The testimony of a ghost would not now count for much in a court of law, at the day has been when it has officed to hang a man. There was a welly accuser in a case with which e readers of Scott are familiar. Soon for the "45" an English soldier wahgring near Braemar met a violent death. Years passed and then came a story of a communication from another world.

A farm servant declared that in the pight a spirit had appeared to him declaring itself to be the ghost of the soldier, whose bones, it is said, by still unburied. The highlander must see to their decent interment and have the murderers, two men named. brought to justice. The highlander promised, but did not keep his ward. and a second and third time the spirit appeared and upbraided bim for bli breach of faith. Alarmed at last and no longer daring to delay, the man called a companion and went to the spot which the spirit had indicated and there found the bones of the murdered warrior concealed in a moorland tract called the bill of Christie.

The story of the highlander came to the ears of an anti-Jacobite, who caus ed the matter to be brought to tria! before the court of judiciary, Edinburgh. There the tale was corroborat ed by a woman who had seen a naked figure enter the place on the night spoken of by the man. It was an age of superstition in a district more than sommonly given to superstition, and the jury seemed disposed to find the wo men charged gullty of the murder. out it happened that the principal wittess spoke only Gaelle, "Now," said the counsel for the defense, "in what language did the ghost speak?" "In as good Gaelie as I ever heard in Lochaber," was the reply. "Pretty good for the ghost of an English soldier." said counsel, and that question and comment saved the necks of the men at the bar. The jury could believe in a ghost, but not in an English ghost speaking Gaelie .- London Standard.

NAMING A TOWN.

How Abilene Came to Be Selected by

Abliene was named by the wife of the founder of the town, T. F. Hersey. With her husband she had come to central Kansas in the spring of 1857. They lived in a log house on the west side of Mud creek and were the first settlers on the town site, although no town then existed nor was there one until 1860. Then C. H. Thompson, who had moved to the county from Leavenworth, bought from the Kansas Pacific Railway company a tract east of Hersey's and laid out a town.

When it came to the number of the

do it. She is a great reader."

the tetrarch of Abilene."

exactly describes the meation."

for the county sent, wherein it confest. takes to drive it is able under the imion City, all long since passed away, town in almost half the time formerly of stairs? good fortune attended it, and the new consumed. The practical value of this town became the county capital for change he is not long in seeing. the 278 dwellers then in Dickinson county.-Kausas City Sing.

Fleshmaking Tood.

The Pepper Vines.

"Yes, my dear; I believe in transmit short while, gration of souls. I may be a brute in my next life."

"Wouldn't that be discouraging-or ton Post.

In Plain Words.

cause of the altereation?" the fight."--Chleago Record-Herald.

The Bengal canni, 900 miles in length, Is the longest artificial water course in the world.

A MUD SICK DOCTOR.

Physician's Suggestion to Improve an Oblo County's Roads.

In Morrow county, O., we are very poorly provided with pike roads, says Dr. D. B. Virtue of Iberia, O., in the Auto Advocate and Country Roads. Jutside of the incorporated villages here are perhaps ten or twelve miles if pike and some indifferent gravel conds. Mostly the roads are earth roads, which in many months are equivalent to mortar beds. However, the number of people who advocate good roads is stendily increasing, so that the enemies of good roads now say, "Something of the kind will be done sooner or later." They hope that it will be later on account of an increase in taxation which would necessarily follow. My idea of what should be done here (Morrow county) is something as follows:

In this township-in fact, all over this county-there is an abundance of sandstone of the kind commonly spoken of as Berea grit; also a good supply of fair quality gravel. Now, if the roads were well graded and ditched with good large enlyers where culverts are needed and an earth track constructed at one side and a broken stone and gravel track at the other, we would have good roads comparatively and are not rolled. Being loose, they prayers?" rut immediately. Being high, it is not fing thin I fear they will not stand -Boston Herald. service well.

As to cost, I believe good sandstone and gravel roads can be built in this region for \$1,500 per mile. I think this should be borne by the adjoining property owners, the township, the county and the state, each paying 25 per cent of cost, and then maintained by the township. As to the United States government paying a part, let the government pay one-half the cost of constructing good roads of double width (about twenty feet) between points of military importance.

doctor, I should rejoice to see the roads o'er off rin' it."—Tatler. improved by "any old plan."

Autos as Aids to Good Roads. A recent English periodical finds that the automobile is doing much to improve the character of the rural roads and that people having desirable country places for sale or lease have less difficulty now than formerly in disposing of them. The auto has made English highways fully 50 per cent better future city Mr. Thompson went to than formerly, and the improvement Hersey and asked him to suggest a continues. The good roads division of our department of agriculture claims "No," was the reply, "let my wife that what is doing for England in this direction is also doing for us, says the Mrs. Hersey was a graduate of a New York correspondent of the Pittsseminary in the east, and her little burg Dispatch. It has been noticed, library, which she carried with her In for instance, that substantially all the her wanderings, was one of the ties roads lending out of the large cities of that bound her to the girlhood life. She the country are today in good order, was a devout Methodist and knew her | This is par a miarly true of the eastern Bible from "cover to cover." When and northern central states. From the the was asked to name the town she Alleghanics to the Mississippi the counmened to the New Testament for sug- try roads in many countles are in exgestion. There, in the third chapter of coptionally fine condition. The farm-Luke, first verse, she found this; "Now ers are paying more attention to this in the afteenth year of the reign of subject than ever before, not only un-Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being der the spur of the owners of autos, governor of Judaea * * * and Lysania | but on their own account. They have been educated to understand that good. Flo. But I'll tell you what-you stay "Call the town "Abilene," said she, roads will help them to get to market. Where you are and be the horse in the "It means "City of the Plains," and that A farmer living ten miles from his stable. Punch. county seat in the middle west and So Abilene it was, and in the fight reckening the distance by the time it

Test of Gilling a Bondway.

The half mile of olice road on the Life avenue facing the State Agricultural Crears grad, according to an emi- college at Manhattan, Kan, Ins withnest English anthority. Is the ident stood the cold weather satisfactorily so nourishment for thin fold. A tencuping far, says the Kansas City Star. In a glancing through her dictionary the taken at night immediately before re- few places the residuum oil did not tiring is said to give marveious results, penetrate the required six labbes, and To be at its best it must be perfectly those places will need further weeking made, then thinned with sweet cream. The work was done last September and Taken in that condition and warm, it required 4,400 gallons of oil, at 115 came before "marriage."-Judge. is agreeable as well as following and cents a gallon at the wells. The freight produces just that sense of satisfied was about the same, making the total hunger essential to ideal root. It is cost about \$110. The experiment seems claimed that perseverance in the treat. to justify the claims made for it by its ment yields such apparent results that supporters. It is now said that Manthe cheeks can be seen to expand from hattan horsemen will oil the half mile drive in the city park the coming spring.

The pepper vine gray, best in a Stone Reads For a Texas District, wooded valley where there is plenty of . Macadam attrects and piles are now moleture and abundant foliage to pro- being built in Plane, Tex., which tect it from the heat of the sun. It is is in the "black wax" soil disgiven a rude sort of cultivation. The trict, says a Piano special disputch to growers plant it, heeplay the grass the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The ex- me feed, How do you know? from its roots, and when the tree near ample was set by the Commercial club. which it is planted has no lower which built two miles of plan. Now the branches strings or polymers placed in citizens have subscribed money for proper position to enable the vine to macadamizing the principal streets of climb the tree. It needs no further at the town. When that is accomplished the pikes will be taken up again, and it is expected that between ten and twelve miles will be built within a

Interstate Hoad. An intermate highway is planned to don't you care for a change?'-Hous. extend from the border of British Cotumble through Washington, Oregon and California to the Mexican boundary, says the Good Roads Magazine, "What," asked the judge, "was the It is estimated that this road can be constructed at an average cost of "I didn't see anny, yer honor, but it \$5,000 per mile. King county, Wash., was him callin' me a liur that shtarted has already some forward with the smount necessary to build its portion, which is made available during the next five years, and if other counties act as promptly the road will be completed by 1011.

Where It Was Done.

FOR BING, he cut ten cord o' wood From rise to set o' sun; He cut it, an' he piled it, too-Yes, sir; that's w'at he done. To cut ten cord o' wood, I vow. Is one tremenjus chore.

Joe Bing cut his behind the stove In Luscomb's grocery store.

Joe Bing, he cut eight load o' hay, I swan' an' raked it, too, An' in twelve hours by the clock He was entirely through. He could, I guess, before he slept Cut just as many more. He cut it where he did the wood-In Luscomb's grocery store.

Joe Hing, he plawed four acres onet; He plewed it good an' neat, An' fore the sun had near gone down The job was all complete. The hesses never turned a hair, Wan't tired nor leas' bit sore. He plowed it all in one short day-

In Luscomb's procery store

Joe Bling, he made five dollars onet By simply pickin' beps. He done it all in jest a day With time for sev ral stops. He could as well askept it up A dezen days or more. Where wur it done? The same of

John D. Larkin in Woman's Home Com-

Whiteher Needed Praying For. The following was told by Edward cheap. Of course this sandstone and P. Paige of Dunbarton, N. H.: When raised. In sweeping the strings with grayel road should be well rolled as it a member of the legislature in 1800 he is laid down and when finished only and Ira Whiteher, a fellow member of slightly higher than the earth track, the house, were so late one morning as I am well acquainted with the lime to find the doors closed. Mr. Whitcher If the touch of the feather is too heavy stone pike roads built in recent years rapped loudly with his cane, wherein two adjoining counties-Marlon and upon the attendant opened the door Crawford-and know that most of and inquired, "Who is the author of them are built too high and too thin all this disturbance while we are at

easy to drive from one track to an- Mr. Whitcher. "Don't you suppose we other, and they spread easily. And be need praying for as much as the rest?"

His Reason.

In a little village there once lived a boy who was supposed to be dull witted, and the men of the village used to find great fun in offering him the choice between a threepenny bit and a penny, of which he invariably chose the latter. A stranger one day saw film choose the penny rather than the threepenny bit and asked him for the reason. "Is it because the penny is the biggest?" the stranger asked.

"Naw, not 'cause it is the biggest. If In conclusion, as a mud sick country I took the threepenny bit they'd gi'e

The Diplomat.



Alan (to his sister, who is worrying him to be allowed to play horse)-No.

Needed a Subject.

Mother-What do you mean by pushed with Newport, Smoly Hill and Un- proving highway conditions to reach ing your buby brother down that flight

> Dorothy - Why, mamma, I's jest joined the society for the first aid to the injured, at school, and I wants a subject to practice on - New York

The Bumor of the Embridged. Glodys-Mrs. Lukeside was idly other day when a humorous circumstance struck her foreibly.

Grace-And what was that? Gladys - She found that "divorce"

Her Business Bend.

"Do you think your father will ever forgive you for cloping?" asked the frightened bridegroom.

"Do I?" said the bride, "Well, I guess yes. He promised me \$500 extra if I'd saye the fuss of a big wedding!"-Detrolt Free Press.

Premnture Rejoleing. "You tell me that I am 'it' with her?" "Not a doubt of it.

"You don't know how glad you make "Why, she always refers to you as "It when your name is mentioned." --Housion Post.

Accepted. Collector-Are you going to pay this bill within the next few days or nev-

Debtor-Well, it's mighty nice of you to give me my choice, old man. I'll make it nover.-Cleveland Leader.

Strong.

Sillinug-There is an much strength in an egg as in a pound of meat. Gotabug-I should say so. I've smell- ry to say there is none. Even the deggs that had more strength than a waste paper basket is full." ed eggs that had more strength than a hundred pounds of beef. - Pittsburg Cazette.

His Enjoyment. "Do you feel benefited by mingling

in fashionable society?" "In a way," answered Mr. Cumrox, "It makes me appreciate my home."-Washington Star.

PIANO EXPERIMENTS.

keys belonging to any cord. Take the simple cord C. E. G. for example out sounding them and held down strings with a feather or a straw. The very soft topes.

Change the cord, always pressing down the keys without sounding them while the feather still sweeps the strings lightly. In this way you may modulate or play a slow piece, and the effect will be very beautiful, indeed, as If heard from a great distance.

a damper rests against each string struck or pressed down the damper is the feather, lightly, only the strings that are undampered sound, the others Good Stock - - - Easy Coaches Surveyor C. E. Moore even the other strings may sound, so your care must be in making a light and delicate touch.

hold it. Strike very hard the octave "Prayers! Good heavens!" replied | above this key, but do not hold it after striking the tone. When the wire of the tone struck has been sufficiently E. CASEBEER, - - Proprietor A. Bieber..... dampered, so that it does not sound so loud, the pressed down key will be heard to "sing" clearly, even though it was not struck. This is because every note struck is composed of several notes, being in reality a cord in itself, and each note contained in that cord causes the corresponding note in the keyboard to vibrate, or "sing," in sympathy if held down in like man-

The other notes that will sound under fifth above the octave, the second oc-

For Illustration, if C in the lower part of the piano be struck, any or all of the notes that follow will sound if their keys are first pressed and held down.-Philadelphia Press.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

When you are all done but finishing you are just half done.

If you have time to boast about be Maker of ing worked to death, you have not much to do. Some people are so unfortunate that

their troubles make people laugh in stend of cry; A man who underestimates himself

cumstance to the man who brags. People may disdain a compliment. but they feel a tender little spot in

dislodged. It is a theory growing in conviction that the man who says a mean thing ... Mus. R. M. Gallagher, Proprietor. about another isn't as mean as the man

The man who travels over the path behind you wisely looks at your footprints and sees where you could have avoided many a pitfall. - Atchison

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have to dance separately.—Sydney Bul-

not to give Billings any more credit. He's evidently losing money. Junior Partner-How do you know? Senior Partner-I heard his remark today that

Refeeted.

"I have called." said the confident young man, with a manuscript sticking by mail for correction. out of his packet, "to see whether there is a vacancy in this office."

A Change.

"Well, well! There goes Miss Strong.

laying by Sweeping the Strings

With a Feather. Open wide your plane so that the wires are exposed. Over the wires place sheets of music, and when you strike a tone you will find that it has a rattling sound. If now you play a tune in the same manner, with the sheets of music still lying on the strings, it will sound as if the instrument were a banjo. Anyhow, it is a good imitation.

Now remove the music sheets and press down gently, but firmly, the The keys must be pressed down with while some one gently brushes the effect will be as if the cord were play. ed far away and is heard by you as

The reason of this is that ordinarily but when the corresponding key is Office at the Mercantile Company's clerk

our care must be in making a light and office at the Bly Hotel, Bly, Harry Balley in Now press down a key gently and Office at the Bly Hotel, Bly, Harry Balley in Dregon.

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Harry Balley in Dregon.

Oregon.

these conditions will always be the tave and the third and fifth above that, and these tones that sound are called

may be tiresome, but he is not a cir-

them where it bit and refused to be

who carries it.

Tiny Trees.

The midget of the whole tree family

Queensland's government aboriginal settlement on Frazer's Island holds a the bundles of old clothes sent to the ates. settlement there are often ball gowns, so the gins sport decollete dresses. Neither sex wears boots. The sexes

Shrewd Gness.

Senior Partner-We must be careful

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