TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Self-made pedestals are a good deal more numerous than self-made men.

a new start.

We can never hope to conquer Canada arettes out of her borders.

The Vanderbilt-Neilson wedding cost

The pessimist thinks the world is

The Atlanta bank clerk who filched \$94,000 drew a salary of \$80 per month. Yet he was what may be termed a high-

If the accounts are true Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt will have to take along a dummy annex when she desires to wear all her diamonds at once.

Whenever there isn't anything else exciting going on somebody flourishes a revolver in St. Petersburg and another plot to kill the czar is discovered.

The dressmakers have declared that the comfortable shirt-waist must go, and now it remains to be seen whether or not modern women has independence enough to wear what she pleases.

The number of leaves on a large sixty-foot high oak tree has been counted and found to exceed 6,000,000, declares an exchange. Which goes to show that some people have time for almost anything.

The Emperor of Germany has ordered on investigation of the case of an army officer who ran his sword through a common soldier because the latter's salute was unsatisfactory. It is feared by the officer's friends that if he is found guilty he may be told not to do

It's a trifle late in the history of surrender their inheritance without a

A Kansas court has decided that if a pliances and careful and competent engineers and firemen damages cannot

beats that echoed with it. The Massachusetts Legislature has been asked to give to the Lexington Historical Soclety the drum which woke young jutant-General.

nomena began with them.

"Keep your friendships in repair" is In his native town the youth is an strains him from foolish actions; but and his loss of individuality disheart- sible. ens him and leaves him open to temptation. "Make your way to some social settlement, some night-school, some church," the wise preacher advises such strangers; "surround yourself with a little group of friends who will applaud your success and encourage you after fallure."

Great teachers often imitate nature's after their father. Both girls are typi. on straw that had been scattered way of silence. He was not a foolish man who said to his son. "There are the letters of the English alphabet. Go into that corner and learn them." Maria Mitchell, an unusually successful teacher, would draw a complicated diagram on the blackboard and say, "Tomorrow tell me what that means." It may have been unintelligible to the class at the moment, but the next day most of the students had discovered its application. Such a class-room is a rehearsal for after life. The class-room where the teacher does all the thinking and the pupils none prepares one for nothing more practical than being entertained, or, more likely, bored, for life. Apparatus, elucidation, opportunity-these are the crutches of the lame and the couches of the lazy. "Newton rolled up the cover of a book; he put a small glass at one end and a large brain at the other-it was enough! The coward on the field of battle breaks

endless series of chapters in the Bur- of her time on the ranch. dick murder mystery. And raveling the tangled threads, they could find the A young man sometimes gets cause of it in one man's fall from grace. plump refusal from a slender girl.

the broken sword and wins the day.

How? Via Dollars. Arthur Pennell was a defaulter to the extent of \$150.-000 or \$200,000. This man who was the evil genius of a social circle handled investments for Eastern people who know his family and his wife's family. These Eastern friends sent him money which he squandered in luxurious living. Dollars! Dollars! When will men learn there is something in the world besides money? The desire The sooner a man recognizes defeat for money corrupted the life of this the earlier is it possible for him to get young man who came to the City of Buffalo fresh from Yale College with a reputation to be envied. He wanted money for what it would buy-ease, now. She has determined to keep cig- comfort, high-living. The desire bred in him a loose standard of morals producing greed, lust, embezzlement, murder, suicide. He changed the Golden the mother of the bride \$6,500. All Rule into a Rule of Gold. In the perthings considered, it was cheap at that. sonal equation of his life he eliminated the soul of things. He forgot that the mist thinks it is better, and both are his scale he balanced spiritual consciousness; on the other Ease, Pleaslars! When will men stop to ask themand lose his own soul?"

In Bellevue Hospital, New York, a their cots and expressed a desire to get York Evening Sun. out into the air of sobriety. Their demons had been exorcised, and instead of enjoying a morning of the horrors they went forth suffering from strained ribs and distensions of the jaws. We have not heard that any fractured bones or dislocated joints were mended by the laughter, but we do not doubt a course of William Reilly persevered in would work some strange healing of the hurts that seek Bellevue for rea case of the therapeutic value of a laugh. Although it marks no new cachinnatory trruption of laughing admission-board and lodging extra. There can be no doubt about it that

the mosquito is an undestrable immirailroad company has good modern ap- grant. No objection will be made, therefore, to the measures now being taken by the surgeon-general of the America on April 19, 1775, that it may other things that were meaner." His be kept with other relics of the battle. character had lights and shades. Va-It is now in the office of the State Ad- rious birds which have been accused of injuring crops have been able to prove Lilliputian Twenty-Two Inches High, that they also destroyed noxious in-Whoever thinks nature study a fad sects. The man who is convicted of a of modern times should read ancient corrupt political record always pays horse in the world, says the Los Anhistory. Nearly three hundred and fifty the rent for the poor widow in the next geles correspondent of the Buffalo years before Christ Alexander the block. The man who gambles away his News, has just been brought to Tam-Great placed at the disposal of his tu- wife's property is always willing to pico, Mexico, by Tablato Esposito and tor. Aristotle, the services of one thou- lend a fiver to some poor wretch who is sold to A. J. Morrison, of Los Angeles, sand men throughout Asia and Greece, down on his luck and hasn't any money Cal., for a large price. This Tom with instructions to collect and report to bet on the next day's races. So every Thumb of equines, which is appropridetails concerning the life-conditions kind of creature offers some kind of ately named "Lillputian," stands just and habits of fishes, birds, beasts and social service to be weighed in the bal- high enough to reach to his owner's insects. To this magnificent equipment ance against his personal offenses. The knees and weighs only seventy-three of assistants Alexander added fifteen mosquito is the exception. He carries pounds, though fat and plump. The thousand dollars in gold for books and malaria and yellow fever. He stings. pony is 7 years old and is 221/2 inches laboratory supplies. While praising Even his extraordinarily large family. - five and a half hands-tall. the modern millionaires who give so which might commend him to the presgenerously to biological research, let us idential elemency, does not seem to not think that interest in natural phe- most people to be an argument in his size. The Mexican who disposed of favor. There is a unanimous senti- him claims he stole the animal and as ment for his exclusion from this coun- he immediately disappeared there try. Even the liberty mongers of Bos- seems to be no reason for doubting the advice a New York clergyman of ton will hardly venture to make quota- the assertion. The willy senor, it apfers to young men who find themselves tions from Lincoln to prove that no man pears, got Lilliputian from an island "lost and lonesome" in a great city, is good enough to hamper the off the coast of South America, bemovements of a free born, independent tween Guatemala and Samoa. The individual; he is under observation; insect which may belong to an infe- natives there worship pretty little people notice his good deeds, and their rior race but is nevertheless possessed horses and keep them constantly wholesome scrutiny frequently re- of indefeasible powers of self-govern- guarded on a high cliff. Esposito took ment. Let the anti-mosquito immigra- this and another dwarf-the two in the city no one seems to see him, tion edict be enforced as strictly as pos- smallest he could find-and made

GIRL AN ADEPT LASSO THROWER.

One of the prettlest girls in the Ok lahoma Territory is Miss Agnes Mul. Lilliputian, died. hall, 21, daughter of Zack Mulhall, general live stock agent of the Frisco, up the other day by a big black-maned and leading cattle man. She and her lion that had been on exhibition in sister Jessie lead the society of the Los Angeles. The lion was in his cage town of Mulhall, which was named and Lilliputian was browsing nearby



MISS AGNES MULHALL

cal products of the West, and can ride his word and flings it from him because and throw the lasso in expert style. It is not a Damascus blade. The king's Miss Agnes is the recognized champion son—the man with the masterful mind horsewoman of the Territory, and won pursued and weaponless, snatches up first prizes at tournaments at Oklahoma City and Memphis, Tenn. Although her father has a palatial home at St. the plant exhibits a luxuriance of A Hugo or an Ibsen could find an Louis, Mo., Miss Mulhall spends much



OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS

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now 25,000,000. The movement to the cities goes on at an laws to be enforced, children to be kept in school, work to ncreasing ratio. "We are facing," says the Secretary of be furnished, religious and charitable measures to be em-War, "a new set of conditions in the formation of national ployed. What many a town needs more than anything else mind, to a sharpening of the faculties and greater nervous to perform the plain duties of their office.—American Cultiworse than it really is, and the optibegins to do wrong. On one side of energy, but at the same time to a strained intensity and vator. refinement of the nervous system which will make a different race of us. If the strong, self-possessed, self-centered, dominant man is to continue his race he must conwrong way. Dollars! Dollars! Dol- tinue in contact with the soil. No race of the city bred can perpetuate these qualities, for the nerves and sinews are strengthened and the moral integrity enlarged and profit a man if he gain the whole world deepened by contact with the soil, by the soothing and calming influence of nature."

The city is always calling to the rural American of the old stock. It offers him golden opportunities, and he comes patient afflicted with hysteria, which to make the most of them. Run through the list of the took the form of laughter-incessant generals of Wall street, the leaders of the bar, the skillful and for several hours incurable-work- physicians, the merchant princes, the big contractors, the ed more wonders than a whole college- engineers and architects who are most in demand, and you derangement of digestion. It is not surprising that this ful of chirurgeons or the congregation | will find that a surprisingly large number of them came to relation is still little understood by most of the commonalty. of a Faith Cure Church. Ward after New York with one suit of clothes, a change of linen and a ward was infected by his mirth and ramshackle trunk. Their capital is thrift, hope and an Browning-and using them as examples of the neglect of was the better for it. Nineteen in- appetite for work. Their constitution was a bank which mates of the alcoholic ward— a place honored every draft upon it. They out-work, out-fight and inhabited by blue devils — rose from out-live the city man, and fail is not in their lexicon.—New

English Jury System. favor of innovations. But the requirement that all field his specialty. twelve good and true men shall be unanimous does occasionally cause great inconvenience. We had a flagrant who are unable to control their tempers, and men who find Illustration in the Pasenhall case, where two successive themselves unequal to the task of plying their craft, their juries disagreed. And in the London Sheriff's Court the calling or their profession, whose life would be changed other day, one obstinate man held out against the other and altered if this were once understood and acted upon.lief. We are glad to note so marked eleven, and caused all the labor of the bearing to come to Philadelphia Press. naught. In the opinion of the under sheriff, who summed up, there was no point of difficulty to be decided; but, discovery, the medicinal value of the whether there was difficulty or not, it is amazing that one individual, a twelfth of the whole body, should have William Reilly was exhibited in such the power of nullifying the unanimity of the rest. Of a public and general way that it must course, the jury is "the palladium of the Englishman's libneeds attract attention from our men erties," and as such has furnished many a flowing oratorical American progress to attempt to throt-tle the American press. The freedom of read of laughter sanatoriums, where speech and the liberty of the press were all diseases are cured without the use of a two-thirds majority for absolute unanimity. The speech and the liberty of the press were two of the things our forefathers fought for and it might just as well be understood new that their descendants won't all diseases are cured without the usual prices of two-thirds majority for absolute distance.

Scotch have got on very well with a majority system, which applies in England already to coroner's inquests, and would not do any harm at Assizes as well.—Liverpool Mercury.

Problem of the Country Towns.

has a character which is a monotonous, nounced and offensive yet much less so than would hannen and gold certificates make up the bulk of the twenties. B ing to the same epitaph, he also "did disprove that room for country improvement exists, espe- for \$5,000 each and one for \$10,000.—Boston Herald,

SMALLEST HORSE IN WORLD.

Weighing Seventy-Three Pounds. What is undoubtedly the smallest

Lilliputian has a history that is almost as remarkable as his diminutive away with them by lowering them from the cliff with a rope. He was hotly pursued. Before reaching Mexico the other horse, less hardy than

The tiny pony came near being eaten about. There was an opening in the cage where the keeper could put in a bucket of water. The lion reached his heavy paw through and caught Lilliputian by the tail. The little fellow gave a kick and a squeal and parted with a handful of hair and flesh Mick, Mr. Morrison's bulldog, went to the rescue and seized the lion by the under lip. In the mix-up Lilliputian escaped. He is intended for a family pet at Mr. Morrison's home in Los An-

CACAO IN PHILIPPINES.

New Source of Wealth Developed in

According to a bulletin of the Philip ine Bureau of Agriculture on cacao ilture the cacao grown in the archielago is of such excellent quality that orange grove in Florida or a vineyard subsided yet."-London Tit-Bits. here is keen rivalry among buyers to procure it at an advance of fully 50 per cent over the price of the common export grades of the Java bean, notwithstanding the failure on the part of the Flitpino to "process" it in any way. in parts of Mindanao and Negros. despite ill treatment or no treatment. growth and wealth of productiveness ticultural enterprises that can engage rious undertaking. that demonstrates its entire fitness to the attention of planters in the Philip-

The importance of cacao growing in velopment of the cacao, which loves to think.

cially when much of the good old stock has been sup-ECRETARY ROOT, who is a native of Clinton, planted by people of inferior and neglected training. What-Onelda County, N. Y., deplores the fondness of the ever can be done by way of remedy must be done by the Americans of rural communities for city life. He good citizens, and is a part of the personal responsibility estimates that the urban population of the country is of each. There are officers to be aroused to their duty, character. Life in the city tends to greater alertness of is selectmen and constables who are willing and anxious

Eyes and Headaches.

OST medical books for popular reading mislead. By confining himself to what he calls a "blographical clinic," Dr. George M. Gould has succeded in his book called "Genius and Eye Strain," in writing ne of the most useful works on popular medicine that has recently appeared.

Some four centuries of investigation in modern medicine were necessary before the faculty discovered the relation between the imperfect lens of the eye and nervous strain, which registers itself in large or small derangement of the entire system from a passing headache down to life-long

By taking four men-De Quincy, Carlyle, Huxley and this fact, Dr. Gould has made one of those convincing personal demonstrations which will lead any one who watches their own development or has to do with children to be prompt to understand that where there is interruption of normal function, in adolescence or during any work of any kind, mental or manual, one of the first questions HE English jury system remains so far unmodified which should be asked is whether the eyes do not need for two reasons—that it has worked well on the examination, not by some one who does nothing more than whole, and that public opinion is not easily roused in fit glasses, but by a competent physician who makes this

There are fretful children, juvenile delinquents, women

Thousand-Dollar Bills.

THE recent finding of a thousand-dollar bill has brought out the inquiry, How many such bills are there in existence? As a number of correspondents have asked us this question, the answer may be of general interest to our readers. According to the tables prepared by the United States Treasury, there were outstanding on Jan. 31, 1903, United States notes of the value of \$1,000 each to the amount of \$26,035,000. Of the treasury notes of 1890, \$564,000 was outstanding in \$1,000 bills \$25,000 was outstanding in national bank notes in such bills: \$46,735,500 in gold certificates, and \$156,000 in silver certificates, making the grand total \$73,515,500, which would seem to prove that there were outstanding, accord-VERY year or two somebody of an impulsive turn of ing to the treasury estimates on Jan. 31 last, 73,5151/2 mind publicly discovers that the country towns are \$1,000 bills. The greatest amount of our paper money is going to smash, whenever a number of particularly in \$10 bills, which foot up to \$440,556,992. Then come \$5 tough cases have been brought to light, through the bills, amounting to \$349,994,204, with \$20 bills third, footing be collected when a locomotive spark marine hospital service to prevent him courts or otherwise. These prophets of woe are of the up \$336,531,566. These three classes make up practically burns a planing mill, a lumber yard, a from landing on our shores. The mos- same class as travelers who judge a city by its slums and two thirds of the paper money now outstanding. The Methodist church and several minor quito is ignorant, vicious, illiterate, and back streets. The country town is no annex of realms fourth class is \$10,000 bills, the fifth \$100, the sixth \$1. buildings. This is quite important to filthy. He has no redeeming qualities. celestial. It has its toughs sometimes, its degenerates occa- the seventh \$1,000, the eighth \$50, the ninth \$2, and the both railroads and owners of buildings. As a usual thing, vicious people have re- sionally, and its share of no-account folks, like the city. tenth \$5,000. The great bulk of the ones and twos, and deeming virtues and virtuous people Only a few of them, to be sure, but police supervision being even the fives, are silver certificates. More than half of The "shot heard round the world" have vexatious faults. The mosquito necessarily limited, moral lapses sometimes become pro- the tens are United States notes, while national bank notes unrelieved black. Jim Daly, the miner, in the cities were the restraints equally lax. The big cities | youd the thousand-dollar limit there is practically nothing according to his epitaph, "did some without a trained police force would be scarcely endurable, but gold certificates, the only other paper money, according things that were mean," yet, accord- as places of residence. However, such comparisons do not to the treasury table, being three United States notes, two

AMERICANS OF PURE BLOOD STRAIN ARE FOUND IN THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS.

ANY people understand in a vague way that the purest American strain of the United States is found in the Southern States. In some of these the proportion of foreign born is a minute fraction. Of course, in the Atlantic coast and guif line States there is a large black mixture, but in the Appalachian Mountains the white Anglo-Saxons are found almost pure. This is an enormous region, stretching from Pennsylvania to Mississippi and making up the mountain hinterland of nine States that front on the ocean and on great navigable rivers.

The President of Berea College, which lies near the Kentucky mountains describes these people in a recent lecture in the North as "our contemporary ancestors." The phrase describes them like a picture. These mountaineers, to the number of several millions, are living in the precise manner and amid almost forgotton conditions of colonial times. Industrially the women retain the art of the spinning wheel and hand loom; the men are clever in the use of the whip saw for getting out lumber and the hand mill for grinding corn. The mountain stills use the primitive methods of the last century and the mountain potteries make open lamps in which grease is burned with a floating wick. Intellectually they have rather degenerated than developed from the Scotch-Irish ancestors of the eighteenth century, but they have retained strict, though narrow, religious ideas.

What is to be the future history of these colonial Americans of pure blood, hardly changed for five generations, who thrive and multiply in lonely homes, only a day's journey from modern civilized life? They have physical vigor and latent intellectual power. The few individuals like Andrew Jackson and Lincoln who have risen out of the mass have left the strongest mark upon our national life and history. It is a common question, in playing with historic analogies, where the barbarians are to come from to renew decayed American civilization as the Teutonic tribes renew that of Rome. Perhaps they will pour down, when the time is ripe for them, out of this mountain backbone of the continent.-Minnenpolls Tribune.

the Philippines can hardly be over "steam and swelter in its own atmosestimated, as recent statistics place the phere." the locations best adapted to world's demand for cacao (exclusive of the growth of the plant, the soil, its local consumption) at 200,000,000 drainage and preparation. pounds, valued at more than \$30,000,-000 in gold. There is little danger of the tree, may be planted closely, for it overproduction, and consequent low rejoices in a close, moisture-laden atas known, the areas where cacao pros- planting than would be admissible pers in the great equatorial zone are with any other orchard crop. small, and the opening and development of suitable regions has altogether

failed to kepe pace with the demand. Cacao is cultivated nearly everywhere in the archipelago. It is known in several provinces in Luzon, in Mindanao, Jolo, Basilan, Panay, Negros, Cebu, Bohol and Masbate, and its presence can be reasonably predicated upon all the larger islands anywhere under an elevation of 1,000 or possibly 1,200 meters. In most cacao producing countries its cultivation has long since passed the experimental stage, and the pen once, and he was so surprised home and talked to her friends about in Success. passed the experimental stage, and the practices that govern the management and pleased that he wept tears of joy, it. every woman of them sighed and of a well ordered cacao plantation are mum, and I think it must ha' drawn said:

in California. In widely scattered localities the close observer will find in the Philipbe considered a valuable crop in those pines. The bulletin treats of climatic The man who thinks his wife is blind

The cacao, relatively to the size of

The Poor Horse Rubbered. "I notice," said the observant lady

An Engraver's Feat.

An engraver of Odessa has engraved the entire Russian national hymn upon pines many young trees that in vigor, a grain of corn, and recently he pre-color and general health leave nothing sented the curiosity to the Czar. His to be desired, and with due precaution majesty has new forwarded to him and with close oversight there is no through the Civil Governor of Odessa reason why growing cacao may not a gold watch and chain, with his become one of the most profitable hor thanks for carrying out such a labo-

CABINET OFFICERS EARN EVERY DOLLAR OF THE SALARIES THEY RECEIVE.

HE position of cabinet officer must be a snap in Washington," to marked a visitor to a resident official friend in the office of an uptown hotel this morning. "I would like to have the office 'tendered' to me. The alacrity with which I would 'accept the portfolio' would be aston-

"But there might be reasons why you would not accept," replied the official. "The position is very far from a snap, as you say, and I, being a poor man, would, for one man in the capital, decline the honor, no matter how much I might secretly desire the office.

"There is not a member of a cabinet, with possibly an exception here and there, who gets out of the game for less than \$20,000 a year and no one under \$10,000 or \$12,000. To properly maintain the position of cabinet officer, and to live upon the salary would entail the practice of economy which would be quite unusual. A member of the house can live-and many practically do-upon his mileage, but not a member of the cabinet upon his salary. I have known of many members of different cabinets who have spent from \$30,000 to \$150,000 a year. In the Senate and House combined there are scores of men who have practically no incomes other than their salary of \$5,000 a year. These men work for what may be properly termed their wages.

"Cabinet officers do not work for their salaries; they merely accept what the Congress decided a century or two ago, in stage coach days, to be adequate compensation. The salary of the office did not enter into their calculations in ninety-nine cases out of 100 when their portfolio was ten-

"When a cabinet officer is a wealthy man, as most of them usually are, they work for a variety of reasons. Some have wives who have social ambitions and tastes which cannot be gratified in their former environments. Others work for the personal pleasures, the privileges and the honors the position bestows, the last being more or less passed down to their posterity. Others give up \$100,000 a year income, toll like messengers over their desks by day and eat official dinners at night for reasons past finding out. Some believe, usually erroneously, however, and occasionally correctly, that see, vice in the cabinet may prove of future use to them in presidential conventions or in senatorial elections. Dozens of members of the cabinet have resigned before the end of the first two years.

"The pay is incommensurate with the responsibilities and the work. A cabinet officer once said to me: 'My salary pays my house rent and gas bills. My work is performed solely for love; it is uncompensated, and, upon the theory that the laborer is worthy of his hire, I am going back home and gather up the stray strings to my scattered income," and home he went shortly afterward.

"To the feminine members of a cabinet officer's family the rule is reversed. They get about \$1,000,000 a year each out of it in the gratification of their personal ambitions and desires and the fun they have.

"You often hear men say: 'I would go into the cabinet for \$8,000 a year.' These men can't get in. Ninety-five per cent of the cabinet officers of the United States, who are not multimillionaires, serve their country at a sacrifice, and the latter do, too, to a certain extent. Upon a single meeting of the cabinet may hang the fate of hundreds of thousands of lives and the expenditure of billions of money, yet the men who thus are to pass judg. ment are paid salaries on a par with the cashler in a New York bank of

"I should think that Congress would properly increase the pay of cabinet

"My friend, you do not understand Washington life. For over a century there has been a deadly social feud between the members of the Senate and the members of the cabinet. Up to the time of the passage of the presidential succession act, placing the cabinet in line for succession to the presidency in the event of death, the Senators had the best of it, but to-day the wives of the cabinet members carry the trophy flag. There is no immediate prospect of the passage of the bill you suggest."-Washington Star.

ENGLAND'S NAVY TO BE INCREASED BY ADDITION OF THIRTY-ONE NEW VESSELS.

HE naval program of the British government for the coming financial year is bold and comprehensive, says the London correspondent of the Washington Star. Although the details of the ships to be ordered are not yet drawn up, it has been decided to order thirty-one new fighting vessels, exclusive of a river gunboat, a new admiralty yacht, and a surveying ship. The new program includes three battleships, three armored cruisers, four scouts, fifteen destroyers, ten submarines and two coast guard cruisers. Even the "forward group," who desire the navy to be increased at the expense of the army, will be satisfied at the estimates. which propose a net increase of the naval expenditure of £3,250,000, compared with the last year.

Exclusive of £1,250,000 met by appropriations, the total expenditure will be £34,500,000. The personnel will be 127,000, a net increase of 4,600, for which £619,000 increase is taken. The biggest increase, however, is £2,250. 000 for new construction, principally in contract work. The item for armaments has decreased by £150,300 to £3,250,000, but there is an increase of nearly £500,000 in works.

Those who have complained in the past that the naval authorities appear to have been asleep while other countries were making a great fuss over the doings of their submarines will be particularly pleased with the state ment explaining the navy estimates. The admiralty have been active in the matter of submarines and before long England should have a nice little fleet of these queer craft. A year ago five of these vessels were under construction and they have been delivered.

Trials will shortly commence to test their practical utility, both for defense and attack, and one may expect to hear some interesting details. Meanwhile four vessels of an improved type have been laid down, and it is hoped they will be completed before the end of March, 1 1. One of the four has so far advanced that preliminary trials have begun, but secrecy is maintained as to the results. Evidently they have been satisfactory, for it is proposed to build ten more,

DON'T DROP BEHIND.

No Woman Should Lose Her Hold Upon

Progress and Growth. Oftentimes one hears a woman complain that she is losing her hold on progress-that she hasn't time to read and to keep up generally.

Why has she dropped behind? Some women do not. Under any circumstances, amid any surroundings, they develop. Take them into a log cabin in the wilderness and they return to civilization and talk so delightfully about their experiences that everyone envies them the chance of the wilderness and the joys of the log cabin. In their success one finds a hint of the possibility of catching up with the procession, and keeping up with it, too. What is their secret of progress, where other women fall out of the line of

One woman, relates Harper's Bazar. who lived in the most out-of-the-way place in all Texas for some ten years. and came back more charming than she went, explained it thus: "I never prices, for many years to come. So far mosphere, and thus permits a closer careless. There is a great deal in girding up one's loins, as the Bible advises, and keeping them girded. Once loosen everything and you dissolve in sloth, and lose ground before drowned him. Before her lightnings to the cabby, as she handed him the not to drop behind, and, having the you know it." She was determined strictly legal fare, "that your poor will, she found the way. She kept up powerless. Against the measureless has out a large bliston borse bas out a large bliston borse b horse has got a large blister on the her correspondence with many friends, side of his neck. Do be careful with subscribed for a New York newspaper, his puny arm. On that arm he must and read it regularly, even if a trifle rely to wrest from her his food, foel, "Yes, mum," the cabby replied; "he late, and studied with so much inter- raiment, and shelter. Such was the species of hurt hisself turning around so often to est the life of the far-away spot where equal contest for long thousands of see if any kind-hearted old party she lived, its people, its animals, its years. But to-day nature is man's see would give me an extra copper or two plants, its customs and incidents, that vant; her mighty forces do his bidding for an extra feed for him. It did hap when she came back to her Eastern and run his errands.—Dr. Josiah Strong as clearly defined as are those of an 'em all into one spot, and they ain't had in being there." instead of commiserating her for having been a thousand miles from a woman's club.

GREATNESS OF INVENTIONS.

True Measure Their Service to Society in Influence on Civilization.

The greatness of inventions is measured not by their ingenuity nor by the fortunes they make for their originstors or others, for that is a small matter, but by the service which they render to society and by their influence with quaint Oriental jingles in a small conditions necessary for the best de to his faults is entitled to another fore, to interpret briefly some of the artists and printed on the delicate his great inventions, to show how the most paper.

destructive weapons of war are lifesavers and peace-preservers; how the telephone will affect morals and elevate the standard of honor; how the arc light serves as good police; how the elevator is affecting social problems by piling one city on top of another; how the ocean cables, the telegraph and wire less telegraphy are creating new worldconditions which are producing a new world-life, and how the bicycle and the automobile, by securing for us better roads, will not only increase the wealth, but also improve the intellectual and moral life of the country, but the limits

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of this article forbid. If inventions are to be measured by their effects, by far the greatest in the history of the world was the invention of the steam engine. In 1769, the same year in which the Duke of Weilington and Napoleon Bonaparte were born James Watt patented his steam engine, which was destined to exert more infuence in shaping the world's future than both of these great captains put together. From the beginning, man has had to struggle with nature for his life. She scorched him; she frosted him; she starved him; she smote him with disease; she overawed and terrorized him; her winds buffeted him; her waters her floods, her cataracts, her aral-

A Human Candle. Candidate for Mayor-I have found something beside a candle that will as swer "at old riddle, "The longer is stands the shorter it grows."

Friend-What is it? Candidate for Mayor-A candidate. The longer be stands for office the shorter he grows financially.-Balt more American.

Japanese Calendars for America One of the prettiest calendars of the year halls from Japan. It is both