New Gold Fields on the Siberlan Shore Will Be Opened to American Miners.

New gold fields rivaling in richness the deposits of Cape Nome will be opened to American miners, if the expectations of the members of the Russian expedition, which arrived in New York on the Campania, on its way to

Northeastern Siberia, are fulfilled. Vladimir Wonlarlarsky, a colonel of the Russian Imperial Guard, obtained the concession of the Siberian tract which the expedition is to examine. There were more than 40 applicants for the grant, which had been sought with eagerness since the discovery of gold on the American side of Behring sea. By means of court influence, Wonlariarsky carried off the prize. He formed a company in Russia, which planned the present expedition, headed by A. Bogdanovitch, a Russian engineer. It is understood that a subsidary company has been formed in England in connection with the concession, but secrecy is maintained in regard to the English and American interests.

Miners who have visited the Siberian coast by stealth have reported that it is practically the same as the Nome coast, consisting of a strip of beach, behind which lies a tundra, or belt of goldbearing sand. Many companies have been formed to work dredges and pumps off the coast of Cape Nome, in order to draw up the precious sand where it reaches the beach. It is expected that the operation of these appliances will be prevented by the beach miners, and that apparatus in which large capital has been invested will be idle, unless new fields are opened to it. If the expedition to Siberia finds what it expeors, the company will invite pumps and dredges to cross to the Siberian shore and operate there upon payment of a royalty.

Hooley, the English promoter, has nothing to do with the plan. George D. Roberts, who is a veteran California miner, will be a member of the exploring party. Mr. Roberts has made a study of gold deposits in sea sands, and has a plan for extracting the gold from the frozen tundra. The expedition will sail from San Francisco about June 1, after the Russians have conferred with the Russian minister at Washington. It will return about November 1, and expects then to make a complete report of the possibilities of the region.

Mr. Roberts said today that, from information he had received, the deposit of gold on the Siberian coast promised to be the most valuable ever discovered. No attempt will be made to work the tundra this year, but the party hopes to be able to make some contracts with American owners of pumps and dredges.

Northwest Notes.

The Oregon Hopgrowers' Association last week sold 670 bales of hops.

A telephone exchange with 20 subscribers is to be established in Canyon City, Or.

Fourth of July celebration that will last about a week. The Shamokawa, Wash., creamery is

now turning out 175 pounds of gilt edge butter daily. It finds a ready market in Portland at top-notch prices. The new creamery located at Nor-

way, Or., has commenced operations. The plant is complete in every respect and is in charge of a competent man-Camas Prairie, southeast from Hepp-

ner, Or., is a great dairy region, and 800 cows are being milked there. The gray, 83c per bushel. creameries pay 62 to 82 cents per 100 pounds for milk.

The original townsite of Prairie City, Or., was 80 acres. A land company has just platted additions to the extent of 364 acres, providing liberally for depot grounds, repair shops,

Asotin, Wash., will soon have a bank, arrangements having been made to establish such an enterprise there by E. J. and W. L. Thompson, recently of Wisconsin. The bank will be organized under the state banking laws and will begin with a paid in capital of

The Anti-Saloon League, at Colfax, Wash., has a membership of about 80 persons, who are antagonistic to the saloon, and more especially to such as may violate the liquor selling laws. Active work is to be begun by the organization against the liquor traffic in the near future.

Grant county offered a reward of \$450 for the recapture of Al Keeton, held for murder, and William Wallace, charged with horse stealing, and it was divided equally between William Byram and Ray Short, of Canyon City; Ed Luce and Hamp Officer, of John Day, and W. C. Gibbs, of Susanville.

G. W. Kiger has a contract from the government to furnish 2,000 tons of rock to be placed behind the spur dikes recently constructed in Tillamook bay. As it is seen that the dikes are doing the work for which they were intended, the rock is for the purpose of making them permanent. Mr. Kiger will re-

ceive \$1 a ton for the rock. Failing to get all the saw timber needed into the river last winter, because of lack of snow, William Codd, the Colfax sawmill owner, has determined to haul the necessary logs to water on wheels. An outfit of 10 or 12 big teams was sent into the woods on the upper Palouse river for this purpose. The necessary feed and supplies were taken from Colfax. This will be a rather costly method of floating sawlogs, but the lumber demand is good and it is found necessary in order to meet the calls.

A hardware man of Independence, Or., sold nine incubators and nine brooders recently, and the inference is drawn that chickens will be numerous in that market this year.

John S. Herrin, who owns one of the finest bands of sheep in the Rogne river valley, numbering 2,500 head of the French merino breed, is engaged in shearing, having a force of six men. He has introduced a sleep shearing machine, run by footpower, the three elippers being the first in this section. They take off more wool than the old inal; Persian dates, 6@6%c shears and do a humane job.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT. Wheat Higher on Unfavorable Cop

Bradstreet's says: Continued dullness in many branches and a further shading in several staple lines constitute the leading features in the business situation this week. The weakness of prices is displayed in lower quotations for corn, pork, butter, cheese. wool and cotton among the great agricultural products and petroleum and lead among the mineral products. Wheat is slightly higher, partly owing to less favorable crop reports here and abroad. Continued dryness in the Northwest has given the spring wheat situation a less satisfactory appearance and there is little improvement noted in the winter wheat sections of the central west. It is doubtful, however, if the dry weather has as yet really

ferring with the forwarding of supplies. whole, rather much better than for some time past, in that new disturbances are fewer and some old ones have been settled. But practical tie-ups in Chicago are still unbroken. At St. Louis all kinds of business have been hurt by the strike of street railway employes, and uncertainty at other cities, particularly in the building trade, has had an unsettling effect upon lumber.

Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 5,178,422 bushels, against 3,480,574 bushels last week. Business failures in the United States for the past week number 155, as compared with 174 last week. Failures in the Dominion of Canada are slightly more numerous, numbering 24 for the past week, against19 last week,

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets. Onions, \$9. Lettuce, hot house, 40@45c doz. Potatoes, \$16@17; \$17@18. Beets, per sack, 50@60c. Turnips, per sack, 40@60c. Carrots, per sack, \$1. Parsnips, per sack, 50@75c. Cauliflower, California 85@90c. Strawberries-\$2.25per case. Celery-40@60c per doz. Cabbage, native and California,

\$1.00@1.25 per 100 pounds. Apples, \$2.00@2.75; \$3.00@3.50 Prunes, 60c per box. Butter-Creamery, 22c; Eastern 22c;

dairy, 17@22c; ranch, 15@17c pound. Eggs-18c. Cheese-17-15c. spring, \$5.

timothy, \$18.00@19.00 Corn-Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$23; feed meal, \$23.

Barley-Rolled or ground, per ton,

flour, \$3.00; rye flour, \$3.80@4.00. shorts, per ton, \$14.00. The Umatilla Indians have invited Feed-Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton;

> per ton, \$30.00. Fresh Meats-Choice dressed beef steers, price 8c; cows, 7c; mutton 8c;

Hams-Large, 13c; small, 1314; breakfast bacon, 12 1/2c; dry salt sides,

Portland Market. Wheat - Walla Walla, 51@52c; Valley, 52c; Bluestem, 54c per bushel. Flour-Best grades, \$3.00; graham, \$2.50; superfine, \$2.10 per barrel. Oats-Choice white, 36c; choice

Barley-Feed barley, \$14@14.50; brewing, \$16.00@16.50 per ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$13 per ton; middlings, \$19; shorts, \$15; chop, \$14 per

Hay-Timothy, \$9@11; clover, \$7@ 7.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton. Butter-Fancy creamery, 30@35c; 45c; dairy, 25@30c;

store, 22 1/2 @ 25c. Egga-13c per dozen. Cheese-Oregon full cream, 18c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.

Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$4.00@ 4.50 per dozen; hens, \$5.00; springs, \$2.50@3.50; geese, \$6.50@8.00 for old; \$4.50@6.50; ducks, \$6.00@7.00 per turkeys, live, 14@15c per

Potatoes-40@65c per sack; sweets, 8@21/e per pound. Vegetables-Beets, \$1; turnips, 75c;

per sack; garlie, 7c per pound; cabbage, 1 % o per pound; parsnips, 75; onions, &c per pound; carrots, 50c. Hops-2@8c per pound

Wool-Valley, 12@18c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 27@ \$0c per pound. Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers

and ewes, 3%c; dressed mutton, 7@ 736c per pound; lambs, 5 %c. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$5.00; light and feeders, \$4.50; dressed,

\$5.00@6.50 per 100 pounds. Beef-Gross, top steers, \$4.00@4.50; cows, \$8.50@4.00; dressed beef, 6 1/2 @ 734c per pound.

Veal-Large, 61/2@71/2c; small, 8@ 8 % per pound. Tallow-5@516c; No. 2 and grease, 81/2 @4e per pound.

San Francisco Market.

Wool-Spring-Nevada, 14@16c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, 20@22c; Northern, 10@12c. Hops-1899 crop, 11@13c

Butter-Fancy creamery 17@1716c; do seconds, 16@16 %c; fancy dairy, 16c; do seconds, 14@15c per pound. Eggs-Store, 15c; fancy ranch,

Millstuffs - Middlings, \$17.00 @ 20.00; bran, \$12.50@13.50. Hay-Wheat \$6.50 @ 9.50; wheat an

7.00; alfalfa, \$5.00@6.50 per to straw, 25@40c per bale. Potatoes-Farly Rose, 60@65c; Orn gon Burbanks, 70c@\$1.00; river Bul banks, 40@75c; Salinas Burbanko

80c@1.10 per sack. Citrus Fruit-Oranges, Valencia \$2.75@3.25; Mexican limes, \$4.000 5.00; California lemons 75c@\$1.50 do choice \$1.75@2.00 per box.

Tropical Fruits-Bananas, \$1.50 2.50 per bunch; pineapples,

FLOCKS SHOULD HAVE A HOME OF THEIR OWN.

A Large Number of the Birds May Be Kept in One House if It Is Arranged in the Proper Manner-Cats Their Foe.

Cats are too fond of pigeons to be permitted to get anywhere near them, and in the arrangement of a house for these birds care is to be taken that these animals cannot disturb them. For a small flock a small house may be made round or with eight sides, and with three or four floors. Each side will have a door for the pigeons affected the spring wheat, the chief to enter, and this house is set on a complaint coming from the lumber in- pole firmly placed in the ground and terests, which report low streams inter- eight feet high or so, and having two cross bars safely fitted to it so that a The industrial situation is, on the ladder may be used to get up to the



EXTERIOR OF PIGEON HOUSE.

house. This will do for a dozen birds, half males and half females, for plgeons pair, and each pair must have its own nest.

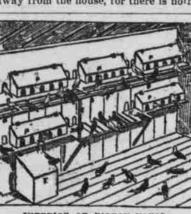
For larger flocks a house may be made on the top of a barn, and if the barn has a cupola on top of it, this is the very thing. Twenty, or even forty pigeons may be kept in such a place, but it will be necessary to have a trap door at the bottom which must be carefully closed every time the house is left, after having been visited.

But larger flocks may have to be provided for, and a small flock will soon become a large one, for although these birds have only two young ones in the nest, yet they will nest several times in the year, and the young ones soon go to keeping house for themselves.

A large number of pigeons may be kept in one house if it is arranged in a proper manner. And pigeons if left to themselves will soon bring their owner into trouble, for they are apt to go on to neighbors' newly sown fields, and gather up the seed with much indus-Poultry-14c; dressed, 14@15c; try. This, however, is easily prevented, for these birds love to stay about Hay-Paget Sound timothy, \$11.00 their home, and if they are regularly @12.00; choice Eastern Washington fed they will not wander away after food. But if it is thought that the home fields may be injured by the birds, it may be said that where pigeons have had full opportunity to run over wheat or oat fields (or peas, of Flour-Patent, per barrel, \$3.25; which they are extremely fond), yet blended straights, \$3.00; California, the seed they eat is well spent on them, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; gra- for as a rule the thinning of the seed ham, per barrel, \$3.00; whole wheat will increase the crop, so that the yield at harvest time is often much larger Millstuffs-Bran, per ton, \$13.00; than it would have been but for the pigeons thinning out the seed. If the pigeon house is kept at the barn, or on Havana covering an area of 20,000 obtains an income from this doe alone the Nex Perces, of Idaho, to join them middlings, per ton, \$20; oil cake meal, it, the birds will not wander away to the fields, unless to one quite close to them. A house large enough for a hundred pigeons is shown in the drawpork, 8c; trimmed, 9c; veal, 812@ ings, both the outside and inside of it. The house is ten by eight feet and the walls are eight feet high. The arrangement of the inside is shown in figure 2. The nest boxes are placed on shelves fastened to the sides of the house, and a roosting platform is made in front of the shelves. The shelves are supported by props, and the little doors on the outside open on to them. There is a box in the house in which food is kept for use in stormy weather when

the birds do not wish to go out. To get a good view of the inside of the house, bend one hand so as to make a short of tube to look through, and use one eye only, shutting the other, This makes the perspective very plain, and shows just how the house would look if one were in it.

Of course these birds, like all others, nust be kept very clean, and the house should be swept and sanded twice a week. It will be the least trouble to do t every day, when a few minutes will suffice to do the work. The floor should be sanded after every sweeping, and the nests should be dusted with a mixture of sand and fine gravel, wood ashes and sulphur. There will be no trouble with vermin if thorough cleanliness is observed and above all things the Cerro, a pretty little suburb of Ha- enough feed for the stock. The pelts sweepings of the house should be disposed of safely in the barnyard or away from the house, for there is noth-



INTERIOR OF PIGEON HOUSE.

ing more likely to harbor lice or fleas and supply a breeding-place for them, than the sweepings of the house. The nest boxes are each four fee

long, nine inches wide, six inches high in the front, and ten inches in the rear. They are divided by partitions into five apartments, each having a separate entrance, which is four and a half inches high, and three wide. The picture shows only one side of the house, the other side is fitted in precisely the same way, and the ends may be occupied by nests as the stock increases. The two downth hald aftu-rosta and if the glow. It is the conversation of the oat \$6.00@9.00; best barley \$5.00 and thrills him and keeps his feelings boarding house table that holds him young and homelike. One should not overlook the spiritual side. Never a meal without its cheerful greeting and kindly weather talk. Not even if he would, could be be left out of those genial discussions beginning with; 'See by the paper we're going to have

> No one ever feels neglected in garding house. No one ever has ans and boarding houses, so that while much pleasure and amusement may be the above effect.

HOUSE FOR PIGEONS, enjoyed, quite a little money may be RAISING OF BELGIAN HARES. made as well. But we may be sure that this result will not happen unless the right attention is given, and this includes regular feeding, and watering, ness in the house, and protection from

MISTAKE OF A NEWS AGENT.

cats and winged enemies.

His Bucolic-Looking Customer Was a Chicago Detective in Disguise. When the west-bound New York spe cial on the Michigan Central stopped terference one pair of rabbits in five at Dowagiac, Mich., last Wednesday years' time would have 5,000,000,000,an elderly man, who possessed all the | 000 descendants. Fortunately, howoutward characteristics of a country- ever, the butcher and the furrier form man, boarded the train and took a seat an interference to the outcome of this In the smoker. He announced in a loud calculation, else humanity would be heard." voice to the traveling man across the shoved off the globe and this earth bealsle that he was coming to Chicago to come one vast hutch. see his boy. He also gave out the information that this was his first trip to of the little creatures to increase and the city.

the wink 30 the commercial traveler. Los Angeles there are now over 600 It had been a bad trip for the agent and he expected to unload a good share of his stock on the man from Dowagiac. He tried unsuccessfully to sell him maps, views of Chicago, photographs of celebrities, and other things. The countryman's purse remained closed.

Presently the wise butcher passed down the aisle with a basket of apples on his arm. He stopped before the Dowagiac man's seat, leaned over, and said, loud enough to be heard from one end of the car to the other. "Apples, three for a cent," and passed on. Now, as a matter of fact, his apples were selling at the rate of three for a dime, of valuable stock; a careful estimate and everybody knew it. His offer to the "yeoman" was unnoticed apparently by that party.

In a few minutes the agent returned from his trip through the train, and the countryman beckoned to him. "Gi'me six apples," he said, and held

out his hands to receive them. "All right; three for a dime," butcher said, as he took six Northern sples from his basket and dropped them into the passenger's lap.

"Now, young feller," said the Do through here a minute ago you offered their pelts are of value, bringing from the fruit to me three for a cent. Here's | 25 cents to several dollars each, accord-2 cents for sla. Now, run along and ing to quality. These in the hands of be good."

"No, you don't-" But the agent was interrupted by the and retreated to the baggage car.

And George Tousley, the Chicago dethe commercial traveler.-Chicago In-

A CUBAN BEAUTY.

Senora Abreu Is Rich, Charming, Dem

ocratic and a Widow. Senor Rosa Abrue is the richest and probably the most beautiful woman in in Uncle Sam's new possessions. She is named Red Riding Hood, and her is the queen of Cuba society and is a "Cuba libre" democrat from the crown of her head to the tip of her pearl-encrusted slipper. And she is a widow. She is possessed of a plantation near



SENORA ROSA ABREU. acres under perfect cultivation devotthe Cuban-Spanish war her plantation was idle, most of her 500 workmen must be a good profit under even adhaving gone to the front. But the vana. Her drawing-rooms are noted bring from 25 cents to a dollar each, for their splendor and exclusiveness, and officers of the army and navy vie from 50 cents to 75 cents, and for very said, she is by no means unwilling to litter five or six times a year, the problcans because, she says, Americans in. "can achieve great deeds," while and play upon a mandolin or guitar.

Stand Up to Fit a Shoe.

ready-made shoes," said the experi- the hands of women; and the most enced salesman, "if they would stand striking cases of success are among that up to fit them on instead of sitting sex. down. Nine persons out of ten, particularly women, want a comfortable the American Breeders of Belgian chair while they are fitting a shoe, and Hares, considers that the industry is ond year? it is with the greatest difficulty you just in its infancy. "A new feature can get them to stand for a few min- that our organization intends to take utes even after the shoe is fitted. Then, when they begin walking about, they canning of hare meat and the tanning wonder why the shoes are not so com- of their hides. In both of these fortable as they were at first trial. A branches there is good money to be woman's foot is considerably smaller made-in fact, the possibilities of the when she sits in a chair than when she business are just beginning to be apwalks about. Exercise brings a larger preciated. The industry has passed quantity of blood into the feet, and they swell appreciably. The muscles also proportions of an important commercial require certain space. In buying shoes factor,' this fact should be borne in mind."

A Legitimate Rusiness.

From the district court at the national capitol comes the judgment that the places. sale of newspapers on the streets is a legitimate business, and that newsboys newsboy was forcibly ejected from a car in Washington some time ago, and ging her heartily. had a leg crushed by a car running on the other track. He has just obtained the lady of the house. non try markets and at the country hotels an award of five thousand dollars damages from a jury, with instructions to sponded the young lady, unthinkingly.

A New Industry in Southern California That Is Proving Profitable. It is not difficult to become a Belthe right kind of food, especial cleanli- gian hare fancier; all one has to do is to get a pair of hares. To the inquiring skeptic the only objectionable fea-

ture of the fad that now dominates

Southern California is the dreadful possibility of the industry. One of the foremost breeders of Lor Angeles has made a table of calculations showing that if there were no in-

It is this extraordinary willingness multiply that provides the large profits The news agent heard him and gave made in their breeding. In and about



'rabbitries," as they are called, each of which contain from 50 to 500 head puts the number of high grade rabbits in Southern California at 360,000.

The occupation is the subject of newspaper jest and topical song humorist, and in many respects partakes in a spectacular manner of the craze for town lots which swept over Southern California in 1887 like a financial sirocco. The hare faddists, however, claim with reason that there is no speculative feature about their occupation and that there can be no danger of disaster. Hares can be eaten and are wagiac man, "when you pranced eagerly sought for as an article of food; skillful farriers make sealskin garments and muffs almost as beautiful as the real thing. In the city markets the loud shouts of the other passengers, flesh of these creatures is as surely found as the roast of beef or the leg of mutton. It is very popular and the tective, who had been in Dowagiac on tourist is sure to demand it when he I don't mind wearing my old duds in a business, divided his six apples with hears encomiums of it uttered by new neighborhood, but I won't stay gourmets

It is from the demand for blooded Journal. stock that most of the money comes. The services of high grade bucks bring their owners in as much as \$4,000 a year. And the aristocratic does are even more profitable. Here is the case of one that was shown at the recent Hare Exposition of Los Angeles. owner refused a cash offer of \$1,500 for her. This seems like a fabulous price for a rabbit, but the declination of the offer can be more readily understood when it is stated that the owner of \$3,000 to \$3,500 a year by the sal of her progedy. These figures make the rabbit about the only creature in the world worth its weight in gold.

While the industry has only been



rear, experts say that there was at least half a million dollars' worth of the stock on show at Hazard's pavilion; by the time the next show is held it is safe to state that the value of the stock will be three times that amount.

It is difficult to get any average statenent of profits from the business, for it is too young, and those that follow ed to coffee growing. Her income, as it have not got the experience that inmay be imagined, is enormous. During sures an evenness of income. It can be seen at once, however, that there verse circumstances, and ordinarily a patriotic beauty paid every one his large return on the investment. The wages-all for the good of her coun- capital required is almost nothing. A try's cause. This charming woman pair of Belgian hares, a dry goods box lives in a magnificent mansion at for a hutch, and a city lot can produce while the carcass for meat will bring with one another for her favor. But as large, fat creatures even a dollar. As yet she is heart whole, and, it is freely a doe will have from eight to 15 at a change her condition in life when she lem of making money resolves itself can find a man who will realize her simply into the provision of sufficient ideal. She is especially fond of Amer- space for the youngsters to frisk about

The absence of hard work, the neces-Cubans and Spanlards can only sigh sary neatness and cleanliness and the ease with which one can engage in the business have of course attracted women, so it is thought that fully half "People would find less difficulty with of the rabbitries of this locality are in woods again to-morrow."-Washington

Dr. Elmer Platt, general manager of up," he said recently, "will be the the fad stage and now has assumed the

The Belgian hare show will be an annual feature in Los Angeles, and will be held in San Francisco, Seattle, New York, Chicago, St. Paul and other

Family Resemblance.

A young gentleman took his little have a right to enter street cars and sister with him while calling the other sell papers to passengers, provided they evening at a house where he is a regubehave themselves and leave the car lar visitor. The little girl made herwhen their business is finished. One self quite at home, showing great fondness for one of the young ladies, hug-

"How very affectionate she is!" said "Yes; so like her brother!" re--Buffalo Courier.

LET US ALL LAUGH.

JOKES FROM THE PENS OF VA-RIOUS HUMORISTS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over-Sayings that Are Cheer ful to Old or Young-Funny Selections that You Will Enjoy.

But I cannot engage you as a house maid when you tell me yourself that my friend across the street discharged you for eavesdropping." "But the temptation was so great.

You see, you don't know what it was I "On second thought, I will employ

you. Run and take off your hat."-New York World.

Went Too Far. Jilted lover-Why, why do you give me up, Marguerite? Do I not carry out your slightest wish? I would give up my last penny for you-my last crust of bread-I would run my very feet off o do your bidding.

Marguerite-That's just it. I cannot bring myself to marry a man who is so easily led.-New York World.

A Great Difference. "Jerry Pontoon, tell us something about Oliver Cromwell." "Which version, ma'am?" "I don't understand."

"Magazine or history?" Too Bad.



Rooster-Why, what brought you to the place of solitary confinement? Hen-Bad judgment. Rooster-How's that? Hen-I roosted too low down.

Expensive Economy. "Madge, we can't afford new clothes this spring."

"Well, then, Albert, we must move here and wear them."-Indianapolis

Amenities of the Club, Mrs. A.-Who on earth is Miss Jenkins in mourning for that she perpetually dresses in black? Mrs. B .- Her husband.

Mrs. A .- Why, she never had any. Mrs. B.-I mean the one she has sought for all her life and never found. -New York World. The Telltale Compliment.

"Dear me! I must be getting old."

"What makes you think so?"

"People have begun congratulating Had a Pretty Good Hunch. "How did you come to pluck up enough courage to propose to Miss

Frisble, Bunting?" "Well, she suggested that I had better not send her an expensive valentine this year, but save my money to go to housekeeping," confessed Bunting .-Detroit Free Press.

On State Street. "You say he bowed to me, Jen? Well I don't want any of his old bows." "Then why don't you return them?"

Unabashed. Good Man-I fear that you have been drinking hard of late, my man? Larry-Niver a dhrop, yer riverince. Good Man-But your nose is very,

very red. Larry-Oi big ye'r pardon, yer river ince, it's anly th' refliction from th' rid flannils Oi wear.

No Fun for the Purse. "Did you go to the girls' college benefit supper, major?" "Yes, little gal."

"They say it was a circus, major?" "No, it wan't, little gal. If it had only been a circus I could have bought a bag of rancid peanuts for a nickel, instead of paying 50 cents for a burnt ball of popeorn."

Obituary. Editor-Callowman, the cigarette fiend, is dead.

Publisher-I can't help it. Editor-But he always paid up his subscription. Publisher-Then I guess we'd better give him a puff.

Soon to Be Accommodated. "Yes," said the sentimental Filipino, "there's nothing more pleasant than a sylvan retreat."

"I'm glad you like the idea," answered the general. "We take to the

Soared. Quinn-The money Simms had in bank went up the first year. De Fonte-What happened the sec-Quinn-Why, the bank went up.

A Cheap Extrication. "How did you finally get rid of that man who wanted you to become a millionaire by letting him put you in on

the ground floor of a mining scheme?"

"Oh, I gave him 25 cents to buy his lunch."-Chicago Times-Herald. Electrical Disturbance. Hardacre-I reckon Zeke Grublot was surprised to find he could buy a lightning rod from the agent for \$2." Crawfoot,-Why, man, he was thun-

derstruck. Those Dear Girls. Miss Chellus-What a lovely piece of lace that is:

Miss Amy Bell-Yes, isn't it? Mamma gave me that when I first came Miss Chellus-Really? How well it

has worn!-Philadelphia Press.

Ostend's Idea. "Ostend, take this sprinkler and wa ter the rubber plant," "What's the use, maw? Anything rubber is waterproof."

Superfluons Effort. "Here's a quarter for you, poor man

said the sympathetic old lady, "and hope you will stick to your resolve nev er to be dishonest." "I will, mum," responded Wear Wiggins. "Wot's der use ov stealle

when yer kin git money dis easy."-Philadelphia Record.

An Innovation. Ida-A bicycle suit of khaki would be just the thing.

May-I don't see why? Ida-It wouldn't show the mud. Two Uplifters. "What!" exclaimed the orator, "wha two things are helping mankind to ge

up in the world?" "The alarm clock and the steplac der," answered the dense person in the rear of the hall.-Baltimore American

A Slash at His Beard. He-Miss Simpson, I'm a self-ma She-Yes? Well, why didn't you stud

the fashion plates in regard to whi kers?-Chicago Record.

Had One at Home, A class was being examined in spel ing the other day, when the teach questioned a little girl as follows:

"K, double i, double t, e-n," replie "Kitten has two i's then, has it?" sa the teacher.

"Ethel, spell kitten."

"Yes, ma'am," answered Ethel, cor fidently; "ours has." Papa In for It.

"Mamma, what would you do if the big vase in the parlor should get brok en?" said Tommy. "I should whip whoever did it," sail Mrs. Banks, gazing severely at her li

tle son. "Well, then, you'd better begin to ge up your muscle," sald Tommy, * papa's broke it." The Agony of Fear.

Benevolent Old Gent-Are you n fraid you will fill a drunkard's grave Thirsty Thingumbob-Not on yer lif De fear wot haunts me dreams is d I'll die sober.-Philadelphia Record.

Knew His Products. "He writes for the funny papers." "Yes; it must be a funny paper the will print anything he writes."-Phili delphia Bulletin. Desperate Economics.

"Joe, there's a collar and cuff trus

started."

"Oh, gracious! I've been turning mine upside down; and now I support I'll have to turn them inside out." Indianapolis Journal.

A Pleasant Reckoning. "It is queer about Cousin Valeria old admirers." "What is queer?" "Why, the further she gets awa from them the more numerous they a

pear to her." Shouldn't Ask Foolish Questions. Mabel-Do you believe the peace co ference will accomplish anything, M

Mother-Don't be silly, Mabel! M Bohawk is the leader of our church



The dog-Just my luck! They've got and fenced that lion in so's I can't g

A Heartfelt Definition. "Say, pa, what is an adult?"

doesn't kick out a good pair of shot every two weeks." Two Heads on One Pair Shoulders. "I peeped into the parlor as I can along the hall," remarked Mr. Fami

"An adult, Jimmy, is a person wh

man, "and I saw quite a strange free of nature." "Really?" exclaimed Mrs. Familim 'Edith is there with her young man." "Yes, I saw two heads on one pair

shoulders."-Philadelphia Press. Arousing the Cook. Stubb-I compel our cook to keep ! alarm clock in her room. Penn-Does the gong arouse her?

Stubb-No; but it arouses my w

and then she goes up two flights

stairs and raps on the cook's door. Magnified Admiration. "When would you call a man real great?"

"When he gets to be as great as li ten-year-old nephew thinks he is." Chicago Record.

Marvelous Speed of Arcturus.

On a summer evening you may s

Arcturus high up in the south or south west in June or July, and further down in the west in August or Septen ber. You will know it by its red colo That star has been flying straight ahead ever since astronomers began observe it at such a speed that would run from New York to Chicago in a small fraction of a minute. Yo would have to be spry to rise from you chair, put on your hat and overcoat an gloves and go out on the street while was crossing the Atlantic ocean from New York to Liverpool. And yet if yo should watch that star all your life and live as long as Methuselah, yo would not be able to see that it move

Russia's Asiatic Possessi ns. Russia's Asiatic possessions are the times the size of Great Britain's, is bold only 23,000,000 inhabitants, compared with Great Britain's 207,000 000 subjects.

at all. The journey that it would make

in 1,000 years would be as nothli

alongside its distance.-Youth's Com