-It may be doubted whether the practice of chewing gum has an injurious effect on the eves of the gum chewer, but it hurts the eyes of other people.—Somerville Journal.

-Lincoln County, Georgia, requires on the average only a day and a half of court. At the last session the only prisoner who has been in jail in the county for several years was let go on his own recognizance, the prosecutor failing to appear.

-Statistics lately published in England show that the world has 700 Cræsuses worth \$5,000,000 or over, of whom 200 reside in England, 100 in the United States, 100 in Germany, 75 in France, 50 in Russia, 50 in India and 125 in other countries.

-There is a new high-wire act. Two men starting from different ends of a slack wire meet and pass each other, going by on a waltz step. A woman actually dances on the wire, and a man right on his shoulders.

-A lady saw a driver, angry with about to lash them severely. She ina certain street, to a certain man's the irregular hummocks. house, both of which she knew very well. But the driver, too gallant not portunity for his temper to cool, and striking a blow.

-Time, twentleth century. Place, at the polls. First Female Voter-"How do you do, Mrs. X? Who are you going to vote for for governor?" Second Fe male Voter-"O, I have not decided yet. The Republicans have put up Mr. A. They say he's very popular, and sure to be elected. But Mr. B, his opponent, he doesn't seem to have any friends at all, poor fellow; guess I'll vote for him." First Female Voter-"So will I." - Yankee Blade.

-"What will it cost me, Uncle Rastus, to have my coop whitewashed?" "I kain't tell vet, sah, till I makes an estimate ob de size and dimenshuns." That night the owner was disturbed by there!" he shouted from an upper window, "what are you doing there?" "It's Unc. Rastus," was the reply, "and he's figgerin' on de size an' di- as a man's hand. menshuns ob de coop."--Harper's Ba-

-"This is the darndest place I ever was in," exclaimed the bucolic gentleman at the theatre. "I've been looking around for the last half-hour and can't find the door." "Don't you see the sign on that door?" asked the gentlemanly usher. "Exit, that's Latin, and means the place where you go out." "Then why in time don't it say so? I don't know nothing about dead languages. 'Cause a feller can't read Latin, he's got to burn to death in case of fire, eh?"-Boston Transcript.

-"Men," said the captain of the steamer to the frightened passengers huddled about him, "it is true we are not gaining on the leak, but we are only fifteen miles from land, and if necessary we can throw overboard 2,000 tons of freight to lighten ship. There is no occasion for alarm. We have several hundred casks of rum in the hold that we can --- "No occasion for alarm!" exclaimed a tall Kentuckian, turning pale with apprehension. "Captain, do you intend to throw that rum overboard?"-Chicago Trib-

-The average age of locomotives is about twelve years, yet many, through proper habits of living, taking their meals regular and avoiding all intoxicating beverages attain quite a respectable old age. The oldest running engine in Germany has been on the road since 1845, and is consequently forty-three years old; quite a Methuselah, in fact. With regard to its habits it has always confined itself strictly to water, though it has been addicted to smoking all its life. It is sad to see a locomotive grown prematurely old by getting on trains and running all night, but they are often met with-in collisions .- Texas Siftings.

-Flagstaff, Me., is an interesting town for two reasons. It always has a Miles Standish among its citizens, and the Standish farm covers the ground where Benedict Arnold encamped on his Quebec expedition, and where he erected a flagstaff, from which the place received its name. G. W. Standish, one of the leading men of the town, is the only remaining son of Miles Standish, who was the eighth direct descent from Miles Standish, the captain of Plymouth. G. W. Standish's only brother, Miles, died seven years ago, but he left a son Miles, now twenty-two years old, and G. W. has a son Miles, who is four years old.

- Young lady (at dinner, sadly, to partner)-"I was forcibly reminded yesterday, Mr. Larkins, of the opening words of the poem, 'I never loved a dear gazelle.'" Mr. Larkins (with interest)-"Yes!" Young Lady-"Yes; I was presented with a lovely little lamb which I tenderly nursed and cared for through the summer, and of which I grew very fond. Yesterday the poor little creature broke its leg and it became necessary to kill it. I've felt so distressed over the matter." Mr. Larkin-"It is indeed, Miss Brown, truly sad." Young Lady-"Ah, yes, Mr. Larkins, and the piece de resistance of to-day's dinner is all that is left of my poor little lamb. It nearly breaks my heart. Won't you have a small piece of the crisp fat, Mr. Larkins? It is simply delicious."-Epoch.

-When you see a man carrying a book bearing on the cover the title. "Great Expectations," or "Our Mutual Friend," don't rush to the conclusion Post Intelligencer. Walking quickly that he is going to read Dickens. Many up to a staid old gent on the street she of the dainty volumes so labelled are hollow, except that they contain a half-coat before he lets loose of the idea pint whisky flask. By touching a that she is going to hug him, and when spring the mouth of the flask springs he expostulates she produces her butinto view, all ready for a "nip." So ton fastener and instantly replaces the popular are these flasks that a Cham-button, tight and solid. Of course he Flasks."-N. Y. Tribune.

#### A VERY CURIOUS BIRD.

Habits of the Maleo, a Queer Creature Found in the Eastern Seas.

The maleo is about the size of a small turkey, and not unlike one in appearance, and belongs to the family of megapodes, or "big-feet," which are also called "mound-builders."

These latter are gallinaceous birds (as are our common fowls or pheasants), which are found in Australia and Papua, or New Guinea, and which lay their eggs, and then scratch up and carry immense quantities of sticks, leaves and earth over them, so that the heat of fermentation under a hot sun. hatches them. These birds have all immense feet, well adapted for such a purpose, two or three times as large in proportion as those of our turkeys.

Instead of using leaves and sticks and sand, the maleo of Celebes uses the gravel of the sea-beach alone to hatch its eggs, and these eggs are extremely large in proportion to the size of the

They do not make regular mounds, Australia, but the whole beach shows a series of elevations and depressions, trots across it with a companion up- like a rough, confused sea. Contrary to what we should imagine, the very large eggs are not found at the very his horses for some fancied offense, bottom of the depressions, nor on the summit of the mound of gravel, but in terrupted him by inquiring the way to shallow trenches, and on the slopes of

The natives of the island understand perfectly how to find them, by probing to answer the lady's questions, had op- in the gravel with a flexible, delicate stick. If the egg has been lately laid, restored the whip to its socket without and just covered, the gravel is very little packed, and easy to penetrate with the stick. Then the gravel is scraped away-the stick used again-and so the egg is reached at last.

> It is often three or four feet below the surface of the mound. The heat of the beach, however, on which the tropical sun is ever shining, hatches the eggs at this depth; for, after they are once deposited and covered up, the parent birds take no more notice of

The male birds, as well as the hens dig up the gravel to form the mounds and throw up the material in perfect showers; and they do this in an odd way, and not scratching alternately, with both feet, like common fowls. The a loud noise in the hen-coop. "Hi, maleo poises himself on one leg, and gives rapid digs with the other, the large foot, slightly webbed at the base of the toes, being as large and effective

Although the explorers from the Marchesa found the curious birds in great numbers upon the seashore, they could only get them by creeping up quite close, and then running in and shouting; when, instead of running off, they took to their wings and perched upon the forest trees which formed a belt along the beach. Here they seemed to think themselves perfectly safe, and one can be shot at a time, without putting to flight the others. They were found to be delicious eating, and their skins, being unique, most valuable for stuffing, for museums and collections.

The maleo's egg is huge, in proportion to the size of the body, and some days elapses between the laying; and the question is, why should the egg be so disproportionate to the size of the

The theory of Doctor Guillemard, the naturalist who describes them, is that the eggs of these birds would be exposed to much risk if in an open nest, while buried as they are they are comparatively safe. He says that the weight of such a mass of gravel must the surface. Hence the necessity of a other words, the curious habit has been adopted for the preservation of the species .- Golden Days.

### GROWING SMALLER.

and Insignificant. they were conversing, "he is growing lack of organization. smaller every day."

all. His wealth had grown large; his sidered, that this will be unjust. - Cursoul had grown small. -N. Y. Ledger. rent Literature.

-A woman with a patent button fastener, has been doing the towns in Eastern Washington, says the Scattle rs street firm offers them for sale buys a box of the fasteners, and the under the same of "Temperance Book lady-seeks another victim to practice her arts upon.

## POT-HOUSE POLITICS.

The Character of the Things Engaged in Expounding Its Merits.

As a general thing the bar-room politician is not attractive personally. He rarely pays much attention to his clothing or his general make-up, because his time is completely absorbed with matters of great political import. He is kept so busy saving the country that he has no time or energy to waste in removing grease spots on his raiment or in manipulating a clothes brush. The blush on his cheek is not caused by his glowing with heavenborn enthusiasm for the just cause of the people, nor by the ruddy hue of robust health, but may safely be attributed to an inferior brand of whisky. The average pot-house mogul of small caliber is the victim of many strange hallucinations. One of his pet delu sions is that he is indispensable. . He harbors an undefined sort of suspicion that the continuance of the planetary system, somehow or other, rests on him. As for the political party to which he claims to belong, or rather like their cousins, the megapodes of which he imagines belongs to him, he is perfectly sure that but for his sage counsel it would fall to pieces and resolve itself into chaos. It is almost impossible for the small-bore demagogue to believe that his party could survive a single campaign in case he should pay the debt of nature-the only debt, by the way, which he ever does pay.

Instead of being a modern Atlas with the whole world on his shoulders, he himself is a burden grievous to be borne. He wanders around, never allowing himself to stray far away from the saloons, like an evil spirit seeking rest and finding none, and allowing nobody else to find any, either. He will halt gentlemen on the public highways, and unless they seek safety in flight, he will inflict on such victims, in a whisky-laden whisper, whole libraries of stale political lore and decayed campaign rubbish.

In regard to the actual services he renders his party there will always be anhonest difference of opinion. There is good reason to believe that this postulant for pap does more to cause the respectable element of his party to go over to the opposition than all the other causes put together. The shrewder politicians and office-seekers perceive that the unsavory but enthusiastic demagogue is in reality a dangerous Jonah, who should be promptly inserted into the raging main if the ship is to be saved, and they often do throw him overboard: but he always bobs serenely up and swims to shore, or is picked up by the rival craft.

Occasionally the small-bore politician gets into power and sticks with the pertinacity of a postage stamp in a pocket-book on a damp day. The taxpayers discover that they are being robbed by a set of famished cormorants. Then it is that the man whose property is being sold for taxes lifts his voice and a rebellious hoof and rails at the small-bore demagogue. An independent tidal wave sweeps over the neighborhood, and the small-bore demagogue and his friends are left high and dry when the waters recede.

This style of politician prevails, in a more or less malignant type, from Maine to the Rio Grande, and infests very political party.—Texas Siftings

### VILLAGES OF RUSSIA.

The Deplorable Condition of Sixty Millions of Ignorant Peasants.

The idea of 60,000,000 of people being constantly upon the verge of starvation is a startling one, yet there does be taken into consideration, when it not seem to be any reason to doubt the will be seen that no chick of ordinary truth of the author's statement. The size could force its way through it to peasants are frightfully ignorant, and their mirs make them, to a certain exlarge egg and a powerful chick; or, in tent, soldsh. These mirs are village governments, each one independent of the other, and each peasant, while bound for life to his mir, has no ties connecting him with any other village. Nor have the mirs any connecting links. To all intents and purposes the mirs in Different Ways in Which Men Grow Puny Russia are independent States, with nothing in common but the Government A young lad overheard a conversa- tax gatherer. It is this fact that has tion which took place between his been the safety of the Russian autocfather and Mr. H., a neighbor, with racy, for were a concerted movement reference to a well-known inhabitant of to come the General Government of the the place. The lad did not pay suffi- country would go down before it as cient attention to understand much that | would a pile of sand before a breaking was said. This remark, however, dam. In fact, the authority of the struck him. "He is," said Mr. H., re- Czar to-day rests upon two things-the ferring to the person respecting whom ignorance of the peasantry and their

It is a question, however, of great The lad thought he would see if the interest how long this state of things remark were true. The next time he will last. If, as Stepniak says, the met the person, he eyed him narrowly. majority of these peasants are in want but could see no diminution of his all the time, if they absolutely have portly dimensions. He went to his not enough to eat for the larger part of father for an explanation of the mean- the year, a time will come when they ing of Mr. H.'s remark, and learned will move. They may be ignorant, but that there are other ways of growing no man is so ignorant that he can not small besides the lessening of the bodily tell the difference between hunger and repletion. When the misery becomes Men grow smaller when they grow widespread enough, when the tooth of penurisms. Examples of this kind of starvation presses down hard enough, growth are quite common. "There something will happen. The history goes a man," said a princely merchant of the world has shown often that of New York to a friend from the coun- under certain conditions in society a try as he passed a man in the street -- spark is only needed to set fire to the There goes a man who was very lib- train. It might begin in Russia with eral before he became rich, or before knocking down a tax gatherer. And there was a prospect of his becoming when it does begin the result will be fearful. The atrocities of the French When the man in question was doing revolution would cease to be talked of, a small business he was very liberal for those in Russia will cast them into in proportion to his means. Some the shade. As the Russian Czars and thought he gave away more than was nobility have sown so shall they reap. proper and right. When he was worth Of course there will be great wrongs an hundred thousand dollars he gave done; of course the persons who have away less than when he began business brought it about will escape, for in the on a capital of two or three thousand. | vengeance of races the innocent suffer When he was worth half a million, it for the guilty. "The sins of the fathers was with great difficulty that he could will be visited upon the children. And be induced to give away any thing at who shall say, when those sins are con-

> -In order to appreciate success we must know failure, and our greatest successes consist not in never failing but in persistently conquering such fail-

> -We are prone to forget what we do know; whereas we should consider that whatever good thing we know is onlyso far good to us as it is remembered to purpose. - Richard Cecil.

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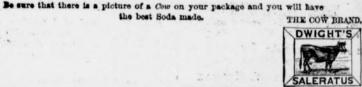
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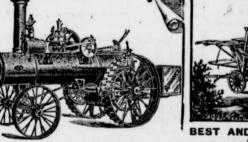
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