A LUCKY MAN.

Leslie wine a \$5,000 Louisiana Lot-

e last drawing of The Louisiana Lottery has rendered at least San Franciscan happy, and be is y at 2,505 California street. He the good fortune to hold a oneticket in the capital prize of 000, his share being \$5,000, the ey being drawn through the

circumstances that attended his

ell, sir," said he with a smile, "I ht my ticket from a fellow-laboof mine just two days before the ing, paying him \$1 for it. I do nerally invest in lottery tickets, when I bought this one that won 0, I had no idea of the good for-that awaited me. Imagine my Chronicle the day after the draw-eaw that my ticket 69,368 had a prize. My investment was a one and I have no reason to plain."

Vhat will you do with your ey?" asked the reporter. don't know yet, though I expect o into business for myself at an

Leslie is about 35 years of age, dustrious workman, and is well by all who know him. His go do to of fortune has not yet most turned his head and to btles. no. Though earning a good sales type-caster, it is likely that with a great liking. — San Francisco) Chronicle. Nov. 30.

mr. Cross, of Westerly, R. I., bas. s possession a tall eight-day clock ilt's mother, and stood in the hen of the old birth place on Staten nd. From the depths of that clock, ch old Mrs. Vanderbilt used as a ngs bank, she took one hundred ars of hard-saved money and gave young Cornelius to start in busi-That one hundred dollars was indation of the Vanderbilt mil-Mr. Cross married a daughter mmodore Vanderbilt, and the oid k was her share of the homestead

You don't mean to say that you to pay just as much for your pewing the summer months, when the rch was closed, as when it was n?" "Certainly." "How ridicu-" "O. I don't know; I don't bege the money. I enjoyed the pew e as well as though I was in it—er, if any thing."—Boston Tran-

A Texas newspaper claims to have aved in payment of a subscription coldest hen on record." The edsays she was imported from Mexby the local physician eight or pine

Statistics show that there are thirty inals among every thousand bachs, and only eighteen among the number of married men. After a statement as this, there can be urther doubt as to the answer to question, "What shall we do to be P"-Lowell Citizen.

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LOUISIANA BAYOUX.

The track ran through interminable swamps of giant cypresses, magnolias and fig trees. Their myriads of gray trunks stood knee-high in water, openiam Leslie, who resides with his ing in silent vistas on either side as the train passed through. Overhead huge vicious coils of vines knotted these bare columns together. It was March, but there was no coy, tender approach of spring here. Nature was a savageey of Wells, Fargo & Co., on in the North would have put forth a timid grown mber 22d.
reporter yesterday called upon
Leslie, who is employed in the
casting department of Palmer & swith age. Steamen would have put forth a
timid green burst open here like clots
of blood or an angry glare of white;
even the thickets of saplings were hoary
as with age. sting department of Palmer & as with age. Strange red and orange birds flashed through the somber rerose out of the plane of slimy water. stared at the train with dead eyes and plunged into it again.

They were on the border of that coast country of Louisiana which fronts the Mexican gulf between Barataria and Calcasieu bays; a remarkable region, unlike any other in North America in its peculiar features and in the somber splendor of its scenery. The cause of its peculiarity is easily explained.

The Mississippi in Louisiana makes a huge bend westward in the shape of a bow or ereseent, the upper point being at Vicksburg, the lower at New Orleans, the middle of the arc running nearly parallel with the distant coast. To the northwest of this are a stretch of pine-barrens, intersected by ranges of low rolling hills, and broken by numbérless lakes and ponds, extends into Texas. Through these the heavy blood-colored flood of the Red river urges its way, carrying with it all lesser water-courses, and emptying it-self into the Mississippi near the highest point of this bow or detour. Its new-found wealth he will engage red stain tinges the water and the mercantile pursuits, for which he banks of all the outlets of the great river thereafter to the Gulf.

With this last great influx (holding all the streams in the Texan Ilanos and the mountains of Mexico), the Mississippi now receives the whole drainage of the continent between the Rocky and Appalachian ranges. Every spring and rainfall in that vast territory helps to swell its tremendous tide below Bayou Sara. Hence the flood of water there pushes its way directly to the sea with resistless power, not only on its acknowledged highway, the Mississippi, but through the whole southern half of Louisiana. It literally enters in and occupies the land, forcing itself seaward, not only by more than three hundred bayoux, many of which are mighty rivers, but by sluggish, scarcemoving streams, by a perpetual soaking, ereeping, oozing through all the earth, showing itself on the surface in countless lakes, ponds and enormous dismal swamps, and above it in incessant heavy rolling fogs and mists. You can not dig three feet down in all this district without reaching water.

We must remember, too, that this spongy soil has been soaking in for ages the fat washings of all the rich alluvial river-bottoms on half of the continent. No such conditions enter into the formation of any other soil in the world. If Louisiana can ever be drained and rescued from the sea and the river. her fecundity under the hot tropical suns would be unparalleled.

As it is the parishes in this region in-clude the richest cotton, sugar and orange-bearing ground in the States. The forests grow to the size of the woods before the flood, even the ghastly impenetrable swamps choke with rank life. - Rebecca Harding Davis, in Harper's Magazine.

Reached the Limit.

A Detroit peddler of tinware took out some egg-beaters on his last trip. and as the price was only fifteen cents each, and they worked on a new prin-ciple, he calculated on big sales. His first experience will answer for all others. He drove up to a farm house in the western part of Wayne County and took a beater in to exhibit. The people liked it exceedingly well, but the old farmer said:

"Young man, I want to see your patent.'

"I have none."

"Then your written authority to make sales." "Don't need any."

"Then you must give me a bond, with two sureties, in the sunr of \$1,000 that you will stand between me and

any trouble." But I can't do that." "Then I can't buy. I've just had to pay royalty on a drive well, damages

for using an infringement on a patent gate, and have a law suit about a hayfork and another over a wind-mill, and we don't even buy a dish-pan without a bond that it don't infringe on somebody's patent bath-tub."-Detroit Free Press.

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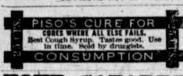
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