress, and the happy

The Maypole. Next to the May Queen in importance in honor of the day. It was a sort of ing part this pretty affair played in the little May Queens were enthroned at natural craving, this desire to go into observation of May Day. The lads the woods and become nature's children among the early risers on May Day again, and it was well satisfied, for joy would repair to the forest or the neighreigned supreme and songs and dances boring woods and groves, and there were kept up all day long. Hawthorne chop down the tallest and straightest young tree to be found. Securing a back to the village and towns early in chain about this, teams of oxen would the morning, and the doorways and be hitched to it, and with their necks windows of their houses were decorated surrounded with garlands woven by the by the people, while the tabors and lasses, the patient beasts would drag norns were vigorously played. The haw- the pole to the village green, where, thornes could usually be counted on to with many a lusty shout and song, it doom at this time, and by a natural would be raised and set in the ground. transition, the bloom was finally called | The pole, although shorn of most of its May" itself, and the ceremony named limbs, would be decorated with flowers the bringing home the May." For and handkerchiefs of the lassies tied many days the blossoms hung about the near the top, while long streamers of nouses, giving them a refreshing ap- gaily colored ribbons hung from the pearance after the dreary aspect they apex. While the youths were cutting had shown during the winter months. and preparing the pole the lassies stole usually have some special program, in ments were found. But prettier than the blooms, and the away into the meadows and there which "speaking pieces" takes first lowers themselves, were the Queens bathed their pretty faces in the spark- place, and it would take very little to of the May, whom Tennyson has cele- ling dew which hung upon grass and brated in his much used (and much shrub-a recipe for gaining and retain them, if the teachers would set their abused) poem. The prettiest girl of the ing beauty which probably had more village was chosen by acciamation to be truth in it than they knew. They gaththe Queen for one day, and she was ered flowers, too, and wove garlands

of flowers obtainable. Then a bower of The Maypole dance is almost too well dainty holiday as long as she lived, but blossoms was made, and in this the known to need further mention here, she did not live long enough. If resur-

gineer. Mr. Latimer was a firm benot take the place of the wooden ship. assured him that his only allment was sible to construct human beings. The New York starts the topic of woman's winter on the Riviera. Every person liever in the peculiar virtues of the distance of the different sections of this new race have curiosity, his wife always laughs and the story that is supposed to expend on an average is supposed to expend on an average vining rod. He used it with singular reports in view of the fact that there year he was walking one evening in a common language and literature, the blushes, for she knows the story that success. He wrote a pamphlet about are practically no wooden ships left. the country, so weak that he was hardsuccess. He wrote a pamphlet about are practically no wooden ships left. the country, so weak that he was hardis coming. it. He was widely known as a supporter of the claims that were made satisfaction, too, that the iron ship he suddenly determined that whatever identical political interests.—Engineerthe sum of \$54,000,000. This is enor for it. Consequently when his friend would be too cold in winter and too was amiss with him "that fellow at ing Magazine. turned to tobacco and smoked after matism and dozens of other diseases. ward without let or hindrance. In his Dublin and known as the "Repeal." "The people who forced the iron ship He was unable to renew the supply on the navy were landsharks in every and Sir Charles Duffy assumed him their uniforms in rescuing persons from instance. They knew little about the that these pipes were strictly reserved drowning. Mr. Roosevelt took the matsea themselves, but just the same they for believers in Irish nationality and ter up before he had been in the office promised him a supply if he qualified a week and ordered that every uniform

MINGLING OF THE RACES.

Alliances Between Different Peoples Are Helpful to the Whole. Man is an animal and Darwin has

the foundations of a new nation laid Mme. Albani's appearance in Messina, by the sturdiest and most enterprising where she was encored fifteen times, ed on the then distant shere, conquered ance in London are fresh in the minds was making his campaign for the non As is well known, Thomas Carlyle, the wilderness, organized a new gov- of music lovers, the great Scotch essayist and historian, ernment closely akin to the old and inwas a slave to tobacco. In his home, vited the people of all the world to join his study or out of doors, he was seldom them. The Slavs, the Germans and seen without his pipe, and he smoked the Latins mingle together and in a few town window: "Boy wanted-One who the strongest tobacco he could procure. years become neo-Anglo-Saxons, or isn't troubled with that tired feeling,

Englishmen.

bowers, arbors and seats entwined with flowers, while cakesellers and "side shows" came into vogue at these places, much as they did at the fairs, although in less numbers. Great feasts were served, and as the day wore on the revelry grew faster and more furious. At night huge bonfires were lighted-the custom left by the Druids, of courseand the Queen of May retired, leaving her consort to conduct the rest of the ceremony, which was rather wild at times, as may be imagined, for not until daybreak again would the Morris dancers and their companions leave the now much trampled and flower-strewn ground.

Sometimes the Maypole, after it was once well fixed on the common, was left there until nearly the end of the year. and was often resorted to at other seasons of festivity. It is said the last Maypole erected in London was 100 feet high, and was on the spot where the present church in the Strand now stands, near Somerset House. It was taken down in 1717, and was conveyed to Wansted Park, in Essex, where it was fixed as part of the support of a large telescope set up by Sir Isaac Newton. Here it saw stars for the old discoverer of the attraction of gravity, as it had seen fun and frolics for others in the past.

American May Day. During the early part of the nineteenth century in America, May Day was more or less observed, though Maypoles were not numerous. But even customs that are dead cannot kill the love of a spring in the breasts of children and poets, and certain ceremonies have grown out of the old May Day which bear a resemblance to the original. Arbor Day, for instance, which the school children of this generation celebrate by planting trees, is a relic of May Day, although the trees are usually planted during the middle of April or a little later. May Day poems are recited in the schools on May Day, and not so many years ago, when the mothers of



school, and held their brief sway amid garlands, attired in their best bib and into fragments, a hole in the growle tucker. The country schools, although no regular May Day is celebrated there. Of the unfortunate Munson only fra revive the old Maypole days among minds to doing so. Surely a prettier custom could not be reintroduced or re-

Poor May Day! She was a sweet and children and the people will pray that

in New Zealand and in other small they were going downhill.-Frank Leplaces scattered around the world.

There is thus being formed, on a gl gantic scale, a new race of men, built on the strongest line on which it is pos-

Roosevelt's Thoughtfulness,

Prior to the time that Mr. Roosevelt was made President of the New York Police Board no provision had ever been made for policemen who ruined on the wooden ship, and they were right in the ordinary manner. Carlyle never thus unfitted for use should be replaced at the cost of the city. He went still further: down on the river front was one old roundsman who had been in the service many years, and during that time had saved twenty-nine persons from drowning. He was at once shown that not only is he closely akin made a sergeant, and, as if to celebrate which control the development of the life the next week.-Ladies' Home

Albani's Early Success. As a child Mme. Albani made such a concert platform that she was surterrible way that was predicted for it." homogeneous mass that we know as ity was noticed. A fund was raised, and she was sent to Europe for study Turning to the United States, we find in Paris and Italy. The rest is known.

tion was recently displayed in a down-

THE GOOD USE OF RICHES Not a Few Wealthy Men A too general impression that in idual wealth in America is acce

lated and used for purely personal selfish purposes is happily dissi n a degree by the lives and phe thropic deeds of rich men. That ; of wealth should be credited with may more acts of beneficence than find way into public prints is as true as p fact that the truly charitable shrinks from publicity in well-do The late Philip D. Armour was a man.

A well-known literary man in Og cago was approached by an old-time friends who had become a slave to the liquor habit, but who professed a wie to reform. He believed that if he com be sent to a sanitarium for treatme he would be a man again.

The literary man was sympathetic, but he was poor. He puzzled over the situation a few minutes, and said: "I cannot help you, but I think!

know the man who can and will." Whereupon he called upon Mr. 4s mour, and laid the case before him. To a statement of the facts the me. chant said, "I don't know the man, but his case appeals to me. If he is hope and earnest he deserves all the help h

your order." When the intercessor started to en press his thanks Mr. Armour put to his hand.

can get, and I'll gladly take your wos

for it. I'll draw a check payable to

"My dear fellow, don't thank me. is rather my place to thank you. This little amount probably will not embarrass my business, and it may be the means of saving a man. Come in and tell me off and on how he is getting along, and when he gets on his fee perhaps we can give him another boost.

This happened ten years ago. It does not spoil the story to say that the mar came out of the sanitarium strong body and in will, and is to-day a suc cessful and reputable citizen of Ch cago. But, unless he reads this story it is likely that he will never know that he owes his start in life to the kindness of Philip D. Armour, for was stipulated at the time that Me Armour's name should not be ment ed. As he himself expressed it, takes away all the glow to have a man hanging around to thank you."

The Humor of Nitro-Glycerine. Occasionally nitro-glycerine exhibit demoniac sense of humor, and per forms freaks which border on the ma velous.

The first of the long list of fatalities due to the treacherous stuff occurred in 1867, almost as soon as its use wi begun. William Munson, one of th earliest operators, had a small workshop and storehouse near Oil City, Pa One morning he was seen to enter the building as usual. A few moment later a terrific explosion shook the nouses in Oil City to their foundations. Windows were shattered and dishes thrown from the shelves. The people rushed into the streets, frantic with apprehension. On recovering their wits, they all hurried toward the magzine. The building had been shivered marking the spot where it had stoo

What was perhaps the most disastrous explosion of the kind took place at Clarendon, Pa. In some unknow way a storehouse containing fourtes tons of nitro-glycerine blew up. The town was entirely demolished, while the shock of the explosion was felt

one hundred miles away. The peculiar freaks sometimes perpe an accident which happened to our William Pine. He was descending a steep hill with a load of the explosive sponsible for the disaster. The load went off midway down the hill, scattering the driver and wagon over 1 couple of acres of country, but, strange to say, the horses were slightly in jured. It was supposed that the force of the shock passed above them, as lie's Popular Monthly.

"One day," the picture dealer be gins, "I decided to close the small exhibition studio which leads from the gallery, and put 'Private' on the door. just for an experiment. There was an important collection of water colors by one of our best artists in the gallery-I sat at the desk just outside the entrance, and presented to each lady s fresh catalogue of the paintings. When she took it I politely requested her to leave it as she went out.

"This request was complied with every instance, and I was enabled to notice a most interesting series of co incidences. On every catalogue save one there was in one place or another a little smear of gilding transferred to the paper from the carefully prepared knob of the door marked 'Private. When the story has been accepted with laughter by his listeners, some body is sure to ask: "How about the one catalogue that was undecorated?

To this query the picture dealer has one invariable answer: "It was the catalogue carried by the young woman who afterward became

my wife. She told me that the other women turned the knob merely to se if the door was locked, but she knew that sort of gilding rubbed off, and she had on light gloves."

Dockery's Handshaking. Gov. Alexander M. Dockery, the net

chief executive of Missouri, has quired the science of handshaking. is said that he shook hands not le than 4,000,000 times last year while b nation and later for the election to the office of Governor. Yet he never con-A card bearing the following inscripplained that his hand or wrist was

Raw Food Society.

The newest society is a raw food so clety, the members of which pieds themselves to abstain from estimate cooked food