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A curious fossil that bears a fantastic semblance to the work of some prehistoric dentist is mentioned in a recent "The Gold Diggings of Cape ' An acquaintance of the author's, during a journey from the Strait of Magellan up the coast, stopped under a vertical earth bank to pick out a fossil that he saw protruding. The relic proved to be part of a mastodon's lower jaw, with two teeth still in place. As it was in bad condition he was about to throw it away, when he saw in a split in the top and side of one tooth a bit of some foreign substance. This turned cut to be gold, and, as the finder believes, must have been deposited in fine grains by the action of the water.

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Statement Which Reverses the Old Prov-orb About the Fruit.

The apple is such a common fruit that persons are familiar with its remarkably efficacious medicinal proprties, states the Bulletin of Pharmacy Everybody ought to know that the very best thing they can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons uninitiated in the mysteries of the fruit are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the visions of dyspensia which such a suggestion may summ up; but no harm can come even to a belicate system by the eating of ripe and juicy apples just before going to

The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in easily digested shape than other fruits. It excites the action of the liver, pro-motes sound and healthy sleep, and oroughly disinfects the mouth. not all. The apple helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculus growths, while it obviates indigestion and is one of the best-known preventives or diseases of the throat. Everybody should be familiar with such

THE INSPIRED CAMP COOK. Things He Must Know to Make Life Pleasant for His Comrades.

Outing tells about camp cookery, including the cook. The genuine camp cook is an artist in his way. The musiian makes men hear things entrancing and the painter brings tears to the eyes f inspired. The camp cook genius, by the very way in which he does his work,

makes men hungry.

"The camp cook," eays the writer,
"should take pride in the artistic handling of his utensils, particularly in the ability to keep half a dozen things going at once; he must keep already cooked things hot; and cook the uncooked things in the meantime. To do this he has to understand the kinds of fire to have, whether large or small blaze, hot ashes or red-hot embers. He should ilso know how to get the most work at the least expenditure of labor from his comrades. Something many cooks are lacking in is the way to keep camp dishes clean for cooking. An unwashed apple saucepan will serve to fry trout in and give them a pleasant taste, but an unwashed fish spider will scarcely serve to cook apple sauce in. In other words, the cook should know when and brate their birthdays, and few of them

A STRANGE CHARITY.

Bread Dispensed Free in the Village of The efforts of the organized charity associations in this country sometimes take on strange phases, as in the wood vards, and in the free coffee stands established a few years ago in the eastern cities. A Cincinnatian who recently visited England tells about a queer village of Broughton-in-Furness is a small baker's shop, over the door of which is the following inscription: One piece of bread, to be eaten on the remises, given to anyone passing through Broughton direct until ten p. This extraordinary signboard was affixed on the shop eight years ago by a neighbor, who recoups the baker for the bread which he disposes of in this singular way.

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town not far from Hastings. On one oc-casion it appears a fire broke out in the town and a rush was naturally made for the fire engine which was always on the seacoast and has com-5:00 p m Lv Portland Ar 9:30 a m 9:50 a m Ar Ashland Lv 5:50 p m 0:20 a m Lv Ashland Ar 5:29 p m 7:45 a m Ar San Francisco Lv 8:00 p m

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been practically given up. The projectile of to-day is a conical shell of steel and sometimes loaded with powder so as to explode, or by a time fuse. It is wonderfully different from the shell of twenty-five years ago, says the Washington Star. In those days one could watch the projectile as it sailed through the air in a graceful curve, at length bursting. There was even time to get stances. But the new style of shell ribbon. moves at the rate of a little more than half a mile a second. In striking a metal target, its energy being trans-formed instantaneously into heat, it becomes red-hot, and a flame is actually seen to burst from the point struck Such a projectile moves, one might say in a straight line, and its impact at a distance of a mile seems almost simultaneous with the discharge of a gun. Such a shell, passing near a man, will tear his clothes off, merely from the windage. If it comes very near, though without hitting him, it will kill him. He

drops dead without a sign of a wound. Whereas an old-style shell would burst into a few pieces, the modern projectile flies into a myriad of small fragments, each of them moving with tremendous velocity. It may easily be imagined that half a dozen six-pound Hotchkiss shells finding their way into a vessel would scatter death and destruction in every direction. Protective armor, owing to its great weight, can be placed only over the ship's vitals—that is to say, along the middle part of the hull, near the water line, so as to cover the machinery. In future battles guneach of them moving with tremendo machinery. In future battles gun-ners will direct their fire against the unarmored ends of an opposing vessel.

LAYING ON THE LAST STRAW The Horse May Now He Seen Led on the Street by a Bicycle.

The horse has been getting the "wors of it" for some time. First he was found to be edible and was made into sausage and canned and sold in steaks and his hide made into cordova. Then electricity took away the work of his old age-pulling street cars. And now the bicycle has further restricted his sphere of usefulness by depriving him of pulling the Sunday young man and his best girl on their afternoon drives. Livery, which was his exclusive field, has been adopted by the impertinent wheel, and now, in the next stall to the horse, is the glistening bicycle, which needs neither oats nor bedding. Then, too, they have shared with him and the bicycle the honorable epithet "steed," and the gaudy wheel, with its noiseless, sneaking rubber shoes, is called the "noble iron steed," etc., ad nauseam. The future of the horse is

indeed dismal. The crowning insult, however, went unresented the other day. Down Grand Avenue, says the Kansas City Star, rolled a man on a wheel, leading a fine, sturdy, middle-aged horse, in the prime of life and usefulness. The horse jogged along after the wheel with his head hanging dejectedly and shamefully. He evidently realized his degradation, but was too hopeless and heartsore to resent it. And lovers of the horse, man's intelligent friend and companion, looked after him pityingly and wished he would back up, pull the man off the wheel and dance on the machine—but he didn't.

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ture generations.

There is a similar curiosity near A good story is told concerning the members of a fire brigade in a certain Horn Head, County Donegal, Ireland. where a hole in the rocks is called "Mc Swiney's Gun," says the St. Louis Republic. Like the California oddity, it is kept on the premises of one of the in- with a submarine cavern. When the habitants. When the men attempted to north wind blows and the sea is at take the engine out, however, they were "half flood" the wind and waves enter met with the exclamation from the cus- the cavern and send up immense col umns of water through "Hi! ye can't take that out. I've got a hen sitting on there and you'll break her eggs."

"Hi! ye can't take that out. I've got travelers say that each charge of water sent from the "gun" is accompanied by an explosion that can be heard for by an explosion that can be heard for

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Paper gaspipes are coming into use in England for underground purposes. They are made of cellulose paper soaked in asphalt.

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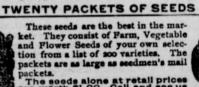
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