the treth, and it is certainly a great improvement on tobacco. The woodsmen bring out considerable quantities of gum, sometimes packed in pretty miniature batrals, which they whittle and carve from blocks of white pine or cedar during idle hours by the camp fire, as presents for their friends, but there are people who make a business of gathering gum, and in certain sec-

Most of the spruce gum handled by the dealers comes from Canada and Northern Maine, while Vermont and New Hampshire contribute a moderate quantity to the total yield. The best gum comes from no particular section, out always from the biggest spruce trees, and it begins to run in July or August, when, in these high latitudes the sun becomes so hot as to erack the bark. On the limbs, in the crotches, and even in the trunk of the spruce, the molten gum forms during the heat of summer in all sorts of fantastic manner of the gradual disappearance shapes, and when cold weather sets in of these toes a little anatomy may be and the second year it is fit to "pick" the second, the next third, fourth and for the market, although it is better if lifth. It has been observed that when allowed to remain on the trees until the this order is in any way interfered with, third year. After the third season the gum remains in the same state for sevithe first to disappear is the thumb or the first finger. This is noticed in dogs. eral years, and then begins to "turn The 'dew claw' is the first finger or old," as the pickers say, and the con- thumb. So it was with the little sumer complains that it "chews hard," horses. No remains can be found posthen its value is gone.

which buy large quantities of gum from | -Farm, Field and Stockman. of refining it, as they say. But, as a general rule, the refining consists of iteration with rosin. They throw e gom into a big vat, bark, moss and all, and boil it to about the consistency of incluses, skiraming off the impurities as they rise to the surface. Then, if the purpose be to adulterate, some lard or rease and a lot of rosin is thrown in, with sometimes a little sugar. The mix-ture is stirred until thick, and then poured out on a slab, where, while it is vet hot, it is rolled out in a sheet about a quarter of an inch thick, and afterward cut with a steel die into pieces half an inch wide and three-quarters of an inch long. These pieces are wrapped in colored tissue paper and packed in wooden boxes—two hundred pieces to a hox. This is the so-called "patent" gum. Tons of it are sold south and west of us, but here on the verge of the primeval forest it is a drug in the market. - Bangor (Me.) Cor. N. Y. Sun.

Mairofmation of the Eye.

day," said an optician recently. "A me, asking to have a pair of glasses closing the right eye the man could distinguish people and see small objects at an almost phenomenal distance, bruised and injured generally while his left was so formed that it was transit. - American Agriculturist. only of use in reading, and he couldn't ipher small print very well without the aid of eye-glasses. In all my experience I never saw a mrn so badly af-

-The Duke of Argyll takes quantiies of snuff while in debate. -Enrico C. Barili, nephew of Adena Patti, is choir-master of St. Peter's atholic Church at Reading, Pa.

-The original spelling of Mississipp as "Micisipi," according to Bibeaud -Dr. Stainer, the great organist ad composer, recalls that at the age seven he was a choir boy at St inl's. Sir Arthur Sullivan was oir boy at St. James', and the two ere great chums.

-Colonel Mosby's daughter is writup the "Adventures of a Boy Solthe material for which she prod from a member of her father's and who enlisted when only on years of age.

he authorities of the British Muhave decided to compel all Enpublishers whose names are sed on the titled-pages of American as sold in England to present copies

n National library. A free library is being established ew York by the Odd-Fellows of ty, and nearly 25,000 books have cared by charging one book for ission to entertainments in the st of the enterprise.

a latest addition to the French ge is "Bisvigum," a compound ords "biscuit, viande, legume." edible concocted on the system mous sausage of the German It is for the French soldier.

The same is true of America. Fossil with four hoofs or toes, like those of pattle. In relation to these prehistoric horses in Groat Britain, our authority

"Far back before the age of man there lived upon the earth a species of the horse family, long ago extinct. This horse was a little larger than a sheep, and some say not larger than a terrier dog. These little horses as far as we know from the fossil remains, were the beginning of the horse tribe. They had every outline of horses, and the anatomy also, with the exception that the feet were the most peculiar. Instead of having one hoof on each leg, as our modern horse, this diminutive pony was the possessor of four, making sixteen hoofs in all. As the horse developed, these hoofs, or speaking more correctly, these toes, all disappeared, leaving our modern horse to walk upon the end of one toe.

and crumbles up. A little more age sessing the first finger. The earliest makes it dark-colored and bitter, and had the second, third, fourth and fifth toes present, all of which reached Up in Canada much of the gum is the ground and were usable. These the best time for the work is during the borse of the present day walks. The are no more acorns to devour. deep snows of the winter, when snow- one just preceding our modern horse shoes are used, or in the early spring, had three toes, the second, third and when a man can travel along at a lively fourth, but the outside ones did not lies of the world. Some of them are rate on the heavy crust, above the reach the ground and accordingly were noted for their wicked ways, and one underbrush. The pickers are provided not usable. They were up a little of the Pamblos, a hard case known as with long poles, on the end of which is distance on the leg, like the hoofs of a "Scar-Face Dick," or Dick Tomale, has

It is chipped off. The cup holds from a pint to a quart, and when full it is as well as other animals, will breed the Nevada City Indians, but all have mptied into a long bag which the back, and a monstrosity, as it appears failed. He is the most intelligent Digpacker carries slung to his back like a to us, will be the result. In England, ger of them all, and will discuss any knapsack. These gum harvesters erect some time ago, a horse was born which subject, not ignoring religious mathats in the woods when far distant from had two hoofs on each foot, and was ters. But his favorite topic is spiritua settlement or a logging camp, and carried about the country as a curiosity. Alism. His arguments are often full Stay from two days to a week on a trip. It was a reference, or index of what When they have secured as much as sort of feet the species once had. J. s. humor is a part of the average Digger's they can "tote" they come out, and then the women and children have the tedious job of scraping each and every lump free from back and moss. The soft and marshy, and the ex ra feet paused and listened. Then turning to clean, bright article offered for sale in gave more surface for resistance, a boy who was playing near he said, the shops looks very much different and as the earth grew firmer gravely: "Why for she cly?" Dick from the brown nuggets in the picker's no necessity existed for so many toos, bag, although occasionally a clear, so that by disuse they began to dissay, eral young men and women who were shiny piece is found on the limb of a pear. With the modifications of the shiny piece is found on the limb of a large tree.

It is the cleaning of the gum that makes a first-class article expensive.

An ordinary picker usually earns fair day's wages, although in localities that day's wages, although in localities that a large tree.

The growing demand of the time to first earlier and strength, getting ready to help man bear his burdens and progress in the line of civilization. As it increated to the first earlier and strength, getting ready to help man bear his burdens and progress in the line of civilization. As it increated to the first earlier to the first earlier to first earlier to find the southern tropic, with the latitude of Jamaica, but a much milder elimate. A spacious channel affords a safe entrance to, perhaps, the finest harbor in the world, a small inland see that the form the ocean by Mount was dark, and I saw a big, white ghost one night. I wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full, but I had some wine. It wasn't exactly full wasn't exactly day's wages, although in localities that have not been explored he sometimes and culture, it also increased in menget up out of the ground and stand in

Gavie and the lefter peaks of the Tilinger

Gavie and the lefter peaks of the Tilinger have not been explored he sometimes and culture, it also increased in mental capacity, until one of the most infront of me. I have known a man tal capacity, until one of the most infront of me. I have known a man front of me. I have desired useful creatures ever with my fist, you bet."

Occupations of the women Contege Gavia and the lofty peaks of the Tijuaca, more than two thousand feet high, and and senior class of the college, many to gather thirty dollars' worth of gum telligent, docile, useful creatures ever with my fist, you bet." There are two or three firms in Maine | the animal almost human - the horse."

PACKING FOR MARKET.

The Imperiance of Shipping Produce in Nest Packages. Those who grow pro luce for market | City Herald. do not need to be told of the importance of neat and proper packing to secure ready sales and the best prices. The farmer sometimes has a crop, such as an unexpected crop of early apples. that he worsel gladly turn into money, but he is not provided with baskets for packing his fruit, and if sent in barrels the fruit would arrive in bad order and bring low prices. To such the bushel crate comes as a ready resource. A bushel crate is easily made. and forms a neat and handy package her nature, and some women bred here for nearly all kinds of produce. To in the East have this generally supmake a bushel crate there are re- posed to be masculine trait strongly quired three pieces, each eight by developed. A good horsewoman with itse f intact when shelled by hand fourteen inches, for the ends and cen- courage and endurance can find a vast from the ear. If millers want wheat ter piece; the strips or laths for field for her out-of-door inclinations in the sides are two feet long. managing a cattle ranch, or even a must pay a considerable advance The width of these

pends upon the article to be packed. ranchwoman is successful it is for Sixteen strips are commonly used, with spaces between for ventilation. Often man is successful-because of en-"A strange case of malformation of the corners of the end and middle ergy, the possession of capital, and ripe wheat, is the larger percentage the eye came under my notice the other pieces are cut off; this make the crate hard work against countless discour- of bran. octagonal in shape, which is an advan- agements and sacrifices. There is no young man just from Germany came to tage, as it allows of better ventilation royal road to fortune either East or me, asking to have a pair of glasses when the crates are stacked together. In building the crate the two strips at the top are not nailed down, to allow had spent much of her freshness in the microscopic character, while the other an opening through which to fill it. gayeties of the representative social nearly all this gluten is saved. Hence, partock of the keenness and rays of a In packing in crates, as in barrels, center of the country. When she beby no means rare, and even both failags are often found in the same indi- the top to require some pressure to berself to circumstances. In this way she ridual. But this is one of those rare bring down the last slats, which serve received an education which was to fit combinations not often found. By as a cover, into place. Vegetables and her to become one of the most successful fraits should always be packed with ranch-owners of the Southwest, when, pressure, otherwise they become on the death of her husband, she found bruised and injured generally

> themselves is an excellent barometer of flower which was the picture of her the condition of trade throughout the first youth .- Boston Post. country. When trade is slack crowds present themselves, while, when work is plenty, it is hard to get as many good new one there, I mean. Who painted men as we need. Not one applicant in it?" "A young chap named Smeere." ten is accepted, as, if a man has the "Has he studied abroad?" "Yes, indeed. slightest physical infirmity, such as im- Why, he was a favorite pupil of perfect sight, or deafness of one ear, Raphael, or Michael Angelo, or some he is rejected. The weight of the reother old master; though I don't excruits is carefully regulated, none being allowed to enter the cavalry who are over 155 pounds, and a very light or very heavy man is rejected for all in charge is obliged to be very strict, trical affinity whether they are apas if for any reason a recruit mustered proaching each other or getting further by him is rejected, he is obliged to pay apart. When one is sick the other is all expenses incurred by the Govern- more or less similarly affected .- N. Y. ment. A great proportion of the ac Sun. try civil life from three months to a water in eight minutes after the accinearly all are again in the ranks, as sinking, when Second Mate Chamber-

AMONG THE DIGBERS

known as Bob. He is a really good performer on the guitar, flute, fife, vio-lia, organ and harmonica. He has liminative horses have been found played for several "pale face" dances, and handles a violin like a

He is a pure-blooded Digger, and, so far as he knows, none of his ancestors ere musically inclined. The "tribe" also boasts of having a entenarian, an old squaw, whose hair is white as snow, whose daughter is seventy-five years old, and whose only

English ejaculation is "Gimme two bits." Captain Pamblos is a short, wiry old fellow. He is about fifty years of age, and is one of the most inveterate hunters in the country. His uncering aim has laid down many a jackass rabbitt, and humbled to the dust many a proud woodpecker. The reason is this: Whenever they have a dance, or, as they call it, 'a big soup, they rig themselves out as fantastically as possible. Every buck who wishes to dance must buy a ticket, paying for it in good solid

American silver.

As a ticket the scalp of the wood-pecker recommends itself. It is gaudy it becomes hard. The first year after its run the gum is white and pitchy. then it begins to turn amber and red, is really a finger, the index is called and conspicuous. The tail feathers of the yellow-hammer are also used for the same purpose, two feathers begins to turn amber and red, is really a finger, the index is called for the same purpose, two feathers being fastened to a little stick which is worn in the hair or carried in the hand. These "big-soupe" are frequent.
A Digger will work hard for a week or in a supply of them for winter. Then he will notify some other tribe, and all his relations back to the tenth genaim devour the whole lot. Then they invite the family of the host to their 'eampooda," and so the visiting and picked in the autumn, beginning as toes all disappeared until none was early as October, but there, as in Maine. left except the third, on which the

The Digger is a child of nature, and he cares little for the fashionable folfastened a sharp chisel, and under-neath that a cup to receive the gum as horse in what is known as splint bones. been a holy terror aroung his people for many years. Several efforts have Tomale once listened gravely to sev-

Dick looked around mysteriously, picked up his rifle, spat at a fly on his sleeve, and as he moved off with a light and cunning air, said in a loud

WOMEN RANCH OWNERS.

whisper: "It was a rock."-Nevada

How an Army Officers' Wistow Accumi

It is interesting to know that among the occupations which are opened to vomen the hard life of ranching has been one in which she has been particularly successful. The very hardships are said to have a fascination for one who has a bit of love of adventure in in herself alone in the world with a modest capital. There is no suggestion in The number of recruits that offer ranchwoman of that delicate hot-house the wholesome, robust, successful

-Danbury, Conn., has a pair of twins

cepted recruits are old soldiers, who have been discharged and have made hole in the bow of the steamboat Besseup their minds to leave the army. They mer. She made thirty-nine inches of year, at the end of which time they dent, and was in imminent danger of soldiers are well fed, well clothed, lain saved her from foundering by a Nurse-"Weaker, Coctor, Been very

ROOM FOR MILLIONS.

After the Portuguese the German's are the most numerous immigrants in Brazil; then Spaniards, mostly Gallelans and Catalans; many Italians, French, Swiss and English settlers, and a few Americans from the Southern States who have not generally been successful in regaining fortunes lost in the last war. Germany sends every year thousands of hardy settlers, who till the land and develop the agricul-tural resources of the country. In for-of insects in a season. mer years most of the Europeans, especially the Germans, settled in the northern part of the Empire, where they perished miserably, either from the severity of the climate or from malarial fevers. Other causes of failare were the want of roads and the neglect to bring supplies for the colo-nists, and in many cases the dishonesty or the neglect of the companies under whose direction the colonists arrived, and, perhaps not the least, the hostility of the fazendeiros, who, it is said, number about 6,000 and own one-half of Brazil. This estimate would give each proprietor about 250 square miles little black streams run away from the of land, a territory extending over hill and dale, forest and plain, beyond the reach even of the eagle's eye. Thus it has ever been that Europ

tempts to establish permanent settlements within the tropical regions of the are just the thing East and West Indies, of Asia and of Christian at Work. Africa. Since the tide of immigration has been directed to the Southern provinces the rate of increase from foreign pared with pasturing, the farmer will sources has been from two hundred not only secure a gain by the saving of to two hundred and fifty thou-food, but also by having a larger area sand yearly. It is estimated that of land to be cultivated. Every acre two when the acorns are ripe and lay to two hundred and fifty thou from natural increase the population of the pasture that can be cultivated doubles every twenty-five to thirty and made to yield a crop is a gain .eration will come to see him and help years, because in the thickly settled Cleveland Leader. districts the soil is fertile, the climate mild and healthy, and free from epivere only on the coast. If Brazil were as densely populated as Holland, or even as Great Britain, it would contain more than a thousand million of inhabitants, which number it could easily support, for it has not a foot of desert, and the portions of its surface withdrawn from cultivation would be the surface of its vast water courses.

The country now realizes the fact that her wealth lies in her fazendas, covered with vines, plantations of tobacco, coffee, cotton and sugar cane: her fields of grain, corn and rice; in her medicinal plants and dye-woods; in a will form the articles of future export, and will cause her commercial cities, as Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco and others on the Atlantic, and great centers yet to be founded on her mighty rivers, to increase in population and in wealth. All her cities now in existence ere on the coast, and form what might well be called the commercial zone.

Rio de Janeiro has an estimated popu-lation of 546,393. It is situated almost ference and without exaggeration would merchant ships in both hemispheres .-

WHEN TO CUT WHEAT.

The Importance of Harvesting the Gra'n at the Right Moment. Yearly miling journals advocate the cutting of wheat while the grain is in the dough state, especially if the wheat be winter wheat. It is asserted that it makes more pounds of flour per bushel, true that the yield per acre is seriously reduced. We have repeatedly shown his, and have as constantly advised farmers to allow the wheat to get at east so ripe that the grain will hold ut in the dough state they their duty to the world by remaining over commercial prices, to cover culture by personal influence; others shrinkage in weight and extra cost in trying. Really the objection of the uiller, as between fully ripe and un-

Directly under the bran lies the gluen cells, the most valuable constitumilling much of this gluten was left in the bran. Under the newer system the only means of enhanced profit to the bran in the ripe, as compared with he unripe wheat. There is no increase of either gluten or starch in the rrains of wheat after being cut, since the straw dries quickly. In standing grain also, there is very little deposit of valuable constituents after the straw is fairly yellow at the bottom. Hence, when wheat is fit to cut.

rop be allowed to suffer. the best possible condition. - Farm. | Chicago Times.

-Doctor (to professional nurse) "Well, how is he this morning?" soldiers are well fed, well clothed, cared for when sick, and are as a class far better off than the ordinary laboring man. Men are beginning to recogning man. Men are beginning to recognize this fact, and of late years a far better class of men have enlisted than was formerly the case. The army is no longer composed of ruffians and criminals, but of a most excellent set of men.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Soldiers are well fed, well clothed, cared for when sick, and are as a class far better off than the ordinary laboring man. Taking a pair of blankets, he had himself lowered over the bow until he was row in the water up to his neck; then, taking the blankets between his feet, he got them down by the hole and the suction drew them in, filling in the gap so that the pumps kept the steamer free.—N. Y. Sun.

Nurse—"Weaker. Coctor. Been very low all night, and looks now like he was comatose." Doctor—"How's his temperature?" Nurse—"One hundred and two degrees." Doctor—"How's his temperature?" Nurse—"One hundred and two degrees." Doctor—"How's his circulation?" Editor (with a fear-full yell)—"Biggest in New York! Biggest in the universe! Want an affiliavit?".—Burdette.

—He said he never had one, but when a 250-pound man stepped on his foot, he had to acknowledge the corp

HOME AND FARM

rusting into it a red-hot iron.

—Boll blackberries siz minutes with six ounces of sugar to the quart. -Sheep do better in small flocks and when only a few are shedded to-

The inster of morocco may be restored by varnishing it with the white of an egg. Apply with a sponge. -Guineas and turkeys are excellent foragers, and destroy a large number

-Marketing the produce is half the battle. A farmer should use as much -If the meat in the barrel shows any signs of taint take it out of the barrel, wash in clean water and put it in new brine, first cleaning the barre thoroughly .- Indianapolis Journal. -Music is very refining, and is a

source of exquisite pleasure to many, and a recreation that both improves and cheers the mind of the partieipants. -On most farms after a rainstorn

barnyard. This is the very essence of the manure escaping to the river -Toronto Giobe. -Brans are rich in nitrogen and are has been drained of her hardy and in-dustrious inhabitants in the vain at-

is nothing better for sheep, and ther are just the thing for cows in milk --If, by the ensilage system, a greater number of cows can be kapt, as com-

-Cream Potatoes .- Put two or more

tablespoonfuls of butter into a frying demics of yellow fever, which are se- pan; when hot, rub into it smoothly a spoonful of flour, but do not brown. Add a cup of rich milk, and when it boils a tablespoonful of chopped parsly, pepper and salt, then the potatoes.

peated and large applications of lime; exp because they usually contain large supplies of matters upon which lime as with the best effect, and on such landlime will be more beneficial than manure, for the first year or two.

-Babies are much more susceptible to cold than are adults, yet a mother word, in all the productions of the temperate and tropical climates, rather than in her mines, however rich. These tection. Another precaution should be to avoid exposing the babe to drafts of cold air from windows. Many a baby has had an attack of croup from his cause. The mother should give her intuitions a freer play, obey them, and she will have less use for doctors.

COLLEGE-BRED WOMEN.

Corcovado, three thousand feet. It is of the trustees, and about thirty more than one hundred miles in circum- alumnae of Vassar and other colleges, afford shelter to all the navies and was decorated with vases of ferns and yellow lilles, to consider what had been done by educated women in America and to propose new paths of work and usefulness. After a paper which presented a view of the past and resent, a discussion limited by time and not by lack of enthusiam, followed. The doubt of the time, whether the college should be analytical or synthetical, whether education should be utilitarian or devoted to the development and whiter flour than when wheat is of mind and character without aiming allowed to get hard before being cut.
This being admitted, it is nevertheless characterized the discussion. Some speakers did not believe that the colege should encourage women to be hysicians or teachers, or any other professional workers; others thought it was the duty of a college to suggest occupations for graduates; a few hought that educated women fulfilled at home and quietly disseminating

professional fields. Among the new occupations proposed for woman was the collection and collating of statistics. The Amerlean engerness for statistics is well ent of wheat. Under the old system of basis for all discussions in political known, and their increasing use as a conomy requires large statistical bureaus and many workers. Mechancal or routine work is now performed by women in many statistical departments, but there are higher services collection and the drawing conclusions from statistics. A thorough training and a deep wisdom are required for making the best use of statistics. A woman who possesses these qualifications might find open a prosperous

advocated active work with men in the

Another occupation for educated women is the management of tenethe wise farmer will secure the crop as ment houses. Since tenement-house quickly as possible, and will get it reform has become a fact in large citunder cover as soon as it is fully les, it is necessary that a capable agent No. B-Top Snap, Finest Twist, come cured, so it will not injure in the should be secured by the owners of No. C-Top Snap, Lamigated Steel, com many tenements to carry out the de-But the farmer must take another tails of the work. Mrs. Octavia V. aportant matter into consideration, Hill, in England, Mrs. Lincoln and in harvesting. He must calculate the others of this country, have shown that probabilities as between his means of women are admirable workers in this cutting and the time necessary to secure the crop in the best condition as sessing many details finds expression whole. If his conveniences are not in overseeing the sanitary features of such as will enable him to secure the buildings, in requiring tenants to obbranches of the service. We have a great deal of trouble with young fellows of nineteen or twenty who wish to lows of nineteen or twenty who wish to enlist without the consent of their parents. They all swear that they are over twenty-one, and it is next to improve the special to the speci impossible to convince them that we upon one street and the other on a better that the reaper be kept going and sobriety may be increased by a different one they can tell by some electer that the reaper be kept going and sobriety may be increased by a different one they can tell by some electer that the reaper be kept going and sobriety may be increased by a

Dairy farming, stenography, sanita-Fair minded harvest hands will not ry science and gardening, were other bject to these additional daily hours occupations suggested, and it was of labor if they are paid for the extra strongly urged that the educated service, and no money is better spent women should accept a position upor than in the effort to secure a crop in school boards whenever offered.

> -According to Major General A. Von Tillo, of the Russian army, the longest

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