The Stage Robbery. It transpired that Van C. Alexander, the man who gave up \$170 of the money stolen from the United States mails on the stage near Westfall, Or., on September 22, is admittedly the main person responsible for the hold-up. The indications during the examination in United States Commissioner Hailey's court here on Saturday, pointing to Alexander as the one planning the robbery, with the two boys as his accomplices, are confirmed by the developments. It is announced here that this phase of the case will be called to the attention of Judge Bellinger, of the federal court at Portland, before whom the two boys are to be tried.

Big Steum Heating Plant. Upwards of \$600,000 is to be spent by the Boston capitalists who have purchased the plant of the Seattle Steam Heat & Power Company, and six of the street railway lines of Seattle, in the erection of a new and modern power plant and in the rebuilding and the distributing system. This part of the plant will be almost wholly reconstructed, new mains being laid in conformity with the latest ideas of steam engineering. This is but the beginning of large improvements which will be made. Plans are now being drawn for the new building and plant, which will be finished by January 1, and for the rebuilding of several of the street car lines recently purchased.

Motioned Sustained, Judge Burnett, of Salem, has sustained a motion for non-suit against the plaintiff in the case of L. H. Mc-Mahon vs. The Canadian Pacific Rail- | week. way Company. The action was begun to recover about \$550, alleged to be due the plaintiff on account of advertising in the Woodburn Independent and the Salem Independent. The defense claimed that the agent who made a contract for the advertising had no autherity to do so, and that the newspaper company was to take pay in transportation.

Labor Scarce at Fairbayen. Labor is so scarce in Fairhaven, Wash., that railroad contractors and others are delaying work on various enterprises until more plentiful supply of workmen are to be had-a change from three years ago, when laboring men were sitting around on the curbstones, waiting for something to turn Fairhaven's pay roll is almost 16 times larger than it was two years ago, with a certainty of an increase next year.

Hillsboro Young Man Hurt. Charles V. Doughty, a young man and resident of Hillsboro, Or., while riding a bicycle at a rapid rate over a crosswalk, was thrown from his wheel and seriously injured. He was rendered unconscious for about two hours, 2@21/4c per pound. and received a deep cut across the left eye and his upper lip was badly lacerated. The wheel was completely demolished. Young Doughty was a member of company H, Second Oregon volunteers, and enlisted from Hillsboro.

Landlords Smiling. Portland hotels are generally doing a good business these exposition times. and would soon be filled to overflowing were it not that guests keep going away as well as coming in. About two days is the average length of the out-of-town visitor's stay in the city, and his place is taken just about as quickly as he has vacated. The principal hotels have good long lists of names on the daily \$6.00@7.00 per 100 pounds. registers.

A Ninety-Pound Pumpkin. A clothing house at New Whatcom. Wash., gave farmers pumpkin seeds last spring, and offered five prizes for largest results. The first prize went to R. D. Perry, of Clearbrook, whose pumpkin weighed 90 pounds; second, Cal Watkinson, of Edison, 88 pounds; third, Cyrus Bradley, of Lynden, 61 pounds. The fourth and fifth weighed 42 and 37 pounds respectively.

Gold Hill Water Ditch. Engineer J. S. Howard, of Medford, Or., has completed the survey of the Gold Hill water ditch. He employed a party of 12 men, who completed the permanent survey in 98 days. Much interest is shown in the ditch, not only by local enterprise, but by many Eastern capitalists, who are ready to invest

money in it. To Propagate Steelheads. The Willapa hatchery will be completed this week. As steelheads are more numerous in Willaps river than in any other stream in this section, a special effort will be made to propagate them here, and to stock other streams form this hatchery. The propagation of steelheads has not as yet been attempted in any Washington hatchery.

Catches All the Fish. Lew and Sanford Mayhew have one of their floating traps located near the Point Francis portage, near Whatcom, Wash. It has 300-foot leads and catches all the fish that come its way. The boys say the trap's success is assured, and they will have it towed farther up the Sound, where the fall run of fish is better.

A potato phenomenon is being displayed in Colfax, Wash. The growth consists of several large vines, on which there are scores of potatoes ranging in size from a bird's egg to a man's fist. The potatoes grow entirely above, instead of under the ground.

The exports from Tacoma last week included 2,100 tons of coal to Honolulu. 5,000 tons of wheat and barley to Antwerp, and 4,000,000 feet of lumber to Honolulu. The imports were 8,000 tons of tea, silk and curios.

The Sunday Law. The cases at Fairhaven, Wash, against Loux and Beck for violating the Sunday law have been stricken from the docket, the evidence being deemed insufficient to convict. Borgenson Bros., who run a bar in connection with a hotel, were tried and acquitted.

Dynamiters at Work. It is retported that dynamiters are at work again on the Wallowa river, below the bridge, and that salmon are being slaughtered in a very reckless

ACTIVITY IS WIDESPREAD.

Volume and Value Testify to Prevailing Prosperous Conditions

Bradstreet's says: Trade activity is widespread, all volume and value testifying to prevailing prosperous conditions. Only good reports are received from distributive trade ceaters, and some markets report fall demand as holding out longer than expected. Railway earnings, bank clearings, returns and quotations of staple prices are all encouraging, pointing as they eading agricultural products. Expecpressions of shortened yields of most tation of more moderate yields of leading cereals is not confined to this country; the world's wheat crop will admittedly be smaller, and rye, barley and oats yields are not expected to be so large as a year ago. The higher range of prices of all staples, and particularly of agricultural products, will furnish a profitable balance of producers.

The liberality of foreign demand is, perhaps, best known in the September report of exports of leading products. Shipment of breadstuffs are as large as those of August, and there was naturally a heavy gain in cotton exports, which are doubled those of the same month a year ago. Totals of leading exports show an increase of 23 per cent over September, 1896, but a decrease of 8.5 per cent from September 1897, which witnessed very heavy shipments of breadstuffs.

Wheat, including flour, shipments University Unknown donor to Princeton Colels, against 5,183,398 bushels last R. C. Billings to Harvard College. week, 4,729,996 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898, 5,549,720 bush- gate \$24,385,000, or \$11,208,850 more els in 1897, 4,156,817 bushels in 1896, and 2,409,446 bushels in 1895. Business failures in the United States number 164, as compared with 146 last

PACIFIC COAST TRADE. Portland Market. Wheat-Walla Walla, 57@58c; Valley, 58c; Bluestem, 60c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.25; graham,

\$2.65; superfine, \$2.15 per barrel.

Outs-Choice white, 35@36c; choice gray, 33@34c per bushel. Barley-Feed barley, \$15@16.00; brewing, \$18.50@19.00 per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$18; chop, \$16 per

Hay-Timothy, \$9@11; clover, \$7 @8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton. Butter-Fancy creamery, 45@50c; seconds, 40@4216c; dairy, 30@35c; store, 22 %@27 %c.

Eggs-20@2216c per dozen. Cheese-Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c

per pound. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@ 4.00 per dozen; hens, \$4.50; springs, \$2.00@8.50; geese, \$6.00@7 for old; \$4.50@6.50 for young; ducks, \$4.50@ to St. Louis, where whatever he had of 5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12 2 a honeymoon was spent. He had been 14c per pound.

beans, 5@6c per pound; celery, 70@ 75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@4c per pound; tomatoes, 25c per box; green corn, 121/2@ 15e per dozen.

Hops-7@10c; 1897 crop, 5@6c. Wool-Valley, 12@18c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@ 30c per pound.

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3 %c; dressed mutton, 6 %@ 7c per pound; lambs, 716c per pound. Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00; light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed, Beef-Gross, top steers, \$3.50@4.00;

cows, \$3@3.50; dressed beef, 6@7%c per pound. Veal-Large, 6 1/207 %c; small, 8@

816c per pound.

Senttle Markets. Onions, new, \$1.25@1.50 per sack. Potatoes, new, 75c@\$1. Beets, per sack, \$1.10. Turnips, per sack, 75c. Carrots, per sack, 90c. Parsnips, per sack, 90c. Cauliflower, 75c per dozen. Cabbage, native and California, \$1

21.25 per 100 pounds. Peaches, 65 @ 80c. Apples, \$1.25@1.50 per box. Pears, \$1.00@1.25 per box, Prunes, 60c per box. Watermelons, \$1.50.

Cantaloupes, 50@75c. Butter-Creamery, 28c per pound; Eggs-27@28c.

Cheese-Native, 18@14c. Poultry-14e; dressed, 15 1/2c. Hay-Puget Sound timothy, \$8@11; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$14@15.

Corn-Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23. Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton, \$21; whole, \$22.

Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3,50; blended straights, \$3.25; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.50; graham, per barrel, \$2.90; whole wheat flour, \$3.00; rye flour, \$3.75. Millstuffs-Bran, per ton, \$15.00;

shorts, per ton, \$16.00. Feed-Chopped feed, \$20.50 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$22; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.00.

San Francisco Market. Wool-Spring-Nevada, 12@14c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@15c; Valy, 17@19c; Northern, 8@10c. Hops-1899 crop, 9@12c per

pound. Onions-Yellow, 75@85c per sack. Butter-Fancy creamery 29@30c; do seconds, 25@28c; fancy dairy, 24 @25c; do seconds, 20@22c per pound. Eggs-Store, 22@27 1/2e; fancy ranch, 36@38c.

Millstuffs - Middlings, \$18.50 @ 20.00; nran, \$16.50@17.50. Hay-Wheat \$6@9.50; wheat and

7.00; alfalfa, \$5.00@7.00 per ton; straw, 25@35c per bale. Potatoes-Early Rose, 40@50c; Oregon Burbanks, \$1.25@1.50; river Bur-90c@\$1.10 per sack.

5.00; California lemons 75e@\$1.50; do choice \$1.75@2.00 per box. Tropical Fruits-Bananas, \$1.50@ 2.50 per bunch; pineapples, nominal; Persian dates, 6@6%c per

Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencia,

PRINCELY GIFTS.

Large Fums Donated to Educational Institutions This Year.

In no previous year has the cause of education in the United States been so epriched by donations and bequests as in 1899. The institutions of learning have received \$28,720,617, which is \$15,-634,467 more than they received last year. There have been twenty-four individual donations this year ranging from \$100,000 to \$15,000,000. The list is as follows:

are all encouraging, pointing as they do to a maximum volume of business for this period of the year. Crop returns for October bear our earlier implementary of the property o

P. D. Armour to Armour Institute Maxwell Somerville to University lege.
Lydia Bradley to Bradley Polytechalc Institute.
Samuel Cupples to Washington University
Incob Schift to Harvard College.
Marshall Field and J. D. Rockefeller to University of Chicago.
Edward Tuck to Darimouth College. J. D. Rockefeller to Brown Uni-

versity
Caroline L. Macy to New York
Teachers' College
Edward Austin to Massachusetts
Institute of Technology
R. C. Blilings to Massachusetts
Institute of Technology
O. C. Marsh to Yale College
Andrew Carnegle to University
of Pensylvan R
Unknown donor to Wesleyan University reraity
George R. Berry to Baltimore Fe-male College
1. B. Rackefeller to Denison Col-W. K. Vanderbilt to Vanderbilt

These twenty-four donations aggrethan the total of 1898.-Chicago Tribune.

TWO GRANT MARRIAGES,

Wide Contrast: Between Those of the President and His Granddaughter. When General Grant took unto him self as a bride Miss Julia Dent of St. Louis he went to the altar, as it were, straight from the battlefield of Mexico. Then by the orders of the war department he was sent away to other scenes, in California, where the monotony



grew so beavy that the young officer resigned from the army and returned unable to take his bride with him to negroes. The farm was just outside St. Louis. It was in the cabin on this farm that the honeymoon of U. S. Grant was passed. The period had its troubles, though, for the great leader failed to make farming pay and he dabbled in the real estate business in St. Louis as a side issue. Some St. Louis historians assert that the house in which General Grant was married is still standing in St. Louis, but none seem able to point it out. But one of the illustrations shows the honeymoon cabin on the Missouri farm.

Julia Dent Grant, born in the White House, Washington, has recently become the bride of Prince Cantacuzene



U. S. GRANT'S MISSOURI COTTAGE. of Russia. The marriage, of which so much has been written, was solemnized in the palace of one of the Astors at Newport, which is under lease to Potter Palmer of Chicago. Of course the ceremony was a brilliant one. But after it there was no hurrying away of dairy, 17@22c; ranch, 121/2@17c per the bridegroom to battlefields or dreary frontier posts. The honeymoon began in a palace in America and will continue on the vast and beautiful estates of the prince near Moscow.

Criticism of the Fool. Ridicule is the criticism of the fool -the stock argument of men who lack the sustained force of logic. It is the natural expresion of resentment felt by inferior souls when they see or hear something which they can not grasp or appreciate. Ridicule never did any good. It never made any man better, wiser, more prosperous in any sense. It has often scorched the germs of goodness and nobility in timid souls, by arousing false shame. It is close akin to cruelty. Most of us possess fault-finding propensities, but have the grace to be ashamed of them. Few of us care to cultivate, much less glory in, a power which blasts and sears, but helps no one. Worse still, ridicule tends to destroy all principle in the man who exercises it. Nothing is sacred to one who looks always for evil. Such a man can have no real friends, for achough those who may listen to him, laugh, they secretly distrust and fear him.

Jealous of a Baby Camel. At the Jardin des Plantes, in Paris, the inhabitants were surprised recently by the birth of a young camel and oat \$6.00@8.50; best barley \$5.00@ the new arrival naturally attracted much attention from the visitors. A large elephant which used to be the center of attraction exhibited signs of dissatisfaction at the success of his banks, 50@75e; Salinas Burbanks, young neighbor, but in spite of his trumpeting was unable to reconquer the fickle crowd. At last the elephant \$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4.00@ niled his trunk with water and discharged it over the persons standing looking at the baby camel.

A woman is immensely flattered when "the girls" ask her to appear at a party in a low neck gown.

BRIDES BUY WEDDING RINGS. Growing Practice Which One Jeweler Thinks Has an Advantage. "Isn't that a new wrinkle?" asked

"What?" said the clerk. the chance observer. "For the bride to buy the wedding ring," replied the observer, turning to look at the young woman who had just gone out with her purchase of a 14 karat, gold-filled ring.

The clerk, who turned out to be the proprietor also, laughed. "Not at all in | C. 2215, to the present weakling who this part of town," he said. "The practice has been in vogue here for several years and has continued to grow in popularity until it has become quite the Stanford University was founded its proper caper. Indeed, when a man museum fell heir to one of the rarest comes in here now and asks to look at plain gold rings we consider him a lit- contains coins of nearly every age and tle off color, and feel rather mean toward him, as though he were usurp rocks and shells to the coins of purest ing a feminine prerogative, looking at | gold. The late accession to the collecthe matter from a common sense tion is, therefore, greatly valued. standpoint. It saves no end of trouble. A ring from a woman's point of but also of adornment. She wants her period, known as the age of five rulers, 300,000 satisfactory for all concerned for the the Tower of Babel," the collector has bride to come in and pick out what she | marked upon them. wants without troubling the bridegroom, except, of course, for the money. He always actties the bill; at least, I suppose he does.

"You see, this is a neighborhood the fine points of etiquette. They in is made of iron. sist upon the ring to tie up the contract with, but two-thirds of these rings are It's fun to see some of the women They beat about the bush and make their wants known in such a coquettish that the young man, whoever he may for a plain gold ring for a friend with finally going in 1852 to do soldier duty they say that, I always smile; I know

> Beneath the Flowers Lie the Remains of a roldier's Young Wife.

Near the top of the highest knoll on the rolling prairie three miles south west of old Fort Hays, in Kansas, is a lonely grave in the prairie grass. There is a board at the head and another as the foot. These boards may once have borne an epitaph, but now they are browned and worn by the sun and storms of many years, and they are decayed at the ground and stand at an angle, almost ready to fall. A prairie of the grave. All around it the grass is full of purple and yellow flowers. Standing by the grave and looking Fort Hays when this was the far West | into pork by a hungry pig. years before there was a railroad in of level plain runs a thread of vivid

no other trees anywhere else in the landscape. The legend of the lonely grave is that years ago, when the Fort Hays barracks were full of troops, an army hospital steward brought his young wife there to live with him. Each Sunday the officer and his wife walked out to this hill, and they used to sit down on the shady side of it near the summit and gaze for hours out at the landscape below. Then they could see the herds once in a while a band of Indians scur-

green from northwest to southeast, the

trees that fringe Blg Creek. There are

rying across it. One day the young wife was stricken | hollow and strong. with a deadly fever. Before she died she asked her husband to promise that used to sit and look out over the won- the circle the slower the play. derful landscape. He kept the promise and there is her grave. The only flowers he could get to plant upon it were the wild flowers of the prairies and they are blooming there yet.

Porto Rico Once a Forest. Porto Rico, say the scientists, was originally an immense forest from the seashore to the mountain summits. It is doubtful if there is a single foot of its land area which was not at one time covered by tree growth, from the diminutive mangrove bushes on the coast to the glant trees of the mountain sides and tops. Although still wooded in the sense that it is dotted by many beautiful trees, the island is now largely deforested from a commercial point of view.

Annoyed by Cook's Singing. A lady on Walnut Hills, Cincinnati who was suffering from a severe headache one day last week was annoyed by the loud singing of the cook in the kitchen. Going to the head of the stairs, she said: "Bridget, I have a their conversation. frightful headache and I do wish you would stop singing that song." "All rolght, mum," was the answer. "Pfat song shall Ot sing?"

Veragua Distingu she 1. The Duke of Veragua has two claims to distinction in his own country-he is a lineal descendant of Columbus, and the principal breeder of bulls for the national sport of Spain. He has immense herds of splendid animals, which are under the charge of his brother, Christopher Columbus.

Slavery to Fashion in China. A missionary paper reports that the opposition to the Natural Foot Society in China comes chiefly from the women, who are afraid to go against fash-

Polyglot Dark Continent. -Africa has very nearly 700 languages, and this fact presents great difficulties to missionary effort.

A quarrelsome man is always a perty

COINS FROM NOAH'S TIME.

Charles Seymour, formerly United States consul to China, recently pre-THE COMIC PAPERS. sented to Mrs. Stanford, of the Leland Stanford, Jr., Museum, a rare collection of 830 Chinese coins. Some of them date back almost to the time of Nosh and the flood, and they repre sent almost every dynasty, from the fire-breathing "Shun," who reigned B.

has just been thrust from his throne. Numismatics was one of the hobbies of the late Senator Stanford, and when to drink." "Yes, that's so," replied the other, collections of coins in this country. It plaint."

The oldest coin of the Chinese collection bears the date B. C. 2513 to B. view is a matter not only of sentiment, C. 2435. This was the legendary jewelry, however cheap it may be, to and this especial coin bears the stamp be of the proper cut and the proper of Kas-Yang-She. This strange piece size, Now, what man, I'd like to know, of copper was passing currency soon can go in and select the right kind of after Noah alighted from his ark. "In ring even if he has got the measure? the times of Noah's sons, Shem. Ham Not one out of twenty. It is a lot more and Japeth, between the deluge and

from every realm, money made from

Valuable Collection Presented to Le-

land Stanford University.

Following this comes a coin from the "Hia dynasty," B. C. 2205 to 1818. The characters upon this coin are still plain, and could be easily translated by any Chinese philologist. This coin, like where the people don't stand much on some of those of the "Chow dynasty,"

One of the strangest coins of this col- as he looked in the pitcher, "I betcher lection is the "swords" coin of the de porter forgot to wash it." unengraved and sell for from \$2 to \$4. "Chow dynasty," which belongs to the times of Cheops, David, Solomon, when they first state their errand. Zacharlah, Draco, Ptolenzy and Sciplo. Confucius mentions this coin in his writings and comments upon its singuway that I don't wonder, sometimes, larity. It seems remarkable that such a clumsy coin should have remained be, has lost his head. Maidenly mod- in use as currency for such a long time. esty, I suppose, makes them shy, and For 200 years after 9 A. D. the Chinese they begin by saying they are looking | mind turned once more to novelties, for the collection shows coins that were a finger 'about the size of mine.' When in use during that period which are quite as remarkable as the "sword what it means."-Chicago Inter Ocean. | cash." They are known as "knife cash," names quite appropriate, judg-LEGEND OF A PRAIRIE GRAVE. Ing from the forms of the pieces. The first circular coins seem to have ap-

peared B. C. 221. There is given an interesting series of coins which circulated between A. D. 818 and 908. These are of copper. Mr. Seymour has also made extensive collection of Chinese coins of the later periods, including the silver coins of

1800.-San Francisco Chronicle. Cheap Pork. The uncounted wastes of the farm can often be turned into pork and produce a neat sum of money without very rabbit has made its burrow at the foot much trouble. A couple of pigs will grow and thrive on scraps that are ordinarily thrown away, and such scraps make the best of pork. Any one who north and east there lies stretched out has never made any account of the 2@2% oper pound.

Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 90c;
Per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, \$1;

Louis his father-in-law presented him with a small farm, a house and three down from the grave a distance of the per sack; garlic, 7c per dozen; parsnips, \$1; and yellow emply buildings which were back yard will be astonished to find the barracks and officers' quarters of how valuable they are when worked

A couple of pigs is the poor man's Kansas. Beyond the fort is the town savings bank. They can be grown into of Hays City, a group of yellow stone a barrel of pork with very little expenand red brick buildings. Beyond diture of money for grain, and this is stretches the prairie, north and east, to expended in little sums along, so it is the horizon line twenty and thirty miles | not greatly missed, while the product away. Diagonally across this stretch of this carefulness in little things is a substantial addition to the comforts of the family. It is just as important that the well-to-do man should be careful of the scraps, for it is the little leaks that hurt the American farmer more than any other one thing. Work the scraps and waste matter into pork. This keeps the place cleaner and saves a waste that is indefensible.-Farmers' Voice.

Football in Slam, Lovers of outdoor sports would find one thing to interest them in Slam. It is the native game of football. Har- can. of buffalo roaming over the prairie, and | per's Weekly says that it is very interesting to a looker-on. It is played with a ball about four inches in diameter,

The number of contestants varies, but play is skarpest when there are he would bury her body near the top of enough to form a circle about ten feet the hill, at the very spot where they in diameter. Beyond that, the larger

The game consists in keeping the ball tossing in the air without breaking the circle. If a man misses his opportunity he drops out, and when but four or six remain, the work is sharp and very pretty.

The ball is struck most frequently with the knee, but also with the foot, from before, behind, and at the side of the player. A player has been known to let a ball drop directly behind his back, and then, without turning, return it clear over his head and straight into the middle of the circle, all with one well-aimed backward kick of his

Surface Observation. The remarks made by a countryman when he gets his first view of the ocean are not always remarkable for depth and appropriateness.

A stroller on the beach of a Massachusetts seaport overheard the opening remarks of a farmer and his wife who had come from northern New Hampshire, as he subsequently learned from

"Well, I feel to be glad we've come William," said the woman, with a sigh of pleasure, turning from the sea to face her spouse. "Would you ever have believed there was such a sight of water in one place in this world?" "No. I wouldn't," returned William. "And when you consider that we can't see any but what's on top, it's all ahe

more astonishin'. Sarah, now ain't it?"

Eugenie's Historic Pen.

When ex-Empress Eugenie writes about her lamented husband she invariably uses the diamond pen with which the Treaty of Paris was signed. Each of the fourteen plenipotentiaries wanted to keep the pen which signed the treaty as a memento of the occasion. They, however, yielded to the request of the Empress Eugenie, who begged that only one pen be used, which should be retained by her as a souvenir. Only one pen was accordingly employed, and it was a quill plucked from the wing of a golden eagle, and richly mounted with gold and diamonds.

SUPPOSE WE SMILE.

HUMOROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over-Sayings that Are Cheerful to Old or Young-Funny Selections that Everybody Will Enjoy.

"The lies the blamed newspapers publish about us," said one politician to another, "is enough to drive a man

"but still we have no cause for com-"Why not?" asked the first in sur-

'Well, it might be much worse," was the reply. "They might publish the

She Had Noticed It. Softleigh-I-aw-weally fohgot to eat me lunch to-day. I'm so-awbeastly absent-minded, doncher know. Miss Cutting-Yes; I have frequently had my attention called to your absence of mind.

His Condition. Mrs. Peck-What condition did you some home in this morning? Mr. Peck-Madam, I came home in a hack, if you please.-Philadelphia North-American

An Explanation. "It strikes me this ice water is dirty," said a Cincinnati hotel guest. "Hully gee!" exclaimed the bellboy,



(After the Goblins.) A little kissing visitor, Has come with us to stay, To kiss the girls and bite the boys, And drive the germs away. You'd better mind yer doctor, And watch what you're about, Or the kissin' bug 'oll kiss per if

> don't watch out.

Yer

In the Fendal District, Smith-There seems to be some hope for those Kentucky mountaineers, aft-

Jones-Why do you think so? Smith-I overheard one of them trying to convince another that it was wrong to kill a man on Sunday.

How to Keep a Cook. "Mrs. Young says she has solved the servant problem." "She's a genius! What's the solu

"Why, she says all you've got to do is never find any fault, submit to everything, do as you're told, keep out of the way and pay good wages, with privileges, and you won't have a bit of trouble."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

Hope Springs Eternal. Podsnip (meeting elderly person)-By jove! is it possible? My old schoolteacher. By the way, do you remember that you said when I was in your class that I'd die on the gallows? Elderly Person-Well, you're not dead, yet.-Philadelphia North-Ameri-



The hot merchant-Well, say, that's what I call hospitable.

"So you kicked because your landlady didn't give you hot meats for sup-

"Yes, we did. We didn't consider it fair treatment for her to be giving us moderate circumstances?" -- Chicago the cold shoulder all the time."-I'hila- Post. delphia Bulletin, Not Particular.

"She has never ceased to hope." "For the return of the man who jilt ed her?" "No. Any man."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. Troublons Times. "What's the matter?" inquired the

visitor at Paris. "I never saw the streets so quiet and orderly." "Ah, monsleur," answered the professional agitator. "These are indeed troublous times. The mob has gone on a strike."-Washington Star. On the Spot.

liscovered?" asked the Inspector. "Right there," replied the officer. "lookin' for it."-Philadelphia North Where Ignorance Is Bliss,

"Where were you when the fire was

Jack-The ingenuity of woman is be youd the comprehension of man. Tom-What's wrong now?

Jack-Young Black's fiancee him an elaborately constructed penwiper for a birthday present and be new-fungled cravat.

An Effort at Distinction, "What's the difference," said Mr. Blykins, with the air of a man who is asking a conundrum, "between an error of judgment and a blame-fool blun-

der?" "I doubt whether there is any," said the friend.

"Yes, there is a heap of difference, One's a mistake you make when you are running a business yourself and the other's a mistake you make when somebody has hired you."-Washington Star.

What 's in a Name? Old Party-What's your first name, little boy?

The Kid-Steve, sur. I'm named arter me fadder, what's a stevydore,-Pulladelphia North-American.



The Cleveland man-And how is it you have so little trouble with mobs in Boston?

The Boston man-We employ a professional elecutionist to read them the riot act.

A Tramp's Transformation. Mrs. B .- I gave a tramp a good dinner to-day. I just had to. What do

you think he said? Mr. B .- Oh, something that reached your soft little heart, I'll be bound. Mrs. B .- Yes; he said: "Madam, here you see a hero! Last night I went to sleep in the open air, an ordinary wayfarer; this morning I awoke to find that I was dewy."-Philadelphia Bul-

This Takes Courage. "I tell you Burkhart is a man who

has nerve." "How has he ever proved it? He has never gone to war or rescued anybody from drowning, has he?" "No, I guess not, but he isn't afraid

to stay right in the house and face his wife when she reads the news from the summer resorts in the Sunday papers."-Chicago Times-Herald. That Was Too Much. "Yes, she's mad at Charlie. She told

steal a kiss from her." "And did that offend her so?" "Oh, no, but he denied that he ever thought of such a thing."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

him she knew he was just going to



Doctor-You're all run down. What you need is a sea voyage. your business? Patient-Sailor with Dewey; just

home, sir.

cago Record.

A Journey Necessary. "Clara, you admit that we would be more comfortable at home in the hot "Yes, but everybody else is gone Who will see my new clothes?"-Chi-

The Way Out of It. "They say that Nell Gadleigh has broken off her engagement with Harry Hippleton." "Yes, she says he was so affectionate

that he wearled her." "Oh! if that was all, why didn't she just marry him and have done with the wearlsome part of it?"-Boston Traveler.

Not His Fault.

She-Do you remember how you said, when you were courting me, that if I would marry you I would have nothing to do all my days but sit about and look pretty? And how different it is

don't-look pretty any more.-Boston Traveler. Ample Evidence. "I should like some evidence, young

He-Well, it isn't my fault if you

man, that your intentions are serious." said the old gentleman. "Evidencel" exclaimed the young man. "Haven't I bought three boxes of candy at 60 cents a pound, two matince tickets and six plates of ice cream in less than two weeks? How much evidence do you expect from a man in

Savages of the Cilbert Islands. Notwithstanding its natural poverty the Gilbert group is the most densely populated archipelago in the Southern Pacific, having 35,000 souls within an area of less than 200 square miles. The people have a peculiar dextenty in the manufacture of weapons that have shark's teeth fastened to them with human hair, and, for protection from these dangerous instruments when wiedded by enemies, they wear heavy armor of platted coconnut fibre, and helmets of the prickly skin of the porcupine fish. Trey frizz their curly hair up with a stick until it stands out like a crown, and tattooing has the greatest importance among them, a poor man properly ornamented in this manner havi-

more social and political influence ti a rich man whose surface is blan One of their interesting customs enables a man to demand the sisters of his wife in marriage, but, on the other hand, he is required to marry his brother's widow. A widow always carries about with her the skull of her deceased husband to remind her of vanished joys. The largest island of the

wore it to church, thinking it was a Gilbert group is eighty miles in ciccumference.