Town and Country.

They's a prejudice allus 'twixt country and Which I wisht in my heart wasent so. You take city people, jest square up and down,
And they're mighty good people to know;
And whare's better people a-liven today
Than us in the country? Yit good
As both of us is, we're divorced, you might

And won't compermise when we could.

Now as nigh into town for yer pap, ef you please,
Is the what's called the sooburbs. Fer thare
You'll at least ketch a whiff of a breeze and a

of the breath of wild flowers ev'rywhare.
They's room for the children to play, and grow And to roll in the grass, er to climb

Up a tree and rob nests, like they ortent to do, But they'll do anyhow ev'ry time. My son-in-law said when he lived in the town, He jest natchurly pined, night and day, Fer a sight of the woods er a acre of ground, Whare the trees wasent all cleared away. And he says to me onct whilse a-visiting us On the farm: "It's not strange, I declare, That we can't coax you folks without raisin a

To come to town, visitin thare."

And says I: "Then git back where you sorto belong—
And Madaline too—and yer three
ittle children," says I, "that don't know a
bird song,

Ner a hawk from a chicky-dee-de Git back," I-says-I, "to the blue of the sky, And the green of the fields, and the shine Of the sun, with a laugh in yer voice and yer

eye As harty as mother's and mine." Well-long and short of ft-he's compermised

He's moved in the sooburbs. And now They don't haf to coax when they want us to 'Cause we turn in and go anyhow; Fer there—well, they's room fer the song and

Of the grove and the old orchurd ground, And they's room for the children out tha and they's room

Fer ther gran'pop to waller 'em 'round!

—James Whitcomb Riley. Bathing Sults Are Shorter.

Bathing suits will be worn shorter this year. This may appear startling to

But in saying that bathing suits will ragged edge of his faded coat, "I was be worn shorter, I have reference only born in Montgomery county, Va., eighto the lower half. Last year they cov- ty-six years ago. My parents were poor list containing 4,340 descendants of Joered many an ungainly knee. This year they can be worn cut to just above the no brothers or sisters, and I went to live After five years of research he published knee or just below, and the shape of a with a neighbor, who taught me the man's limbs will have much to do with blacksmith trade when he found I would alogy," in which are given 8,686 names

in the year during which they can dis- & Scott, between Salem and Livonia. Atlantic City. But society permits this show of shape, in fact enjoys it, and so drawer that had been left open. It con-

obeisance and pose.

Treatment of the Czar's Consumptive Son. second son, who ever since his enforced arrested me for assaulting a woman. I mis means all. It is means all it means all it means all is means all it means all return through illness from his Indian tour has been under medical treatment | ble to deny it and the jury gave me ten thirst growing he gets out his pipe and | in the year 942." for pulmonary disease, has been passing years. Five years had been served bethe winter at Abbas-Tuman in the Caucasus. A private letter from that place
casus. A states that his imperial highness is underme. At Indianapolis I committed a well dried up.—Glasgow Times. ment. The walls in his apartments are Another burglary at Brookville brought bare and unpapered, the furniture is of me four years and still another one at plain wood or cane without upholstering | Crawfordsville got me four years at the or stuff covering of any kind, and his bed | Michigan City penitentiary. consists only of the thinnest of matvery moderate fire has been kept up,

as it tends to destroy the bacillus and has been arrested, and express hopes that, if the treatment which they prepletely recovered. -Pall Mall Gazette.

A New Way to Catch Fish. ing fish. The plan is this: The fish are He said he could not do so, and I rebaited for some days with a mixture of solved to make him do it. flour and magnetized steel filings made

and in doing so stick hard and fast. out of the highest trees with roman sonville, and the township trustees sent candles, is bound to revolutionize hunt- me here before I had a chance to steal ing and fishing in this section.-Atlanta anything.

An Equine Ostrich.

queer stomach hankered after meat, and the job was well done. Dave had a hen and chickens running in nomic stomach, is all right.-Laddonia | them in charge. (Mo.) Herald.

Having False Teeth Pulled. Going twelve miles to have a set of false teeth pulled and being obliged to take gas in order to undergo the operation is something new in the dental line. but it was the experience of a Kennebec county woman the other day. The Indian girls, some of whom want white Me., the other day, the workmen ran teeth were new and were such a snug men for husbands and shun the idea of acress some bullets imbedded in the fit that she couldn't get them out. After enduring the discomfort for two days father of one of these girls offers an in- vicinity of one of the battlefields of the she went to Augusta for relief, and by ducement of 200 head of good horses to Rebellion, and the lead is supposed to the time she reached there her mouth was so sore as to make the taking of gas his daughter. The old Indian states gagement. One of the workmen saved necessary.-Lewiston Journal.

A Marvel in Book Publishing. A curious book, in which the text is Sentinel. neither written nor printed, but woven, has lately been published in Lyons. It is made of silk, and was published in twenty-five parts. Each part consists of two leaves, so that the entire volume contains only fifty leaves, inscribed with the service of the mass and several prayers. Both the letters and the border are in black silk on a white background. -Boston Globe.

Journey of a Balloon. A Harrisburg boy sent up in a balloon on the Fourth of July last year a bottle with his name and address in it, requesting the finder to return it to him. About ten days ago the bottle was picked up by a gentleman on the shore island.—Boston Globe. of Lake Superior, near Duluth, who immediately forwarded it to the lad.

LIKES PRISON LIFE.

MAN WHO HAS SPENT FIFTY YEARS IN PENITENTIARIES.

of an Octogenarian Who Has No Ambition to be Free or to Have Friends.

On a bench in front of the Clark

hands and faltering steps tell the story only too plainly that the journey of life is nearly at an end. This is John Hicks, a poor, broken down old sinner, whose and he never took the trouble to form a political opinion, because he never had

an opportunity to vote. Not long since a reporter visited the ever on the terrified female. Indiana almshouse, and when he in-quired for "Old Man Hicks" he was told that the venerable pauper was in his accustomed place in the yard. He did not seem surprised when the visitor said calmly and quietly without any apparent regret for the wasted years of

"I suppose you want to hear the story the fair sex, but as it is intended solely of my life. Everybody does, although for the man of fashion, with whom I be- I do not see why they should take such alogy in early life, and for nearly forty lieve myself on "speaking terms," the shock in the first sentence must be for- they never knew and will never think of lected from time to time materials for a prived of fully one-half of their terrors. given, as it was altogether uninten- again after they leave him. Well," he list of the descendants of his ancestor, continued, musingly, fumbling with the Joseph Loomis, who came from Brain his choice. As a man is never an excellent judge of his own physique, it might be well to ask a friend for advice.

Bathing suits will be worn as tight as ever. This is another bit of agreeable information for the host of well-known as tight as ever. This is another bit of agreeable information for the host of well-known as tight as ever. This is another bit of agreeable information for the host of well-known as tight as ever in the host of the h information for the host of well shaped ton and Centerville, but I gave it up and list of 19,000 descendants of Joseph men who enjoy the two or three months secured a place as stage driver for Beard | Loomis in the female branches. At the

port themselves on the sands of Manhat- "One day while waiting for my din many corrections and additions that tan Beach, Long Branch, Newport and ner at the house of a farmer named will be of use to the future Loomis genethe man of fashion has simply to bow tained \$160, which I at once took possession of. I got three years for this, which When you buy your bathing outfit I served and went to Washington, Dathis year be sure and do it properly. viess county, where I stole \$500 from a Buy them in one piece of worsted or man whose name I do not remember. silk, and if you are stout get vertical I think it was Thomas, but it was such stripes, and if you are thin follow the a long while ago that I am not sure. Sing Sing design. That is very much in they gave me seven years for the offense, style this year.—Boston Herald.

They gave me seven years for the offense, and after serving six years I was parand after serving six years I was pardoned by Governor Joe Wright.

"When I got out I went to Bedford The Grand Duke George, the czar's and worked at my trade until they was innocent, but I never took the trouurse of treat- burglary and was give

"About this time I thought I would tresses. Throughout the winter only a try some other prison, and I went to gest man in Canada. He weighs 469 Louisville, Ills. Another alleged crimwhile the windows of the grand duke's rooms have been continuously open. inal assault was the cause of my serving ten years at Joliet. My term expired His attendants have suffered dread- and I next fell at Hamilton, O., where fully from the cold, but his medical ad- I served two years for burglary. Aftervisers hold that this low temperature is | ward I served in Pennsylvania and Ohio very beneficial to their imperial patient, again and then went back to Jeffersonville. By this time I was old and I prevent the formation of tubercle. They longed for my cell in the Jeffersonville maintain that the progress of the disease | prison. It was more comfortable than any I had ever occupied, and in fact the prison there is the most humane one in scribe is persevered with, the grand the country. Well, I walked all the duke will in two years' time have com- way from Columbus to Jeffersonville. and calling upon the late Captain Craig, who was then deputy warden, I asked him to give me a home in the prison, Mr. David Pickle, of the Cuba district, saying I was too old to work and wanted Blakely, Ga., has a new mode of catch- to spend my few remaining days there.

"Going up to Paoli, in Orange cour into stiff paste or dough. When they ty, I robbed a house and took good care 147 deaths and 5,784 personal injuries gives it the appearance of having been as a soldier might wish to see. They or steel rod, coated with the same kind case came to trial, and after I had told of paste, is let down to them. They the judge my story he kindly sentenced soon attempt to suck the paste from it, me to five years. He would have made it more, but he said he thought I could It is not unusual for Mr. Pickle to not live longer than that. I thanked haul out at one time a long string or rod him and went to prison. But I was still of suckers in this way. This plan of alive when the sentence expired, and fishing, combined with Mr. Cal Odom's going to the northern part of the state I method of frightening or setting fire to robbed a man and got a year at Michithe fur of raccoons and burning them | gan City. Then I came back to Jeffer-

"When I began my prison career I was was probably the strongest man in the D. F. Barrett has a horse that is both state. My first sentence in Jeffersonherbivorous and carnivorous. That is to ville was served in a little log prison at say, if not only eats corn, oats, hay and the corner of Ohio avenue and Market other things that equines should, but it street. I was superintendent of the Francisco Post. devours rags, nails, scrap iron, barb iron work on the new prison, which was wire, etc., with a relish. Friday its built in 1847, and, if I do say it myself.

"They made me keeper of the big gate the yard, and that horse gulped down on the south side just west of the office. seven of the little chickens quicker than | Once, when the gate was open to let a a wink and smacked its lips for more.

The horse is in good condition, is sound a break for liberty. Snatching an iron 200,000 pounds in this item as compared as a dollar, was raised in the far off bar from the tool chest I planted myself with a year ago. Johnson described state of Washington, and, aside from its | in the passageway and kept them all at | oats as an article which Englishmen fed strange appetite and peculiar gastro- bay until the guards arrived and took to their horses and Scotchmen to them-

"No, I don't care for money. Give you are out this way again come in and see me. Goodby."-Louisville Post.

Paleface Grooms Wanted.

In the Indian camp on the Grand

Too Hot to Think. A Brooklyn housewife took her cook and forgetfulness. "Why is it, Maggie," same mistakes over and over again? Why do you not try and remember what

I tell you?" "Sure, mum," was the frank reply, "I can't be after aggravatin me moind this hot weather."-New York Times.

A Columbus Relic. It is claimed that the anchor lost by one of Columbus' ships on the night of Aug. 2, 1493, off the island of Trinidad.

has been recently unearthed on that Dr. Miles' Nervine for Nervous Prostration.

Directly the bathing season comes on

He is so polite, is this essentially sum- tasks. His attentions are extremely numerous, a little late. yet he does discriminate in a measure, Another point is to decline nothing only claim to distinction is that he has as his gentle offices are usually per-

ability, has made no impression what- life at picnics.

When not playing knight to beauty in the edification of the people assembled on the beach and seems to consider himthoughts went back to his beloved cell, and perfect a specimen of officious masone.-Philadelphia Times.

Loomis Genealogy. came interested in the subject of gene-Conn., in 1639. In 1870 he published a

time of his death he left in manuscript

He Never Drinks Water

Canada's Riggest Man. pounds. His measurement is as follows: Around the shoulders, 5 feet 6 inches; chest, 5 feet 2 inches; hips, 6 feet 2 inches; neck, 1 foot 11 inches; measurement around the temples is 23 more than 150 pounds. He is under forty years of age.-Brighton Ensign.

Few Accidents on English Railways. The Englishman who, following Charles Francis Adams, declared that the safest place in which to spend an hour or two is an express train on one of the main railways, has had his idea confirmed by the fact that last year only most beautiful one. five passengers were killed on all the as in the streets of the metropolis alone resulted from accidental circumstances connected with the vehicular traffic .-Boston Transcript.

California Wheat.

states in the Union in which wheat examine the aerolite.-Cable Letter. growing is a leading industry. Last year the average price of California wheat on the farm exceeded that of 300 miles from San Francisco.—San

Oatmeal Becoming Popular. The curious will note that one of the most noticeable features about the export trade of Boston for the month of May was the increase in oatmeal sent selves. But evidently, from the way in me a chew of tobacco. Thanks. When Scotchmen are converting the world to their way of eating, if not to their way

of thinking .- Boston Journal.

In sawing up some oak lumber at the Ronde river are seventeen marriageable Maine Central car shops in Waterville, marrying one of their own race. The wood. The oak was shipped from the some young white man who will marry have lodged in the oak during an enhe must be a young man of good char- a strip of the lumber containing the find

Saluted by Hundreds of Boats. As the steamship City of Paris went out Wednesday the floating equipment to task the other day for carelessness of the Pennsylvania Railroad company comprising 235 vessels, ten ferryboats said she, "that you keep on making the thirty-five steam tugs and steam lighters, and the balance freight vessels, displayed their flags and saluted President George E. Roberts, who was aboard bound for Europe.—New York Advertiser.

Every year sees diminution in the importance of the walled city as a military obstacle. Nuremburg is to lose her valls so that the modern idea of defense by separate fortresses can be carried out. A bill is to be introduced into the next

at the headwaters of principal rivers.

There are certain principles of cona prominent feature of it appears in the duct with regard to picnics which it is person of the polite and gentlemanly well to observe. For one thing, never swimmer who is of no earthly consequence on land, yet whose natatorial acyon will have to carry tubs containing complishments render him, in his own ice cream freezers packed in ice, pails An Indiana Criminal Who Prefers His eyes at least, absolutely bewitching in the water, rugs and garden seats and the water. perform a great many other laborious

mer production. His hand is always outstretched to guide into the briny the timid, shrinking bather of the feminine the hard work comes before the action. county (Ind.) almshouse on warm, sunny days sits an aged man whose silvery needs no introduction. He is above the and most of the things are eaten up it beard is tangled and whose trembling mere petty trifles of mundane propriety, is not much work to sweep dishes tocomes to the rescue of the fair in a pro-miscuous manner delightful to behold. getting of them there is terrible. So it is a point of reasonable conduct to come

served fifty years in the penitentiary. formed for the prettier and younger refuse rolls on the expectation of getting He was not a celebrated crook whose cleverness baffled the police and made his name a terror. He was only a humble professional prisoner with neither sive timidity he guides them far out wiches. Another point—avoid conflictkith nor kin to worry over his singular where the water is deep and the waves ing contusions upon your next neighbor choice. No wife ever shared his lonely are high, and then smiles rapturously by grabbing wildly at the olive dish. If hours and no prattling children ever climbed upon his knees; no tailor ever He does not realize that they would the same thing at the same moment. worried him with bills for clothing, embrace a rope or spar with the same Cruel bodily injuries have resulted from fervor, but considers it a compliment to this course of action. The danger arises his own personality, which, in all prob- from the fact that olives are the staff of

should occasionally furtively bolt a graphic material, villagers' costumes of it is fast converting the little hustlers distress he splashes, floats and swims for sandwich as a matter of prevision, since the eatables may all be consumed or the inevitable rainstorm come up before the self the star attraction of the resort. He ladies are fully waited upon. Any one called him by name and made known is indigenous to this season and this land. can get through a picnic day safely and his mission. His eyes brightened as his No other clime could produce so rare comfortably without ice cream, macaroons, frosted cake or other delicacies, but it was only for a moment. Then he culine vanity as does our own delightful but sustenance of some sort he must have. For this reason, as one passes behind a tree in the course of his admirable struggle to see that the ladies have The late Professor Elias Loomis be- everything, he should rapidly swallow a

> With attention to a few prudent de--Boston Transcript.

A Wonderful Carpet. There will be on view in the afternoons of the next few days what may probably without any exaggeration be called the finest Persian carpet in the world. This is the Holy Carpet of the "Well, how is J Mosque of Ardebil in Persia-a carpet which for size, beauty, condition and authenticated age is entirely unrivaled by any known example.

Jack Irvin, of the Glover's Mill country, bears the distinction of being probably the only living man in the United of the respective ends of the carpet, two States who has not swallowed a drop of of the sacred lamps of the mosque. But water for thirty-six years. Mr. Irvin is the most extraordinary detail of all is now in his eighties, and for more than the pale cream cartouche placed within an average lifetime has rigorously ab- the border at the top end of the carpet, stained from the use of the liquor that bearing its inwoven inscription, which fills but does not inebriate. Neither is thus translated: "I have no refuge in does he drink intoxicating liquors. At the world other than thy threshold. his meals Mr. Irvin drinks coffee or tea My head has no protection other than tween meals when Mr. Irvin feels his of this Holy Place, Maksoud of Kashan,

smokes it. While Mr. Irvin is in pretty Now 942 of the Hegira is 1535 of our er of the cheese inspector. James Whit- thus signed and dated are extremely ton, of Belleville, has continued to gain rare, and are historically important as students of oriental art.-London Times.

The Largest Aerolite.

What is believed to be the largest aerolite ever known to have fallen is ly arm at shoulder, 1 foot 2 inches; arm ing in the Caspian sea, a short disbelow elbow, 1 foot 5 inches; thigh, 3 tance from the peninsula of Apsheron. feet 9 inches; calf, 2 feet. His head The aerolite made a terrific noise as it rushed through the air with incredible inches. Ten years ago he did not weigh speed, and the white hot mass made a light that illuminated the country and sea about for a great distance. Those who saw it were were struck dumb with consternation. When it struck the water immense clouds of steam arose, and the hissing could be heard for a great distance. Huge masses of water were thrown upward, and the sight to those who were not frightened was a

So enormous is the aerolite that it railways of the United Kingdom, where- projects twelve feet above the water,

Decorating Snowdon. A correspondent, who apparently is Kansas wheat by more than 30 per cent. an enthusiastic Londoner, keenly alive ment was in hiding as a reserve. Not a The reason why our wheat is worth so to the possibility of improving our met- shot was fired at him, because that much more is because it costs so much ropolitan monuments, and is at present would have betrayed the regiment. By less to get it to the foreign market. on a tour in North Wales, writes that and by the Frenchman rode off, none six feet tall and weighed 200 pounds. I The state enjoys the advantage of deep not only has a great flagstaff been erect- the worse and none the wiser. But to water freight, but it should not be over- ed on the highest peak of Snowdon, but be fired at by friends is unpleasant, and looked that a large portion of our grain a flag of extraordinary size has been that has happened to the Black Brunscrop is hauled distances of more than hoisted upon it. He was present at the wickers; so that it is perhaps well for floating in the wind "add considerable the future.-Vanity Fair. to the majesty of the unrivaled scen-

An American traveler in Egypt once good in their way, but would show off lad stood only six inches higher than the paint. Snowdon has been decorated at and which cost him his life. Wednesmuch less trouble and expense, and may day, while romping the streets with a now be congratulated on having an important omission in its original design post isn't much thicker than a gas pipe thus satisfactorily rectified. The "Stan- and has a pointed top and an iron ring dard on the Braes o' Mar" may hence- to tie horses to. Dan took the lead and which the catmeal trade is growing, the forward hide its diminished head. -Lon- in the first jump landed heavily with don Telegraph.

> The Mice Pest in Scotland. session of 90,000 acres, and it has been peritonitis.—South Bethlehem Star. proposed that the affected ground be burned, lest the vermin move upon the planted fields and destroy the seed corn.

Weber's Lecture. took the dog to a well known local dentist and had a full set of false teeth made for the animal, which he now uses with as much skill as any person could. phia woman bought a rustic table made At first it required considerable watch- of the boughs of some trees from which ing to prevent the dog from swallowing the bark had not been removed. About his grinders, but he soon grew accus- two weeks ago the table began to throw tomed to them. His master is now try- out green sprouts, and now the whole session of the Pennsylvania legislature ing to teach him to take them out and table is in full bloom. The owner hopes

Procession of Boats at Cambridge. The boat procession at Cambridge was unusually successful this year. The afternoon was delightfully fine, and the

very large crowd looked extremely picprettily decorated. The leading crews came in for a hearty reception, while the final scene, when all the crews with uplifted oars cheered one another in turn, was particularly striking. The success of the afternoon, however, was the Lady Margaret boat, which con- and often pull them out of the hands of tained two men and six empty seats, to passers by. which were affixed sticks with placards bearing the legend "Sent Down," while and occasionally get into little snarls with dyspeptic persons who get down

The Johnians had celebrated their the sixteen men in the two boats had a speculative turn of mind originally been sent down. It certainly seems a very strong step, and it is unfortunate that it should have had to be taken.—

put the boys up to the practice they follow. If the newspapers are too much soiled to sell, the boys turn them over Cor. Pall Mall Gazette.

Talcott Williams in Morocco for the as "return" and getting copies of the Smithsonian institution were five sheets | current date for them. of extremely rare Berber manuscript, made probably in the Thirteenth centu- od though, and most of them do their Berber and mountain villages, and a mercial Advertiser. collection of pottery made with the special design of illustrating all the wares in ordinary use between Tetuan and Fez. Professor Langley, the secretary, the most interesting the museum ever ing" the higher criticism. Ever sin received.—Philadelphia Ledger.

or a train robbery John has some other similar exercises of idle ingenuity has man on his run. He's not only lucky "All's Well That Ends Well" been exbut he is an expert engineer and an in-

"Well, how is John going to freeze the cream?" asked the reporter. the railroader, "is that which the 3,000 people on the big picnic to De Leon The dimensions of the carpet are 34 springs are going to consume. Right feet 6 inches by 17 feet 6 inches. The in front of the engine will be placed a rich blue, covered with a floral tracery will be twelve immense freezers. These treatment. A center medallion of pale with cogs working with similar wheels yellow terminates on its outer edge in sixteen minaret shaped points, from be turned by a larger one on the side of which spring sixteen cartouches-four the car. This larger wheel will be opgreen, four red and eight cream; and erated by a rod connecting with one of

"Now you know how John Sullivan is going to freeze the cream. If the train stops all of a sudden you will know that the cream is as hard as a vitrified brick."-Florida Times-Union.

A Monster Trout. Mr. John Williamson, who is in the brought from there on Saturday a trout easuring three feet in length and city of the Suffavian dynasty, at the Williamson, who has been in the fish show only his eyes and nose above time when Queen Elizabeth sent An- | business for over twenty years, having | water. thony Jenkinson on an embassy to Shah been for a number of years in the trout Just-as it was passing the group of Leonard Whitton, of Brighton, broth- Tamasp. It need not be said that carpets hatching business in California, says he ducks he made a sudden dive, pulled has never seen or heard of a trout of this down a bird and swam back to shore size and weight. It was a very pretty under water. Arrived there he carried in flesh, and is now classed as the big- forming the points de repere for the one, being covered with large red spots the duck to the pile of stones, where his on both sides.

This is doubtless what is known here as the Dolly Varden trout. Once in a "Forty-five Years of Sport." while a lot of these trout come to this market from some stream over near St. Helen's, and a few lots have come from the upper country, Cœur d'Alene or Pen d'Oreille. At least the marketmen said the fish came from these places. But fishermen sometimes do not tell where they catch their trout. Many Dolly Varden trout have been seen here weighing from six to eight pounds, but the one caught by Mr. Williamson beats all previous records.-Portland Oregon-

The Black Brunswickers. The Black Brunswickers, so well known for their uniform, will henceforth appear in Prussian uniform only. Until the last day of April they had continued to wear the black braided tavarnished, it has every appearance of be- had been officered for years by Prussian ing one of the usual rocky formations officers in Prussian uniform, and this met with along the coast. Scientists gave them a peculiar appearance on paare deeply interested in the phenomenon, rade. During the campaign of 1870-1 California wheat has a greater farm and a number of them are making they were often taken, both by Germans value than the wheat of any of the other preparations to visit the peninsula to and French, to be French. Sometimes the mistake only caused a good deal of merriment, as, for instance, when a French staff officer came up to within a couple of hundred yards where the regi- his enemies that he will rush wildly inauguration, and thinks that its folds them that they will not be mistaken in

Twelve-year-old Dan Clewell was a remarked that the pyramids were very victim of a boy's jumping game. The the desert better if they had a coat of iron post which he endeavored to jump his stomach on the sharply pointed post. He cried out with pain and his companions were frightened. Several passing The report comes from Scotland that pedestrians inquired the cause, but the the hill grazings and rough pastures of boys wouldn't tell. The lad kept his acsix whole counties are overrun by mice- cident a secret until forced by his agony rats of a smaller growth. In two coun- to tell his mother. It was too late for ties alone they have virtually taken pos- the doctors to save him. He died from

The Trouble with Many Inventions We are not quite perfect yet, at least Suppose in their migrations they have we are still capable of improvements. contracted some contagious disease, There were more applications for patents such as diphtheria or tuberculosis, what in England last year than during any of acter and address and able to provide his wife a good home.—Asotin (Wash.) and will treasure it as a memento of the among the now healthy peasantry of invented lots of things myself independ-Dumfries, Roxburgh, Kirkcudbright, ently of any suggestion whatever, but Peebles, Selkirk and Lanark?-Dr. S. E. I have never made anything out of it. Training for Farmer boys-For Merchants' sons for Teach-It has always happened that the things have been patented before by some one else. The other day I thought of an ar-A faithful old house dog owned by rangement for keeping books from fall-Melchoir Brown, of Reading, is more ing over in a shelf that is only half than a dozen years old. He lost all his filled. I find out now that the very teeth a long time ago and had great same arrangement is in quite common trouble in eating. Mr. Brown recently use.—Barry Pain in Black and White.

> Looking for Fruit A couple of months ago a Philadel for the creation of forest reservations at the headwaters of principal rivers.
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> wash them with his tongue.—Pittsburg it will turn out to be a fruit tree.—Free Chronicle.
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> Baptist.

Why They Beg Newspapers. Begging newspapers seems to be one of the occupations of Gotham's small boy, and according to one of these urchins a good revenue is derived from The boats were as usual the business. The practice is known as "Canada business." A gang of eight or ten boys besiege the entrance to the bridge and elevated road every morning and keep an argus eye on all persons carrying newspapers. They stretch out their arms asking for the newspapers

The "newsies" are very persistent, bearing the legend "Sent Down, while another notice stated that further particulars might be obtained of Messrs. Caldecott and Cox.

The Johnians had celebrated their with dyspeptic persons who get down town in bad humor. The temper of these people might be intensified did they know that, according to a confession of the confession of bumps with such vigor that nine out of sion of one of the boys, a newsdealer of to the speculator, who holds them in reserve, paying the boys a pittance and Rare Objects for the Smithsonian.

Among the objects obtained by Mr. them over to the respective newspapers

The youngsters have learned his methry; a botanical collection of about 300 own "returning" as well as "begging" plants, a valuable collection of ethno- now. The practice is bad every way, as men and women, representing both the into indolent beggars.—New York Com-

"All's Well That Ends Well." The Scotch, with unconscious absurdity, sometimes talk of "tempting Provin his last annual report speaks of this idence." In writing "All's Well That collection, taken as a whole, as one of Ends Well," Shakespeare was "tempt the days of Zenodotus in Alexandria the higher criticism has reveled in "athetizing," or marking as spurious, this part How Sullivan Was to Freeze the Cream. of an author's work because it is "un-"Have you heard how Sullivan is going to freeze the cream?" asked a J. T & K. W. man.

Now everybody knows John Sullivan.

Now everybody knows John Sullivan. He's an engineer, and the most phenom- Homer there are few lines to which enally lucky man that ever grasped a some German or some Alexandrian throttle. Whenever there's an accident Greek has not urged objections. To

When Lucian met Homer in the Fortunate islands, he asked the poet which of the rejected passages were really his "The cream I'm alluding to," replied own. "All and every one of them," answered the shade; and Shakespeare's ghost might have made as inclusive a response to critical inquiries. Yet "All's Well" is certainly a play full of difficulground of the body of the fabric is of a flat car, strapped to the floor of which ties and enigmas. It was first printed in the folio of 1623, and very badly of exquisite delicacy and freedom of freezers are to be connected by rods printed it was. None of the dramas contains so many passages that appear to be corrupt; none is so rich in the unintelligible; none so open to conjectural emendation.-Andrew Lang in Harper's.

Crafty Master Fox.

A fox was one day seen coming out of pile of stones near the water side. He hid in the heather for awhile and then pushed out something on the water, which proved to be a bunch of moss. The wind took it into the middle of the lake and blew it past some ducks sitting on the surface.

Having watched his venture for pernaps ten minutes with apparent satisemploy of F. M. Warren in the salmon faction, and observed that it neared the canning business at the Cascades, ducks without arousing their suspicions, our friend began to collect another and larger bunch of moss, which he allowed

wife and daughter were no doubt waiting to enjoy the fruits of his labors .-

Immunity for the Fireflies. Birds do not eat fireflies, and even bats, which seem to eat everything else that they can chew or swallow, never touch a lightning bug. There must be something distasteful in this insect to the feathered world, and thus the species is preserved, for if it were not so lightning bugs would soon become extinct, as the torch they carry would only serve the purpose of attracting

It may be that the uncanny appearance of the insect, giving forth as it does a brilliant flash of light every mbment or two, deters birds and bats from attacking it, but if a lightning bug were a toothsome morsel to a bird's bill, any number of the feathered world would soon overcome their repugnance to the little living torch and go hunting for lightning bugs .- St. Louis Globe-Demo

Wild Horses in Russia. In the steppes of Russia, where wolves abound and the horses lead a wild life and have to shift for themselves, it is Livery, Feed and Sale! said that a young colt will sometimes be made to furious by the persecutions of Everything New among a drove of wolves and bite and strike until he has slaughtered a large number of them. These horses are exceptionally fierce, rendered so, it is supposed, by the extreme variations in the climate. At one time of the year they suffer from the intense heat of a tropical sun and at another they live among raging snowstorms and extreme cold .-

He Lets the Tailor Whistle. Cobble-Widner is the strangest fellow about some things. He wears a twenty-five cent necktie with a fifty dol lar suit and thinks he is saving money. Stone-Well he does, doesn't he? Cobble-I don't see how. Stone-He has to pay for the necktie. -Clothier and Furnisher.

Washington Star.

Thoughtless Characterization Many a man is called a corker by his convivial friends, when, as a matter of fact, he is mainly an uncorker.-Phila delphia Press. A Seasonable Discussion First Boarder-I wonder what makes

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