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German States Are Governed. Since the unification of Germany the olitical world has taken great interest rnment of the German Empire, watchng with especial interest the measures understand the construction and tuncstag, Herren-Haus, etc., and the ques-tion is often heard: ',What is the dif-ference between the Landtag, Bundes-rath and Imperial Diet." etc.? rath and Imperial Diet," etc.

The Imperial Dies is the Reichstag, and constitutes the legislative branch of the German Empire, and may be compared to our National House of Representatives. It has the power to originate, and with the consent of the Bundesrath to enact national laws. The members are elected for three years, in the ratio f one representative for every 10,000 inhabitants; but a state having less than 100,000 inhabitants is entitled to but one representative. The members receive no com-pensation. They are elected by the voters of each state at large. Every German twenty-five years old, of active citizenship, has the right to vote in the ate in which he was born.

The Bundesrath is the highest executive and administrative power in the empire. Its principal features were created by the Norddeutsche Bund of 867, and incorporated into the constitution of 1871. It has peculiarities which do not permit of its being likened to our Senate or the upper house of any assembly; nor is it a purely executive body. It resembles council of states, and is now composed of fifty-nine members, the dele gates of the several states which, under the supremacy of Prussia, compose the German Empire. Prussia sends seventeen delegates, Bavaria six, Wurtemberg four, Saxony four, Saxe Weimar and Brunswick two ich, the other states but one each. The Bundesrath has power to decide upon the legislative measures to be proposed to the Reichstag; on the rules and reg lations to be adopted in the adminis Sunny Side Billiard Saloon, trative and executive branches of the empire, in other respects it has some of powers of the executive. members of the Bundesrath

have the privileges of the floor Hameln and they should have been in the proceedings of the Im-Notary Public, A SPLENDID BILLIARD TABLE perial Diet, and on pending questions to take part in the debates. In case the delegates of a certain state are unable did nothing of the kind. No sooner to carry a measure in the Bundesrath, did they witness the drowning of their they may submit the question to the busy little foes than they deliberately

> to appoint a Chancellor of the Empire duty, among others, is to receive oreign Embassadors and officials, and vith the consent of the Emperor to apoint representatives of the German Empire—Bavaria excepted—to other foreign countries. The Emperor can only declare war for the German Empire in case German Territory is in-

vaded by foreign foes. With the affairs of a single state the German Government has nothing to do. The states are autonomous, each having ts own soverign and constitution. As for instance, Prussia is governed by her King, William I., who was also sen in 1871 by the German sovereigns, Emperor of Germany. Prussia has her parliament, consisting of a Chamber of Deputies and House of Lords (Herren-Haus), called the Land-The members of the two chambers are the representatives of the whole state of Prussia; not a district. They e not expected to vote for a constituncy nor to give a reason for their otes. No member can be prosecuted uring the time the chamber is in ses-Each chamber draws up its own rules by which it is governed. The Herren-Haus is composed of the Princes of the blood, who have reached neir majority, hereditary members Those wishing good bargains must not fail to and members appointed for life. The number is not limited; the members ast have reached the age of thirty years and can receive no salary or in demnity of any sort. The Chamber of Deputies consists of 432 members elected for three years. The government of Bavaria, Wurtemburg and the other German states have their separate Landiags formed of two houses the ame as Prussia.—Chicago Times.

A NOBLE MISER.

Lord Dunsinnan's Peculiar and Engentle-

It is said of Lord Dunsinnan, as ilustrative of his peculiar economy, that he had only one bed at Dunsinnan besides those occupied by his servants, thus to preclude the possibility of being put to the expense of entertaining visitors. It so occurred that the late Goerge Dempster, of Dunnichen, one of the most intimate of the very few ends with whom his lordship associathink of remaining all night. Dunsinster's coachman was not to be sut-he positively refused to harthe horses on such a night, ese stable, if he could get no other ac-mmodation, till daylight. Lord Dunnan, thus driven to extremities, ne rned to his guest and made known dilemma in which they were placed. George," said he, "if you stay, you ill go to bed at ten and rise at three and then I shall get the bed after you.' Kay's "Edinburgh Portraits."

THE PIED PIPER.

Various Forms of the Legend or Myth of a

But few perhaps of the many wh have seen the spectacular presentation n every thing pertaining to the gov- of "The Rat-catcher; or, the Pied Piper of Hameln," know much about the legend upon which the play is founded. rought before the legislative branch Yet this legend and the many uses to of the new monarchy. As the consti- which poets and playwrights have put ution of Germany is not analogous to it form a more than commonly interthat of the United States, it has been esting story. Briefly told, the legend ound difficult by the general reader to runs thus: In the latter part of the thirteenth century, or about the year 1280, the town of Hameln, in Brunswick, was overrun with rats. Rats took refuge in every human habitation, every building or semblance of a building, and by day and night sallied forth in hordes to plunder and plague the people. No place of concealmen No place of concealment ment that these pests did not imme-diately discover and pillage, nor did they refrain from attacking at time the sleeping bodies of man, woman and beast. In vain the rulers of the town distributed poisons and devised ingenious traps to catch and extermin ate the destructive pests. Every rat death seemed to be followed by the birth of a score of other rats, until the question became one of which should survive, the people or the rats. At this juncture, when the village fathers were in despair, there arrived in Ham-eln a curious-looking man, a piper, to whom the name of Bunting was given. whom the name of Bunting was given from the dress which he wore. Being told of their extremity he agreed t rid the people of the rats in considera-tion of a certain sum of money. Some portion of the sequel can best be told

in the words of Browning's poem: Into the street the piper stept,
Smiling first a little smile.
As if he knew what magic slept
In his quiet pipe the while:
And green and blue his sharp eyes twinkled,
Like a candle-flame where salt is sprinkled,
And ere three shrill notes the pipe uttered
You heard as if an army muttered,
And the muttering grew to a grumbling,
And the grumbling grew to a mighty rum
bing.

And out of the house the rats came tumbli Great rats, small rats, lean rats, brawny rats Brown rats, black rats, gray rats, tawny rats

Brown rats, black rats, gray rats, tawny frave old plodders, gay young friskers, Fathers, mothers, uncles cousins, Cocking tails and pricking whiskers, Families by tens of dozens; Brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, Followed the piper for their lives, Until they came to the river Weser, Where a all plunged and perished. Gratitude, of course, should have filled the hearts of the people of Imperial Diet or Reichstag. The Bundesrath and Reichstag, therefore, form the imperial government of Germany. The postal and telegraph servive, the army and navy (and soon, doubtless, the railroads) are under their administration.

The third branch of the imperial government is represented by the executive town came the children of the perfidious fore, and from out of every house in the town came the children of the perfidious to the control of the perfidious control of the perfidicular control of the perfidi ment is represented by the executive town came the children of the perfidious officer, the Emperor, who has the right parents, laughing and keeping step to the rhythm of the piper's lay led them and still on, while their sire

looked in helpless amazement until the Koppelberg hill was reached, When lo, as they reached the mountain

s de,
And wondrous portal opened wide,
As if a cavern was suddenly hollowed,
And the p-per advanced and the childre
followed.
And when all were in to the very last
The door in the mountain s de shut fast."

There were sorrow and lamentatio in the town of Hameln for one hun dred and thirty children who had dis appeared, but the mountain side never opened again. Couriers were sent by the mayor offering fabulous rewards for the return of the children and Emperor of Germany. Prussia promising much to the hero of the mystic pipe. But whether he heard them or not, or hearing doubted them as he would have been justified in do-ing, he never came. Opposite the place where the mountain side had yawnee the people erected a column, on which the substance of the story was inscribed In various forms the legend is told of other times and places, but its truth, if

truth indeed it possess, must ever be associated with Hameln. The same ale is related of Brandenburg, the authorities of which refused to keep a promise made to the fiddler of that quaint town, but he led the children not into the mountain side, but to their death in the Marienberg. When the town of Lorch nfested with ants, it is said that these insects were led by a piper to the wa-ters of a lake which engulfed them, but when payment of the stipulated sum was refused the Lorch piper piped only the village pigs to their death. Almost similar is the legend which says of the same place that, not profiting by that experience, its peopl again denied a reward to a charec burner who had freed the place from erickets, and in revenge he led their sheep into the lake. Again, in the following year, the children of Lorch were lured into the Tannenberg by a mountain bermit, who was similarly treated, and who, so runs the legend. taught the inhabitants of the town for a third time the pointed moral that in

gratitude meets with punishment in the end. Perhaps the strongest legend of all is that found in Gueulette's "Chines ed, paid him a visit at Dunsinnan on Tales." About the year 1523 the town ne occasion, and having tarried a little later than usual, a violent storm overrun with rats. For a certain price arose, which induced Mr. Dempster to a dwarf named Good freed the town from vermin, but was given a number an, unwilling to declare the inhospit- of counterfeit pieces with the genuinarrangement of his mansion, coin paid. Nor would the now lib evaded the proposition by every mean-possible in hopes that the storm might wantonly done. Or the day following At last, finding no likelihood their refusal to exchange the counter f this, he sallied forth to the stable to reder his friend's coach to the door, as he only effectual hint to his guest; but feet high standing in the market place with whip in hand. The mother of the dwarf, Mergian Banon, had comto avenge her misshapen son's affront ally as the roads were so bad and Fifteen of the town's principal wome agerous, preferring rather to lie in she strangled on each of four successtable, if he could get no other acwere led into a magic tower, from which they never emerged. Whether tales like these ever had in them more than the pointing of a moral may we be questioned now. There was a time. however, when to doubt them migh have resulted unhappily for the skeptic .- Philadelphia Times.

A HOTEL DINNER.

Has Suffered Long and Patiently.

Parties who live at home in opulence and luxury with three meals a day can not appreciate the sadness that sweens over the hotel boarder's heart when he beautiful and thoroughly equipped sits down to a dinner that has grown summer residence in this country. It

cold waiting for him. He first orders soup, and the waiter bank of the Hudson and about a mile bank of the Hudson and about fluid the sight of which makes his as the Merritt estate is now known as heart ache. It is composed entirely of water, save when it is labeled vegetable soup; you may then peradventifie he would scarcely recognize his ture find a turnip peeling or an onion ideal home. oyster soup is the bitterest calumny on the whoic oyster race that could be devised. It is a luxury to which board-passed into his hands he has been coners are treated on Sunday, and one oyster is compelled to flavor the soup for twenty boarders. It is no wonder of the loveliest sites in the world. The that both the boarder and the oyster estate now covers (according to the

feel inclined to murmur and repine.

When the meat is brought the boarder's anguish becomes greater, for he has no saw to cut it with and life is too 200 acres are woodland and the res has no saw to cut it with and life is too 200 acres are woodland and the rest short to spend its best years trying to devoted to lawns and light farming. ecop a hole through a slice of mutton with a table knife. The only thing that will successfully rend a piece of the neighborhood of \$200,000, and that hotel mutton is nitro-glycerine, and it he can dispose of the property any day is too demonstrative.

The side-dishes are also discouraging. In one of them there are six or seven peas which are not quite so soft as marbles, another has three or four beans which have contracted consumptions. The house of the king of finance is built in Gothie style, and in itself is not particularly striking. It faces the river from a distance of 3,000 feet, and the view commanding is at once grand

A biscuit generally accompanies the meal which awaits the boarder's onslaught with a stony indifference that

is painful to see. I once knew a boarder to fly in a rage and hit the waiter with one of these biscuits, killing him instantly. He was arrested, and the judge told gridirons or clock-weights at the waiters, or something less hard than hotel

The butter is difficult to overpower, icing on the horizontal bar. Homer's description of hotel butter is perhaps the most worthy of any yet

"Ulysses, powerful though he was,
Was thrown into the gutter,
While o'er h m stood h s stronger foe,
The dark, triumphant butter."
—St Louis Whip.

ABOUT DIAMONDS.

A Washington Broker's Chat About Valuable and Beautiful Gems. This is claimed to be the largest, exwestward. I looked it all over. It is forms." "Now," said the dealer, "do of-door enjoyment they wish, you know that she handed over to me abounds and of the choicest br 213 diamonds, which would about half fill that glass of water before you? She him, and he is quite sure it is a dia-mond, but he wants to be confirmed about it; and he wants to have me

Said I: "There seem to be more diamonds at present than there are buy-

COULDN'T FOOL HER.

The Good Wife Had Seen the Wild Man As Mr. Krewskin was going home friends it includes Mr. and Mrs. Gould the other day at noon, he saw the wagon of a traveling photographer.

marked, entering the peripatetic estab-"There," said the photographer, showing him a "proof," "I think that is a pretty good likeness."

taken, just for fun," he mentally re-

Krewskin looked at it with a puzzled expression, and finally said: "I guess 'll do." When he got home he showed the tin type to his wife, and jokingly told her it was a picture of the "Wild Man from Borneo," down in the dime

"You can't fool me," said his wife. I've seen the Wild Man from Borneo. and he is not half so homely and frightful looking as this."—Drake's Travel-

IRVINGTON HOME.

A Fairy-Land on the Hudson for the King

Seven years ago George Dawson Merritt, a merchant of this city, prided himself on what he thought the most was located at Irvington, on the east He first orders soup, and the waiter bank of the Hudson and about a mile

In 1880 Jay Gould became struck with the magnificence of the property books of the supervisors) 510 acres of the most eligible and fertile land in

for five times that amount, or \$1,000, tion by exposure to the weather, and and picturesque. It contains twenty another dish has a potato. If the boarders give up the job of cutting the potato, it is taken back by the waiter, crushed with a pile driver and looms up at the next meal in the shape of bash

Axminster and Moquet carpets and velvet tapestry cover the floors, and frescoing of the most delicate and expensive patterns decks the walls and

On the second floor is Mr. Gould's pride, the art gallery. It extends the entire depth of the house, and has the full benefit of the setting sun. In it is him that henceforth he should throw hung a most tidy fortune in paintings by the most celebrated masters. Brie a-brac is everywhere prevalent, and nothing is wanting to make such home as only a many-times millional and when most wanted is generally found swinging Indian clubs, or pracacres, kept with faultless care, and marred only by the single macadamized roadway leading from the mair road to the house, a distance of nearly a quarter of a mile. The grounds are separated from the road by a polished stone fence, nearly four feet high.

Proceeding toward the river, the next object to attract one's attention are Mr. Gould's hothouses, nineteen in number, and comprising combined about 900 feet in length and 450 is From all over the world diamonds description of flower that grows on the are forwarded to him, and he has one face of the globe. From there Mr. which at one time sold for \$70,000, Gould relishes grapes up to February now offered at less than half that rate. to top off his Christmas dinner, and

on April Fool's Day. The hothouses and their content about as dig as a batton on your walk- are valued at \$250,000. Underneat ing coat—say half to three-quarters of the hothouses is a miniature cellar onl an inch in diameter. A diamond a little purer, I should think, of about half that size, I was shown, which I was of- is indispensable. Here are also roots fered for \$22,000. While we were talk- which are used to decorate the hous ing a family entered the room, and the in one mass of green foliage. My wife was indicated as Mrs. Blank, Gould will make affidavit that he doe whose husband had come to Washing- not use oleomargarine, because hi ton some years ago. She had approached the dealer a few days before the supply him with the choicest of butter and milk to which water not satisfied with the way my diamonds are set, and would like you to take and restring them into other members of the family with all the outabounds and of the choicest breeds. I is said that one of Jay Gould's greates delights is to rise early and with hi asked for no memorandum or receipt youngest son. Frank, watch the pro-whatever, and I have sent them out to cess of feeding the chicks. Eighty men Cincinnati to be set. You would be surprised," he said, "to see what foolish letters I get. One man writes that he nine dollars per week, or a grand total has a stone which his father had before of \$2,880 per month. It requires ten pair of hands to look after the house-work beside the French chief who pre-sides over the destinies of cuisine. The come and see it and have a long talk. | chambermaids', housekeeper's and gov They all think that if they can have a erness' wages amount to \$300 monthly talk they can convince me before my and the gentleman who wears the white eyes that a piece of flint is a diacap and prepares creme de volail cap and prepares creme de volaill grows fat over \$250 per month, or \$50 less than the other ten put together Allowing that the live stock are selfsupporting. Gould's expenses, exclusive of his house in this city, his yacht man. "You can get your diamonds and hundreds of other asides, are at now quicker than you can get your irvington, \$388.89 per day, or \$11, customer, but I have seen the time 516.66 per month and \$138,199 92 a when you had your customer and couldn't get your diamond. There are a thousand million dollars' (\$1,000,- thousands of dollars in beautifying the 000,000) worth of diamonds in the United States. When people make money quickly by turns, as in mining industrious in improving its sanitary or speculation, or real estate, they condition. For years there has been a want fine diamonds, and it is hard to swamp right in the heart of the village. get them, but when there is a pull on the purse people drop to the idea that and other obnoxious diseases. Re their diamonds are the easiest things cently Mr. Gould purchased it, and is sacrificed, and so they fluctuate in now engaged in draining it by the aid value."—Gath, in Cincinnati Enquirer. of a tunnel at an enormous expense. ready been driven at a cost of double the price paid for the land. When the

"I will stop and have a few tin types | sons, George, Edwin, Howard and Frank.—N. Y. Journal. "Papa," said the daughter of s large employer of labor, "are you in favor of the eight-hour system?" "Well, daughter," he answered, "under zertain circumstances I am."
"Oh, I'm so glad," she rapturously
exclaimed. "Why, my dear, why are
you so interested?" "Because, papa, George has been only staying for hours every evening, and he told u system he need n't go home nearly so early. You dear old paps, I am so glad you are in favor of it," and she threw her soft, white arms about his neek and choked off all explanations. Washington Critic

their two daughters, Helen and Annie

aged sixteen and nine, and the for

The "Wm. Penn," a locomotive There are in twenty-two States of built in Philadelphia in 1835, was the to de house, an — "Yah! yah! an' Union 308,407 more women than first railroad engine ever run in Caliour Union 308,407 more women than first railroad engine ever run in Calimen. Dakota has 29,415 more men fornia, and is still doing good service in Scipis."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL. -Krupp, the Essen gun manufactur-

547 iron ore mines in Ger-—The New England Conservatory, says the Boston Traveller, can probably boast of the youngest violin student on

record in the person of a bright little -There is a lady living in Fairburn,

in her life, and who is still active and -The widow of General Hancock recently applied to the surrogate at New York to be appointed administratrix of her husband's estate. She deposed that he left less than one thousand del-

ars worth of personal property .- N. Y. -A wonderful Chinese boy is mentioned in the report of a missionary at Pekin. At a recent examination he repeated the entire New Testament without missing a single word or making one mistake. He is now committing to memory Dr. Martin's "Evidences of

Christianity. Mme. Patti had a curious experience of the enthusiasm of Roumanian women. She had just completed one of her most effective arias in the opera house of Bucharest, when a number of ladies suddenly rose to their feet and threw white pigeons with ribbons on their necks upon the stage, until the singer was surrounded by the fluttering

-Harvey Dillingham, of Auburn, Me., for sixty years has voted in the same district, having been born on the farm where he now lives and never having left it. For sixty years, as well, he has never until recently failed to present himself at the polls and cast his vote. He was one of the stormbeleaguered, and his voting record was broken. - Boston Journal.

Miss Frances Heaunelli, a native of Dalmatia residing in San Francisco, has not spoken for seven years, though n full possession of her vocal powers. The cause of the singular freak was a quarrel with her family concerning a lover. The only thing she takes any interest in is cod-liver oil, "which she swallows eagerly and claps to her lips with great gusto."—San Francisco

—Joseph Coppin, aged ninety-four years, died in Cincinnati recently. Three years ago he made for himself a burial-case, which he called the great American coffin." It is of dressed pine, with three panels on each side and one at each end, and has iron handles. It is painted in patriotic colors, the base being red, the panels white and the top ledge blue. The lid is entirely decorated with stars and stripes. The old gentleman's photograph is placed securely on the lid, and under it is a miniature flag.—Cincinnati Times. -Col. Bob Ingersoll has bought a billiard table for his private residence

in New York. A visitor caught him practicing the other night and remarked that he had not hitherto suspected the and ball line. "Well, you needn't suspect me now," said the orator, as perspiration rolled from his brow. "I've been practicing just about long enough to prove that I'll have to take up some other pursuit for a livelihood. Why, man, I couldn't shoot a pumpkin down a cellarway. For the first time in my life I owe up that I'm no good."
N. Y. Mail.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."

"I made a dollar awful slick today," said Jones. "How did you do it?" inquired Smith eagerly, "Greased it," retorted Jones.—N. Y. News.

"I never know what to do with my feet when I'm in a parlor," said the embarrassed man. "Did it ever sug-gest itself to you that you might steer them toward the door?" was the amiable reply .- Washington Hatchet. There is an article going the rounds of the press entitled, "How to get rich." And yet there are more than a

dozen poor families right here in this own. This comes of not reading the ewspapers. - Norristown Herald. It is a very easy matter for a peron to be in two places at the same ime, even though those two places be housands of miles apart. One frequently hears of a man being in a

trange country and home, siek .-Texas Siftings. -Young Lady: "Gardener, don't make a flower-bed here. It will spoil our croquet ground." Gardener: "Can't help it, miss. Them's my orders. Your papa says he is bound to have this plot devoted to horticulture, not husbandry." - Western Rural.

—Miss Philadelphia: "And so you enjoyed your tour of Europe?" Miss Boston: "Oh, indescribably." "Did on see the aqueducts in Rome? "Yes, and they swam beautifully." "Swam! What swam?" "The aquaducks, of course."-N. Y. Independent. -"You have just returned from Parls, I understand?" "Yes, and we bought lots of lovely things at the Bone Marsh," "You mean Bon Marche, I presume." "Well, perhaps you understand French better than I

I see plainly you have never been ad?"—N. Y. Sun. "I tell you, Fanny. I am bound to succeed. I have the aptitude. It is makes a man succeed." "Ah, indeed! Well, that explains it." "Explains what, Fanny?" "Why you pay so very close attention to very close attention to your mus-

-Peck's Sun. —It was a small boy from down in Maine who, visiting his Boston rela-tives lately, was asked about his school, his progress in his classes, etc. "I can't thpell worth a thent," said the Maine youngster, "and the I have to thay at the foot; but [very proudly] I've got the biggetht feet in the clath!"

-"Is yer troubled with rheumatiz dis mawnin, Hannibal?" asker Sciplo, as his friend came limping up the walk "Not eachly, Scipio," groaned Hanni-bal. "Yer see I woke up in de night with a ragin appetite fur water million. Massa Jones's ga'den is close adjacem