A SAD SEA BONG.

for man sailed over the sea, sen the billows were soft and to the winds a ballad of ocean gie ag sweetly in gantly flow.

sailor wife sat out on the shore And dreamed of a ship on the deep, ut her sailor man she saw no more, For he slept in a sound, sound sleep

or sailed away and away. Where the surges were fierce and wild, And was lost at the break of a stormy day To his wife and his little child.

The winds were sad and the waves And the sea sang a story of life, A lullaby to the sailor child, A wail to the sailor wife!

-David Grah

Farm Life in Northern Italy.

An Italian woman gives a sad account o An Italian woman gives a san account of the state of farming in the northern portions of her country. Almost all the farmers are tenants. They furnish the team and imple-ments, while the landlords make repairs and on the team. The surge are could disting pay the taxes. The crops are equally divided. As a rule both classes have a hard time. In regard to the food and drink of the laborers regard to the food and drink of the laborers she writes: The, light, pure wine, which be-fore the vine disease cost next to nothing, and acted as a corrective to all the defects of dist here. diet, has been succeeded by wine which is more heady and less wholesome, and of which the price places it out of the reach of the the price places it out of the reaction of the peasant as a daily beverage. On a feast day he may drink a glass or two at the osteria; but, being unaccustomed to it, it does him more harm than good, and violent quarrels are the consequence. The Italian navy is still a prodigious worker; nearly all the greatest engineering feats of modern times are the work of his hand. But then it must are the work of his hand. But then, it must to remembered that he cats and drinks better than the peasant. The rural poor can not afford coffee, which is heavily taxed; their drink is water, and not always pure water, and their staple food is maize flour, .dther prepared as polenta or made into a very indigestible kind of bread. The former is the usual and less objectionable way of eating it.

'Maize matures so late that in wet seasons it does not harden naturally, most of the rich proprietors have introduced stoves for drying the grain; but the peasnts are care-less and leave it out in the rain till it be-comes moldy. Polenta forms the unfailing morning meal; for dinner there is sometimes a minestra or soup made of rice or of the coarser Italian pastes, with cabbage or tur-nips and a little lard. On fast days linseed oil is a substitute for the lard. Sausages, generally of a home made kind, and raw vege-tables with or without oil and vinegar, are added when they can be got, and eggs, cheese and dried fish are luxuries. On dairy farms the peasants get a little milk or butternilk, and mezzajuoii who keep a cow reserve a small portion of the milk for the chiland then, but butcher's meat is hardly dren. ever bought, except for a marriage or for a sick person. If a horse has to be shot the peasants are very glad to eat the flesh, and some are said to also eat that of animals who die of disease. Hedgehogs, frogs and snails are esteemed as great delicacies."-Chicago Times.

Queer Dwelling Houses.

E The Gilbert Islander does not generally care to have any sides to his dwelling. He sets in four corner posts, about four feet high, made from the trunks of screw palms, cut off and inverted so as to stand alone on the stumps of the branches. Lashed from one to the other of these are long, slender trunks of cocoanut paims, and from these again spring pairs of rafters, which, in their turn, support the neatly thatched roof. The gable ends are then closed, and the house is complete. Not a nail or a pin of any kind is used. All the beams, rafters and the thatch are secured by ingenious lashings, made gen-erally from the palm leaf fiber, though sometimes braided from the owner's own hair. The floor space is smoothed off, and then overed with a thick bed of small smooth pebbles or coral. On this are spread plenty of soft, thick mats, made, of course, from palm leaves, and then, with a supply of young cocoanuts at hand, with a string of shells filled with a good supply of "toddy" hanging outside the house, and the huge fragment of shark, baked in a wide oven in sand, the islander is content to eat and

sleep until hungry again. In the middle of every village is a "council house." This is a large hut, one that we measured being 120 feet long, 60 feet wide and 60 feet high at the ridgepole, built on the same plan as the dwellings, but intended of meeting, especi who rule each community. The 'potent, grave and reverend seignors" meet daily, and hear and decide all complaints and issue all ordinances for the governmen of the people. If their decisions and ordiances happen to meet with the approval of a majority of those interested they are adopted. If they don't, another lot are pro-mulgated the next day, and so on until the meters in mitled or deviced. Non-Kennelsen matter is settled or dropped.-San Francisc Examiner

ASTOR LIBRARY'S "GUARD."

ching for Petty Thieves Strict Rules-The Dish "What's the matter with you! Are you

"If I am, you can't cure mef" "If I am, you can't cure mef" This was the only reply that a fashionably dressed man could draw from the tall, slen-der, white whiskered gaard in the entrance hall of the Astor Library yesterday, who had silently taken the man's cane away from I and given him a check in return. The guard's name is Morse. He is reticent, se guard's name is Morse. He is reticent, se-vere and strictly polite, especially to women. So much petty thiswing in former years was going on the trustees were obliged to create the guard's position, and the present incum-bent has many curious experiences. Sitting in the classic atmosphere of the marble corri-dor, beneath the gaze of marble busts of Socrates, Aristophanes, Senaca and the Cassars, he daily watches the modern world with a sharp eye. No one is permitted to carry a satchel, reticule, lunch box, shopping bag, book or bundle of any kind, cane or uming, book or bundle of any kind, cane or bng, hook or bundle of any kind, cane or un-brella up stairs; and in cases already detected it has been proven that it would be an im-portant additional protection to the library if overcoats were laid aside also before en-If overcoals were had said also the upper rooms, where the priceless collection of books is open to public perusal. This indispensable famicionary down stairs who enforces the rules faust be an expert,

for cranks are frequent and irnscible repre-sentatives of the alleged gentler sex difficult to be quieted when their parcels are taken away. The reason and necessity of writing a description of any book that is carried in toes not appear on the surface, and nine out ores not appear on the surface, and nine out of ten patrons require an explanation. "It is easy to take up a ten cent book and walk out with one worth as many dollars," said the guard to a reporter. "Fifteen out of every twenty men will leave their canes and umbrellas, up scairs, and then come back to find them lost if I did not keep them here with checks on them. There would be no end of talk and confusion inside to disturb the readers. Hand bags are too convenient for concealing volumes when the patron takes his departure. Some put books under their south out are likely to be caught, because I sorutinize every one. Hundreds of dollars a year are saved in this way, and still, with all precaution, you cannot stop the thefts en-tirely. The ladies do not like it, but we have to put every one through the same inspection, so as to make sure of finding the dishonest." -New York Tribune,

Charitable Fair in Switzerland.

After dinner we went to the vente, or char-itable fair, which the young ladies of the town were holding in one of the public build-ings. It was bewilderingly like the church fair of an American country town, socially and materially. The young ladies had made and sorts of pretty knick knacks, and were selling them at the little tables set about the room; they also presided, more or less allur-ingly, at fruit, coffee and ice cream stands; and-I will not be sure, but I think-some o them seemed to be firting with the youth of the other set. There was an auction going on, and the place was full of tobacco smoke, which the women appeared not to mind. A which the women appeared not to mind. A booth for the sale of wine and beer was set off, and there was a good deal of amiable drinking. This was not like our fairs quite; and I am bound to say that the people of Aigle had more polished manners, if not bet-ter, than our country town, average.-W.D. Howells in Harper's Magazine. This was not like our fairs quite;

Street Car Conductors and Drivers

"How often do street car conductors and drivers miss their cars in the morning?" "Not often, I tell you," said an employe, "When we miss our car we go to the foot of the list and take our chances with the new men. Sometimes it is nearly a year before we can get another car regularly. I have seen the boys running to the barns in the morning half dressed. Once I saw a driver in the winter rushing through the snow in his bare feet, his boots in his hands, yet, poor fellow, he was two minutes late after all. He had a big family, and I noticed he went around behind some cars. I was a good friend of his, and slipped around at the risk of missing my own car to comfort him a lit-tle, and found he had broken down and was taking a good cry. Luckily, he got back in two weeks."-Chicago Tribune.

Safety of Building Associations

The co-operative banks, sometimes called building associations, although they never build directly, are the very ingenious outgrowth of an endeavor to make the savings of men of moderate means yield a higher

WAGES OF FAMOUS COOKS.

Prices Which Rich New Yorkers Pay for Culinary Skill-How

Culinary skill-Haw Chefs Dine. Previous to W. K. Vanderbilt's culinary extravagance in biring a \$10,000 cook Corne-lins was supposed to have the most expensive one in town, paying Fred Hemmerie, his chef, \$150 a month, the highest salary paid by any private family in New York. Mrs. Langtry is not so far behind. She pays Con-stant Migirard, who gets up her meals and travels with her, \$100 a month. Ogden Goelet gave Yaltat \$100, but Judge Water-bury bid a little higher and has him now. John Jacob Astor has a Frenchman, Joseph Pacteau, who gets \$100 a month and who has little to do this winter, the family being too deeply in mourning for even the smalles: dining. Eliot Shepard, another Vanderbilt son-in-law, is fond of good cooking, and pays a good price to Mathies, a man who used to be assistant cook in the Jockey club, of Paris. Whitelaw Reid is the only newspaper mar who can afford a famous chef, as caterer to his appetite, but he pays a good, round sum to his appetite, but he pays a good, round sum to his appetite, but he pays a good, round sum to his appetite, but he pays a good, round sum

who can afford a famous chef as caterer to his appetite, but he pays a good, round sum to have his meals prepared by Gaillet. 'His rich father-in-law; D. O. Mills, pays no more to Menier, who presides over his dinner par-ties. August Belmont imported his cook himself, having found him in rather an ob-scure Parisian restaurant, and has never had scure Parisian restaurant, and has never had reason to be dissatisfied with his discovery. W. B. Astor employs Gustave Berand, and pays him \$125, a month. The Marshall O. Robertses and Bradley M rtins have English cooks, being strictly Anglican in all their appointmer

When these chefs have a night off they When these chefs have a night off they never dine in their own place, but seem to take great defight in sampling the food of their rivals. I have seen Fred Hemmerle in Delmonico's with all the head waiters fluttering anxiously about him while he critically examined the menn, and no millionaire was as carefully served as he Delmonico's head as carefully served as he. Delmonico's head cook goes up to the St. Ck rd and to the res-taurant of the Hotel Norma.die when he has an evening away from crty, and while he is dining it's very nearly impossible to get waited on, for the waiter all get nervous and. forget your order while they hang about the framous cook and wait to see upon what food famous cook and wait to see upon what food doth this our Cesar feed and then rush off to the kitchen to see that his orders come up hot and in perfect shape. I was told on one of these occasions by a hysterical waiter, whom I corraled with a half a dollar and induced to give me some attention, that these great cooks order the simplest sort of food. They themselves adjure most of the sauces and gravies with which they stimulate the jaded palates of the public and, looking carefully over the bill, pick out just those dishes which require, through their simplicity, perfect cooking to make them palatable.—Brooklyn Eagle.

An Incompetent Railroad Engineer.

The danger of running on an engine han-dled by an incompetent engineer or a man who has remained at some other business long enough to get rusty is not fully under stood by the traveling world. I had an ex-perience of that kind that drove me off the road and into more pleasant lines of labor. The Iowa legislature passed a law in 187 holding all railroads responsible in heavy amounts for loss of life or injurieg incurred in their service, and to offset the liability the railroad addressed a circular to all employes asking them to relinquish their claims. morning I had fired up as usual, and run the engine around to await the freight which we were to take west from Burlington. Before the hour an agent stepped up and asked the engineer to sign the agreement. He refused and was discharged on the spot. A new man was put in the cab. He had an engineer's license, and everything looked straight, so far as papers went. During the talk my fires had run down, so I filled in coal until steam was hissing out of the safety valve, and then

I opened the furnace door. Having taken our train, an hour later were spinning along nicely when I turned to feed the fire. Throwing open the door I observed the crown sheet and rivets showin through the fire box, and looked up at th gauge only to find that we were running with a dry boiler. I yelled to my partner, and he started out on the running board with a hammer in one hand. The pump had stopped working. The new man struck the meta gently to loosen the plunger. That's all saw. I started over the coal in the tender and, climbing up on the side of the first car was not long in putting twelve or fifteen car between me and that engine. Reaching th caboose and sitting on the cupola, I waite for the explosion. If that fool with his ham for the explosion. If that fool with his ham mer had succeeded in starting that pump h would have gone into eternity the nex boiler was at a white heat. second, for the

PORTRAITS OF WASHINGTON.

PORTRAITS OF WASHINGTON. Bembrandt Peale's Account of How the First President Sat for His Pather. Rembrandt Peale, the artist who painted the famous, but horrible in its subject and suggestiveness, picture, "The Court of Death," was a son of the also famous Charles Wilson Peale, who painted from personal sittings several portraits of Washington. In a recent interview he said: "Washington gave sittings to Stuart and my father at the same time, and I was often with him. This was when he was president -about 1794. He sate for my father in the quiet early morning, before his state toilet had been made, and when he appeared to the eyes of the charmed observer simply as George Washington, the man and citizen. He was then about 60 years old, and the toils and trials which he had passed through as the commander of the arms of the presidency, added to the weight of increasing years, had told with no littles in frame and features. His somewhat thin, had was gray; years and fears and cares bad all left traces on his face, and his teeth ing frame and features. His somewhat thin, hair was gray; years and fears and cares had all left traces on his face, and his teeth being gone, the lips and cheeks and lines about the mouth were somewhat depressed and contracted. My father's portrait of him," repeated Mr. Peale, "was exactly" of Washington as he really was while we Washington as he really was while he was the man only, and before he had prepared himself, as president, to enter upon his, more especially then than now, arduous duties as chief executive of the great but very young

"But why," it was asked, "the two por "But why," it was asked, "the two por-traits being painted at the same time, should Stuart's be so very unlike your father's!" "Simply because," continued Peale, "as I have already stated, Washington gave his sittings to Stuart on the same day, but after "à careful preparation of his state toilet; and he was exceedingly, almost austerely nice in all matters of conventional dress and deport-ment. Indext the remove from the manners all matters of conventional dress and deport-ment. Indeed, the remove from the manners and customs of England's monarchy was so recent and so slight that the social atmos-phere of the White House partook largely of the etiquette of the court, and the expected and practiced deportment of the executive chamber was as formal in degree as that which had been necessary in order to have audience with the king. "This state toilet, among other things, in-

cluded the careful combing and powdering of the hair and the tying of it in a cue; also a discreet "make up" of the face, and, most noticeable of all, the fitting into the mouth of a full set of false teeth. Now, the art and a full set of faise teeth. Now, the art and skill of the dentist in those days had not at-tained to a very perfect imitation of nature, and the plates being large and clumsy, gave to the mouth and whole lower portion of the face that flat, full, square and unnatural ap-pearance which all careful observers of Stuart's great portrait cannot fail to observe, and which is very often questioningly re-marked upon. This portrait was adopted as harmonizing more fully with the courtly conception of what the personal appearance and habiliments of one in so great authority should be; but as a portrait, it is of the president rather than of the man, and is to regarded as the ideal, rather than as the al Washington."-A. S. Pease in The Sarareal W

Who Is Never Crazy?

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There are many firm believers in the theory that most people are crazy at times, and facts seem to support their belief. The fol-lowing, from a source unknown to the writer, will likely remind a number of our readers of some incident in their experience, which at the time of its occurrence seemed to them most unaccountable. "A wise man will step backward off a

porch or into a mud puddle; a great philoso-pher will hunt for the specks that are in his hand or on his forehead, a hunter will sometimes shoot himself or his dog. A working girl had been feeding a great clothing knife for ten years. One day she watched the for ten years. One day she watched the knife come down slowly upon her hand. Too late she woke out of her stupor with one hand gone. For a few seconds her mind had failed, and she sat by her machine a temporary lunatic and had watched the knife

porary innate and had wakened the knife approach her own hand. A distinguished professor was teaching near a canal. Walking along one evening in summer he walked as deliberately into the canal as he had been walking along the path a second before. He was brought to bis senses by the water and mud and the abhis senses by the water and mud and the ab surdity of the situation. He had on a new suit of clothes and a new silk hat, but though the damage was thus great, he still laughs over the adventure. Our mail collectors find in the iron boxes along the streets all sorts of papers and articles which have been put in by some hand from whose motions the mind has become detached for a second. A glove, a pair of spectacles, a deed, a mort-A gage, a theatre ticket, goes in, and on goes the person, holding on to the regular letter which should have been deposited. This is called absent mindedness, bu lunkcy."-Scientific American. but is a brief

SUPERSTITIONS OF THE The Opinion of London

The Opinion of London Pro-Omens and the Life Mr. Toole, the commedian, being on the subject, says that altho-tensely superstitious himself; he is ghosts—not the ordinary theo out one that walks every week— As for omens, he confesses the passes the theatre at 7:30 and see people right across the street wa loors to oncen, he usually considloors to open, he usually mr. Edward Terry,

London actor, is very fond of Pri ays that his new pieces have invari produced on that day, and that h produced on the a company of thirte travels with a company of thirte The same boldness is a character Marius. His opinions of stage

are as follows: "I would rather produce a suc on a Friday than a bad one on a on a Friday than a bad one on a bate would rather receive £13 than £5 a time. I would rather sit down thirds good dinner than twelve to a had on not believe in unlucky theatres or a actors, but I believe in a good play extend drawing good houses, whereas

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acted, drawing good houses, whereas by. If there is one superstition I has to get the best of everything at the rate." On the other hand, Mrs. Bern confosses that she is exceedingly spe-Miss Millward is even more so and Fanny Leslie, the burlesque actres of Fanny Leslie, the burleague an umbrelage ers it unlucky to place an umbrelage prompt table, and also to drop the play Black cuts she burleague. during rehearsal. Black cats st very lucky, but she will never size a tract on Friday. Miss Letty Lind ha some strong opinions on the same at believe the number thirteen to be very It was the number of my dressing rom the Galety theatre when a London and was kind to me for the first time. On a seturn to that theatre I shall at a atlowed to have the same room. At allowed to have the same room. At time I went to see a manager and woman with an evil eye, or rather a eyed women. I walked deliberaty again, knowing that the managers tion would not believe in me. White be a believe, are very unfortunate. Ge main adder I will not. And I have found the t ha pen to meet any one on the same ore.

From these few examples it may be From the English actors and actress the abat quite so superstitious as their fra-torothers and sisters, are yet not while the influences — Fringels rom the same influ imes.

An Extraordivary Mental Power.

An Extraordinary Mental Powe. I know of a case where the perm we recognized evidence of a power of al-ncing another's mind through some qu-athetic action, was most unwilling bi-ouvinced. He was a doctor and opposi-all belief in faith cures, and to all whi-eemed to favor the doctrine that mint m eened to favor the doctrine that mades influence mind. He had conceived any itrong feeling of personal dislike for a hought reader—an American of some set ity.or notoriety, I will not say which is offered himself as a "subject," being hat the exhibition was chiefly humber is other "subjects" mostly confederates is marrially located a "trail", that is other "subjects' mostly confederates is nentally located a "pain"-that is is shought of a pain-in a particular area. To his surprise the thought reader begans pass his hand over his (the exhibits right jaw, and presently marked with is "inger the precise course of the nervain which the doctor had imagined the pain sectord

extend. We see in such experiments ani form of the power which seems in see cases to have been possessed by proma-der strong mental emotion, of influence others at a distance. I do not know here the evidence can be rejected showing the on certain occasions such power has here exerted—usually "without any concise effort. It seems much more incautions is point the evidence the enort. It seems much more incanon reject the evidence, than to admit the sistence of such a power-not, howeve, so something supernatural, nor even apper ternati-ral or extra natural, but simply as quality not yet explained or understood, and quality not yet explained or unders recognized, as it seems to merit, secili-vestigation.-Richard A. Proctor in Bata (Hohe

The Wife of Theodore Thoma

Very few people know anything of The domestic side, which is a very happy ma Some twenty years ago Miss Porter, we teaches the far famed girls' schools at Parington, Conn., undertook to educate a your stant and ev Just about the time she had crammed brill of Greek and the higher mathematics she very of Greek and the higher instrumentation unwisely invited a certain musical Gene up to the school to lecture before her put on orchestral effects and composition. The earned young graduate followed the en learned young graduate followed the examp of other young women less learned, and the promptly in love with the lecturer. He wise enough to return it and Miss Porteria an assistant, while Theodore Thomas gain It is the proud and uncontradicted basis this classical and mathematical scholar the in all the past-twenty years her husban he eaten but three inferior meals in his en house. She comes of a race of "notable New England housekeepers, and the inherite instinct is so strong that the theory the learned women are lacking in domesticity-if true—has no demonstration in her. The a wife. if true-has no demonstration in her. The are a thoroughly affectionate and congain couple, and Mr. Thomas' domestia existent is as hanny as his and the second are a thoroughly affectionate and congenia couple, and Mr. Thomas' domestic existent is as happy as his public career has been great. There is a pretty daughter just growing up, who does not appear to greatly resemble up who does not appear to greatly re either parent, as she is but a medior sician, and despite the fact of being a states at the Harvard Annex, is considerably non concerned with the fashions than with di-

The Banchman's Commissary Department

A ranchman's life is certainly a very pleas at one, albeit generally varied with plenty of hardship and anxiety. Although occa-sionally he passes days of severe toil-for example, if he goes on the round up he works as hard as any of his men-yet he no longer has to undergo the monotonous drudgery tendant upon the tasks of the cowboy or of the apprentice in the business. His fare is simple; but, if he chooses, it is good enough. Many ranches are provided with nothing at simple; all but salt pork, canned goods, and bread; indeed, it is a curious fact that in traveling through this cow country it is often impos sible to get any milk or butter; but this is only because the owners or managers are too lazy to take enough trouble to insure their own comfort. We ourselves always keep up two or three cows, choosing such as are nat urally tame, and so we invariably have plenty of milk and, when there is time for churning good deal of butter. We also keep hens, which, in spite of the

damaging inroads of hawks, bob cats and foxes, supply us with eggs, and in time of need, when our rifles have failed to keep us in e, with stewed, roast or fried chicken From our garden we get potatoes, and also. unless drought, frost or grasshoppers inter-fere (which they do about every second year) other vegetables as well. For fresh ment we depend chiefly upon our prowess as hunters. -Theodore Roosevelt in The Century.

rate of interest than savings banks pay, and also to distribute these savings in small loans among the same class. They have proved atly safe and successful in both reemin But here, also, the borrower mus spects. have a "margin," albeit a smaller one will pass muster than in the savings banks. This is no indication of insecurity, for the loan is at its maximum and the "margin" at its minimum only at the outset, for the monthly payments immediately and constantly in crease the latter and decrease the former. Boston Herald.

Grave of Alexander the Great.

Saida, the town at which has been discov ered the sarcophagus supposed to c_ntain the remains of Alexander the Great, who died in 324 B. C. from a fever contracted while surveying the marshes around Babylon, and to which he was the more susceptible he had just got over a protracted drunk, is about twenty-four miles from Beyrout, Syria, and is the ancient Sidon or Zidon. In 1850 gold' coins of the time of Alexander. valued at \$40,000, were unearthed there, and it was while at the head of the French exploring expedition there in 1860 that M. Renan picked up a good many of the points which he used in his famous "Life of Christ." New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Rolling Out Rifle Barrels.

. By means of recently invented processes in the manufacture of rifles as many as 120 bar rels can now be rolled in an hour by one ma chine. They are straightered cold and bore with corresponding speed, and even the rifling is done automatically, so that one man tendis done automatically, so that one man tend-ing six machines can turn out sixty or seventy barrels per day. With the oil rifiking ma-chines twenty barrels were about the limit of a day's work, but the improved machines at-tend to everything after being started, and when the rifling is completed ring a bell to call the attention of the workmen.

wasn't in a suicidal frame of mind, and that why I lit out. But the old adage about fool and children proved true, for that enginee had to stop, draw the fire and wait for relief engine. We had only run fifteen mile but the damage in half an hour took thre months to repair .-- Globe-Democrat Inter

A King Who Hesitated.

The king who hesitates is very often lost, just as much as though he were an ordinary mortal A very interesting dis-covery of recent date shows that if Louis XVI had only been a little less dilatory he might have prevented the taking of the Bastile, and possibly changed the course of history. It is now clearly proved that early in 1738 he had given his conditional approval to a plan for demolishing the Bastile and for laying out the site as a garden; and a plan was actually prepared here to be the approximation of the site of the site of the second se showing how the proposed change could be effected, but the king, unfortunately for himself, did not at once approve this plan when it was placed before him. He aid he would think about it, and while he was thinking other and more stirring events followed, till presently, on July 14, 1789, the Parisians, tired of waiting for the king's consent, pulled down the Bastile on their own account. The original plan for laying out the site as a public garden is still in existence, and may be seen by the curious among the historical treasures to the National library at Paris.—London

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Dakota Editor and Staff. Stranger (to Dakota landlord)-1 oticed a party of scarred and crippled entlemen at a table in the dining Var veterans, I s'pose, enjoying an anual di 'ner?

Dakos Landlord-No. sir: it's ofpres finner, given by the editor of the Daily Paralyzer to his staff.-The Epoch,

A Soldier's Special Pension

Benjamin Franklin, of the Second Minesota volunteers, is the only man on the vernment Lension rolls who sacrificed both hands and feet in the late civil war and as there is no provision of law ap plicable to such special cases, a bill will be presented to congress increasing the pension he now receives to \$150 a month. He now receives the pay provided for a soldier or a sailor who has lost both hands or both feet --New York World.

Not a Word of Praise

Mrs. Frou Frou-George, dear, you ave never said a word in praise of my reception gown; the blue one, with the

reception gown; the blue one, with the V-shaped back, you know. Mr. F. F. (with a deep drawn sigh)— No, dear; my mental obtuseness is due to the thoughts I had of the V-shaped greenwhich that dress represents. - Pittsburg Bulletin.

Flowers for Wall Street.

Among the many expenses that Wall street brokers have to face every year is the item for flowers with which they brighten and adorn their offices. Winter and summer, spring and fall, huge bunches of expensive posies are kept on hand in many of the very attractive offices. It is reckoned that the average expense for an iffice is \$10 a.day. At dask the office boys and lesser clerks divide the flowers. --Chicago Herald.

ferential calculus.-Brooklyn Eagle

"One day a man whom I met," said the Chicago man, "had occasion to go from his borne to the county seat. He was a man of more intelligence than most of his fellows, but he had never in his life ben fellows, but he had never in his life cen sway from home before. He had never seen a town. The nearest approach to se he had seen was the collection of house about the store where he sold his track and bought his bacon. When he got that from the county seat I asked him what is thought of what he saw. "Well," sold he 'all I got ter say is this: If this world is a big on the right up us as it is on the kill big on the right uv us as it is on the she must be a reglur whale." "-Chi