homowhat Exasperating Experience with Three Gangs of Painters. Four weeks ago Mr. Bowser began to behave in a strange manner. I nohouse from the front and back, accompanied by strange men, and from my open window I heard them talking about "modern colors," "meadowgreen" and other mysterious things. It was not until I found a board in the back yard with half a dozen colors of

fresh paint on it that I suspected any thing. Then I asked Mr, Bowser: "You can't be thinking of having for bearing it. There is no other fixed any painting done around here this "I think the cornice ought to be

touched up a little." "But we had every thing painted a year ago, and you said it would stand

for ten years. "If I said so it will, but the style of guess I'll have a man for two or three days."

"And you'lt have us all in a muss for the next month. Mr. Bowser, can't you let this house alone for a day or

He gave me a look of deepest reproach and turn away. I had begun to feel sorry for my expression when a wagon load of poles drove into the allev. It had not yet unloaded when ananother wagon loaded with paint-bedaubed ladders dreve up. Then came a dray on which there were kegs and buckets and cans and brushes, and I was compelled to realize that Mr. Bowser was going to paint. The cook had also seen the outfit, and she presently came in to me and asked:

"Are you goin, to have the painters around heren

"Yes, Hannah, Mr. Bowser pro poses to touch up the cornice a little." "And he may touch up an intelligence office while he is about it, for I won't stay! We've been papering, cleaning, putting down carpets, sodding the back yard, oiling the woodwork and doing something or other for the last six months, and I'm tired out. It is now thirty-one seconds to five o'clock. At sharp five I leave the

She was as good as her word, and when I told Mr. Bowser of her going. and related the cause, he indignantly

"Now I'll paint the barn and fence to boot-see if I don't! I'll show that girl that she can't run this family while our name continues to be Bowser."

Next morning the painters went to work. That is, they didn't exactly go to work. They came and sat around in the barn and smoked, and some of 'em feebly stirred away at the paint-pots, and some more of 'em looked at the house and inquired of each other when Mr. Bowser got out of the lunatic asylum. Next day the force of painters was increased by three, and they got two ladders up, pounded some putty into three or four nail holes and stirred up seven or eight colors of paint. Along towards supper time one of the crowd toiled up one of the ladders in a weary, despondent way, jabbed at one of the brackets with a brushful of paint, and the others stood off to examine the effect and give their criticisms. It seemed to be a very delicate operation. Some of them kept walking backwards to get a better squint until they walked out of sight, and others had to sit down on the grass and light their pipes and rest their eyes by looking at the hired girl next door.

On the third day Mr. Bowser remained at home, and the men dug holes all around the house to set their poles, got up a scaffold to work on and almost finished painting one bracket. They might have wholly finished it if they had agreed on colors. Some of 'em wanted the bracket of a lilac color, with the background a dull drab, and others stuck for something more lively or more æsthetic. Mi Bowser said he would consult the old masters, and seven drops of rain descended from the heavens just in time to let the men off at four o'clock. When they had gone I found seven windows smeared with paint, a pane of glass broken and the knobs of six doors "touched up" in the latest Paris

The painters are with tis yet. Not those painters, but some others. The first gang lasted two days. Then Mr. Bowser suddenly asked the man who seemed to be the foreman-at least he loafed away the most time-what they were doing to earn their money.

"This isn't a job to be rushed!" calmly replied the man. "If we should get one of these seventeen delicate colna in place of another your house

would be ruined." Mr. Bowser reduced the delicate colors to fourteen, and hired a new gang. In the course of a week this new lot managed to plant forty-eight big daubs on the penciled brick work, break three windows, daub over three oiled doors and ruin half our clothes, and Mr. Bowser advised them to turn to landscape work. The third gang is still with us. All the scaffolding has finally been put in place, and the ladders leaned up against the house, and all the neighborhood covered witl. paint-pots and brushes. When the brackets had been finished Mr. Bowser concluded that the window casings. ought to be touched up to correspond. Then it was the hoods and porches and steps. Next week it will be the fences and the barn. Seven different ladies have walked up the freshly-painted front steps to call on me, but walked down again without ringing the bell. Twenty odd tramps have walked the length of the freshly-painted veranda to ask for a bite to eat, but went off hungry and tired. Three of my dresses are rained, our washings are paintspotted, and the sidewalks, fences and shade trees in our neighborhood bave been spattered and speckled until strangers stop and gaze in astonishment. I was intending to say to Mr. Bowser last night that I wouldn't stand it another day, but before I had a chance to he went out for a smoke. In his absent-mindedness he walked up the front steps and sat down to muse in the gloaming. I think he mused for half an hour, at the end of which time he came rushing in. Ee was covcred with green and lead color and Queen Ann and purple paints, and as - turned himself around for me to see he v aved his arms and shouted:

"Woman, don't you laugh at me You dragged me into this, and if I prietor of a hotel obtained some of don't get even with you my name isn't them and, learning who made them, he Bowser!" -- Detroit Free Press.

PITH AND POINT.

-Men with clean shirts on never engage in free fights.

-To find out how old a lady is-Ask some other lady. - Danville Breeze. fifty thousand picks, which has since in--A tussle with a boarding-house creased to above that number per steak is now called a "bull fight."

PITIFUL SUICIDE. TT

A Terrible Tragedy Which Furnishes Con alderable Food for Reflection. If the literature of suicids were completely written one of its most singuar features would be the causes which induce the voluntary shuffling-off of law. The only peculiarity which put in an appearance and upset the always characterizes it is that year by year six times as many men commit suicide as women, which would indicate either that they have six times as much trouble as the women or that they have only one-sixth the capacity

rule governing self-slaughter. While promised by the squaws that the men the yearly record includes many persons between twenty and forty, a considerable number of very young children and of very aged people take themselves out of the world. The methods of self-murder include the oddest schemes that insane ingenuity absent wife put in an appearance. As color has changed this year, and I can suggest. The causes are just as unique. While the larger number may be traced to settled melancholy, verging on insanity, ill-health, business losses, disappointed love and liquor, there are numerous others, ranging from the most grotesque, like that of the woman who shot herself the other day because her husband would not refuse a political candidacy, to the most

pitiful, like that of Charles Seidhorf and his wife, who poisoned themselves in New York City recently. Charles Seidhorf was a German, ninety-one years of age. His wife was ninety-three. The husband was finely educated and was a man of more than ordinary ability. He had taught school with success. He had translated several technical works and had been a contributor to papers and periodicals on scientific subjects. He was an excellent chemist, and his scientific attainments were such that he had ship of the tribe is a most singular made some useful inventions. Like one, based also on "woman's rights." many meh of this stamp, however, he had little head for business. His vent- eldest son of the King and Queen nor ures were not successful. He was con- the chief and his wife nor, in fac, stantly harassed for money. His wife any of the sons and daughters sucwas feeble and sickly and could not ceed their father to the head of the help him. Designing individuals im- tribe when he dies, but some one of posed upon him. .Those who owed the nearest male relatives of the him would not pay him. His life was Queen is made chief when her husone long, bitter, hopeless struggle band dies. It is easy to see that this with an adverse destiny in the midst of englous and roundabout prethod of people who were throwing away handing down the scepter may transmoney on needless luxuries.

The fer the crown to anybody in the tribe, money squandered on a single swell and that there can be no such thing reception might have kept this aged as a true royal succession or heredicouple in comfort for the remainder of tary decent of the chief's power. their days. Thus handicapped in every direction, he fought the battle of them, have died all of the effects that life even in extreme old age until at they possessed descend by inheritance last he only way out appeared to be on the mother's sile, none of the the poor-house. They were alone, descendants of the father receiving helpiess, friendless, hopeless, old and any thing out of the estate. One poverty-stricken. When the authori- would think that it would lead to ties came to remove them to the poorhouse he begged for a days delay, that they manage to keep it straight. he might prepare himself for the journey. It was a long one. When they men have often two or three wives, came for him again he was dead. His and in rare cases even more; but the flowed in the cellar." old and feeble wife, who could not live women, not to be outdone in the mat-without him, lay dead by his side. rimonial line, have in a few in-Few as the days were that were left sances-two or three of which I know trains," remarked a gentleman to the them they could not endure the shame of personally-two husbands. They superintendent of a railroad, as a brake-

themselves by severing the frail ten- said, the women do nearly all the was the reply. "Not much," said the ure, ending the hop less struggle and business. One T'linkit woman, a superintendent, "This railroad only passing into the final rest. It is all well enough for people who of Mrs. Tom among the white people, my stock in a cork-leg factory pays a have no troubles to theorize upon the and who had already one husband, criminality of suicide, but only those bought another, a slave, for about a think I want to go to the expense of who are driven to the wall like these thousand dollars in goods and chattels, purchasing safety couplings in order to two and who can look at life from the and when I saw the two together aftsame black, hopeless point of view are erward I think he was the best-looking capable of judging the real weight of one of the pair. When a man and the burden and the real weakness of woman marry they try and adopt a the shoulders that carry it. So far as boy and a girl. If the man dies the the actors in the tragedy are concerned, boy becomes the woman's husband, therefore, there is no call for pity, for and if the woman dies the girl becomes they are released from all further pain the wife of the man. - Licutenant and distress. But is it not pitiful that Schwalka, in N. Y. Independent,

such a tragedy should occur at all? Is there not something radically wrong in our social system when two people with but a very brief time to live at best can not muster courage to wait until the natural release? Have we nothing better to offer people of this class than the poor-house? They vere not of the kind that willingly become paupers. They felt its shame too keenly to live. Is it not possible among all our charities to devise a home for per-

run funeral trains at reduced rates if

such a cemetery is established. In Mex-

ico they have special funeral cars over

the horse-car routes to the cemeteries.

ountry has a few curious and interest.

ing features. Not many years ago a

in the United States, whittled out a few

wooden toothpicle and sent them to her.

applied for a supply. This led to a large

sale of the whittled picks and finally to

the establishment of an agency for their

sale in this country. The toothpick

manemigrated North and invented ma-

chinery by which he turned out the first

year sixteen million two hundred and

In some way not now known the pro-

ubes of the big binocular microscope. Weems: On the slids there was plainly to be sons of this kind where they could live seen, instead of a single speck, a colwith no loss of self-respect, and where they would not be made to feel that lection of monsters, who were crawling they are paupers? Certainly there around on the glass uneasily, as if out B thaven a number of young horses. should be, for the suicide of Charles of their natural element. Seidhorf and his wife is a public reproach. - Chicago Tribune.

"See their long legs, peculiar eyes and ferocious appearance," observed the entomologist in whose up-town of--Prince, a fine Jersey bull belonging fice the research was being made. to a joint stock company, created a aphis only weighs one one-hundredth sensation one day last week at Tallahassee by deliberately killing a cow. It is said that he lifted her on his horns, habits are destructive in the extreme to threw her into the air, and killed her all kinds of plants, particularly those faxes and although he gave out that he which are reared in-doors. almost instantly.

-Even to people who have made their fortunes, or have attained so "I was coming to that. They are much property that they are quite easy as to the future, the dead town has no attractions. The evidence of decadence can never be attractive.- "--From France comes the announce hood of 2,000,000 grains, two billion ment of a newly-invented rotary printing machine, which is said to print, ten broods, if nothing were done to desuperpose and fold publications from

stroy them, how much do you suppose two rolls of paper, if so desired. Suitthe off-pring of one of these minute able devices are provided-there are four cutting and folding cylinders, two creatures would weigh?" of which cut and fold the sheets from "I have no idea." one roll, while the other two operate "Of course we have no way of absolutely determining that matter, but upon the remaining one. Each of the two pairs of cylinders are, however, judging from the increase of a single aphis in a given length of time, and escapable independently of cutting and folding the sheets -Public Opinion. in ten broods, we estimate that they -The Roman Catholic authorities of would weigh as much as 800,000,000 Boston are planning to establish one men weighing 280 pounds each-or great common cemetery for all the

ne-third the human population of the cities in adjacent parts of the State, to which the railroads are expected to run "Lucky their increase is checked." special funeral trains daily, the cars "I should say it was. They would going directly into the grounds and all destroy in one year every particle of expense of carriages being done away vegetable matter in the world, and with, the undertaker carrying the body create a famine equaled only in its de-structiveness to the deluge itself."to the station, the city and the railroad N. Y. Mail and Express. landing it at the grave. The Boston & Lowell railroad is said to be ready to

-At the time of the death of George IV., in 1830, there were 323 hereditary peers. There are now 477. During this perio l 335 new baronetcies have been create 1-278 by Liberals and 93 -The history of the toothpick in this by Conservatives. - Christian Union.

-In a tribunal at Paris the other day the judge suggested to a worly man in South America, whose wife was lawyer that he had better be brief, and that worthy responded as follows: "He is wrong, I am right, and your honor is a good judge." Then he sat

-Not soil alone nor sun alone

gives strength and majesty to the sturdy oak, but also its exposure to stride of an Indian chief .- Wide the changes of the seasons and its bat- Awake. tles with the storms and winds. So it is through hardships and well borne trials cheerily met that man attains Victoria's first doll, first shoes and first to the power and dignity of his full gloves, and various other mementoes nature and the stability of his true of the royal nursery; also a piece of manhood. -- Farmer and Manufacturer. her Majesty's wedding cake.

MISCELLANEOUS. .- There seems to be a general fitness

take a business transaction he takes -A calf at West Fallowfield, Can. his wife along with him to ratify or ate nineteen young tarkeys and wanted voto the bargain, and should she be more. - Toronte Globe. -At Yuma, Cal., eggs are hatched absent at the time she may afterward by natural heat, if put in a shady place. whole affair. Funniest of all, the same If left in the sun they cook. equivalent transactions of the women -Teacher-"Have animals a capaci are not subject to the sam supervis ty for affection?" Class-"Nearly all." ing power of the men, who have noth-Teacher-"Correct. Now, what ani ing to say regarding the bargains of their wives and daughters, except to mal possesses the greatest affection for man?" Little Girl-"Woman."-Omafoot the bill, if any c mpensation is

AMONG THE T'LINKITS.

The Rights of Women Among the Abs-rigital Tribes of Alaska.

them openel again when th

white men are not very liable to undo

a bargain which they think is to their

advantage, they seldom acquiesce in

the demand of the women in canceling

the contract, and some of the worst

personal misunderstandings between

account. I, of course, do not know how

home from such a bargain; but I think

we can all imagine pretty well.

Nothing was more exasperaling to me,

at times, upon my expedicions into

Alaska-in 1883 and 1886-when I

bave to start out for the Indian vil-

lage, probably a mile or two distant,

to consult his wife about it, or to

bring her to me to talk the matter

Then the succession to the chieftain

or something akin to it. Neither the

When the parents, or either

some curious muddles, but somehow

The same as among all savages, the

THE TERRIBLE APHIS.

"Do you see that speck on this slide?"

"Now look through this tube."

absolutely nothing.

the two races have occurred on this

Every time a can wants to under-

ha World. -The Illinois Humane Society, or are expected to fill, as work, utensils ganized at Chicago in 1870, has a good they can make, or even money, where record. During the last six years it has they can get it from white m n and investigated 13,744 complaints, extendunderstand its value. I have known ed help to 5,463 children, and saved several instances where the men have from abuse over 8,000 horses. closed certain bargains, only to find

-A Kentucky sheep-breeder adver tises that, living near three towns, he has concluded to discontinue his contest with dogs, and therefore offers the remnant of his flock of thoroughbred Southdowns for sale.

-There is a mending bureau in New York City where bachelors and neglected husbands take their shirts, socks, cuffs, and whatever is in tatters, and can have them made whole again. the T'linkit man fared after he got The only ways it used to be possible to get this work done was to fee the washerwoman for the purpose, or to take the work to one of the charitable institutions that still make a specialty of employing their inmates at this work.

came across some man from whom I wanted to buy some trifling article or -A watch has been invented by the Swiss watchmakers solely for the use to employ for a short time than to of blind people. A small peg is set in the center of each figure. When the hour-hand is approaching a certain hour the peg for that hour drops when the quarter before it is passed. The person feels the peg is down and then ounts back to 12. He can thus tell the time within a few minutes and by practice he can become so expert as to tell the time almost exactly.

-A most remarkable unitation of black walnut has lately been manufactured from poor pine, the quality and appearance of the article being such as to defy detection, ext pt upon very close examination. To accomplish this, one part of walnut peel extract is mixed with six parts of water, and with this solution the wood is coated. When the material is half dry, a solution of bichromate of potash with water is rubbed on it, and the made walnut is ready for use.

-"A colony of rats," says the New York Sun, "were driven out of their resting place in the cellar of No. 53 Fulton street, Brooklyn, Tuesday, by the collapse of the foundation of one of the pillars of the Kings County Elevated road. With bale-sticks and bungstarters the occupants of the saloon everhead managed to exterminate nearly one hundred. It will cost the railroad about two dollars a rat to pay the damage done by the water which

-"I should think you would adopt safety couplings for your freight of the poor-house. All else that life are nearly always rich women, who man with a leg mashed off was carried had in the way of suffering they had have had a great deal left them by in- by on a shutter. "Why so?" asked the endured. Rather than submit to this heritance, or who had made a large superintendent. "Because you cripple last disgrace they solved the problem amount themselves—for, as I have so many brakemen by the old method," Sitka woman, who went by the name pays an eight per cent. dividen ', while dividend of forty-two per cent. Do you throw the cork-leg factory into bankruptcy? You must be erazy!"-Newman Independent.

> STORY OF WASHINGTON. low He Tried to Win as Caruly Colt, But

Was Badly Thrown While the boy Washington was ally visitor at Belhaven, he es abshed in the village and its neighborood ar patation for iron-like power A Little Insect That Could Starve Out the I endurance and a springy vigor of cel, an invincible will and a knack f going straight through difficulties. The reporter closely examined the he boy had a wonderful skill in the glass slide of the microscope. The eve. outrol of horses. He never met one unaided by the lens, could distinguish e was afraid to mount, and he broke most fiery to his rain.

An incident of his boyhood current The reporter gazed through the long in the chat of the place has escaped

Ruph Wormley, a man of some con equence in the Colony, had brought cross the ferry from Maryland to among them a colt that had thrown a score of colored jock ys. The boys about the warehouse were all willing o wager that the colt could not throw Gorga Washington. What-"Those are aphides or plant-lice. The ever may have been the aphis only weighs one one-hundredth reason, every body in the neighborof a grain. Its life is short and its | bood said tha W rmley had no good blood for the Washingtons or the Fairwould give the colt to George Wash-"What is so remarkable about ing on if he could ride it, nobody believed him. When, however, Washington came to the warehouse, Mr. mong the most fecund creatures in the | Wormley said: "Now you're a sprightworld. They breed with almost mirac- ly boy, Mr. Washington, but there's a ulous rapidity. I will illustrate. A colt that's too much for you. If you heavy man will weigh in the neighbor- back him to Mount Vernon, back you need never bring h'm." Which mean! times as much as an aphis. Well, in If the colt did not throw him the colt

should be his own. So Mr. Worm'ey kept his word; but when the groom saddled the colt and Washington, after seeing that the girth was firm and the bit and bridle roper, jumped into the saddle and went across White Oak Swamp like an arrow, then every body in the village said Worm'ey hated the Washingtons imating what would be accomplished and the Fairfax's so that he was trying to get young George Washington's neck broken.

Washington came back next day vi h the same horse, and at the village an returned the colt to Mr. Wormley. ·Keep him, my boy, you've won im," said Wormley.

"No, I have no', sir," replied Washng on; "he threw me in the wools and dragged me, but I got the bridle round a tree and held him." "Well, you may have him," said

Wormley. "No, sir," replied the lat, as he anded over the bridle of the colt. wouldn't take him as a gift. I did not vin the bet, and he is your horse." "Why," cried out Wormley, jocosely, if there was a bet you owe me a horse, Where is my horse?"

"Oh, no," retorted Washington in a uder voice than was usual with him, that all the by-stan lers might hear. You Let your colt against my heal. You've got your colt and I've my heal-it's a drawn bet. Good morning, sir;" and he went off with the

-Mme. Tussaud now exhibits Queen

TERRORS OF POLYGAMY.

the Experience of a Mormon Girl as about the fact that "boom" rhymes with lated by Herself.

I have often been asked to marry Mormons who had wives. I will to Neff. One day his wife-the only

come to the conclusion that as her husband was obliged to take a second wife the knew nobody she'd sooner have him take than myself; therefore she begged me when he called to give him a favorable answer. The proposition, same night, and, in answer to his question, I told him that he must be erazy to make such an offer of marriage to a mere child, but he insisted that he was in earnest, and he went to my mother who, on account of his high position in the church, was afraid to flatly refuse him. Mother said she

vited me to spend a few days at their country home. I wanted to refuse, but mother said I had better go. I went, and I don't think I spent a more miserab'e time anywhere in all my life. The husband was continually asking me to go buggy-riding with him and the wife was coaxing me to consent. Still, I thought I saw that the words of the said to refuse the said try your weight. As a sent. Still, I thought I saw that the words of the said try your weight. As a sent still, I thought I saw that the woman was unhappy. She seemed to be doing what she did against her will. A ball was given in the neighborhood and I wanted to go. Mrs. Neff asked ne to go with Frank (that was her husband's name), but I said no, I would go alone, unless she agreed to go along. She agreed, and we went, That man tried his very hardest that night to dance with me, and his wife even asked me to dance with him, but I kept plenty of engagements ahead with the young fellows and he got no dance.

with the young fellows and he got no dance.

Some one then told him that I would not dance with him while Mrs. Neff was present, so he told her and she peculiar to her sex. By druggists. went home. After she went he came to me and said she had gone and he hoped now he would have the pleasure of a dance, but I continued to make excases and avoided him. The time came to go home, and I refused to allow him to accompany me unless there was a third party along. His brother Amos accompanied us, and after leaving me at the door the two mea went Neff in her room in tears-a more heart-broken woman I never saw. She had been sitting there fretting and crying and moaning for hours, thinking that I was dancing with her husband and that I was coming home alone with him. And only the night before she had sat up with me until twelve o'clock trying to talk me into marrying him, making all sorts of promises, and saying that herself and Mr. Neff would write out deeds for one-half of all the property and possessions they had if I

would only give my consent. She begged me not to say any thing to her husband about the crying scene, as she said he would scold her for it but I said I thought it my duty to tell him and also to let him know the opinion I had of him. I told Mrs. Neff not to grieve, as I would never cause her the slightest sorrow, and sent her to bed a much happier woman than I had found her on my coming in. Next morning at the breakfast table Mr. Neff said something about polygamy. That was all the provocation I wanted. said: "Mr. Neff, if you were any kind of a man at all, or had even the commonest human instincts, you'd let polygamy alone; you have a wife who is too good for you, and who loves you better than you deserve-stick to her and let other women alone." Then I told him the condition in which I had found his wife on coming from the ball. His face grew white, and, laying down his knife and fork, he arose from the table and left the room. I went home that morning, and neither saw Mr. Neff nor heard from him again. He never went into polygamy, and I felt very glad of it for the sake of the heart-broken little woman, to whom a second wife by her husband's side would have meant a speedy death .-Salt Lake City Cor. Truy (N. Y.) Times

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you about one of them, a wealthy man, which the bills of mortality of any large city may dead. His name was Franklin may be fitly designated, and you will find that renal and verical maladies, that is to say, wife he had came to our house and those that affect the kidneys or bladder, have had a talk with me. She said she a remarkable prominence—we had almost wanted me to marry Mr. Neff. I was wanted me to marry Mr. Neff. I was only fifteen, but I knew what polygamy was, and I had set my heart against it. "Well, Mrs. Neff," I said, "if he wants me he'il have to summon up check enough to ask me himself."

I said this in fun, and then asked Mrs. Neff what she thought about it. She said herself and husband had talked the whole matter over, and she had come to the conclusion that as her hus-

"HOW CAN SHE EVER LOVE HIMP" a favorable answer. The proposition, coming from a woman thirty-five years old, who had been married for years to her husband of about the same age, and who h d assisted him in accumulating his wealth, was at once strange and amusing. Mr. Neff called that a same night and in answer to his

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she would have no objection; at the same time she warned me not to give my consent for any consideration.

Mrs. Neff came round to see me several times, and was always urging me to marry her husband, saying that he could not live without me, and both of them would be all the happier for it. But the more she talked the firmer I became in my resistance! They invited me to spend a few days at their How to Gain Flesh and Strength

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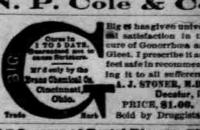
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