PREHISTORIC MINING.

e of the Ancient Mines to Be Found in North Carolins.

Cloudland, N. C., on the top of Roane Mountain, is said to be the highest habitation east of the Rockies and the most elevated summer resort on the continent, looking down a mountain, hill top and valley, with the scene below sometimes spread out over fifty ortersee the other feller." thousand square miles, and sometimes the world shut out and nothing valible but storm and cloud far below.

Long before the time of the races at sent known, this country was alive present known, this country was and with active industry. From the hotel on the one side, you look over inex-haustible veins of iron, and, on the other, over one thousand mines where which each paper and out the mica historic laborers dug out the mica that is found in the stone graves scat-tered all through the Mississippi valley. There has never been a mica mine found that did not bear traces of having been worked by these people. The mica is found in veins of feldspar from four to ten feet in width, between walls of granite gneiss. Imagine a quantity of plaster of Paris made into a thin paste, then a supply of bricks and of wheat poured into a crevice in the granite dipping an angle of seventy-five de-grees; this would represent a mica vein. The plaster of Paris is the feldspar, the bricks the mica, and the wheat the garnets and quartz crystals. The largest blocks of mica are fourteen inches by eighteen; about one-tenth is merchantable, the rest rotten and too small. These mines have The Funny Mistake Made By a Good Parbeen worked for thousands of years, and by skilled workmen with excellent tools

"A brief description of one of these prehistoric mines will not," remarks a correspondent, "be uninteresting. It is about twelve miles from here and three miles southeast of Bakerville. The mine is in a hill or mountain spur; visiting recently the jail at Vinton, to it was worked on open earth, cut seventeen feet long, and, in some places, eighty-live feet deep. At first, the sides were evidently perpendicular, but it was worked for such a vast period of time that the rock sides disintegrated and wore away until they assumed a natural slope. As the sides wasted, the debris was carried out at the top and thrown over the side. This was carried on through so long a period that the bottom or under side of Min the dump has become crystalized to a here? thickness of nearly two feet. At the bottom of the drift, when it was cleaned out a few years ago to work, the rubbish had accumulated to a depth of about ten feet, and on that was growing a white oak with five hundred and twenty-three rings of annual growth. Imagine the immense period of time all this shows to have elapsed since this mine was first opened."-Midland Industrial Gazette.

GOOD UNORIES. A Follow-My-Leader Game That Was Very

Disastro

Several "sheep-men" from the Inland Empire were gathered around the stove at one of the hotels discussing the prospects for mutton this winter and woo! next spring and the profits to be made by driving sheep to the Williamette to the best slices of the "round" on the

HEALTHY RIVALRY.

How a Patriotic St. Paul Boy Conquered Itis Mother's Wrath.

"Why, what in the world have you been doing?" demanded a St. Paul mother of her hopeful as he came in looking as if he had been caught between two cyclones.

"Oh, thunder, ma, I'm all right-you

"Thomas Rutherford! have you been fighting again?"

"Yes, but I licked."

"That makes no difference, I shall have to punish you."

"Oh, hold on now, ma, you don't know 'bont it." "I don't want to know about it."

"Yes you do. You see there was a boy come down from Minneapolis and we gottu talkm' 'bout the two places and blowin' a little and I said we had fifty cases of the mumps in St. Paul and blamed if he didn't up and say they had seventy-five in Minneapolis and

"Did you go for him then, my son?" "You het I did, ma, I waded right into him and give him the daisiest sluggin' he ever got and choked him till he said there wasn't a single mump in his blamed old town."

"Did you? That's right, my child, I'm proud of you. You shall go to the circus when it comes."-Estelline (D. T.) Bell.

NOT POISONOUS.

son in a County Jail.

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One never likes to be laughed at under any circumstances, but the minister mentioned in the following incident probably laughed himself over the mistake he had made. He certainly did if he had any sense of humor. He was minister to the spiritual wants of the prisoners.

On entering the jail he met two men in the corridor who looked as if they might need a little good counsel. Being a prompt, outspicken man, the minister went straight to business, first addressing the elder of the two men, when something like the tollowing dialogue ocurred:

Minister-How long have you been in

"About two hours."

There was a short pause. The clergyman looked at him curiously for a moment; then he turned to the younger man and said: "How long have you been in here?"

"I came in with him," pointing to the elder man.

Another pause ensued, and another question was fired at the elder of the two:

"What are you here for?" "Well, I came here to fix the gaspipes," was the prompt answer. Do you object?"- Fouths' Companion.

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winter, and at last they got to telling beef, and chopping it with dull knives. stories about sheep.

One told about the captain of a schooner who had a band of sheep on the deck of his vessel. As he was turning and twisting the wheel to keep the schooner on her course the old ram, who headed the flock, taking umbrage at his cakes, like sausage cakes, or into the motions, came up behind him and at shape like a good-sized steak, and gently one fell swoop butted him over the broiled on a gridiron. It has been wheel. The enraged captain seized his woolly assailant and threw him overboard, when, presto! away went the whole flock, popping over the rail, one after another, into the sea. Boats were A fide and almost raw inside. lowered and with much labor a portion of the flock was saved.

Another told a story which illustrated the same follow-my-leader trait in the character of sheep. At a port on the sound one evening just after the deck-hands had got all the freight stowed sway, there came down five hundred sheep to be put on board. All hands were vexed because of the delay and trouble connected with shipping them, but finally a pen was made of hurdles between decks and a gangway rigged, and in the dusk all was ready to take obtained .- N. Y. Medical Times. the sheep on board, and they were started down the gangway. The first one, as he struck the deck, saw an opening in the other side of the boat, across which The Peculiarities of the Queen, Dromes a hurdle had been placed. Instead of going along to the corral prepared, this sheep made a running jump, cleared the hurdle and landed in the salt chuck alongside. Every one of the band followed suit, and in a short time five hundred sheep were struggling in the water. female in the swarm, and usually lives The captain, having seen the last one from four to six years. The queen has godown the plank, yelled out: "All right a sting, yet may be handled with imiown there?" An answer came back: puncty, for, except in combat with a' "All right, sir; send them down." "Send rival queen, she will not use it. The them down," roared the captain, "haven't working bee is much smaller than the you the sheep down there?" "Not a queen, and on it devolves all the labor sheep, air," was the reply, and investi- of the swarm. It possesses an instinct gation showed that there was not a which is but very little inferior to the sheep on the boat. The captain could reason in the human family. The not delay any longer and so steamed drone is the male bee, and swarms sway, and only a small number of the sheep ever got ashore.-Portland Ore-mulaer of these non-producers, as it montant.

-"My hands are awfully cold," said the pretty gifl suggestively on the last quarter of a starlit sleigh ride. "Why didn't you bring a muff with you?" asked the practical young man proszi-ward, while low temperature will re-ward, while low temperature will recally. "I did!" abe anapped, but she tard the maturing of the brood. The souldn't explain where the mut had controlling of swarming is now per-gone to, and he has been wondering fretly understood, and it is important rver since just whatshe meant.-- Somer that the backeeper should become ac-Willie Journal.

The object is not to cut, but rather pound the ment. By thus treating it. the pulp comes to the top, and the tough, fibrous portion remains below. This pulp is scraped off and made into found that meat gently cooked is more digestible than raw. The fire must be

A little salt and pepper and a small amount of butter added make a not at all unpalatable dish, and one which con tains all the strength of the beef, with the tough, indigestible portion entirely separated. This diet is used exclusively in chronic cases by physicians profess-ing to treat according to the Salisbury method. They use but few drugs, and what they use are mainly tonics. The diet is used not only in diseased diges-The tion, but disenses of liver, kidney, stomach, bowels, nerves, etc., and remarkable results are said to have been

THE BUSY BEE. and Honey-Rees.

A swarm of bees contains one queen, thousands of workers, and in the summer season a limited number of drones." The queen is the only fully-developed takes a great deal of honey to support them in idleness for several months. The natural increase of the honey-bee quainted with the best method-

