TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

These Turkish atrocities are becoming nearly as deadly as football.

Nome's gold output will be small this

rapidly. Peru can certainly report progress.

It has seated a new President with no shooting.

sessor calls, because fortunes are always marked down.

for the pole and then another dash for the box office receipts.

"What would the nation be without women?" frantically asks a magazine writer. That's easy. Stag nation.

A German missionary has been attacked by Chinese pirates. Another big chunk of territory for Wilhelm.

Land grabbers have shown a contemptuous disregard of "Keep off the grass" signs in the Indian Territory.

Buenos Ayres has come to the front with 900,000 inhabitants. It seems We are all tired of the ministers who that there are others besides us after know so little of common things and of all.

It will never do to again speak of Vesuvius as "she" or "her" after learning that it has thrown rocks a distance of 600 feet.

In reply to "Please Answer," we would say that the Sublime Porte is so called because of its sublime nerve and sublime indifference.

President Roosevelt condemns the use of profanity. In the President's estimation no stronger swear word than "bully" is ever necessary.

All the powers have agreed upon it that the Sultan is to be reformed, but it is doubtful if they will succeed in convincing the Sultan that such is the case.

A London soapmaker is clamoring for the next chance at racing for the cup. The excellence of Sandy Hook as an advertising medium is being properly recognized.

carry accident insurance.

tributed \$900,000 in dividends. This sum represents 90,000,000 sticks of gum at the retail price of a cent a en's hats or about the latest murder.

and companionship and devotion, and the cow, the next animal to be domesticated and to give her milk, should have been held sacred? The history of civilization is a development of worship. By superstitions-if you care to call them that-man has been lighted on his way to progress. Yet we know no more about immortality to-day than the first cave man did in the beginning. The Indian still hopes for a land rich in game, the Turk for a celestial ha-

year, but its graveyard keeps growing rem, the Christian and the Jew for gates of gold and streets of jasper, the Asiatic for reincarnations on earth. The scoffer, noting these contradictions, pretends they are all but misty superstitions. Maybe they are. Perhaps they are only shadows of the truth. It must be bargain day when the as- But the truth itself-the firm belief in immortality-has been through countless cycles of generations inbred in the human mind; it is the very core of Mr. Peary will make another dash all civilization, the nucl-us of all development, the force of all progress, and it can no more be cast out of a single mind than can the difference between a human brain and that of a monkey.

The proof? The world is full of it. The whole history of the development of man is proof of what the belief has done for him. The whole vast difference that lies to-day between mankind and apedom is proof.

If chairs of common sense will bring young ministers into contact with common things and common people, let us have chairs of common sense in all the theological seminaries in the country. common people that they have to preach about Assyrian cuneiform in-

are the books that people read now. years .- Brooklyn Eagle. adays? They are not usually the books written by recluses. They are not usually the books written by men who have received a purely literary and academic training, and who have lived purely literary and academic lives. They are the books written by men like Mark Twain, Bret Harte, George Ade, Stephen Phillips, Lincoln J. Steffens, Jack London, Rudyard Kipling, and many others, great and small, who have actually seen the things they are writing about. This is an age for the man who knows the world about him

A man slipped on a banana peel, fell ords. What is true of books is true lurks in the innocent-looking banana Sunday morning disgorges himself of peel they would make their wills and his reading. What we want is a sermon permeated, it is true, with supe-The chewing gum trust recently dis- structed out of the daily facts of daily existence. This does not mean that a



OPINIONS OF GREAT PAPERS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS ~_____

World. They have been retarded by our institutions, no was recently calculated that the visible coal doubt, and in case we adhere to present ideals, their fursupply-which is never visible till it is brought ther action may not be destructive to personal liberty and to the surface, hence the real meaning is, the national virility as in other countries, ancient and modern. calculated supply—would last the world for about a hundred years longer. But within a few weeks reports of remarkable discoveries giving way to that of the landlord.-New York News. of new beds have been brought from the Mid-

dle West, where anthracite is alleged to have been discovered; from the South, especially in Tennessee, about 70 miles from Knoxville, and in the Peace River region of Athabasca, where it is claimed that 250,000,000 tons are "in sight." The supplies in China are also considerable and if Grant Land and Grinnell Land can be reached more easily in future, there are deposits in those Arctic regions that may be worked at a profit.

And in spite of the activities of forest choppers and burners, farmers, and others who utilize the products of the soil, the world is still putting forth so considerable a quantity of vegetation that the making of new coal may

be going on, unconscious to us, and not to be completed for centuries. Every bog is a possible peat bed, and peat is but unhardened coal. The great fern forests and marshes of calamus that we are burning now under our boilers and in grates no longer exist, but we have certain of their anaogues, and no attempt has been made by scientific authorities to estimate the mass or value of potential fuel that is being stored in odd corners of the earth to-day.

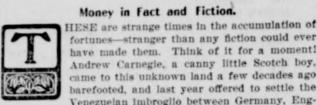
But possibly the fuel of the future will be water. That is, we shall not turn much of it, but we shall use it for scriptions, or about Shakespeare's hero- heating purposes by converting the force of its fall into cave full of almost priceless jewels. He buys men's lives; ines, or about Huxley's mistakes, electric currents, as they are doing already at Niagara and he spends money everywhere; he comes to Paris with a Archaeology, metaphysics, poetry and on the upper Hudson. For our posterity the blazing hearth notice from his Italian bankers giving him unlimited credit science can all be made interesting shall not burn; the family will collect about a steel plate, on and illuminating to a congregation, but cold nights, and do the cooking over a metal basket. Most only by a man who knows how and of the wood will be obliterated by that time, and with where to apply them to the lives of his them of course, the streams will go; hence we must look to auditors. Therefore the minister must see the power of the ocean converted to electricity. But it his Roman house. He rights wrongs; he saves more lives; he punishes the guilty by the use of unlimited wealth. And

Farms and Farmers.

N a long and thoughtful editorial, the Chicago American lines. Statistics are marshalled to Weekly. show convincingly that the percentage of farm-

ers who own and operate their land has been steadily diminishing for years, tenant farming showing a corresponding increase. In 1880, 74.4 per cent of the farms were operated by their owners. In 1890 the percentage had fallen to 71.6, and by the census of 1900 is shown to have dropped to 63 7. Coincident with this decline and not for the man who draws his has been a gradual but very perceptible growth in the averspiritual sustenance from written rec-age size of farms. It was 136.5 acres in 1890 and 146.6 A man slipped on a banana peel, fell or a. That is that is that of the second of the s

All this is to be expected by one who has studied the tendency of our people to flock into the towns and cities. 024,000. It is easy to understand, after such a computation, rior learning, but nevertheless con- The strength of this tendency is amply exhibited in census why this hard-working servant of the human body so figures. Away back in 1790 only 3.4 per cent of the popula- frequently wears out .- Harper's Weekly. tion lived in towns of 8,000 people or more. By 1860 this good minister must preach about womin 1880, and no less than 33.1 per cent in 1900. There is gum at the retail price of a cent a stick. How many million other sticks were sold to yield that profit is an in-teresting problem which the reader may try to solve if he choose. The tille of his septications that he trations and in his applications that he trations and here trations are tradement. The tresult is the trating trations areture tratice trations are ernes is forthwith invested in increasing their holdings. Their children, bred to city life, cling to it, so that farming not the intelligence and energy that characterized the the doctor every time they feel an ache. They are the peofarmer of twenty years ago or more. It is not difficult to ple who walk a great deal in the fresh air, who live in the see in all this the operation of the same economic and open as much as they can, and who take a vacation in the social laws that have developed conditions in the Old country every year .- San Francisco Bulletin.



fortunes-stranger than any fiction could ever have made them. Think of it for a moment! Andrew Carnegie, a canny little Scotch boy, came to this unknown land a few decades ago barefooted, and last year offered to settle the Venezuelan imbroglio between Germany, England, France, and Italy and the South American republic

by loaning Venezuela the entire sum of these international debts. And yet a fortune so huge as to permit of such offers is as nothing to the power of another man. Mr. Rockefeller, personally a quiet American citizen from Cleveland, a simple liver, with few habits of luxury, could easily buy half a dozen of the independent kingdoms of Europe; could without feeling it to any great extent in his pocketbook take up the debts of all the republics of Central and South America.

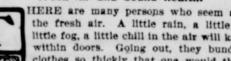
Again, in 1844, Alexander Dumas published a book called "The Count of Monte Cristo," the basis of which is the fabulous wealth of an individual. The Count finds a from M. Danglers. It is entirely unprecedented. Nothing like it was ever known before. He draws five millions of francs, and ruins the banker, and still no complaint from then by and by he leaves Maximilian on the island of Monte Cristo with his bride and sails away. As Maximilian sees his ship disappear on the horizon, he finds Monte Cristo's will leaving him his whole fortune. This fortune, Dumas suggests in two or three places, was one hundred million Tribune of recent date dwells upon one feature francs-\$20,000,000. It is the greatest private fortune the in our agricultural situation that is far from Frenchman could conceive of in 1844-it is considerably less reassuring to the man trained to think along than the income of John D. Rockefeller in 1903 .- Harper's

Mard Working Human Heart.



OME one with an aptitude for statistics has been doing a little calculating on the subject of the human heart and its activities. The normal heart, it appears, beats about seventy-five times in a minute, so that an hour's record would be something like 4,320 beats. Supposing that a man lived to be 50, his heart would have beaten 1.802,160,000 times. If a son of this man, more robust than his father, should fill out the Scriptural allotment of threescore years and ten his heart beats would number 2,649,-

Fresh Air and Sound Health.



A STARTLING AND SIGNIFICANT COMPARISON. The American giant is the American school child. Under instruction in the public schools of the United States are in children. Of these 7,841,570 are boys and 7,761,881 girls.



Giant

IS THE AMERICAN

THE AMERICAN SCHOOLD

ball players.

lic schools of Boston has shown that ate oblivion only by the observer's nearly all the children enter school with normal eyes. In the higher grades one-fourth are found to be myopic, and in the colleges from 60 to 70 per cent are said to be thus affected. In other words, near-sightedness increases steadily from the primary school upward-a bald statement of fact which makes evident the necessity of every possible care.

The New York newspapers have discovered a young man, an employe for logical seminary could talk on this eight years of a street railway company, who, by his own admission, has worked sixteen hours a day, at an average wage of ten cents an hour, ever since he has been with the company On the face of it, here is provocation for lurid oratory; but before indignation rises to too high a pitch, let it be added that the young man was appointed general manager the other day. Perhaps his willingness to work long hours had something to do with his promotion.

The longest distance a man has ever thrown a baseball is a little more than 381 feet. The record for women was held, until recently, by a Vassar champion, who threw a ball 181 feet. There has now arisen in Tacoma, Wash., a young woman who beat that record by twenty-four feet. Anatomists have frequently explained that the formation of a woman's shoulder-blade prevents her from throwing straight and far; but the Tacoma record, 205 feet, is just about the distance from the deep outfield to the home plate. Evolution seems to be at work producing shoulder-blades that will enable the American girl to share the delights of gether .- Leslie's Weekly. the national game.

The human mind, since it began to think and believe, has thought of and believed in immortality. Mankind early divided into races widely separated in vastly different climes and conditions. but wherever the human mind is that thought and belief is also. Is it any wonder that when primitive man first learned that by standing upon his hind a lull in the conversation at the time. legs and wielding a stone with his fore- and the remark was audible to every paws he could beat off an enemy, he one, the Emperor included. Turning to should invest the stone with reveren- his host, the Emperor said, with a puztial awe? Is it any wonder that when | zled expression: "Curlously, I do not he found out that by striking two remember that my sainted grandfather fire to save him from the cold of the stendily-encroaching ice period, he should worship fire? Is it any wonder that when he discovered that grains sown upon the tumuli of the dead sprouted and produced again he should conclude that the grateful ghost be neath thus repaid him an hundredfold the offerings he had made? Is it any wonder that the dog, the first friend to come to man and lend him warmth | crews.

Taught to play ball, Latin-Ameri- has spent many days and many nights cans would forego rebellion and bull- with people as well as with books, and fights and expend their energies in that he has lived in the hearts of perthree-base hits and home runs. Al- sons of the twentieth century. For ready it has pacified whole provinces such a map, skilled in the knowledge in our oriental archipelago. Let us of the human heart, consumed with take a hint and send, not more teach- love of the human race, and disciplined ers, soldiers and alleged statesmen to by study and meditation, there will alour colonies, but teams of professional ways be an audience. In literature the man who thinks he can write because

he has studied Ruskin's construction Examination of the pupils in the pub- of sentences is rescued from immedimomentary laughter. In the church the man who thinks he can preach because he has studied Newman's figures of speech will have the same fate. The sermon writer needs an even deep er acquaintance with common things and with common people than the story writer. The story writer simply shows us things and people. The sermon writer has to show us things and people in their spiritual possibilities. A professor of common sense in a theopoint every day and never talk too much.

Barbarous Punishment.

It was sixty years ago that England abolished flogging at sea; it has long been abolished in our army and navy; and now the Czar of Russia has abolished the harshest remnants of the barbarble punishments of former times, namely, castigation with cudgels and cat-o'-nine tails, chaining to the car and shaving the head, which were still inflicted for certain offenses on persons exiled to penal settlements or to the mines. Castigation with the cat-o'-nine talls and even with cudgels not infrequently ended in death, and was one of the harshest forms of the death penalty, being death by torture. The abolition of the cudgel and of the 'cat" does not, however, mean the prohibition of corporal punishment altogether. The revised statute of June 15 prescribes chastisement with birch rods up to 100 blows. Barbarle punishment can be inflicted by birch rods. if not as severely as by "cat" or cudgel. The better way would be to abolish punishment by flagellation alto-

Kaiser Wilhelm's Modesty.

At dinner one night when the Emperor was staying with Lord Lonsdale. a guest talking to another across the table quoted a little known passage from Shakspeare, and, that there should be no mistake as to its source. ended with the words, "as the divine William said." There happened to be

Serenade and Illumination Tom-Wasn't it lonely out in the ountry?

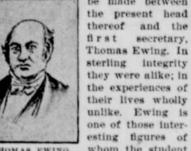
Jerry-Lonely? We had crickets and lightning-bugs in our bedroom every night.-Detroit Free Press

Chinese Crews on Board. Over 1,500 British vessels plying in eastern waters are manned by Chinese

STURDY AMERICAN FIGURE.

Thomas Ewing, Our First Secretary of the Interior. Certain events in the Indian office

have directed attention to that department and have caused comparisons to be made between



THOMAS EWING. whom the student of American history finds so many. Born near West Liberty, Ohio Coun-

1861.

ty, Va., Dec. 28, 1789, he was the son of a revolutionary father. It was in the region of Athens County, Ohio, then unsettled, that he was reared. His sister taught him to read, and in the evenings he studied the few books at his command. In his 20th year he left his home and worked in the Kanawha Salt establishments, pursuing his studies at night by the aid of the furnace fires. He remained there till he had earned enough money to clear from debt the farm his father had bought in 1792, and had qualified himself to enter the Ohio University at Athens, where, in 1815, he received the first degree of A. B. that was ever granted in that section. He then studied law in Lancaster, was admitted to the bar in 1816, and practiced with success for fifteen years. In 1831-37 he served as United States Senator from Ohio, having been chosen as a Whig. He supported the protective tariff system of Clay, and advocated a reduction in the rates of postage, a as the "force bill."

Senator Ewing opposed the removal ager of the theatrical agency in pass morial for the abolition of slavery. ments only in gold, silver or treasury summer's indebtedness. certificates, except from certain class-

more genial clime. The healthy people, howis more and more given over to the hands of those who have ever, are not the health cranks, not the people who run to portfolio of the interior, under Taylor, mer and have to wear their winter

and organized that department. Among dresses. This one wears good clothes the measures recommended in his first -summer clothes, of the newest patreport, Dec. 3, 1849, were the establishment of a mint near the California tern, and promenades in Broadway like a queen. When she's signed, and gold mines, and the construction of a the hot weather is on to stay, she'll railroad to the Pacific. When Thomas Corwin became Sec-

go down to the shore or into the counretary of the Treasury in 1850, Ewing try and enjoy herself. Dresses well, looks well, lives well. Next winter was appointed to succeed him in the she'll pay her hotel bills, with no 'in-Senate. During this term he opposed the fugitive slave law, Clay's compro cidentals." "That one over there, the seedy one,

mise bill, reported a bill for the establishment of a branch mint in Califorcouldn't buy a cigar at a cut-rate nia, and advocated a reduction in poststore. He'll come out all right, though. age, and the abolition of slavery in the Never has a cent, but always at work. District of Columbia. He retired from He's just in from a long tour. Pretpublic life in 1851 and again resumed ty late for stock, but he's an old his law practice in Lancaster. He was stager and may land. A good many a delegate to the Peace Congress of eke out the year's income by playing summer engagements at various

During the Civil War Ewing gave, theaters throughout the country. Nearthrough the press and by correspond- by every city of any size has from one ence and personal interviews, his counto half a dozen stock companies this sel and influence to the support of the summer; the summer-stock business national authorities. While he de- has grown enormously in the last two voted much of his time to political or three years, and gives employment subjects, the law was his favorite to hundreds. Not enough to go round, study and pursuit. He early won and though. The best people, as a rule, maintained throughout his life unquesdon't play summer engagements, altionable supremacy at the Ohlo bar. though there are exceptions. Comand ranked in the Supreme Court of paratively few of the best play sumthe United States among the foremost mer stock, unless driven to it."-New York Evening Post. lawyers of the nation.

In 1829, just after his father's death, General William T. Sherman, then a boy of 9, was adopted by Mr. Ewing, who afterward appointed him to the United States Academy, and in 1850. Sherman married Ellen, the daughter of his benefactor.

STAGE PEOPLE IN SUMMER.

Some of Them Have a Hard Time in Tiding Over.

In summer what becomes of the numbers of stage people who return recharter of the United States Bank, to the metropolis penniless at the close and the revenue collection bill, known of the season? How do they live? These questions were put to the man-

of deposits from the United States Broadway. "Indulgent landladies, Bank, and introduced a bill for the friends in the country, and parents settlement of the Ohio boundary ques- in the city solve the summer problem tion, which was passed in 1836. Dur- for hosts of theatrical people," replied ing the same session he brought for- the agent. "An actor would sooner ward a bill for the reorganization of starve than be seen by his mates good dinner at times, if you could the general land office, which was working at an other trade. About 75 get him to it; that was t' job." ed and he also presented a me- per cent of those who remain here get trusted for their summer's board touched upon. In July, 1836, the Secretary of the and lodging. They pay up, in most Treasury issued what was known as cases, in the course of the next sea. and his own garden walks, and always the "specie circular." This directed son, sending from week to week to composing poetry. He was ter ble receivers in land office to accept pay- the landlady sufficient to cancel their throng in visitors and folks ye mun

es of persons for a limited time. Sen- "they're not all improvident. See that walk. ator Ewing brought in a bill to annul little girl going out?" He pointed to a this circular, and another to make it petite figure in the ceaseless stream of his back. And then he would set his head a of elegance lies in simplicity. It is not his term he resumed the practice of her stingy on the road, because she right down and back again. I suplaw. Ewing became Secretary of the won't spend her money. Laugh is on pose, ye ken, the bumming helped him Treasury in 1841, under Harrison, and her side now. Many of 'em come here out a bit." in 1849 accepted the newly created without a rag to their backs for sum- Don't be surprised so much

clothes or last year's suits and

were tender shrubs transplanted from some

Peck Performs Remarkable Feat in South America.

Aided by oxygen carried in cans and ther carefully selected helps to the modern mountain climber, a woman-



MISS ANNIE S. PECK. is possible that likes and dislikes. The base when the measurements made by Miss speak its owners' tasks the Peak's expedition are received man and not the tastes and idea if will be known to have reached the neighbors or friends. Whit was highest point in the world, and the house rarely is in place is indit honor of having accomplished this will

FURNISHINGS OF A HOME.

Essence of Elegance Lies in

The worthlest of Wordsworth's vil- be a woman's. lage in the lake country of England had Miss Peck, who is well known as a their own ideas of his value as a man mountain elimber and is known social- niture people or neighbors is and poet. When questioned after his ly in Chicago and other large cities of death as to his personality, they read- the country, was accompanied on the ily admitted that he was kind to those trip by President W. A. G. Tight of who were in sickness or need. They the University of New Mexico and could count on him on a pinch. But he three guides, one of whom is Antoine did not hobnob with his neighbors. Maquiguaz, who guided Sir Martin Conway, the noted English explorer.

when he attempted and failed to do asked by the author of "Lake Country what Miss Peck has accomplished. The ascent of Mount Sorata crowns

"A Jem Crow and an auld blue cloak a remarkable career of mountain climbing by a woman who in a few years has ascended the highest peaks of Europe and America, including Mount Orizaba in Mexico, which is 18,600 feet high, and, next to Mount

McKinley, is the highest peak in North America, Mount McKinley being 20,600 feet. Miss Peck is a graduate of the University of Michigan and formerly was professor of Latin at Smith Col-

unlawful for the Secretary to make applicants. "Got plenty of money- his back. And then he would start a art to make a parlor the duplicate of can carry. such a discrimination, but these were enough to last her until the season bumming, and it was bum, bum, bum, an exhibition room in a furniture not carried. After the expiration of opens and a bit to spare. They call and go on bumming for long enough, store. That simply calls for an outlay of money without any exercise of taste. There is no tone to such a room-no if of repose, no comfort, no individu-

In Chicago, according to the census of 1902, there were 220421 di in the schools, making an average yearly increase of 15.871. The h this year is much greater, the estimates of attendance ranging from to 284,000.

The statistics for 1903 show that the entire German army, what peace footing, is composed of 605,811 men, while the army of the States in 1902, while on a peace footing, numbered only 63,686 men-American.

hibition. A room of that set ASSENDS THE HIGHEST PEAK. just in the same way as die

bred woman who cannot forst gown she is wearing. Furniture has a voice jost an

clothes. True art in furnishing a in allowing a home to shaif it Miss Annie S. under the tastes of those who b Peck of Chicago -the adoption of an idea bet un -has attained the there. The development regime and cultivation. No house watil highest altitude in can be complete at one m ever reached by home of comfort unfolds inst a man. She has acspeak, and unfolds slowly. In complished the provement comes in this with feat of ascending Mount Sorata, in no other way. Everything about a home of Bolivia, whose upon the way its possessors and height is estimated from 21,000 to beginning made without due bas

given to what we are buying a waste; it means buying thing the before long we are certain and not what we wanted, and d n we are sure to become the li Some scientists in haste means repenting it is believe Sorata to Where the income is limited the be even higher ticularly must be exercised

than the Hima- tion of choice. laya peaks, and it We must let our home spei m Let the start be made on the of one's own originality, and mit pendence upon the ideas of ene be a factor in the develop home. Do not get the mail in complete every room at one furnished for the mere idea of p

it finished always shows the of the effort .- The Housebold Rain and Disease Germ

In Chicago in May, st a there had been no rain for three six glass plates two and inches square were exposed as a streets for one minute De P were then incubated, so that sill ticle of dust to which a proclinging would soon be small with a colony of germs with be seen and counted. per plate was 1,650 colozies day following nearly as int fell, and on the next day sim were exposed at the same ma ners, which after develops but 270 colonies. A god n minished the number of min

than S0 per cent. Means of Transportant The railroad car will cart as twenty teams of boyer and the great ocean scan

transport as much as an min It is a good sign when a endorses husbands and size love with each other.

No one ever fooled the paper ality. It speaks for what it is-an ex. false teeth.

"He was forever pacing the roads

"He did not notice them much," said an old man, in answer to questions Sketches.

plicity and Good Taste. There is no idea more erroneous than that it requires a liberal expenditure of money to have a comfortable

was his rig." continued the old man. "And as for his habits, he had noan. Niver knew him with a pot I' his. hand or a pipe i' his mouth." After deep probing the author brought out: "Yes, Wordsworth was fond of a

Wordsworth and His Neighbors.

Then the poet's aloofness was again

ken at times, but if he could get awa

"Of course," went on the agent, fra them a spell, he was out upon his