A Chicken That Catches Mice.

On my place, near Montemorilos, Mexico, I have Plymonth Rock chickens. One day two of my children were crossing the field about a half mile from the house, when they came across a mother partridge with her young, which on sight of the children began to hide in the woods. Noticing one of the brood hide in a bunch of grass the children concluded to capture it, and did, but instead of a young partridge it turned out to be a young Plymouth Rock chicken, which by some means had been adopted by the old mother partridge.

This chicken after being taken to the

house soon became tame, but has confined its diet to insects and similar food; but, most wonderful of all, it has developed into an extra good mouser, hardly a day passing that it does not catch at least one mouse. It first commenced killing little mice, until now it has no hesitancy in attacking and killing full grown mice, which it pecks to pieces and eats.—Cor. Louisville Courier-Journal.

When Carleton Stuttered

Henry Guy Carleton was walking on Tremont street when there passed a man-ager between whom and the playwright has existed an antarctic coolness ever since the manager "did" a play of Carleton's in more ways than one.

"Your friend isn't looking well," ob-served Carleton's companion; "a little pale about the gills."

"He has tut-two good reasons for not fuf-feeling well," said Carleton.

"And what are they?" "Why, his nun-new company can't act, and his old kuk-kidneys won't."-Boston

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Increase of Suicides In Austria.

The increase in the number of suicides in Austria, which is stated to have been very marked in the sixties and seventies, fell off in the 10 years 1880-90. Since the latter date, however, it has again become noticeable. In 1891 the number of suicide was 872, in the following year it was 903, and last year it reached 1.005.

Opinion of a Tippler. A notice bulletined at one of the well known clubs informs members that water used in the cafe is boiled. Beneath this comforting assurance some one has written, "It would be better if you boiled the whisky."-New York Time

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A QUIET TAKEIN.

The Mild Mannered Man and His Won-derful Scheme.

He was a quiet looking, elderly gentleman and he came into my presence almost with humility. We exchanged some vital pinions concerning the weather, and when the conversation began to limp he slipped towards me and said with a sly glance: a "A great many of the young men are

trying it now."

The remark took me by surprise, so, without the least idea what he meant, I

taid, "Is that so?"
"Yes," he answered, "and the young women too."

"Of course it's to be expected, though, that young people in this age will know a good thing when they see it."

"Quite natural," I said.
"And everybody, too, wants to make money—such a restless, money getting age. The man that can't make a fortune now in twenty years is set down as a fool,"
"Yes?" I answered, thinking bow many

fools there are, but growing more interested all the time.

"When I was young it was very different," he went on. "A man had to work hard and economize to acquire a competency in sixty years. This generation is a hundred years ahead of that. A young woman came to me last week and said she was going to branch out and accomplish comething and wanted me to help her. Of course I did, and I consider her fortune

By this time I was burning up with curiosity to know who this man was that had fortunes to dispose of so recklessly, and I was growing exceedingly nervous. He saw it, for he said:

"I see you are interested, and I should have been greatly deceived if you had not been. You want to make something for a rainy day. That's right. A young widow came to me last week and shook my hand and told me sit never would forget my kindness to her; and week before last a young man told me I'd been the making of him."

I could stand it no longer. "Will you tell me how you do it?" I asked nervously. I couldn't control my eagerness to grasp

fortune, but he was cool as a cucumber. "Certainly," he said, drawing a red bound book slowly from his pocket. "I represent the Mutual Benevolence Life Assurance society, that not only gives you the cheapest term insurance, but pays larger dividends than any other investment in the world—perfectly safe, too—assets, \$50,000,000; liabilities, \$23,000,000; cash surplus, exclusive of unpaid dividends, \$27,000,000—has 135,000 members—young man, by an economy of fifteen cents per day, can lay up a fortune in twenty years-

I was into it. I felt as cheap as a wed-ding present. He rattled away about insurance with a volubility that was remarkable even in a well trained insurance agent. I got rid of him by promising to give the matter of insurance my careful attention for ten consecutive days, and to read thoroughly all the circulars he gave me meantime. I will not say I kept my promise, for a great portion of my time is given up to avoiding a man with gray beard and a furtive glance. - Detroit Free Press.

Negro Folklore.

Here is a strange piece of folklore. For many years, even long before the war, the fiddle playing and the banjo playing had been dying out among the negroes, owing to a superatition that "de devil is a fid-dler." The very old people have noticed this. The master of the mansion says: "In my father's time, and when I was a boy, there were few regular musicians, and at parties, unless it was a very grand affair, a lady played the piano, accompanied by a gentleman on the violin, and monstrous gentleman on the violin, and monstrous good jigs and reels they played too. But when it got too much like work almost anybody's carriage driver could be sent for out of the kitchen, who could fiddle well enough to dance the Virginia reel by. But when I grew up negro fiddlers were scarce among the plantation hands, except the 'professionals,' who were free negroes. They have been growing scarcer, owing to They have been growing scarcer, owing to this superstition about old Plute. "Among the city negroes the piano is the

favorite instrument, as it is so much easier to acquire a certain proficiency on it than on the violin. In the country, though, it does it so well, so for a 'chu'ch member' to play the violin, if not actually an auducious communication with Satin himself. But it involves neither deadly sin nor any spiritual risk whatever to play the accordion or the "lap organ," as they call it. The 'corjon,' consequently, is a very popular instru-ment."—Boston Transcript.

Places of Refuge. As Wazan is a city of refuge for the outside world, so are the mosques and tombs of the shereefs for the inhabitants of Wazan; and men fleeing from justice or an enemy have been known to spend months and even a year in the holy precincts with-out once issuing forth. The great mosque of Muley Abdullah Shereef, with its courts and arcades, affords shelter for any number of these refugees, and at the present moment no inconsiderable quantity are housed there. Their food is brought to them by their relatives or friends, if they have any, and if not they either send and buy, or, if moneyless, exist on the charity of those who pray in the mosques.-Black"OLD SLEUTH" IN PRIVATE LIFE.

His Name Is Harland P. Halsey, and He Has Made a Fortune.

Among the millions of readers who have been entertained by perusing the stories of "Old Sleuth, the Detective," there are not many who know that until quite recently the author of those stories was a member of the Brooklyn board of educa-tion. Yet it is a fact that he occupied a seat in that body for nearly nine years, and it is also a fact that he might still be a member of it if he had not resigned be-cause of the pressure of private business. In private life "Old Sleuth" is known

as Harland Page Halsey. He began writ-ing for a cheap weekly story paper under his famous pen name over 20 years ago. As a very young man he had literary aspira-tions of a higher order than his detective stories indicate, but he discovered that there was more money to be made in cheap literature and smothered his aspirations in the interest of his pocketbook. Since then he has written more than 150 "Old



HARLAND P. HALSEY.

Sleuth" stories, and the financial results have more than justified his anticipations. His stories have netted him something over \$500,000 and produce for him an income of \$20,000 a year.

The amount of work Mr. Halsey has ac complished in the past 20 years is some-thing prodigious. His stories average be-tween 50,000 and 75,000 words each and have required the preparation of more than 170,000 closely written manuscript pages. He says that his work is largely mechanical, and that he goes about it daily as a carpenter goes to his bench, writing from 20 to 40 pages of manuscript on 300 out of the 313 working days of each year. He takes pride in the fact that there is not a single word in any story he has written that could be objected to by the most rigid

Mr. Halsey looks more like a prosperous merchant than a typical author. He is a strongly built man of medium stature, with a strong, good face, conventional dress and businesslike manner. He is a business man of considerable ability, too, and has increased his fortune to very near the 10 figure limit by shrewd investments in real estate and financial projects. He is a director is a Brooklyn trust company and takes a great deal of interest in Republic-an politics in the City of Churches.

The Halseys are an old Long Island family, and "Old Sleuth" is very proud of his ancestry. His four great-grandfathers fought in the Revolution, and six of his ancestors were military officers in the old colonial wars. The walls of his handsome Brooklyn home are hung with many portraits of these vigorous and comely people, and much of his furniture is priceless from old associations.

IN HANCOCK'S MEMORY.

A Heroic Statue of the Famous General to Be Erected In Washington.

The national capital is to have an equestrian statue of General Hancock. It is to be of heroic size and will be set up in the reservation in Pennsylvania avenue, be-tween Seventh and Eighth streets, a most conspicuous and admirable position for a noble work of art such as the statue promises to be. The design selected is by Henry J. Ellicott of Washington and represents General Hancock as he appeared at the battle of Gettysburg. The model was prepared before the death of Mrs. Hancock, who considered it admirable in every way and urged its acceptance by the commission to whom congress assigned the duty of selecting a design. This commission consisted of the secretary of war and Sena-tors Proctor, Voorhees and Cockrell.

The statue will be of heroic size, about

half again as large as life, and its dimensions will be about the same as those of the statue of General Thomas at the junction of Vermont and Massachusetts avenues. The figure of General Hancock, if



THE HANCOCK STATUE.

would be about 9 feet in height, and the horse will measure about 9 feet in length through the body. The height of the pedestal will be 18 feet. It will be of

granite, admirably proportioned, with rich carving on each side, and differing from any other in the Capital City.

Mr. Ellicott's genius has heretofore been manifested in his equestrian statue of General McClellan in Philadelphis, and the soldiers' monuments in Greenwood and Calvary cemeteries in New York, and the monuments to the First and Second Pennsylvania cavalry at Gettysburg, all of which are considered masterpieces of the

sculptor's art, the latter two having been pronounced "the gems of that battlefield." The talent which has made Mr. Ellicott's name familiar as a sculptor was first displayed at a very early age. When a boy of 15, he modeled in snow a bust of Judge Otto, then assistant secretary of the interior, and a severe frost preserving it for several days it attracted a great deal of attention and ultimately determined his ca

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A New Society Leader.

When James J. Corbett was hammering John L. Snihvan in the ring at New Orleans, and in the expressive language of sporting men "making a monkey out of him," Ward McAllister, who had abandoned all his social duties for that system evening, was sitting in a telegraph office at Newport reading bulletins and experiencing the most exquisite excite-

Would Ward McAllister have done this if it were not the proper thing to do? And if it is the proper thing to do. haven't all of us who are in society got to do it, and do it hammer and tongs. while the craze lasts?

The bruisers and the nose breakers are the coming society men. Every sign points that way. Society has been aching for them for ten years, but it could never see how it was possible to take them up without recognizing their leader, Mr. Sullivan, and there were some insuperable objections to his eccentricities of manner. The first and the last time he was invited into society he had an argument with his host and pasted him in the jaw with his right, then kicking the table and everything on it into smithereens.

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Little Flora's Comment.

A lady calling at our house consulted her watch, which was very small. It be-ing a present to her, some of the family desired to see it. Little Flora, four years old, looked at it and exclaimed, "Oh, it's young, isn't it?"—Youth's Companion.

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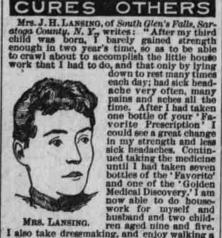
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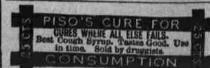
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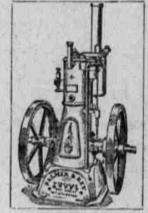
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