Great Grante Bowlders.

It would scarcely appear feasible that abot weighing 800 pounds could have een employed a century ago, yet the urks, who used the largest cannon in urope, actually used guns of such liber at that time.

When Sir J. Duckworth passed the Dardanelles to attack Constantinople in 1807 his fleet was dreadfully shatby the immense shot thrown the batteries. The Royal George, of 110 guns, was nearly sunk-by only one shot, while another cut the main-mant of the Windsor Castle almost in of the Thunderer into one; the Re-pulse (seventy-four guns) had her wheel shot away and twenty-four men silled and wounded by a shot, the ship being saved only by the most wonder-

beaviest shot which struck the ish ships was of granite, weighing pounds, and was twenty-six in hes lameter. One such shot, to the asshment of the tars, stove in the whole starboard bow of the Active, and, having crushed this immense mass of timber, the shot rolled ponderously aft, the crew standing against at this

singular spectacle.

One of these guns was cast in brass, it was composed of two parts, its breach resting against massive stonework, and the difficulty of charging such a monster would not allow of its being fired more than once.-Dunder

CRABS IN FULL DRESS.

me Species Are Fend of Finary and

Many of the crab species of shelifish othe themselves. Some species dress aborately by taking small pieces of different colored weeds and sticking them on the shell, so as to look like a stone covered with weed. They spend ours, with the utmost perseverance, making these pieces achiere, by trying the same piece over and over again till they succeed. They have a tine sense of symmetry and always put a red piece on one limb to match the red piece they have put on the other. and a green piece to match a green piece, though how they know red from green in the dark pools where they live is hard to say, unless it is by taste or smell. When once their dress is completed it improves the older it es, as the weed actually grows

Another species, with like babits and a most decided love for finery, was described at a meeting of the Linnacan society, as clothing themselves with bits of bright colored seaweed, sponges, nd so forth. If the erab be desposled of its garments it at once proceeds to clothe itself again with care and deelection of its articles of apparel, but in the proper shaping of them by means of its pincers.-London Specta-

The Attorney In England. use of the word attorney denote mind. Since Nov. 1, 1875, ttorneys have ceased to exist, their title merged by law into that of solic-itor of the supreme court of Judica-ture, says a writer in the London Mall. The name had long been used as a term of abuse. Johnson observed of an acquaintance that "be did not care to speak ill of any man behind his back, but he believed the gentleman

Archbishop Trench in 1859 noted that the word attorney was going out of fa-for and that the lower branch of the legal profession preferred to be called solicitors. So when the judicature act of 1873 was before parliament a clause title. But with our delightful conservatism we still honor the "attorney

Knocking on Wood.

antique expressions in use today in-stead of being modern slang, according to Professor William F. Bade. The expression dates from a custom in vogue 5,000 years ago, when wood was re garded as the antipathy of evil genius es. Metals were regarded as tabooed certain spirits, and if a man han dled these metals he immediately touched wood to appears the spirits Ancient records show that King Sole mon's temple was built with wooden tools and implements made of precious metals, for iron was tabooed and would have polluted the temple.-Exchange

Overworked Runabout.

A writer for a farm magazine says an ordinary runabout can be made to run a circular saw, pump water, hauf freight, drive dairy machinery, fill the silo, shred the fodder and crush grain feed. Possibly, but it would have little time in which to run about.—Louisville

Charge Explained.

Judge-What's your charge against the prisoner? Complainant-Burgiary. He stole \$5 from me at the station. Judge-But for burglary there must be a breaking. Complainant-Well, your bonor, when he took the five he broke me.-Boston Transcript.

A Fomale Veteran, 'He-Isn't that General X, and his daughter over there? He-Yes, They say that she has been through more engagements than her old father.—Box-ton Transcript.

A cheerful and glad spirit attains to perfection much more readily than a melancholy spirit.—S. Philip Nert.

His Mental Incapacity. The Court—Se you ask divorce from this man on the ground of mental incapacity. What proof have you that he's insane? The Woman—Who said he was insane, your honor? The Court—Why, you say he is mentally incapable. The Woman—Yes; incapable of understanding that I'm boss.

An Unusual Cass. Strapger - Seventeen years ago struck you for a dollar. You gave it to me, saying you never turned a request like that down. Citizen (eager-ty)—Yes? Stranger—Well, are you still

A Good Substitute.

She-Why Go all the men flock around that footlab Miss Swanthing?

She basn't a grain of sease. He-No. but she has a sease of discretion. She Window Bexas.

Before putting earth in window boxes whitewash the inside of the box. This doesn't require any of her admirers to display any more intelligence than she possesses herself.—Richmond Timesot only keeps a wooden box from rotting, but prevents Insects.-McCall's

A Woman's Right.
"And how long have you voted?"
"Twelve years."
"And how old are you?"
"Twenty-two."—Life.

BLUNDERS OF AUTHORS.

tion, they are not lacking in curio

hiladelphia Ledger:

I screamed in silent rage

nistakes. A short list of these errors

A girl fore her eyes from the stage, out her ears still lingered.

"I will never speak to you again as long as I live," hissed Dolly. (Just

Her feet were swollen from standing

But Still He Had a Good Reason P

your farm?"

am gotu' to stand It."

"Are you making any money?"
The old man's face brightened perceptibly. "No, I ain't sir." he replied

hopefully, "but I'm losin' it slower'n ever done in my life before."—Argo

Spontini's Decorations.

god, and when inspirations crowded upon him be donned a wide, toga-like gown of white slik with a border

of gold and a fat of white silk em-broidered in gold from which a beavy

tasuel hung down. With great dignity be sat down before his desk, and it a grain of dust was visible on the

paper on which he penned his music he rang the bell impatiently for his servant to remove the obstacle. Spon tini owned so many medals and deco-

rations that they could no louger be accommodated on his breast. At a

grand musical reunion at Halle an old musician remarked to a courade. "See how many decorations Spontini has, while Mozari has not one." Spon-

Novel Rabbit Catcher

Crabs are put to a curious use on certain parts of the Devonshire fore-

hore. They are used to catch rabbits

Victor Huge.
Victor Huge was the wealthlest of the nineteenth century authors and also the hardlest. At one time he made less than 1,000 francs last him and his brother for eighteen mouths, and one chop would serve for lunch three days.

in succession. But this early absti-nence did not spoil Hugo's digestion, for at the age of eighty-three he cruck-ed nuts with his teeth and ste oranges

as some tolk ast apples -peel and all.

Then the flow Started.

Mrs. Scappens (who has been suffering from toothacks)—Thank goodness, I've had that tooth out at last! Mr. Scappens—Happy tooth! Mrs. Scap

pem-What do you mean? Mr. Snap-pem-It's out of the reach of your

"What are you doing now?"
"Two a day," said the vaudeville

"I can't quite equal that," responded the popular novelist. "Two a week is about my limit." Kanesa City Jour-

it is a great step in the interpreta-tion of life when we have discovered that all events are ultimately apirit-

of the above named species is inhabited by a bloodsucking insect about the size of a common flea which is a perfect counterpart of a tiger in every particular, shape, claws, tall and stripes included.

Casparo Spontint, the composer, garded himself in the light of a de

was a renter, and at least every

One Man's Scheme When He Found His Capital Was Shrinking. Some Queer Things of Which Fistion Characters Are Quilty.

What one man did when he dis For many years a favorite pas d his capital was shrinking is told in of the literary dilettante has been ferret out mistakes made by celebred authors. Writers of the high "A friend let me into a secret of hi Snancial economy which strikes me as valuable. He is of middle age, with a small family, and has an income of \$3,000 a year. He has put by a few thousand dollars. His investments are standing have been guilty of about "bloomers," such as l'inubert's asse-tion that "the two advarsaries wer placed at an equal distance from each other." Mistukes of this sort hav other." Mistakes of this sort have been excused on the ground that the nuthors were working under pressure of inspiration and were therefore likely at any time to make minor errors.

Etories of today do not, as a rule, appear to be written under the stress of temperamental excitement. Yet, in soft of their resumble to all southers.

FINANCIAL ECONOMY.

figures out exactly the value of his property. Each share of stock, each bond is reckoned at its present market price, and the sale value of his house is placed at the lowest figure. /To the current value of his estate he adds his life insurance. The result is the capital which would be available for the support of his wife and children should be suddenly the

he suddenly die.

"At the last three reckonings my friend found that his capital was off in the value of his real estate. What did he do? Commiserate himn wet, saity water. Like Adela, he had dark brown halv, surance company and took out a policy large enough more than to cover the sheinkage in his capital. Comparative-What, therefore, was our surprise to it added a next sum to the value of and Tlab sitting by the fire in her hath robe and slippers with a cup of ten in her lap and her fret in a tub of

PENS OF THE PAST.

The Old Time Quill and the Art

HE WASN'T MAKING MONEY. Quili pens are no longer used except in rare old fashloned instances, but people still use "penknives"—you can other season he was occupying a dif-ferent farm. By a friend's advice he had moved the year before into an en-tirely new field, a dozen miles from his usual haunts, and had not been store windows—but they do not use them to make or mend peas. In fact. knows how to put a point on a quilit it was once an art which every man his usual haunts, and had not been seen for several months. When the friend did see him at last it was quite by accident, business taking him into the old man's neighborhood. The farmer hatled him from the cornfield and came out to the fence.

"Hello" said the friend. "Is this had to master, though women were generally had at it, as they are now at sharpening pencils. In the old days the first question

whether he was skillful in pointing quilz, for he had to sharpen the pens of his whole school and incidentally instruct his pupils in the art. Alas! There is no modern pen of steel or gold that is so smooth, so swift, so alluring as a good quill pen. The writer is very sure of that, for his father used to tell "Yes; and I jist come over to tell you, sir, that I'll be ready to pay part of that claim of your's before long."
"You must be doing well."
"I think I'm doin' fust rate, and i'm powerful obliged to you, sir, for head-

"I am always giad to help if I can."
"I knowed that, sir, and that's why
I come away over here so far from
home. It's kinder strange to me, but
as long as I am doin' as well as I sw declined since the quill pen went out of use. The old fellows could really write. We still pay them an unconscious trib-ute by calling a writer a "quill driver" and picturing the pen, whenover we have to make an abstract representation of H. As a quili.—New

France's fiational Museu also known as the National museum, for it contains objects pertaining to the history of France and especially of the French revolution. The sucredness of antiquity clings to the buffling itself, which was begun in 1544 and enlarged in 1000 by Mansart, the famous architect of Louis XIV. In 1677 it became the home of Mme. de Sevigne, who lived there for eighteen years and after whom the street is named that faces the principal en-trance. Among the contents of this trance. Among the contents of this museum are fragments and statues from noted old buildings which no longer exist. There are also a weird portrait done in wax of Henry IV., made the day after his assassination. and an autograph order from Louis XVI. for the defenders of the Tutleries to cease firing. Things of historic interest are numerous, but none more sungularry than the copy of the con-stitution of 1708 bound in human skin. tini, who overhead it, replied quickly, "Mozart, my dear friend, does not need them."

De Lisle's Tragedy. An affair of the youth of Rouget de Lisie, author of the "Marsellinise." is told by a French journal. In 1870, when he was about twenty years old. Rouget de Lisie, a pupil of the military school, was deeply amitten with the charms of a young girl of Courbevole. Mile. Camille, whose futher was voic, Mile. Camille, whose father was a captain on half pay. The betrothal was made the occasion of a family fete, in the course of which some fire works were to be not off.

shore. They are used to catch rabbits. Having located a promising burrow, the snarer takes a crab and affixes a short length of lighted candle to the back of its shell. The behavior of a crab which finds itself in a narrow inclosure is well known. It begins to run. It therefore starps away up the purrow at too restarps away up the purrow at too restarps away up the burrow at top rate and presently the rabbit is borrified at the sight of a jog trotting flame coming to his sanctuary. Off he goes for the other exit, only to find himself, when he emerges, in a trap.—Loudon Spectator. The future officer could not have to others the care of touching off the powder. When the moment came to fire the principal place, which showed the figure of his well interpolal, he approached with a light in his hand, the quests meanwhile taking their places on a terrace opposite him. The piece was lighted, but a rocket badty directed struck the young girl on the fore-read, and she died some days after in ousequence of her burns.

> One of the queerest of odd creatures is the mind skipper, or jumping fish, which inhabits the large rivers of India and the neighboring seacoasts. At water to hunt for tiny crabs, flies, etc.,

A Precious Document, ace April 23, 1804, the original of the of Independence has the Declaration of Independence has been kept in a steel safe in the library of the state department. Washington, it has been seriously damaged by many reproductions and much handling, so that few of the signatures Oddest Parasite in Grantian.

The royal Bengal tiger is infeated with one of the strangest creatures that ever lived. It is said to be a fact easily demonstrated or proved by one who has access to a soological collection that the web of the foot of tigers of the above parased streets is in habit. can now be read. It is kept from the light to try to preserve the vestiges of

A Matter of the Future.
"When does the last train leave for Dobbersville?" asked the old isdy at the ticket window. "I don't know, ma'am," answered the

elderly ticket agent, "but I don't supto take it."-Exchange. Man Esting Crocedies.
The jargest reptile is the man eating salt water crocedite of southern Asia and Australia. It measures thirty feet in irrigit from end of nose to the of

Redd-What kind of an engine have you got in your new car? Greene-A donkey engine, I guess. It's awfelly a thimbleful will furnish enough plants subbors.—Youkers Biateaman.

CARLYLE'S TEMPER.

Hi Wes the Very Reverse of Bad, Sald His Old Maidservant. Carlyle bad tempered? Not at all, if we are to place any belief in the testi-mony of the maid behind the broom. One of Carlyle's pervants, Jessie, who on marrying became Mrs. Broadfoot, has left a very favorable impression of her old master, says the Landon

days," she says, "and it always makes me angry when I read, as I sometimes do, that he was bad tempered. He was the very reverse, in my opinion.

I never would have left him when I did if I had not been going to get married. I took great pride in attend-

"It was one of my duties to rush out and move on all street organs and things of that kind. Many a time in his bedroom, for him and strike the match to light it. I always cut up his tobacco (he bought it in flat cakes) and kept his tin box regularly supplied. He was always so grateful for these little services.

So much for popular belief and the dictum of the democratic servant biog

FIRST AIR BALLOONS.

Dr. Johnson's Description of the Way

"The cheinless philosophers have dispovered a body (which I have forgotten, but will inquire) which dissolved
by an acid emits a vapor lighter than
the atmospherical air. This vapor is
caught, among other means, by tying
a bladder compressed upon the bottle
in which the dissolution is performed.

is wanted. Then a large spherical case is made, and very large it must be, of the lightest matter that can be found, secured by some method like that of offing silk against all passage

ders of light air, and if there is light ser or light air, and if there is light

aft enough it mounts into the clouds
upon the same principle as a bottle filled with water will sink in water, but a
bottle filed with other will float. It
rises till it comes to air of equal tenuity with its own if wind or water does not spoil it on the way. Such, madam, is an air balloon."-From Dr. Johnson's Letter, Sept. 22, 1783, to Mrs.

Beethoven's "Meenlight Bonata," The story runs that Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" always so called, name to any of his works-was composed on an occasion when he had been playing to some stranger folic by chance. Walking with a friend, be one playing with much feeling a bit of one of his sonstan. He paused by listen. In a moment the music ceased and a girl spoke longingly of her wist to hear some really good concert. poser stepped without besitation to the door and knocked. Admitted to the wondering host, he said, "I will play for you," and played wonderfully till the lamp burned out. Then with the moonlight filling the room he legan to improvise the mysterious delicate breathings of the beginning of that wonderful sonata, then the tricksy elfke second part, and the glory of the

The Thriftiest Parson supreme example of thrift was the Rev. Robert Walker—the "Wonderful Walker." For the greater part of his life Walker was curate of Leather-walte. Cumberland, commencing there with a stipend of £5 per annum. His with a stipend of £5 per annum. It's
wife brought him a fortune of £40, and
on the interest of this and his £5 annucley Walker reared a family of eight.
When after [wenty years his athend
was raised to £17 [62, a year be contrived to save. And not only did the
family "live well, though phinly," but,
as he declared with justifiable pride,
his children never incked any of the
necessaries of life and were given an necessaries of life and were given an ducation to fit them for any rank of

In the arid lands of central Asia the air is reported as often laden with around superlenous objects and tends to bury them in a dust drift. Even when there is no apparent wind the and a yellow sediment covers every thing. In Khotan this dust sometimes to obscures the min that at midday one caphol see to read one print with

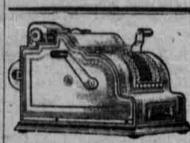
The woman sitting opposite me in my botel dining room spoke Freuch to the waitress fluently, but there was an untidiness about her letter "r" that betchened English, and a wateriness about her eye that I thought betckened liquor. She was aged and—for all the waited—she was "Sairey Gamp." She ate her tripe flauntingly. And she ate it voluptuously—not sectioning it with it voluptuo isly-not sectioning it with knife or fork, but rolling it omelette wise about her fork like an Italian with acaroni, and I followed each mouth ful with my hungry eyes and opened my own mouth slightly each time and led at her dexterity as when I

"Here somebody says that electric currents can be made to take the place "What a shocking theory!"-Balti-

I count life just the stuff to try the

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