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 ber of Deputities at the Sonate and Cham ary bession. In the morning they prepare theor reports, generally speaking at the Prefecture, in the archives of
which are to be found detailed accounts of the career and character of hundred
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So complete is the collection that the name of the most obscure rag.
picker of Paris has its chronicle as well picker of Paris has its chronicle as well
as that of the President of the Repubilic Paris diectives are d de lae Surote, who
clases. The Anents
are the detectives as we know them in England, a evecry plucky, respeettable and self-sacrifcing body of chosen police-
men in plain clothing; and the Agents
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The English throne, used in the coro
nation ceremonies of the Kings and Queens of Great Britain, and which
so splendid in its
covering of rid siliks
 old oak chair of antique pattern. It
has boenn used on an al state ocoasions or
the laet six hundred years, and perhaps
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 traces of its existenee prior to the
eleventh century. Ages of use have
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$\qquad$ In Vevet and trimmed in yold to boused
by the Thiors and the suarts, this old
stone of stones served as a seatit during the coronations of the early scottish
Kingo.-New Reviow.

To Make Bertin a Eea Port.
It is rumored that sericus suttention in
now being paid in oflcial circoles to th now being paid in offlicial oircles to the
project of connecting the Baltic and
Berlid Berlin by a sea-going ship canal. Thit
wasa f fovortitideas of Dr. strousberg in
his later and bankupid duss whe his hater and bankrupt days, when
cast thout tor some means of turning tion
account tis accoont his Amanelial genius, and there
is reason to believe that teven Count von

 the quastion whether ths phenomenon
might best te brounh about yy depen.
ing the Eilbe or the odor. He decided


 Not so Toush men rimat.

 Harry-I hope so. What's the gam
Hil
"Rent "Roast ducks with currant jelly",
"Gracious, Eleanor, the one thing I jan't carve. They'll be tough, too, I'll " O , no, they won't. I took care not
to get canvass-backs."-Utica Observer. What the Editor Sald.
He was tall, thin and hungry looking,
and when he told the editor he was a and when he told the editor he was a
poet, the editor didn't say a disputatory poet, the editor didn't say a disputatory
word. But he didn't get his poetry in word. Bat he dan toe his poeiry in
tho paper, just the same, and the man
with a blue pencll and the preoccupied it made several remarks.

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& \text { ly, as he rolled up his manuscript. } \\
& \text { "And Fim doggoned sorry for it," } \\
& \text { the editor. - Merchant Traveler. }
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The Growth or yodern Improvemente in
the Celestial Empire. The news from Peking कt that the Em.
peror of China has issued an edict whicl authorizes the building of the projected
railroad between Peking and Fankow. Aalroadions edict of recent date had given
Authority for the construotion of another authority for the construotion of another
line, and there are a number of othet railioad projects that are now awaiting
the imperial sanction. It is reported that the well-known promoter, Chang
Chi Tung, will carry out the Peking Hankow scheme, and that the Marquif
Tseng has been appointed General Di. rector of all railroads in China.
These edicts findicate the triu
These edicts indicate the triumph of
Viceroy Li and the other progressive Viceroy Li and the other progressive
leaders who, amid many discourage
 by which the Chinese empire may be
provided with a comprehensive railroad system, against the protests and copijura-
tions of the censors and astrologers. tions of the censors and astrologers.
These powerful persons have carried on
a desperate struggle against this policy, a desperate struggle against this polioy,
on the ground that its adopt'on would mark the beginning of an era in which
the ancient institutions and customs of the ancient institutions and customs of
China must be wholly destroyed. It was reported from Peking last January that the conservative leader, the uncle of
the young Emperor, Kwang Hsu, had obtained full control of the whole busi-
ness, and the imperial aetion at that ness, and the imperial action at that
time appeared to give confirmation to
this report. But the recent this report. But the recent reversal of
that action shows that by some means that action shows that by some means
the great Viceroy LI has regained his
former ascendancy in the palace. He former ascendancy in the palace. He
has maintained for many years that the establishment of a railway system is
necessary to the develepment of Chinese necessary to the develepment of Chinese
resources and the advancement of Ch1-
nese nese prosperity; and the victory he has
won over the censors and astrologers gives evidence that practical statesman-
ship may yet overcome the greatest obship may yet ov
stacles in China.
Nof long ago LI overcame the con-
servative opposition to the introduetion of the telegray h system, which is now
growing so rapidy that many thousand growing so rapldy that many thousands
of miles of wire are already radiating of miles of wire are already radiating
through the Chinese empire. The evils Which, as the astrologers predicted, were
to be created by the use of electricity, have not been realized, and the ad-
vantages it has conferred are palpable even to the official mind.
The aged Viceroy Li has always pre-
dicted the success of his railroad policy, and he has freely given his opinion that
it would bring about an industrial trans-
formation of importance to the whol formation of importance to the whole
world. Within half a decade the prog.
ress of China in the nse of ress of China in the use of machinnery
and in the adoption of modern method of manufanturing has added largely to
the prevevous productive force of the 300 ,-
000,000 of her pole 000,000 of her population; and now
again, through the service of the telegraph and the rallroad there is assurance
of its further increase to an extent that
can not be computed can not be computed.-N. Y. S
Doubling Op.
Another bright little Chicago girl
bas been learning to spell bas been learning to spell, and she has
experienced great trouble with the
double letters. Her aunt, who is teaching her, insists upon her saying
"double" when the same letters occur together, instead of repeating each
one separately-for instance; In spellone separately-for ustance: In spell-
ing "bubble" she must say ""-u-double
b-fe, "instead of b-u-b-b-le. This method annoyed the little one greatly, She
could not get it fixed in her head, and when reading or spelling she became
all mixed up with thinking of this
"double" rule "double" rule. The other day she
was reading and spelling out the story
of a little girl who was eating an apof a lutle girl who was eating an ap-
ple, and she became mixed, as usual
the came te the girl"" and she renderen cit "Double up, the apple episode, but it shocked the
litte one's patient aunt immeasurably

