### BLACK BIRCH.

[Arkansaw Traveler.]

[Arkansaw Traveler.] Are there black birch trees a-growing in the far-off words. I winder, With a wealth of balaxy essence in their branches lithe and strong? In the spring-time do the children rench with eager hands to plunder, While the quiet woodland arches ring with laugh and shout and song?

I can see an old grav school-house with a ledge and wood beside it. And the rumpled, mossy pasture-land runs close up to its door; While away back in the greenness, with a tuft of ferm to hide it.

And a flash like purest crystal, a spring bub-bles and runs o'er.

There's a batterel tin cup hanging on a drooping bough close by it, Where the sunlight comes in flickers, and the shalows gather dim Oh, the rush of childish footsteps when at re-

cess time they spy it! Oh, the flash of cooling water! Oh, the warm lips at its brim!

Then the pulling at the birches, the delightful

swish and rustle. And the crackling of the tender twigs, the noisy bursts of glee. When the quick rap on the window calls—oh, what a merry tussle In the filling-out of pockets so that no sharp eye may see!

The dark room grows strongly cheerful as the little smugglers gather, And a specy, woo sy fragrance penetrates its

Ah, how sly the rolents nibble, while they make a valu endeavor To appear absorted in gleaming from the wisdom of their books!

When the daily tasks are ended, and with dinner-baskets swaying, All the little folks bound homeward and the

Then across the teacher's weary face a pleas-ant smile is straying As she brushes out the litter with her clumsy

hemlock broom.

LIFE IN A MINING CAMP.

A Strange Existence, Unnatural, Comfortless, and Leading to No Good. ["H. H." in The Atlantic.

The expression of a fresh mining camp, at the height of its "boom," is something which must be seen to be comprehended.

The camp is in the heart of a fir forest, perhaps, or on the stony sides of a gulch. Nobody draws breath till he has got a cabin, or a bough hut, or a tent over his head. As if by magic, there grows up a sort of street, a dozen or two board shanties, with that cheap est and silliest of all shams, with bat tlement front, flaunting its ugly squares all along the line. Glaring signs. painted on strips of cotton sheeting, bleached and unbleached, are nailed over the doors. In next to no time there will be a "mint," an "exchange, a "bank," a "Vienna bakery," a "Chinese laundry,' a "hotel," and a "hvery stable.' Between each night and morning will blossom out crops of "real estate offices," and places where "mining properties are bought and sold,' "claims located, "roved, bought and sold." "surveys of mining claims made," etc.; crops alas, of whisky saloons, with wicked names and lurid red curtains. danger and death signals.

The stumps are not taken out of the pretense of a road, neither are the bowlders; nobody minds driving over them, or over anything, in fact, so he gets quick to his "claim," or to the tract in which he is feverishly "prospecting." If a brook trickles through the camp, so much the better; it can do double duty as drain and well. Luckiest they who drink highest up, but they who drink lowest down do not mind. The women, if women there are, are fierce and restless, like the men. They make shifty semblances of homes out of their one-roomed cabins. It is not worth while to have things comfortable, or keep them in order, for there is no knowing whether the camp will turn out to be a good one or not; and tomorrow they may pack up their chat-

# A FORWARD MOVEMENT

In Education Which Is to Bring Into Use Faculties Hitherto Untrained.

Mr. Edison P. Seaver, the present perintendent of the public schools of

Boston, in his annual report in March last, discussed the subject of industrial education intelligently and exhaustively, and concluded by recommending the establishment of a manual-training school in connection with the city public school system. He said : "The best provision, therefore, would

be to establish at some central point in the city one manual training school, to equip this school thoroughly for its work, and to admit to it, under suitable restrictions, boys from all parts of the city. A single school, large enough to

mmodate 200 to 300 pupils, would be the most economical provision that could be made. By changing the classes in accordance with a properlyordinary school-work, would be constantly occupied. In this school the boys should continue their ordinary school-work about two hours a day, attend to drawing one hour, and work in the shops two hours more. If the course were made three years long, the intellectual work would cover the upper part of the grammar school course (or the most essential studies in it), together with some parts of the high school course. The manual training could be brought up to the point of enabling pupils on leaving school to

enter many manual employments with advantage to themselves and, therefore, to the community. Not that the school would or could teach any single trade, as would be done in an apprentice school, but its pupils would be so well grounded in the general principles of many trades that the specialties of each trade would be very quickly learned. The experience of the St. Louis school,

as well as that of other similar institutions, leaves little doubt on this point. It is not eight months since this recommendation was made, but it has been adopted by the school authorities of Boston. A portion of the Latin school building, a special school devoted to the preparation of pupils for the learned professions, has been assigned to the uses of manual training; and hereafter any boy in Boston 14 years of age or over who desires it may receive instruction in the use of hand-tools, such instruction to be paid for out of the pub-

lic school fund. In the manual training school to be opened in the basement of the Boston Latin school building the Yankee boy will be taught to use his eyes and hands. He will draw from things, He will draw from things, hands. He will draw from things, and at the bench, with the ap-propriate tools, will reproduce in wood and iron the things he has drawn. These exercises will bring into use faculties hitherto untrained in the schools. The boy in the manual training school will find it necessary to re-

flect, to reason, to decide; and all these exercises of the mind will be a delight to him. Thus power is generated-power that develops true manhood. Boston as a city is about to enter upon an experiment undertaken here y the Commercial club in the establishment of a manual training school. the building for which is in process of erection, and will soon be complete That these experiments will be successful there can be scarcely a doubt. That at St. Louis is already a success, and the schools in this city and Boston will of course be modeled on the plan of that of Dr. Woodward.

#### Effects of the Opium Habit. Boston Globe.

The opium eater is, with respect to disposition, a creature of the most large or small, or hands genteel or on an acre of ground. This is accord-variable mood, his manner being gawky.

### THE GREATEST OF BOKES.

THE ST. GOTHARD TUNNEL-LOCOMO-TIVES CLIMBING A MOUNTAIN CORK-SCREW FASHION.

roffut's Letter in Chicago Tribuns. The St. Gothard tunnel is the largest tunnel in the world-nine and onequarter miles long-or one and one. alf miles longer than the famous Mt. than Tweed's court-house and a little walnut board. "That is and Switzerland the remainder.

You have seen the trick horses cara-cole round and round in a circus? The Attention was directed then thoughtfully approaches a mountain that is too hard to climb, and instead of skipping along the edge and where it went in. resorted to seven times, and in one very glass. engles brood.

railway, but there's no grander scenery | tion of ornamental articles. the power and skill of man. silver, the cataracts which the heavy winding foamy stream in the bottom, varying degrees, according to lovely cascades flashing by-there is no

MEN. Boston Congregationalist.

We have seen in the public press references to some late endeavor at "common sense dress" for women. Why, in the name of all that is reasonable and sensible, can we not have com-mon sense dress for men? We have lately heard that some long-headed clothier predicts a speedy return to "small clothes;" and, what with the help of the bicycle and yachting uniform, and the prevalent tendency among boys toward long stockings and kneebreeches, why may not a reform in this respect be soon achieved? It will, of course, be at once objected that legs, in general, are not good enough to bear so truth-telling a style of covering. But to this there are two replies: First, that probably, with the attention beas many good legs now as ever there were; and second, that once the overlish worm of the second of the second seco

# PAPER LUMBER PRODUCTION.

### A Novel Substitute for Natural Lumber---Its Many Desirable Qualities.

New York Cor. Chicago Tribune.

A tall, elderly man, with a round, pleasant face, took from the marble mantel shelf of a room overlooking enis, between France and Italy. It Printing House square yesterday afterost about \$12,000,000-a little more noon a section of what appeared to be paper lum s than the Brooklyn bridge-and, ber," he said. "You may not be aware unlike these, there was no steal in it. that a process has been invented for It was begun in June, 1872, and Italy utilizing paper pulp in the manu-furnished half the money and Germany facture of a substitute for natural lumber. A mill has been erected in a But this great tunnel, excavated a western town for the purpose of manumile and a half below the mountain facturing artificial lumber from paper tops of the St. Gothard group, is not stock, and a number of capitalists have the most marvelous portion of the work to a non-expert, for it is straight, and its construct on would seem to be a simple question of labor. There are fifty of turnel or this turnel of the perfect manu'acture of all articles at present classes in accordance with a properly-arranged time-table, the shops and tools would be in use all the time, and the instructions, both in shop-work and in way in which mountains are boldly en- that it will prove much cheaper than countered instead of being avoided. wood, equally as durable, and fully as

Attention was directed to several locomotive acts in some such way. It articles of cabinet ware made of the scuffles up a steep road for awhile, material. Two of these were ordinary parlor tables, one of which was finished in the natural grain of the lumber, resembling somewhat the peculiar moteluding it, plunges boldly into it, makes a complete circuit in a spiral hardwoods. The surface of the table tunnel, and comes out 200 feet above was varnished and highly polished, pre-This adroit trick is senting a smoothness equal to fine plate-times, and in one very glass. The other table was finished in big mountain the locomotive actually exact imitation of rosewood. A panel accomplishes two circuits of a mile door was also shown, the finish resem each, rising in corkserew fashion and bling mahogany. A couple of jeweiry emerging triumphant up where the or ladies' work boxes, made after an elegant pattern and highly finished,

There may be grander scenery in the world than that along this splendid ability of paper lumber in the construc-

than this on any railway. It is a con-stant succession of delights to the eye gentleman alluded to, "is susceptible of from the time of leaving Lake Lugano. Nobody can pass over the line without the finest polish as well as any tint, shade, or color. The lumber is being filled anew with reverence for made principally of the pulp of wheat, The rve, oat straw, and other vegetable thirty-two bridges, the dozen viaducts, fibres, combined with chemical ingredithe snow-covered mountains, white as ents and cements. It is formed of lavers about one-quarter of an inch in rains have felled with activity leaping thickness, and these layers are pressed from innumerable cliffs to the valley a together by powerful machinery, and thousand feet below, the cattle pasturibution thus rendered as hard as the hardest ing afar down, looking like ants upon a table-cloth, the stone-roofed huts, the boards are also rendered waterproof in the pur the strange aspect changing every mo-ment—bright flowers, blooming trees, material is as durable as time, and can be sold at a good price for almost half

bleized in imitation of any kind of mar-

ble, both in respect to a high degree of polish and an exact imitation of grain. It will not warp and can be rendered perfectly waterproof, if desired, thus making it suitable for the construction of burial caskets. It makes just as solid a surface as any wood, and may be made of the hardness of stone. As a on their knees and give the visitor a substitute for wood in the construction of buildings it possesses qualities of perfect adaptation. It will make the finest material in the world for rooting, not excepting slate or iron. It can be sawed, split, or planed, and boards made of it are perfectly smooth and flat from end to end on both sides, without any knots, cracks or blemishes of any

kind commonly met with in wood. "Do you think that the supply of paper stock is sufficient to permit the

novelty worn off, no more thought alone is sufficient. It takes 100 years would be given to the subject than now to grow 20,000 feet of natural timber is bestowed upon whether ears are on an acre of ground. This is accordof employment through an explosion)

### AMERICAN MUSIC IN GERMANY. Detroit Free Press.

Two years ago Mr. J. S. Potter, the American consul in Stuttgart, pre-sented Carl, the leader of the famous Carl's band, of that city, with a selec tion of American music, including the national airs of "Hail Columbia" and "The Star Spangled Banner," and several of the negro melodies and pieces which became familiar during the re bellion. These Carl arranged for his band to play, and had them published for military and concert music. They have since become very popular and are to be found in most of the music stores throughout Germany.

At the grand military maneuvers be fore the emperor the troops marched past to the music of these American airs, played by Carl's band : "Marching "Tramp, Tramp, Through Georgia," "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching, Tramp, the Boys are Marching, "Dixie," "Rally Round the Flag, Boys, "Dixie," "Rally Round the Who's that "Bonnie Blue Flag," "Who's that Knocking?" "Swanee River," "When blers of the age of Pitt and Burke, G Knocking? "Swalee Hiver, "In and birts of the age of Fitt and Burke 6 Johnnie Comes Marching Home," and other familiar melodies. They were whom Addison immortalizes, gambl played as they never were played before, Coquillart, a poet of France, died except by this famous band. Every grief for having lost at the dice ta one who heard them was delighted; it Guido, the painter, led a life pois was something new, inspiring and en-livening. Officers and men were almost phers Montaigne and Descarte, w wild as with a new inspiration. Even lovers of play, but they overcame t the emperor and his suite could with predilections. Beau Nash, the foun difficulty keep quiet in their saddles. of the prosperity of the city of Bath Finally the emperor sent an officer to master of ceremonies at the asen American music, your majesty.

emperor. HINDOO ETHICS.

Prof. Oswald in Cincinnati Enquirer. Among the orthodox natives of Brahminic Hindoostan, where the killing of any animal (vermin not excepted) is a mortal sin, even tigers have things pretty much their own way. Only the statistics of half a century make it credible that in Bengal alone venomous snakes kill an annual average of 390 persons, and tigers nearly six hundred. In the cities the example of unscrupulous foreigners has encouraged the Hindoos to make occasional exceptions from the rule of non-resistance. The Brahmins have begun to connive at crocodile-hunts, and sometimes hire an unbelieving sharpshooter to risk his soul in discouraging the predatory pro-

pensities of the sacred baboons; but in the forest districts the old prejudice still reigns supreme. Instead of rejoicing at the death of a tiger, the elders of the next village at once appoint a day of penance and order the orthodox to join in the procession of a Sayah noora or expiration rite, a sort of expurgatory ceremony intended to exorcise the spirit of the man-eater, who would otherwise haunt the neighborhood in the form of a ghoul or stormbrewing wizard. If a tiger enters a Hindoo village, the swiftfooted bipeds take to their heels, while the rest fall

chance to make his selection at leisure. TRICKS OF PROFESSIONAL BEGGARS ondon paper.

Begging is, in reality, a regularly organized profession, the principal va-riety of which are termed "lurks" (from the Welch llere, a fit of loitering); the fire lurk (pretended losses by fire) the shipwrecked sailors' lurk : the foreign lurk; the accident lurk; the sick lurk (pretended illness; some tie up their arms in a very clever way, others feign fits, others remain in bed simulating illness while they send out their companions to beg for them): the deaf and dumb lurk; the servants' lurk (pretended loss of piace as a domestic servant); the colliers' lurk (pretended loss

# ONE HAPPY WOMAN.

[S. M. P. Piatt in Manhattan [5: Al. F. Piatt in Manhattan.] The world is wide enough to hold One happy woman, she was told. The little maid looked up to guess: "A bride, in just the loveliest dress. A ship is waiting, too, in sight, To sail for —..."

"No; you are not right. "No; you are not right. The woman you are guessing lies To-night in some weird hut. Her en Are void; her hollow hands are cold. They have not even a rose to bid. A light is dying at her head; And she is happy—being dead."

GAMING MEN OF GENIUS

## Statesmen, Orators and Philosoph Who Were Addicted to Gamb

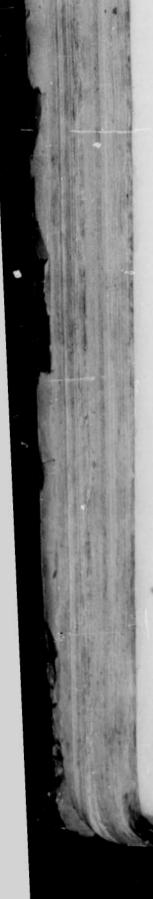
[Cincinnati Enquirer.] Said Charles James Fox, one of greatest of English statesmen and tors: "The greatest pleasure in li to play and win, the next to play lose." He was one of the t nquire of Carl what music he was rooms, where gambling prevailed, cas playing. Returning from his errand, won from an earl his estate, equipage officer doffed his brass helmet hat, everything. The generous gambler and, bowing low, said: "He says it is turned it all, on condition that upon in "Re- demand \$25,000 be paid him. turn and tell him to repeat it," said the time after the earl's death the Bean being impoverished, made demand, and

the heirs paid the amount without ; murmur. Lord Chesterfield lived at a club

gambling and saying smart things for the boys, yet in his advice to his son he says 'that a member of a gaming cha who would not be a cheat would som be a beggar." An incom unlike the quaint old Fuller, who sai that "a father who whips his son fa swearing and swears himself as he does it did more harm by the example than good by the correction.' Georg Selwyn, who was as fond of gaming as he was of going to executions, and m witty as he was either, told the ladies who bantered him for attending Lord Lovet's execution to see his head cut of that he made amends by going to the undertaker's to see it put on again." Fox went from the gaming table to is seat in parliament, and hisspeeches live to-day as classic English and models of debate. His gambling debts were \$700,000. One night he lost \$40,000 at the table, and his course was so reckless that he was even dunned by the sedan chairmen. He once played with Fitzpatrick from 10 at pight to 6 in the morning, a waiter standing by to tell them "whose deal." Sir Phillip Francis, who is the supposed author of the "Letters of Junius," that every schoolboy has heard of, and Pitt and Wilberforce were at one time in their lives gamblers, who thought nothing of losing \$500 to \$1,000 at fare at a single sitting. Rev. C. C. Colton, the author of "Lacon," gambled and kept his winnings.

## How Bananas Grow,

[Exchange.] As everybody knows who has eaten a banana the luscious pulp is seedless. The plants are propagated from other plants, so that the stock is not likely to run out. The plant requires for vigorous growth a deep rich soil, abundantly watered. With these conditions present there is said to be no risk for a crop in hot regions, where alone the fruit is produced. Nine months after a cutting has been planted a purple bud appears in the centre of the unfolding leaves ot out from the head of the parent stem. The stem on which the bud appears grows rapidly above the main stalk. As the bud increases in weight the stem bends downward by a graceful curve, on the extremity which this bud continues to grow till, the purple blossoms falling off, little shoots appear as the embryo fruit. Each fruit has a yellow blossom at its outward ertremity. At the end of three or four months the fruit has grown to maturity. and is picked long before it is "dead ripe" to preserve it in marketable con dition. From the roots of the parent stalk other roots appear, which are trimmed out or left to grow, as the cultivator may deem best. A single stalk, therefore, bears only one bunch or crop as its life work. An Advantageous Altitude. [Cor. Inter Ocean.] "Git down wid ye, or I'll give ye der club," said the policeman. The time was that of the Evacuation Day proces sion, and the place was the most crowded corner in Broadway. There was so much tip-toeing to get a view of the pageant, even by persons tall enough to see over the heads of shorter ones when standing flatfooted, that the multitudes But developed giants here and there. the head of a boy, rising a full foot above everybody else's, and remaining at that advantageous altitude, showed that he had something additional to his The officer reached over a dozen legs. shoulders and prodded the urchin, as he repeated the command. "Skip down offen that," he remarked. The New York boy knows better than to defiantly oppose a policeman's wishes. This one walked obediently away. But he did not skip down from anything. His artificial height remained the same



move on. At the faintest rumor of a bigger "find" in another camp, the men to whom they belong will be off, and they must follow. They stand in their doorways, idling, wor dering, waiting, gossiping and quarrel The only placid creatures are the babies, whose simple needs of sun, dirt, and being let alone, are simply sup-They are happy, and they only plied. in all the camp.

It is a strange life, unnatural, unwholesome, leading to no good, com fortless to a degree which many of those who lead it would not endure a day, except for the hope of great gain, which fires their very veins. The worst of it is that the life is as fascinating as it is unwholesome. "Once a miner al-ways a miner," is a proverb which is little less than an exact truth. The life is simply a gamester's life, with the wide world for a hazard table, and the instances are rare in which a person who has once come under its spell ever breaks away. It is no uncommon thing in Colorado to meet an old gray-haired man who has been prospecting and mining all his life, and has not yet made a dollar, but is buoyantly sure that he will " strike it" soon

#### Might Have Saved the Money [Arkansaw Traveler

"My dear," said a husband, laying aside the local paper and addressing his wife, "I see that Mr. Harnerthorn is dead.

"That's unfortunate, indeed," the sympathetic woman replied. "Died so soon after buying a now buggy. But we never know what's in store for us. If he had known that his end was so near he would not have bought the buggy, perhaps, and would have saved several hundred dollars."

#### Not At All Surprised. [Exchange.]

An old lady in Portland, Me., who was acquainted with Ralph Waldo Emerson, and knew him well in later life, says that he was so indolent that she rope. was not at all surprised when he gave up preaching and went to live in Con cord, simply to think.

#### Shoddy Connoisseurs of Music. Exchang

"Oh, yes," says Mrs. Parvenu, talking about music at Mrs. Suddenriches' re ception, "I just dote on them sympathy concerts and my husband insists on our prescribing for the whole series. Ain't them Beethoven raspodies real elegant?'

There are 11,000 one-legged men in the United States.

moulded by the action of the drug. In the morning he is petulant and ill-tem- the masculine figure at once more compered, sometimes to brutality, while the fortably and becomingly than was done afternoon of the same day will find him 100 years ago-in graciously considerate. Those who have had experience with them know that the most truthful people become the most daring liars after long indulgence in the use of opium. The realities of life are so blended with the distorted opium imaginings that the victim cannot distinguish between facts and fancy. So much is this the case that those who hear them talk, ignorant of their habit, are positively shocked at the glaring falsity of their statements. They jealbe next to useless to question them concerning their habit. Hugging his chains, the rack would hardly draw from the and his court. victim a true statement with respect to the quantity of opium used by him if he Walla Walla Wath suspected an intention to interfere with his allowance.

situated as not to be able to procure the situated as not to be able to procure the drug, experience having taught them the horrors of abstinence.

# Victor Hugo's Prophecy.

As a writer in The National Review plicate a face like that. She had a reminds us Victor Hugo said three mouth like a catfish. What of her?" years before the battle of Sedan : the twentieth century there will be a wife, that's all. "Is that so?" exclaimed new nation, which will be both great Bill, a little confused; "then let me and free. It will be illustrious, rich, congratulate you while we drink to the thoughtful, pacific, and an ardent lover of humanity. It will have the sweet handsome, but she'll make you a good gravity of mature years. It will be more than a nation: it will be civiliza-tion itself. Nay, it will be more than NO SUBSTITUTE.

civilization, it will be one family. It will have only one language, one code, one coinage. This nation will have Paris for its capital, and will no longer be called France. It will be called Eu-

#### Fewer Groans and More Soap. [Arkansaw Traveler

De mourners' bench would do mo good fur de nigger ef dar was fewer wise, he is a soldier for five years. groans an' mo' saft soap an' rain water

## dar. I'se seed many a nigger too dirty ter go ter a dance, but I nebber seed one too dirty to 'fess 'ligion. The Worst Whipping.

[A rkansaw Traveler.] De wust whuppin' dat a man eber dogs on de plantation.

We doubt if it be possible to array long stockings, breeches, somewhat prolonged vest, or doublet, and a broad-skirted, handy, big-pocketed jerkin, or coat; crowned with a roomy chapeau or soft hat. The test of sculpture and painting is a good one to aid in cotermining what is permanently comely. And, while it would

be hard to overstate the stiff and repulsive ungainliness of a man modeled into a statue in the full dress-suit and hat of our day, one does not soon tire the profuse, yet still comely, exaggeratio

# HE REMEMBERED SALLY JANE.

Jim Sniverly had been absent from Always with them, too, Walla Walla for several years. He reis the dread that by some unhappy turned not long since, and one of the first men he met was Bill Tinkerson. nose?" "Yes-that's the gal." "Of course I remember her. Nobody could ever forget her. It is impossible to du-"In "Oh, nothing, except that she is my

### NO SUBSTITUTES IN FRANCE. New York Sun.

The military system in France exacts service of prince and peasant. Under the empire one could send a substitute Not so to-day. Every young man (with a few exceptions of slight importance), on reaching 20, must go into the army. certain examination the period of service is limited to one year; other-

### SCIENCE SAYS "NO."

Science is pronouncing against covering the walls of houses with paper. The paper itself gives off deleterious particles, and the paste, by the dampness, undergoes organic decomposition. Ornamental tiles, impermeable cement gits is done by a coward. Pen up a snappin' cur an' ho ken whup all de as substitutes. All porons walls ab as substitutes. All porous walls ab-sorbing vapor are objectionable. nesota.

hand an acre of ground will produce every year straw enough to make 2,000 feet of artificial lumber, and hence in a hundred years it will produce 200,000 feet, ten times the quantity of natural lumber.

"What do we propose to do? It is our purpose besides entering into the manufacture of paper lumber on an ex-tended scale, to lease machinery to other parties desiring to embark in the industry.

#### A Negro's Conclusive Logic. [Chicago Tribu

A gentleman residing in the city of falsity of their statements. They jeal of looking at pictures like those of Binghampton has in his employ an aged ously guard their infirmity, and it would Franklin and Dr. Johnson, or even of negro whose early life was spent south of Mason and Dixon's line, and as chathis control to the second his court. The gentleman is a keen observer of human nature, and, enjoying a good thing, has drawn the old negro out on many important ques-tions of theology, law, and logic. In a conversation some time ago he said to him

> -, I have heard that all colored people would steal. Is it so?"

'No, 'tain't so: 'tis a lie.

"Well," said the gentleman, "when ou were a slave, didn't you sometimes take a chicken or a turkey from your master, and eat it."

"Yes," said S.—, "sometimes took a chicken, or a duck, or a turkey, but, Lord bless you! dat wa'n't stealin'." "Why not?"

Well, I tell you : Dat chicken he was property, I was property, and if property took property to support property, dat wa'n't stealin'-d'ye see?" Could any logic be more subtle and up to it.

conclusive'

## Curious Fungus Growth

Sir Joseph Banks, the celebrated naturalist, once had a cask of wine which on tasting was found too sweet. It was therefore locked up in the cellar to ripen. There it remained for three years, probably during the time he was with Capt. Cook in his voyage around the world. At the end of that period If he has a college degree or can pass a he directed his butler to ascertain the state of the wine; but the cellar door could not be opened on account of some powerful obstacle within. The door was cut down, when the cellar was found to be completely filled with a fungus so dense and firm as to require an ax for its removal. It was then discovered that the fungus had consumed every drop of wine and raised the empty cask to the ceiling.

There are 250,000 Swedes in Min-

the weavers', calenderers', and cotton spinners' lurks. To these may be added the "shallow cove," or "shivering Jemmy," who goes about half-naked, Jemmy," who goes about half-naked, and the "high-flier," who simulates the broken-down gentleman, officer, or tradesman. It would require a separate report to

deal comprehensively with all the deceptions and disguises of these rascals, as there is hardly a source of human suffering or a passing calamity of any magnitude which they do not endeavor to turn to their advantage.

AMERICAN HANDWRITING.

Chas. Dudley Warner in Harpers' Magazine. Statistics are needed of the American handwriting before any generalization is attempted about it. Those who are in the way of seeing specimens of it from all parts of the country, from clergymen, clerks, farmers, lawyers, doctors, agents, merchants, etc.—always excepting the people who write like the writing-master-declare that they have no general characteristic, except that the handwriting is sprawling, flourishy, unformed, that it lacks neatness, compact ness, solidity. Is this only a fancy, or is the writing a sign of superficiality and carelessness and exaggeration There is variety enough. We certainly have not the uniformity that in German or French writing enables us to tell its nationality at a glance. Are we mistaken in saying that the English hand, generally speaking, is a hand of more ulture, finish, neatness? We signed

but we have hardly, as a people, lived A LAKE UNDER LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN. A few days since W. N. Gates and W. S. Lathrop, of the Western & At-lantic railroad, conceived the idea of He was on stilts. exploring a cave in Lookout mountain, the entrance of which is near the river's dge at the foot of the point. Crawling through a small, muddy aperture, they found themselves in a large chamber the walls being fully thirty feet high. Proceeding some distance they were surprised to find themselves in full view of a beautiful lake. They describe it as being half a mile in length and a go to the opera with their breasts corquarter of a mile wide. The water is as clear as a crystal. They state they heard a roaring noise in the distance, which they are confident is caused by a waterfall

the declaration very well on the whole

### GOOD AS NEW.

A minister once asked a condemned criminal in a Paris jail, "What kind of a conscience have you!" "It's as good

### Italian Opera and Pneumonia.

A New York physician says that Italian opera is increasing the death rate. He has attended a score of cases of pneumonia brought on by exposure in dress-coats. Men take off their heavy business suits in the evening and ered only by a few folds of linen. rush out heedlessly between the sets, stand in the draught of the doors, or The run out to the nearest cafe. next day they are in bed. The dress coat prescription is one to be taken with the greatest care in this climate.

New Orleans Picayune: The generous give according to their means. as new," replied the prisoner, "for I others give according to their mean-have never used it." ness.

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