the first time without being shown, in case of mishaps, the groups of compass-weed which abound all over the the magnetic needle itself.

provision of nature for guiding the of the geologic past. wanderers who might easily be lost on the prairie:

See how its leaves all point to the north as true oil-producing regions can now be

journey the sea-like, pathless, limitless waste of

-Harper's Young People.

NEGRO CIVILIZATION.

How the Majority of Central Africans Sup-

The majority of the negroes live on the products of agriculture and stockraising. There are no tribes without agriculture in Central Africa, except the dwarfish Watwa and Akka. Though their implements are very simple, they clear the deuse woods and fence in their fields. Hirse is the most important grain they grow. It is cultivated in all parts of Africa. Sorghum, manioe and batatas are grown in the lower countries, maize pulse on the highlands. In Uganda bananas are the principal food. Stockraising is the principal occupation of many East African tribes. The herdsmen are frequently warlike nations who have subdued agricultural tribes. The founded empires of this kind. On the upper Nile the natives are engaged in both stock-raising and agriculture. threatens soon to become so great that the rear of camp are the little tents be evanescent. So soon as that state of things is approached, we may be Cattle, sheep, goats, dogs and poultry are raised by these people.

The most remarkable industry Africa is that of iron-working, which is known in all parts, the bushmen alone being unacquainted with it when they became known to the Europeans. The Africans know how to obtain the iron from the ores, and manufacture beautiful implements of it. Beside iron, they manufacture copper implements and make copper and iron wire The negroes do not know how to tar skins, but soften them by scraping and beating; neither do they practice the art of joining wood; while carving. plaiting and weaving are highly de

The civilzation of the negroes is not at all a low one. Their mode of life. their industry, and their political institutions are ample proof of this. Large empires founded by men exceling in intelligence and character, and extensive migrations of energetic nations, are characteristic of its history. The observations of all explorers show that arts and industry are far more developed in the interior than near the coast. Here, as everywhere else, the contact with nations of a higher civilization, the whites and Arabs, tends to destroy the native culture. Here the ruthless Arabian slave-hunters devastate regions which were flourishing before their arrival, and the final destiny of between the whites and Arabs. - Sci-

An Abandoned Railroad.

The unusual sight of a railroad being stripped of its track and abandoned has been witnessed in Ohio in the case of the Cincinnati, Columbus & Hocking Valley, locally known as the Grasshop per road. Its twenty-five miles of track, although lying in the heart of one of the richest States in the Union, long ago proved unprofitable, and after lying idle for some time, the rails and ties were sold by the owner, a Chicago capitalist, for what they would bring, and have been taken up and carried away. Although the road-bed remains, it does not verify the asser-tion sometimes made that a railway once opened can never stop its operation. - Chicago Times.

-Smoking has been completely for bidden on any part of Cincinnati's horse cars.

-The New York Evening Post figtres the cost of labor strikes for the ast year at \$10,000,000.

-A lady being questioned in court the other day as to why she had changed her religion, stated she had done so because, being separated from her husband, she determined to avoid meeting him in the next world.

mbus, Ga., is the only city in the South that has no morning newsto bribe the carrier; if they make it square with the milkman they can stay till it is almost time for breakfast. THE PETROLEUM SUPPLY.

Its Complete Exhaustion Within a Few De-It can hardly be doubted, I fear, that the supply both of oil and gas has now been so largely drawn upon that within less than a score of years carcely any will be left which can be brought at reasonable cost into the market. The boundaries and extent of the oil regions have been determined. All the sands in which oil will hundreds of leaves, especially of the is now being produced in the Devonian radicle ones, have shown that as to rocks, either by the process akin to prevalent position the popular belief has a certain foundation in the fact." has been stored up in the past, Captain Mayne Reid mentions it in a process which probably lasted one of his books as follows: "We had a for millions of years, may be got out.

guide to our direction unerring as the magnetic needle. We were traversing hausted there will be an end of the the region of the polar planet, the petroleum supply. The discovery of planes of whose leaves at almost every a few more pools of two or three milstep pointed out our meridian. It lions of barrels each can make little upon our track, and was crushed difference." Mr. Carll, whose opinion under the hoofs of our horses as we on the geology of the oil-bearing disrode onward." The traveler Burton tricts may be regarded as decisive, has also refers to it: "Whilst in the damper come to a similar conclusion. "There ground appeared the polar plant, that are not at present," he pointed out prairie compass the plane of whose quite recently, "any reasonable grounds leaf ever turns toward the magnetic for expecting the discovery of new Another writer says: fields which will add to the declining Fortunately none go the prairies for products of the old, so as to enable the output to keep pace with the shipments or consumption.

The stored petroleum in this region plains, and the broad flat leaves of has then been very nearly exhausted. which point due north and south with In less than a generation a small part an accuracy as unvarying as that of of the population of this continent alone has used up nearly all the val-Longfellow's "Evangeline" contains uable stores of energy which had been a beautiful mention of this curious accumulated during millions of years

More recent inquiries confirm the conclusions of Prof. Lesley and Mr. Look at this delicate plant that lifts its head Carll. The signs of exhaustion in the as the magnet;
It is the compass-flower, that the finger of God four years there has been a steady clearly recognized. During the last Here on its fragile stalk, to direct the traveler's diminution in the output, accompanied by an increase in the price per barrel, which nevertheless does not even maintain the nominal annual value of the supply. Mr. Wrigley announced in 1882 that 154,000,000 barrels of oil had already been raised up to the beginning of that year, and expressed the opin-fon that not more than 96,000,000 bar rels remained to be raised. In this last estimate he was undoubtedly mis- alley, known as the general parade, taken, for up to the beginning of 1885 separating the right and left wings. The no fewer than 161,000,000 barrels had company streets run east and west perbeen raised, and in the year 1885 as pendicularly to the color line, and the many as 21,042,041 barrels (nearly tents of the cadet officers are pitched 3,000,000 fewer than in 1884) were ob- looking west along the streets of their tained. But although the estimate in 1882 of the quantity of oil still remaining fell far short of the truth, and opposite the right and left of camp, though we may admit as possible that are the larger domiciles of those cadet even now much more oil remains to be magnates the adjutant and quarterput out than the most experienced master. Back still farther are the geologists suppose, the signs of ap- double tents of the four army officers proaching exhaustion are yearly becoming more unmistakable. The example of the four companies; pense of bringing the oil to the surface and behind them all, at the rear of grows greater year by year, and camp, is the big "marquee" of the Galla, Wahuma, and Watuta have threatens soon to become so great that Commandant of Cadets. Dotted about sure that the oilmen's occupation in Pennsylvania and Western New York will be gone. It has been stated that the Japanese, unwilling to let the least | simultaneous fall of every tent on the fraction of the earth's interior stores be lost, have been known to excavate in Harper's Magazine. a vertical shaft to a depth of 600 feet in order to raise a few gallons of oil per day. But in America when the oil mines are so near exhaustion as this, they will be abandoned; nay, they will

> with it will fail too. - Knowledge. -Jonathan Houstin, a ragged old man, of Decatur, Ind., died recently, and the authorities ordered his clothes to be burned. Before the order was carried out the rags were examined, and \$200 in currency and \$4,300 in certidicates of deposit to the Adams Coun-

ty Bank were found. -Lovers of the waltz may celebrate its centenary. The first dance which was at the bottom of the sea, the men could be described as a waltz was introduced to the public in an opera at Vienna in 1787 by one Vicente Martin y Solar (commonly called Martini lo Spagnuolo), who was a popular com-poser at the court of Joseph II.

-A water-rat weighing probably their arrival, and the final destiny of the Africaus will depend to a great extent on the end of the final struggle The hen chased the rat and a desperate fight ensued, the hen eventually succeeding in killing its foe and rescuing the chicken. The latter appeared little the worse for its strange experience.

-In Tangipahoa Parish, La., is an organization called the "White Horsemen." The members wear white masks and white uniforms, cover their horses with white cloths, and devote considerable attention to negroes who are suspected of stealing. The last one they whipped had just robbed a

-The hackmen of Victoria, British Columbia, subscribed \$100 toward the celebration of the Queen's jubilee at its boly, through which he passed a that place, but the back ordinance was rope, and thus sent the fish to the surpublished in the Colonist, and they asserted that this, by apprising visitors of their rights, reduced the hackmen's the rents which the fish would make in

-According to an analysis made by a chemist in the employ of the New York World only twenty-six per cent. of the milk sold in that city is adulterated by the sellers. It is the retailer and the hotel and restaurant people who give it that pale blue tint so familiar to all who have the hardihood to call for a

glass .- Detroit Free Press. -Ida Boles, who works at a Reading totel, arose the other morning with a stinging sensation in her head, followed by a terrible headache. She went to a physician, who removed from her ear an ugly-looking night bug, about one-third of an inch long. The insect was one of the bugs often seen A VIEW OF WEST POINT.

The Exquisitely Trim Surroundings of the Nation's Military School.

North and east the Point is hemmed n by the mighty river, west and south the rock-ribbed highlands. The plateau, little by little has been leveled and graded, until to-day it is a broad, beautiful, grass-grown plair bounded on the west by the cozy homes of the officers and professors, on the south by the stately barracks, the grim, old-fashioned "Academic," the Grecian chapel and the domed turrets of the Library. Skirting the precipitous river-banks, a broad, graded road encloses the plateau on the north and east, and others, as level and carefully kept border it on the west and south, and nearly bisect it along the meridian. Covered with well-cropped turf, the westerd half of the "plain". is devoted to infantry drills; the batteries and the crunching hoofs of the horses are limited to the gravel of the east rn balf. All around are the rocky heights, trimmed with pine aud fir and cedar, with here and there a peep at the stony parapet of some old redoubt or battery thrown up in the days of the revolution. The square-built hostelry, once and for years known as Roe's, stands perched at the northeast limit of the plain. Statues in bronze or marble gleam here and there amid the foliage, and tell of deeds of heroism and devotion on the part of the sons of the old academy. The tall white staff glistens against the dark background of the Highlands, and the brilliant cofors of the Stars and Stripes; and on the easternmost verge of the broad plateau lies the camp ground, the summer home of the Corps of Cadets. Laid out in mathematical regularity,

with well-graveled pathways, sentry

posts and "color-line," and shaded by

beautiful trees, the encampment, like every thing else at West Point, is so exquisitely trim and neat as to have little resemblance to the "tented field' as seen in actual service on the frontier. The white tents gleam in accurate ranks that look as though they were pitched by aid of the "straightedge" rule. Farthest to the west are the guard and visitors' tents; then comes an open space between them and the color line, along which the arms are stacked every bright day. It is in this space that the camp ceremonies-guard mounting, dress parade, and the weekly inspections-take place. Immediately behind the color line are the tents of four companies, two inward-facing rows to each, with a broad around them all, day and night, paces the chain of sentries, which, posted in mid-June, is never removed until the 28th of August. - Captain Charles King,

REMARKABLE FIGHT.

A French Diver's Struggle With a Gigan-

A diver named Quintree had a remarkable fight with a formidable fish be abandoned long before they apcalled the boultous or bondro, a kind proach such a condition. With the of shark which infests the Breton coast failures of the oil supply, all the collatat Douarnenez, the other day. Aceral branches of industry associated cording to all accounts Quintree had a narrow escape, and his own report of his terrible submarine encounter reads like a stanza from Schiller's famous oem, or a page from Jules Verne's romances. The diver, an old salt, was employed by the Government, and in pursuit of his daily labor duly descended, in a diving apparatus, off the Douarnenez pier for the purpose of laying the foundation of an addition to that structure. While he who were working the air-pump in the pontoon boat above were suddenly frightened by feeling the alarm signal. They instantly pulled up, and brought a large boultous nearly eight feet long to the surface. The marine monster's head formed three-quarters of his length, and his under jaws were of immense size. Shortly afterward Quintree came up, his hand on the air-pipe of his helmet, and his diving apparatus somewhat damaged. It appears that when he went down to his work he had scarcely got to the last rung of the ladder when he saw the sea monster lying between two lumps of rock. He had in his hands only his stone chisel and a hammer, and he intended to go up for a crowbar at once, but the fish was too fast for him. It came toward him through the green with its enormous jaw wide open. Without losing a noment Quintree managed to wound the animal in the throat with his chisel, and then held it down on a stone while he drew his knife and made a hole in face. Had it not been for his quickprofits, and they refused to pay the his apparatus, would have been money subscribed. As it happened it was the boultous that was not only defeated but eaten, for its body was divided among the victor and his comrades, who made a capital boullabaisse of its prime parts. - Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

-A childish remark very often punctures the assertion of an older head. A friend at the tea table, speaking of the necessity of courtesy and the manner in which it distinguished a gentleman from a boor, said: "I invariably lift my hat to a lady acquaintance on the street." "But, pa," re-marked his little daughter, "you don't insect was one of the bugs often seen sying in the vicinity of strong lights at alone. "Boston Dudget."

While crabbing in Staten Island sound, Thomas Kilbride hooked a crab which gave him some trouble to get it into the boat. When he hauled it in the head of a woman was found attache to the crab. The young man was horrified at the sight and pulled for the shore.

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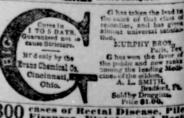
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