NE OF THE DRAWBACKS TO WESTERN FAMMING.

ce of This Condition-Harvest Is actically Simultaneous and Getng to New Fields of Labor Tukes hat Money Worker Has Earned.

peculiar situation in which there profit for neither employer nor eme is found in the harvest season the heavy cereal-producing States the Missouri and West Mississippi lleys, says a writer in the Boston anscript. Search from the Missispi to the cattle ranges and north south through the full extent of wheat country reveals only occanai grain ranches with acreages nitiplied into the thousands and proons of harvesting machines exeding in length the parades of great uses. The real wheat country is good to be blocked out into acres commonly more than a section. arter-section farms are exceedingly uent, and those of 400 acres the ter has found to be a popular size oughout the wheat country.

Prairie farm machinery has reached

ch a development and diversification crops, tending to distribute the farm ork evenly through the seasons, has ived at such a stage that two men successfully operate a standard m from the close of one harvest on until the opening of the next. gang plow and disk harrow, the -horse grain drill and wide-reachdrag, together with weeks of time which to do the work, enable one n to seed seasonably from one to eral hundred acres of grain. And tale of the prairie corn crop is one swift methods of preparing the seed of planting and of cultivating, and long, fair fall for the picking. But smooth running of affairs on the irie farm-herein lies the peculiar nation-is broken at harvest time. ere is yet an imperfect adjustment farming methods to prairie condi--one which needs, to remedy it. ner a vastly clever mechanical intion or much further progress in di-

sification of grain crops Invention, successful with cutting then with binding grain, has iked at the third operation-shock-Only rumors of success with ckers are heard. Inventors have ight to get around the problem in nd in conceiving the "header" and eat thrasher-harvester. The header, tensively used on prairie farms, cuts grain high up and throws it unnd into a parallel wagon ready to carried to the stack. But, requiring en men in its operation-one to ve the machine, two for each of two essary wagons and two for the ack-the header does not simplify

or matters. The process of diversifying the grain op-growing not only wheat, but, as as conditions permit, barley, oats, elz, flax and other crops which ripen different periods-is going on. The seeded for years for no other small ain than wheat is beginning to dend rotation in crops. But wheat is the staple grain on the prairies. when the harvest time comes. field by field with many days inrening, or even weeks, does the m's crops ripen, but practically at e. The harvest should be as near-

nstantaneous as possible. The two

n on the 400-acre, or even 160-acre, m need help. The situation is unprofitable to the ployer of farm labor because the rkers in the prairie towns and cities not find it convenient to drop their armer's aid. And few workmen can way. ord to be without regular employent through the year for the sake the week or ten days' special harest work the farmer will provide. his person must depend for his harest help upon the temporarily unemloyed gathered from the four quarers (more strictly speaking, from the stern haif) of the country. Indeed, gathering is gratis. Press and lway officials are effective agents. press delights in the stories of at wages, in the vast interest of the is a future freight interest and a nt passenger interest of impor-

st cannot wait. The situation is even more unfortue for the harvester drawn from ad. He is not told that the rured wages are the highest offeredhat low wages are quite as frequent those which have made copy for press correspondent or been skilly advertised by interested people. nd to those unfamiliar with Western ffairs it is not explained that the pe od of harvest service in a particular unity terminates in two weeks, en days or a week. And it is not ished that the belt of simultaneous arvest is sufficiently wide-several dred miles-to require in crossing for the purpose of following up the irvest, a material if not a major poron of the earnings of the service.

hed swiftly and surely. The har-

The harvest service ends when the ain is cut. It does not include housng grain, as in the East; prairie grain not housed. The harvesters from road rarely find even brief employent stocking bundles in the field. The ader, used exclusively in wide disficts, does away with bundle stackng and leaves no more work but the rashing when the cutting is done. nd where the binder has held sway and the harvest hand has been a ocker instead of a member of the header crew the thrashing is done om the shock. What stacking is practiced is done leisurely by the farmer and his regular help. Those unfaliar with Western conditions are id that once the harvest is over the rashers are in demand. Such a statement is misleading. It takes no acunt of either the limited number of harvesters that could possibly find em- the course of a few days received anyment as thrashers, or the reduction wages that takes place immediately and blower a device for self-stacking that gets a man on his back and keeps he said. form part of every Western threeh him there for a month.

NABLE TO GET HELP. | fing outfit. They so simplify thrashing that the farmers of every fairly wellsettled community can take care of the operation without outside help,

LEFT HANDEDNESS.

And Left-Sidedness Said to Be Inherited from Savage Races.

Much has been written about lefthanded people, but as no one has heretofore tried to determine by means of statistics how frequently they occur, Prof. Lombroso determined to undertake that task. He made observations There is helplessness pathetic and the upon 1,029 operatives and soldiers, and found that the normal proportion was 4 per cent in men and 5 to 8 per cent in women. Further research revealed the fact that the proportion of left-handed people among criminals is very much higher. So that Prof. Lombroso regards left-handedness as a new characteristic which connects criminals with savages, among whom left-handedness is not uncommon. His researches in this direction led Prof. Lombroso to inquire whether there is not also what one might call left-sidedness-that is, whether there are not people who have a greater sensibility on the left side than on the right. He discovered that left-sidedness exists in much larger proportion than left-handedness, and that left-handed people do not have more of this sensitive leftsidedness than right-handed people. In lunatics this sensitive left-sidedness is almost more the rule than the exception, the conclusion being that lefthanded people are more numerous among criminals and sensitive leftsided people among lunatics. Lombroso remarks:

"As man advances in civilization and culture he shows an always greater right-sidedness as compared to savages, the masculine in this way outnumbering the feminine and adults outnumbering children. Thus women and savage races, even when they are not properly left-handed, have certain gestures and movements which are a species of left-handedness. Some time ago Delaunay observed that the man holds out the right arm, which the woman takes with the left; that the woman buttons her clothes from right to left, while the man does so from left to right, and that women and children, when they trace a line or turn a key, for instance, of a watch, initiate the movement from right to left, while the adult man does so always from left to right. This explains why, in early times, and still among people little civilized, such as Arabs, the writing was preferably from right to left, which is the habit of children until corrected. Delaunay even went so far in his observations as to discover that antique chronometers were wound from right to left, while modern ones

North American Review.

are wound in the opposite direction .-

Dog knew His Business. A certain officeholder decided to buy called at his office with an intelligent- on for twenty minutes, and then, looking animal, that he immediately rounding a bit of timber, came upon a took a fancy to, though he deemed it advisable to first inquire into some-

thing of its characteristics. "What can be do?" he asked. "Oh, sir, he can do anything. If you've lost anything, sir, he'll go direct to the place where you lost it. He Ilglove.) Do you s'pose he could find it?" "Certainly, sir. Just let him sniff at

your hand." dog's nose and the animal trotted serenely off. Presently he returned, and with a joyous wagging of his tail deposited his offering at the officehoider's feet.

At the same moment the click of the typewriter in the next room ceased. ular employment to hasten to the A girlish form appeared in the door

"My sash ribbon," cri'd a high sweet voice, "my sash ribbon! The dog has my sash ribbon!"

The officeholder's face turned a dull red. He cast a furtive glance at the man, dived into his pocket and hauled out a bill.

quietly .- New York Times.

Concerning Cigar Boxes.

eigar boxes used in the United States sang. stern harvest. The railway official annually and about nine-tenths of that number are made in this city, where the trade rivals the ciothing industry was a student bent on following a life far scattered hands cannot be co."-Philadelphia Ledger.

The Changing World. "The world is not the same," I said, "As in the days gone by; The beauty of the scene has fled And things have gone awry. The laughter seems to lack the zest And tears the honest woe

They had when earth was at its best, So many years ago. The sun that rode his 'customed way All smilingly looked down; The meadow that had bloomed so gay Lay withering and brown.

And through the wind a whisper came In mockery of my lot: The world, you see, is still the same, But you, alas, are not." Washington Star.

An Elaborate Explanation.

"So your flying machine is a failire," said the sympathizing friend, "Certainly not," answered the scien-"There are one or two minor success through the machine is very high."-Washington Star.

Many Chances to Wed.

Samuel W. Hammers, who keeps a that October evening, John Driver, his "I am going up the mountain path;" Samuer W. Haumann out of the hermit thrushes are singing." advertised for a wife recently, and in porch, swers from 2,700 women.

Muscular rheumatism is the kind flowers. "I found something rare,"

THE HOUSE WHERE I WAS BORN.

Round the little old deserted house the | They were happy days-God rest them noisome weeds are growing.

And the wind unhindered wanders through the broken eastern door; straying

Every rafter, beam and sash and finger by the brambles of turmoi marks of Time is showing. And Decay is running riot o'er the rub-

bish-covered floor. Here a rotting pillar staggers; there an aged beam is falling; Over yonder sags the mantelpiece, de-

voice of Old Age calling From each crumbling bit of mortar in the house where I was born.

Here before the ancient fireplace, where the dust of years is lying. first saw the future pictured as

watched the embers glow; lay in boyish dreaming, while the shadows flitting, flying, Were a hundred ghosts of fancy they wandered to and fro; Little knew I of the universe which

spread itself around me a canopy of azure and a sea of waving corn: my world was on the hearthstone

where my childhood dreaming found me: I was king-and my dominion was the

house where I was born.

-for my feet had ne'er been

Ne'er the long years of anxiety my tem ples had been graying.

Nor, my weary form bowed earthward neath the heavy hand of toil: Earth was then a wonder palace. From the eastern window gazing

shining silver horn; And far down upon the heavens bright tirely sound and natural in appearthe evening star was blazing; Both were shining, just to please me,

wonder and the glamour Of the little eastern window from

world have worn away; heard its empty clamor And the house I once thought wonder-

ful-how pitiful to-day! who knows? Perhaps eternity may supply. bring a realizing

after all, arising In my heart when I lay dreaming in the house where I was born. -Leslie's Weekly.

childhood's early morn;

IN THE SHADOW OF THE HILLS.

drawing to its close. the grass that the early frost had touched and killed. The man's hands and the like, Mr. Frye," said the ranchprairies, which here met at the base and the other steals the fruit." of the Black Hills. There was pain in

song of the springtime! The man rose and looked toward the copse whence the sound came. There sat the bird, its brown back reddened in the last rays of the sun. The bird

sang ecstatically for a full minute; then sunset and silence. Caleb Frye rose. He listened a mo ment, hoping to hear once more the voice of that prince of singers, but no sound came save the slight rustling of the russet leaves. Caleb Frye turned and walked with shambling gait eastdog. In reply to his "ad." a man ward away from the hills. He strode



SAW HIM COMING AND WAVED A HAND. great, rambling ranch house. On the "I guess the dog'll do," he said, veranda was a young woman hardly past girlhood. She waved him a welcome, which he answered with his way." hand, but in his eyes there came the

Caleb Frye had come to this Dakota country in search of health. He | body about it, but I forgot." quality of cigar boxes are made comes a homely man, young, it is true, but as a deer that is hounded. orincipally from Cuba and is known as looking old. He was thin to attenua-

round" because she so dearly loved derstand.

East a young fellow, handsome, athlet-

He was commissioned by some East- thrown into the air, and then he lay ern capitalists to buy. He made John prostrate on the ground, Driver's house his headquarters, and knew the reason for the lingering.

Frye?" called Driver to him. Caleb Frye held up a bunch of white

"Them's weeds," said the ranchman, for drinking hard,

the trees at the base of the hills. The air had a touch of it, for the October day in this estern. Dahot. BREEZE stirred the foliage of | Caleb Frye laughed, "They're weeds chill in it, for the October day in this never before have been able to find be mentally less variable than the Southwestern Dakota country was any that were white. Most of them boys. are violet in color, and the white ones A man was lying at full length on are as rare as albino blackbirds." "You're a great one for flowers, birds

were supporting his chin and his eyes | man, "but I never could see anything were looking far off across the rolling in 'em, excepting one chokes the wheat "Well, I found something rarer than

the gazing eyes. The voice of a her- the aster to-day," answered the stu- whether physiological economy in years. mit thrush broke the slience. Instant-ly the look of the man's eyes changed. was willing to sing in October with all Pleasure and surprise took the place the sweetness I have heard it sing in loss of strength and vigor. Profes. been discovered. One was found to

Mr. Driver does call them weeds. Tell is any necessity for, and that this ex- been annexed by France, and Clement

some in a day or two." "They are growing by the spring just beyond that bit of swamp where the big tree was blown down in the last storm.'

"I never knew so much of nature, graces of the Mother."

know that what had been in his heart

"She's just left for school. She went early because she wanted to get some culated to make sufferers from recent of those white weeds down by the mosquito bites gleeful. "The victim spring, and it takes her out of the is caught," says Doctor Underwood,

John Driver paled suddenly. "My There are something like 15,000,000 look that was there before the thrush God, mother!" he said, "Bill and I set a spring gun trap there last night for a bear. I meant to have told every-

Caleb Frye shot out over the prairie. in point of capital invested and num- which meant confinement. He had The ranchman and Deane followed, vantage for the farmer in that ber of people employed," said a lead- broken down, and the doctors had sent but strive as they could they could not ing eigar-box manufacturer recently. him from New Hampshire to this far- keep pace with the long-limbed stu-"The material out of which the best off country to get his health. He was dent, who ran not as a man runs, but

Caleb Frye rounded the timber. Spanish cedar. A peculiarity about tion and of awkward carriage. His Across the open he saw the girl walkthis wood is that it always remains the eyes did a little something toward re- ing toward the spring. He shouted flavor of a good cigar. Indeed, some deeming his face from positive ugli- gaspingly and ran on. The girl heard people claim that it improves the fla- ness, for there lay in their depths and turned. She saw him coming and Caleb Frye had made himself a favor- pick a flower, and the student gained by another student. It then read: ite. There he had met pretty Frances some ground. Then he shouted, "Stop,

"Mother" Driver. Caleb Frye had not He could call no more. His voice known any woman intimately in his was spent with running, but his limbs whole life. He knew nothing of them. carried him on. The girl had entered phy with comparatively inexpensive He had had no time for anything but the bushes near the spring. The man apparatus have been reported by Prothe studies which held him chained. tried once more to call. The voice was fessor Schaeberle. His telescope was discovered, were artistically dipped Here in the foothills he had the time a whisper, but on he ran, and in an- a parabolic reflector of short focus, the into a pretty, bright, canary-colored Here in the foothills he had the time a wind the foothills he had the time of and the opportunity, and he fell in other moment had burst into the copse. And the opportunity, and he fell in other moment had burst into the copse. He saw the glistening of the wire of with a focus of 20 inches, and exposion more a head; the latter depending upon Only a short time after Caleb Frye's the trap. The girl was within a foot ures of five minutes gave star images the generosity of his victims. coming there had arrived from the of it. His voice came back. "Stop!" that were beyond the reach of the 36-East a young relow, handsow, hand the was written the le and gifted by nature with every- sprang toward her, and in a flash was exposures of two hours with the 36- rules which were to be strenuously adthing which had been withheld from in front of her. His foot caught, he inch Crossly reflector. Etars fainter swayed, and the there can e a deafen-Howard Deane had come to the ing report. The girl fell backward, included. ranch on a land prospecting errand. fainting. The man's hands were

with the old ranchman had looked over raised him tenderly and carried him lar ham." fere with the rest of the apparatus.

ard Deane should have left three But, taken as a whole, the average of weeks before, but he lingered. Caleb Frye looked at Frances Darrow, and that instant the voice of a bird came be cured."-Philadelphia Press, from the thicket. Caleb Frye opened As Frye walked toward the house his eyes. "It's summer," he murmured.

In a moment his spirit was beyond of Great Britain, Germany and France "What did ou find to-day, Mr. the mountain top, and to him had come taken together. eternal summer and eternal song. Chicago Record-Herald,

Absence of soft water is one excuse

Science

One of the most durable woods is sycamore. A statue made from it now in the museum of Gizeh at Cairo, is known to be nearly 6,000 years old. I beheld the new moon hanging like a Notwithstanding this great age, it is asserted that the wood itself is en-

o'er the house where I was born. In California which is made from have passed from it forever. All the twigs and leaves of the eucalyptus tree mixed with crude petroleum. It the is said to burn freely and give good results. Piles made from this tree are have seen its disappointment; I have immune from attacks by the teredo. and last longer than yellow pine. The demand for them is greater than the

An innovation in the line of railroad Of the things my fancy painted over telegraph service has been put into use on the New York Central Railroad And, mayhap, the gift of prophecy was, between Utica and Albany. By the means of the apparatus a single wire can be used for telegraph and telephone messages at the same time. While the operator is ticking away a telegraph in Morse code another person can telephone a message without

the slightest interference. In a recent report on the results of extended measurements of mental traits in the two sexes, Prof. E. L. Thorndike said that in the measurement of abilities the greatest difference found was the female superiority in the tests of impressibility, such as the rate and accuracy of perception,

The War Department, co-operating with the Sheffield Biological Laboratory at Yale, has detailed 20 men from the Hospital Corps of the army to go to New Haven under charge of an wheat-producing ground. His properassistant army surgeon, and submit ty is worth more than \$75 an acre, he to experiments intended to determine of pain. What a wonder was this, a June on Mount Washington, at the foot hermit thrush singing in October its of which I was born." sor Chittenden of the Sheffield Scienbe inhabited by a former French sertific School says there is apparently geant, Clement, who had disappeared "Those flowers are lovely, Mr. no question that people ordinarily some fourteen years ago, and a small consume much more food than there number of natives. The islands have cess is, in the long run, detrimental to appointed resident inspector of fishme where they grow, that I may get health, and defeats the very objects ing and of the harbor, registrar and aimed at.

voices were those of Howard Deane handling material is apparent. There -Popular Science Monthly.

Mother Driver came out. "Where's southern New England. It has receiv- the lumps of ambergris have woodi. Its manner of disposing of decreased in number. the larvae of other mosquitoes is cal-"shaken violently a few times, and swallowed!"

New "Rock of Ages."

text of the Gospel.

"'Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee." her home there and refused to "board words away, and the girl did not un- of thy fragments."—Detroit News have been wasted upon a poor little Tribune

The Great Telescopes Outdone. Remarkable results in star photogra-Startled, she stumbled forward. Frye inch Lick telescope and that required of paper, upon which was written the

Not the Ordinary Fort. John Driver and Howard Deane saw," said the first manager; "a regu- things to do for the little creatures in

Postoffice Businers.

The United States postal department year-a number about equal to that

ill night for the purpose of satisfying hemselves that there is no place like

SOME BARGAINS IN CLOTHING THAT PLEASED BOTH FATHER AND SON.

E was a plain, ordinary citizen, with a smile, and a friend asked him why he laughed. "Because I am happy," replied The Man. "I'll tell you about it.

My boy needed a new overcoat, and I had \$10 laid away, and I was afraid that the ten wouldn't cover the need. What do I know about boys' overcoats? His mother buys his clothes, and, God bless her, she pinches along and makes \$2 do the work of \$4, and how am I to know? I didn't think I could do much with less than \$12, and I couldn't spare \$12 very well. "The Boy and his mother came to the office, and The Boy and I went

to a clothing store. It was a new experience for me. I saw '12' in red figures on some boys' overcoats, and almost had heart failure; found later that the figures meant age, not dollars.

"Well, he tried on one. It was gray and warm and had a belt, and came down to the tops of his shoes, and he was so tickled he just giggled. He kept finding new pockets, and he threw his chest out and said: 'If I could just have this one, papa.' I asked the clerk and he said 'five dollars.' Five dollars for all that expanse of coat! I gasped like a drowning man, and said: Boy, don't you want something else?' He looked shy, and said he always wanted a pair of golf gloves. Got 'em, too; good ones for 25 cents, and The Boy said that mamma was going to get him a new sweater some day.

'We'll get it now,' I said, and the clerk flung out a daisy, white and blue, \$1.50, and I paid. Say, I guess Boy thought I was going to die right there, and when I told him that he ought to have one of those tasseled caps to go with the sweater he absolutely looked scared, and said he didn't know he could have it. It was a beauty-59 cents-made of mercerized silk, they said. The Boy kept the coat on. You couldn't have pried it off him. He giggled again and wanted me to feel in the pockets, and then he wanted to kiss me on the street. He said he guessed the boys at school would think

he had a pretty good father. "When we got back to his mother he was so excited that he couldn't talk plain, and he mixed pockets and loving his father and mercerized silk cap and golf gloves up scandalously. Then she glanced around to be sure that nobody was looking, and leaned her head up against me and said: 'You

make me so happy, dear.' "And it all cost \$7.34, and I figure that there was one thousand dollars' worth of good feeling in it. I am happy, and yet I feel like a cheat

when I think that I ever begrudged my family anything." A thousand dollars' worth of joy for \$7.34. Yes, there are bargains for

those who will look for them.-Des Moines News.

Governor Bailey, of Kansas, is a great believer in corn lands. He owns a farm of several hundred acres which he refuses to sell, holding that corn land will soon be more valuable than thinks, and will rise to \$100 in five

teacher. Electromagnets promise to come into It is not known just how long moscommon use for lifting heavy pieces quitoes can live, but their average life of iron in factories and rolling mills, is much longer than is ordinarily sup-Instead of the present hooks and posed. Thousands of them live through Mr. Frye," said Howard Deane, "but chains a large piece of metal is sus- winter, hibernating or asleep in dark from the enjoyment that you seem to pended above the iron or steel object places in barns or house cellars. In get out of it I believe it must be worth to be fitted, a current is run through sparsely settled localities, where they cultivating. Some day I wish you'd this, rendering it magnetic, so that it cannot find such places for shelter, teach me how to get into the good simply picks up the object and holds they live through the winter in hollow it until the current is turned off. A trees; and, even though the tempera-That night Caleb Frye went to his magnet weighing 350 pounds can carry ture may fall far below freezing, they coom early. He studied for a while a load of five tons. The time required are not winter-killed, but on the apand then became restless. He wan- for fastening a load to a crane by the proach of warm weather become acdered out on to the porch and turned present methods is estimated to rep- tive again. Mosquitoes are frequently the corner of the building. He heard resent one-half the cost of handling seen flying about in the woods before voices and listened involuntarily. The the material, so that great saving in the snow has wholly left the ground.

and Frances Darrow. He did not mean to listen, but what he heard made him now in use at different steel plants.

A hundred pounds of ambergris has been soized at Soattle as stolen prop-If we must have mosquitoes at all, erty. The appraised value is \$30 an people will regret that the new species ounce, or \$48,000 for the hundred Caleb Frye went to his room and of these insects which Dr. William L. pounds. A hundred pounds of pure threw himself on his bed. The win- Underwood has discovered is a native gold would not be worth as much by dow was open. Downward through of the Maine woods instead of more \$16,000. And were a hundred pounds the night came the voices of migrat- populous parts of the country. For of gold to be stolen at Seattle a great ing birds. He heard the calling of this mosquito does not bite, although stir would be made about it. Amberplover and the "chink" of the black. It is so large that if it were given gris is scarcer than gold. It is more bird. "The birds are flying from the to biting it would be a terror; and of an uncertain quantity. It is harder coming winter," he thought to himself, moreover, its larvae feed eagerly upon to find and harder to transport. It is but for me the winter has already the larvae of other species of mosqui- found floating in lumps in the ocean, toes. For this reason experiments are and occasionally in the intestines of The next morning the ranchman and being made to determine if the new the spermaceti whale. There are, howhis two men guests stood on the porch. mosquito will thrive in the climate of ever, few sperm whates available, and Frances, Mother?" asked the ranch- ed the name of Eucorethra Under- growing scarcer as the whales have

POOR ENGLISH SPARROWS.

Dipped in Canary Dye They Were Sold

"At least some members of the sparrow family have been enjoying their ease and a great deal of luxury in A missionary lately returned from pretty, bright brass bird cages within king. India expressed the opinion that re- the past few weeks," remarked a down ligious work was going on very slowly town business man, "and every time I business, as well as to his pride. For there on account of the difficulty in see the busy little creatures now, I untranslating the spirit as well as the consciously find myself anxiously examining their feathers, wondering the capacity of 2,000,000 yards annually, "Take an instance," he said. "I while, if they numbered among the but by some strange perversity of fate tried to teach my converts the old hundred or more fortunate ones that a he died on the very day that the first clever grafter succeeded in pawning roll came from his looms. At the same off on this ever-credulous public of ours time Smith quit him no one supposed as the real thing in the way of a chirp- the Yonkers manufacturer had a dol-"I had a native Bible student trans- ing canary bird. The fellow who did lar he could call his own. His indelate it into the vernacular. To make the trick has my congratulations. He pendence proved that he was rich. And waved a hand encouragingly, thinking sure that he had grasped the spirit of is ingenious, at any rate; and I could when Warren B. died the other da, the vor, and the reason given to the same In the ranch house, the home of old he was trying simply to overtake her the words, I took his translation and not help thinking, when I saw him world was startled to learn that the contention is that it grows in the same In the ranch house, the home of old he was trying simply to overtake her had it translated back to be a simply to overtake her had it translated back to be a simply to overtake her had it translated back to be a simply to overtake her had it translated back to be a simply to overtake her had it translated back to be a simply to overtake her had it translated back to be a simply to overtake her had it translated back to be a simply to overtake her had it translated back to be a simply to overtake her had the same of the s contention is that it grows in the same localities as the finest Havana tobac. John Driver and his motherly wife, to walk by her side. She stooped to be smaller student to the mother student to the mother student to the mother student to the mother student. " 'Very old stone, split for my bene- enterprise had gone into seed. Some- 000,000, Darrow, the school-teacher, who made stop, the gun!" but the wind bore his fit, let me absent myself beneath one how, I felt provoked that it should

"As it turned out, complaints have been coming in thick and fast. Complaints that a man has, for some time

quirements of the peculiar species of canary bird which he presented, Upon little by little, the visitor from that "He's about the poorest actor I ever the paper was written a very few country got at the little girl's theory, their too small wooden cages. The were queerly mingled. Knowing that "Perhaps he'll get over his faults in rules consisted chiefly of "don'ts for it was night in England when it was canary birds." One read: 'Avoid day in Australia, she had pictured the "Not much! He's a ham that can't strong light,' and went on to explain flea as a wandering Jew, dally hopping that the bird was very young, and the world in pursuit of his laborious that like all young things, strong light livelihood. was bad for the eyes. But the 'don't' that proved the fellow's undoing and handles 7,250,000 letters and cards a led to his capture appeared in black. capital letters, and read: 'Never bathe the bird but once within a month. The bird having been just taken fresh from needed improvements. plenty of final."

"Now, even to the unthinking," concluded the merchant, "this sounds preposterous. But just the same, it actually happened, and had not the dye rubbed off of the little captives, and thereby their identity established, I don't doubt that the grafter would have died independently wealthy. All of which only adds one more proof to the ever-current fact that the public really wants to be humbugged-that they are anxious for it. The only real difference being degree."-Washington

A. T. STEWART'S CARPET WAR. How the Merchant Started the Mills at Gloversville, N. Y.

With all his wonderful shrewdness, A. T. Stewart, merchant prince, occasionally caught a Tartar. Mr. Stewart lived to see the decadence of the American trade in foreign carpets, first largely undertaken by him in New York. The manufacture of Axminister and moquette carpets by hand in foreign countries was one of the slowest of trade processes. Two men and a boy were employed at one loom, and they could make but one and a half yards a day, according to the New York Times. Alexander Smith and his partner, Halcyon Skinner, of Yonkers, invented a loom that made eleven vards a day when attended only by a young girl. This revolutionized the carpet industry. Stewart, quick to perceive, immediately acquired control of the output of Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company, and through his enormous dealings that concern grew to one

of the largest of its kind in the world. The Smiths had little to say. Alexander and Warren B. went quietly along filling Stewart's orders and increased their plant. Inasmuch as Stewart had financed the company One day Smith (it was in 1873) called on Stewart at his store for funds. you want any more money out of me, you've got to do something for it.' said the merchant. "I've been too liberal with you, and I'm paying too much for your carpets. You must come away down in your prices." Smith said he would think it over. The Sloanes, who had started in the carpet business in 1843 in a small building opposite the city hall, were not, up to this time, of great consequ the trade, but when Smith left Stewart to think over money and prices walked straight to the Sloane establishment and made a dicker. The next morning Stewart learned to his diamay that the entire output of the Yonkers mills had been turned over to the Sloanes, and he was no longer carpet

It was a severe blow to Stewart's factory at Groversville, N. Y., with a

The Ubiquitous Fles.

She was a pretty and winsome little colonial lady of four summers, but, says the Cornhill Magazine, she began her first conversation with the gentleman just out from England in this unpromising fashion:

"The fleas bite me a lot in the night." "Dear me, that is very sad!" Then, wishing to administer consolation even in these trying circumstances, the gentleman from England added, "Do they bite you in the day time, too?"

"No." "Why not?"

"Well, you see in the daytime they's busy biting grandma." Grandma lived in England, Then, in which imagination and geography

San Francisco's city engineer includes an item of \$731,000 for children's play grounds in his report on

the bath this morning, there will be no It's almost as difficult for a medium auther travile concerning its bath for to predict what is going to happen as month. All the this bird requires is it is for a historian to record what bas bappened