netimes at the moment of the attack on a besieged place, great caul- It is located on a low strip of springy drons containing the seething mixture were tilted on the walls and the con tents poured upon the assailants with terrible effect. It could be projected through a considerable space, and has been described as rushing through the are like a winged dragon, with the report of thunder and the velocity of lightning. It was launched also in red-hot balls of iron, which fell with disastrous effect combustible would cause, especially when thrown upon and among ignorant and half-naked opponents, on whom the noise and flame would have a terrifying effect. Even in modern battles the results obtained by artillery fire, espec-ially the fire of shells, is out of all pro-portion to the number of men killed.

Later, when the secret of the Greek fire had become known to the Saracens, and it had been adopted by them, its effects were equally dreaded by the Crusaders. The fact that it could not be extinguished by water added to the terror, caused by the noise, smoke and flame. The secret of its composition was carefully guarded by the Greeks, and retained for their exclusive use for about four hundred years. Fables were invented to hide from other nations so valuable an adjunct to the art of war, and the barbarians were informed that it had been revealed by an angel to Constantine the Great, and that to communicate the secret of its composition would provoke the vengeance of the God of the Christians. After the invention of gunpowder it was no longer of much value. I have a formula for the making of Greek fire, and in it petroleum is one of the chief ingredients .- Murray's Magazine.

## WHAT HE COULD RAISE.

A Crop That Never Fails Upon the Stony Farms of New Hampshire. "The God who made New Hampshire" (to quote Emerson) can hardly have intended it for a arming country; and yet, while so much newspaper wit is expended upon the stony pastures of

the Granite State, it is well to remember that a good many men have been raised

A farmer living in New Hampshire was visited by a friend of his boyhood who had a fine wheat farm in California. The visitor eyed the scanty products of his friend's farm with dismay, almost fearing that his visit of a few days would eat up all the profits of the year. Finally, he demanded, sternly; "Jim, stone a farm?" "Y-e-a-s; thar's my turnips!"

"Turnips! They haint enough turnips thar ter feed a dyin' lamb. And what's that patch over thar?"

"Pa'snips." "Hump! Pa'snips! An' this?"

"Potatus" (laconically).
"Neow, Jim, I'd jest like to have you

tell me what your farm kin raise?" "You want ter know?"

"Yes" (ferventiy). "W-a-a-l, jist this: I kin raise the biggest lot of dust on er windy day of any farm east or west. 'Side from that,

'taint much fur projuce!"- Youth's

# Gases as Liquids and Solids.

Olszewski, the Russian physicist, has been continuing his researches on the condensation of the gases, with some very interesting results. He has shown that even the more permanent gases may be liquefied at only a moderate pressure by the low temperatures he has been able to produce, and has also determined the boiling points, melting points and densities of these so-called gases at atmospheric pressure. Lique-fied methane boiled at -263 degrees F. below zero, oxygen at -294.5 degrees, nitrogen at -318 degrees, carbon monoxide at 310 degrees, and nitric oxide at -244.5 degrees. Solidified carbon monoxide melted at -358 degrees. At the temperatures and pressures required to retain the liquid form, the density of methane was 0.415, of oxygen 1.124, and of nitrogen 0.885, water at sixty degrees and atmospheric pressure being 1.000. Solid nitrogen, at -373 degrees, gave the lowest temperature yet recorded.—Arkansaw Traveler.

-A swimming school in Frankforton-the-Main announces in English: "Swimming instructions given by a teacher of both sexes.

-The barber who slicks up our hair, and the chiropodist who remodels our feet, both should be called "Destiny," for that is what "shapes our ends."

-My son, look out for these "disinterested" people. They are, most of them, very much interested even when "disinterested."-St. Albans Messen-

-In the wilds of Borneo the thirsty cannibal throws a knife, sticks a man and drinks blood; in Boston the thirsty tramp throws dice, sticks his friend and drinks beer. - Harvard Lampoon.

—The Slippery Walks of Life.—
He slipped on the banana peel,
And O! what followed after:
He peeled his head—he peeled his shin,
And there were peals of laughter.
—Texas Siftings.

-You want to know the derivation of the word gumption, do you, Eula-lia? Very well; it is derived from gum nd shun, and a girl who has gumpion is one who shuns gum. Chew see? -Pittsburgh Chronicle.
-School Teacher (illustrating the

difference between plants and animals)

"Plants are not susceptible of atschment to man as animals are."

mail Boy (at foot of class)—"How
there barrs, teacher?"

## EXTINCT ANIMALS.

W. M. Lee, the well-known fruit grower of Tacoma, gives the particu-The terror and devastation Spokane County I stopped at Latah,

en almost as great as that caused by that place, regarding the volcanic me that he had examined some large bones of great antiquity Accom-be walls of the Greek towns. spring where the relics were dug out. prairie. The excavation around the spring is twelve or fifteen eet deep, and thirty or forty feet across. The bones were covered by several dictinct

lavers. The first layer was ancient peat, then gravel, then volcanic ashes, then a layer of coarse peat. From this spring were taken no less than nine mammoths, or elephants, of different sizes, the remains within the walls of a beseiged city. It of a cave bear, and hyenas, extinct birds can be understood what alarm such a and a sea turtle. Mr. Coplen kindly preand a sea turtle. Mr. Coplen kindly presented me with some specimens of these relics. The dimensions of some of the bones of the larger mammoths were wonderful to look at. The horns were a sort of tusk, and protruded from the head. By dropping the head in the act of feeding the circle of the horns that extended below the jaws rested on the ground, giving support to the head, which is estimated to have weighed a

> The horns were worn away severa inches deep at the bottom of the turn or half circle, indicating constant use by rubbing on the ground or rocks. One of these horns was ten feet and one inch long and twenty-four inches in circumference. It weighed 145 pounds. One of the tusks measured twelve feet and nine inches in length and twentyseven inches round. It weighed 295 pounds. The jaw weighed sixty-three pounds. The molar teeth weighed eighteen pounds each. Some of the ribs were eight feet long. The pelvic arch was six feet across, and an ordinary man could walk erect through this opening. The huge and antique monster was eighteen feet and six inches high, and was estimated to weigh twenty tons.

Just imagine far back in the misty by-gones of antiquity, probably before the appearance of man upon the earth, that Washington Territory was the home of these monstrous animals that roamed over the great prairies, traversed the Columbia river, and made the genial climes of Puget Sound their haunts in winter. It matters not what quiet and amuses the crowd while you the theories may be in regard to these are thinking what you ought to do. embedded bones of such huge proporwhat time the great change took place which made them disappear from the climate. - Tacoma (W.T.) Daily Ledger. he will catch on to the cobbler.

# NICHOLAS ALLEN.

Unfortunate Career of the Discoverer Anthracite Coal in Pennsylvania. Authracite was discovered in Penn-

sylvania in 1790, by Nicholas Allen. This Allen, according to the stories and come down from the Lake Champlain time he led a wandering existence, hunt- | Brooklyn Eagle. ing, fishing and lumbering, while his wife attended to the wants of thirsty travelers. In one of his hunting excur sions he camped out at the foot of the Broad Mountain, at a spot where a coal vein cropped out, and, upon lighting a fire, was astonished at the intense heat it threw off. He also saw that some of the black stone had be some red hot. He dug some of it, and carried it home, where his wife, more practical than himself, pronounced it coal. They saw the coal crop in abundance, and visions of fortunes that might be realized out of it flashed through their minds simultaneously. So, disposing of their effects, they loaded two large covered wagons with the coal, and set our for Philadelphia, with the intention of marketing it there and discovering its true value. They drove along the banks of the Schuylkill, sleeping in the open air at night. At Potts-town three of their horses died, and the coal was dumped into the river. Wearied and disheartened, the pair returned to the old place at the summit of the mountain, and shortly afteward Allen laid his faithful wife to rest over the coal vein that proved their ruin, and turned his face toward the West, where, after an uneventful career, he enlisted for the campaign under Harriso" and fell at Fippecanoe. - Scientific American. -ignorance is no less destructive of

calling. The successful farmer is he who keeps abreast with improved systems and applies common sense to his business.—Farm, Field and Stockman.

—A firm of Birmingham music dealers was lately required to tune an organ to accord with a piano in Moseley.

The base which fiftee are now to the second of the s It was impracticable to bring the in struments together, but a happy plan was at length stumbled upon. A note of the piano was struck in front of a telephone, and the sound was so accurately transmitted to the distant tuner that he was soon able to accomplish his task, and the organ was sent in season for its intended use with the

piano in a concert.-Arkansaw Trac-

-A traveler through Mexico saw at mountain station a tall, bulky Mexican with gigantic frame and a baby face, who would have excited admiration anywhere. He wore an enormou hat, hung with at least one hundre dollars' worth of silver bullion, wa armed with a revolver and a rifle, an had down each seam of his trousers row of skulls and crossbones in sol silver, each skull as big as a doll-Everybody enjoyed the appearance this splendid person, and no one m-than he himself.

## HINTS TO SWIMMERS.

Timely Suggestions for Enthusiastic Lover of Aquatic Sport. Now that the bathing season, for the people who bathe only during the season, is running on full time and half soap, there will be the usual number of care must therefore be taken to specify the sad ones. Now, in most instances —but for the gravity of the subject one might say moist cases—there is no necessity for drowning. A little care, a little presence of mind and the doomed swimmer would be as safe from the watery element as a Texas bar tender. A good swimmer is not free drowned; not oftener than once. -but for the gravity of the subject one not oftener than once.

People are drowned when they are thrown suddenly into the water be cause the shock disturbs their presence of mind and disarranges the life preserver. To avoid drowning from this cause, therefore, never get thrown into the water suddenly; always be expecting it. If you are crossing the great desert, keep turning over in your mind what you would do if the distant ocean

should suddenly break in on you. If you could acquire the habit of breathing under water it would be great medicine for you. Some men can breathe a long, long time over beer they are more apt to founder than

If you don't know whether you ca swim or not, having never tried, it is a good plan to consult some well-known authority on the subject before venturing into forty foot water. Go to Jay

If you should find a drowning person on the beach and it should prove to be some one whom it is your interest to

save, run him through a clothes wringer without delay; it is essential to get all

Sit on his chest and inflate his lungs with a hand bellows to restore respiration, and slap him to restore circula-

tion; if this doesn't work, send for a newspaper clerk, who can give him an artificial circulation that will make the doctors want to go away and commit suicide Haul him back and forth over a bar-

rel; this is an old and very popular mode of treatment; it is of no earthly use whatever, but it keeps the patient Start a messenger for the man's wife

tions; why so many of them were piled at once and call loudly after him, "Tell together in these springy places; what period or age the animals lived; at patient needs the stimulus of a sudden shock to enable him to rally.

If you are in doubt whether the man continent; whether they first made their appearance in this part of America and cobbler; if he is drowning he will catch whether or not it was then a trepical at the straws. If he is not drowning

Should you discover the d person to be the man who tells you all about his summer vacation; where he went, and what a "nice" place it was how "nice" the meals and how "nice" the poople, and how cheap it was and what a good time he had, push him out traditions that have been handed down into deep water to see if he will sink. about him must have been a kind of If he does not sink immediately you American Rip Van Winkle. He had may be sure there is something wrong. Lose no time; a moment's delay may be lumber region and opened an inn on the fatal; tie a big stone about his neck and summit of the Broad Mountain. For a push him out again. - Burdette, in

# . AN ARTIFICIAL SEA.

The Curious Work Carried Out in Tunis by

a French Officer. Sir F. de Lesseps has lately communicated to the Institution of Civil Engineers an interesting account of a curious work carried out in Tunis by Colonel Roudaire. This gentleman appears to have spent many years in Tunis leveling, boring and making experiments of various kinds, and has come to the conclusion that four depressions, or "shotts," as he terms them, which he names Tedjed, Djerid. Rharsa and Melrir, and are situated seventy-seven feet six inches below the sea level, could by means of a canal be readily formed into a large inland sea or lake, which would have the effect of influencing for good the climate and fertility of the surrounding country to a considerable degree.

This lake is stated to be 3,164 square miles in extent. In order to prepare for the vast expense with such an nudertaking must involve, the Colonel proposes to sink artesian wells, for the purpose of cultivating the country; and the rent paid for the water thus obtained might be applied, the whole or in part, towards the construction of the proposed canal. In 1855 the first well was sunk to the depth of 295 feet, when profits in agriculture than in any other was found flowing at an average of 1,760 gallons per minute the first year, which has now increased to 19. 800 gallons per minute. Sir F. de Les-

> "The banks of the River Melah which fifteen months ago were deserts, are now populated, and very shortly the canal is to be commenced, so that the civilization of the French-African possessions must come from belowthat is to say, must of necessity depend for water supply on wells only."-Chambers' Journal.

# Curious Experiments.

Mr. Graber has lately made some curious ocservations upon the effect of light upon eyeless animals, a report of which appears in the proceedings of the Vienna Academy. He put a number of earth-worms into a box, which was provided with an aperture at one side, through which light was allowed ingress. The result of many experiments showed that the worms sought the darkest part of the temporary prison, and that at least two-fifths of their number shunned the light. Experimenting with rays of different colors by means of stained glass, he found that the worms exhibited a marked preference for red light .--

Are those whom a confirmed tendency to bi soap, there will be the usual number of symptoms indicative of liver complaint, Nausea, "sad cases of drowning" reported in sick headache, constipation, furred tongue, an the daily paper by reporters who seem unpleasant breath, a dull or sharp pain in the to think that the ordinary drowning neighborhood of the affected organ, impurity of case is a rather joyous affair and great the blood and loss of appetite, signalize it as one of the most distressing, as it is one of the most common of maladies. There is, however, a benign specific for the diseare and all its un-

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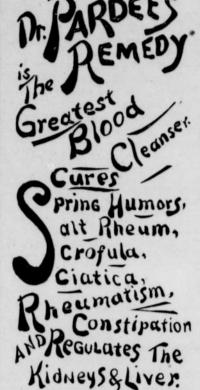
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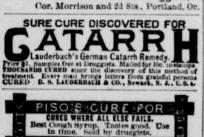
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Andrew, Stewart, William and Alexander. -Congressman Bayne's wife has curious country house at Bellevue, a ew miles down the Ohio from Pittsourgh. It is perfectly round in shape and has some remarkably odd rooms. A round hall in the center, following closely the lines of the house, is lit by

skylight. -Major Ben: Perley Poore left all his estate to his widow, with the understanding that his valuable collection of relics should go eventually to the Massachusetts Historical Society. He died comparatively poor, and his widow will have but slender means at her disposal. Chicago Tribune.

-Washington, says the Critic of that city, contains at all times in the vast population that gravitates here more ofound statesmen and philosophers, more talent, cosmopolitan in its variety, more cranks, geniuses, blackmailers, bummers, strikers, reformers, demagogues, humbugs, "jedges," "ma-"kurnels," than any place of its jahs," size within the nation's domains.

-Bismarck and Von Moltke were tackled the other day by an autograph fiend. Von Moltke wrote first, saying: "Lugo vergeht, Wahrheit besteht," which is translated thus: "Lies pass away, truth lives for ave." Bismarck wrote after this four lines of German, which have been put into English as follows:

In yonder world, full well I know Truth will at least the victory gain;
But 'gainst the lies told here below
A Marshal e'en will fight in vain. -The younger female class of Chi-

nese in San Francisco are adopting American habits, costumes and religions. The Chinese maiden of the period bangs her hair, wears belts and boots, and compromises the costume of her Celestial congeners in every way possible, except by discarding it outright. The change has been brought about by the association of you girls with American children of their own sex in Sunday and week-day chools .- San Francisco Chronicle.

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