#### CHOICE MISCELLANY

Why He Was Tired. A man alighted from a train, and after walking laboriously up the short flight of stairs which led to the waiting room, stopping a few times on the way to rest, he looked round for a place to sit down. His wan, thin face, heavy eyes and general appearance of weakness and dejection attracted attention, and a kind old gentleman accosted the stranger and asked if he

could be of any assistance. "No-o, thanks," the young man drawled out. "I'll get along if I take my time about it."

"Are you ill?" "No-o, I'm not ill. But I feel as if I

were completely done up."

"Been in an accident?" "No-o. I'm just tired, that's all. Thanks. You may call a hansom for me if you will. Don't believe I could ever walk out to the tramway. I don't mind if you carry my bag. I'm so

"What's the matter with you?" "Oh, nothing much! I'm just returning from my vacation. I'll be all right in a week or two."-Exchange.

#### Lazy Mexican Laborers.

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There is no more independent person in the world than the Mexican laborer, says an American who has capital invested in that country. Especially is this true of the peon of the tropics. It would seem that he works for Americans who have big plantations to develop more as a matter of accommodation than from necessity. He demands a snug sum in advance, too, on which to have a good time at the "flestas" before he settles down to several months of drudgery. No native Indian has to work for white men in the troples to gain a livelihood. His wants are few, his ambitions are limited to a desire for enough to eat, a thatched but and a little cotton cloth. The but he can make for himself. There are fish in the river and game in the forest. There is plenty of unoccupied land upon which he can raise a few cereals to trade for the things he cannot produce himself. There is no winter to provide against, and, though the rainy days come often in summer, they only mean more rest .- New York Tribune.

#### Rich Los Angeles.

The increase in the city assessment for this year as compared with last year approximates \$62,000,000. The total figure after all the pruning by the board of equalization is about \$265,000,000. The aggregate of deductions by the board is unexpectedly small, being less than \$7,000,000. These figures indicate that Los Angeles is the richest large city in the world per capita. The total assessment is equal to nearly \$1,000 for every inhabitant, or nearly \$5,000 for every family. But that relates to assessed valuation, which averages about one-half the market value. The actual wealth of the city per capita therefore is nearly \$2,000, or \$10,000 per family. And the Globe, total wealth largely exceeds \$500,000,-000.-Los Angeles Herald.

# Dr. Auer's Latest Discovery.

descent lamp now in vogue. He claims to test his faith. that the light now obtained from the "What were you afraid of an alligawolfram lamp is three or four times as | tor for?" he asked him. "Don't you brilliant as that given by the ordinary know that the Lord will take care of carbon lamp, with the same consump- you? Of course you know the story tion of electricity, and what is equally of Jonah and the whale. The whale important, the life of the new lamp ex- swallowed Jonah, but Jonah came out ceeds that of the old one by many hun- all safe enough." dreds of hours. The development of The darky shook his head dubious-Dr. Auer's latest discovery seems like- ly. "Yes, boss, I knows about Jonah." ly to have a wide influence on the elec- he said, "but, then, you see, a whale's tric lighting world if not indeed to got a mem'ry. A alligatah ain't got mark a new era .- Westminster Gazette. no mem'ry. If a 'gatah swallows you

# New French Art Treasure.

With the new territories in Slam, France has acquired a magnificent collection of monuments to add to those already possessed in Cambodia and Annam. Among this crowd of edifices attesting the splendor of the ancient civilization of Indo-China the temples of Angkor take their place, like the Parthenon, Luxor and the Tajmahal, among the architectural marvels of the world. Depository of these treasures. France has the duty of preserving them. Still standing after ten centuries of existence, they are threatened by the ravages of time, the climate and by vegetation.—Paris Temps.

# Scotland's Ship Canal.

An old plan for a ship canal across the narrowest part of Scotland has been revived and is being pushed by business interests of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Glasgow has one plan for cutting the canal at a cost of \$40,000,000. Edinburgh has another, which is estimated to call for an expenditure of \$85,-000,000. Originally it was suggested that the existing Forth and Clyde barge canal should be enlarged and made into a tidal canal, without locks, at a cost of \$70,000,000. As yet the cost has barred progress, but the canal would be of great value to commerce, and it is expected to become a reality in time.

King Edward and Tipping. In his own houses the king has thoughtfuily tried to do away as far as possible—it is impossible to do away with it entirely-with tipping. which in the last years has grown to such an outrageous extent that all but rich men find it a tax to accept invitations at country houses. First to one friend, then to another, the king suggested that "tipping boxes" should be put up in their halls, rather than encourage that "promiscuous brigandage" which makes an invitation to a big country house such a terror to

#### BELIEVE IN DREAMS?

If Yes, What Would You Do In a Case Similar to This?

If you should dream that a man with whom you were acquainted killed his wife, if you vividly saw him plunge a dagger into her heart in your vision. would you tell the wife of your premonition of a tragedy?

This question has been puzzling a number of people in London. A married couple were inspecting a house which was for rent in Surrey some time ago. While the husband inspected the stables the wife remained in the

Shortly after her husband left the room, the wife said, a man and woman entered. The woman was young and pretty and in tears. The man was angry. After gesticulating a few minutes he rushed to the girl, drew a knife from his coat and plunged it through her heart.

With a loud shrick the woman who witnessed the tragedy arose and staggered to the door. She looked about her and saw that the couple had vanished. She realized she had either been dreaming or had seen a vision. When her husband returned she told him her experience. They did not rent

the house. Some time afterward while attending a reception the woman was introduced to a young lady and her fiance. She recognized the characters of her vision. Later the young couple to whom she had been introduced were married. To her dismay, the woman learned they had leased the very house where she had experienced the harrowing dream.

What was she to do? She asked her friends. They were at a loss to give her advice. The woman was convinced that she was given the premonition of a tragedy. At the same time she dreaded provoking a disagreement in case there should be nothing but a halluel-

What would you do in such a case? This would depend, of course, as to whether or not you believe in dreams.

#### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

As a matter of fact there are no very big fish in small puddles.

You can usually find a pin almost

anywhere but in the pincushion. A fool is the greatest nuisance in this world. And there are quite a few of

It is beyond some men to understand the difference between pomposity and

We have always wondered what women do with the 2 cents saved in purchasing a two dollar article for \$1.98.

Have you ever stopped to admire the self control of the man who can pick up a lead pencil without marking on something?

Every man would have a pretty fair reputation if people looked for his good qualities as carefully as they look for the good qualities of a dog.-Atchison

#### Absentminded 'Gators.

An old colored man who is devoutly religious returned to Brooklyn recent-Dr. Auer of Welsbach, the inventor ly from a trip to Florida, his birthof the incandescent mantle, has just place, and told his employer about a discovered in the metal wolfram a narrow escape he had had from an much superior filament to that of car- alligator. Knowing of the religious bon used in the type of electric incan- zeal of the darky, the employer sought

he won't think no mo' about you."-New York Press.

Simplicity's Saving Grace. "I like simplicity," said the statesman. "Simplicity saves us a lot of trouble too.

"Two men met in front of the Blank hotel the other day and fell into a political argument. They were ordinary, everyday sort of men, but one of them had an extraordinary flow of polysyllabic language. He talked half an hour, and his companion listened in a

"'And now,' the speaker pompously concluded, 'perhaps you will coincide

"The other's face brightened up. "'Why, yes. Thanks, old man,' he answered heartily, moving toward the barroom door, 'I don't care if I do.' "

#### Queer Smokes.

"Tobacco," said a tobacconist, "is one of many herbs that are smoked. In the orient, for instance, bhang or cannabls, a drug that gives one the desire to caress people's feet, gogs into loads of pipes. Some savages smoke the leaves of the wild potato and the wild tomato. These bitter leaves are narcotic. They throw you into a pleasant stupor. Pursued in, though, they bring insanity. Some of the Swiss guides smoke mountain tobacco,' a weed that grows only at great heights. This stuff produces an intoxication akin to alcohol's. Our Indians, when hard up, smoke holly and sumac leaves and the silvery leaves of 'Indian tobacco,' which every boy has chewed."-New Orleans Times-

#### An Author's Journal. Sold one poem. (Molly has just come

in to say the coal's out.) The Monthly Review paid me \$3 for two sonnets. (Jane says the gas

Have just written an article on "How To Live on One Dollar a Day." (Molly says she has got to have \$2 many humble mortals.-Grand Maga- every day this week.)-Atlanta Constitution.

#### Raising Babies by Chart. '

We let machines in the form of nurses and governesses raise our children under printed directions tacked upon the walls. And some mothers are proud of the completeness of their thraldom to these charts-actually proud because their babies are "schedule" youngsters.

One day I was shown such a charta businesslike, austere product of some pseudo scientist's brain and printers' ink.

"Isn't it complete?" said the near mother. "Read it."

I read: "Aerated milk, 9 a. m. Scraped quarter orange, 9:30 a. m. Pasteurized milk, 10 a. m. Slice of health toast, 1-16 ounce, 10:15 a. m. Modified milk, 3 ounces, 10:45 a. m. Walk eighteen steps, 11 a. m. Two teaspoonfuls distilled water, 11:15a.m." The rest of the chart was similar to

"It is complete," said I, "but I should like to edit the next one they get out."

She opened her eyes and raised her brows. (You know the way superior people, especially the recently superior kind, do it-so's you get a taste in your mouth right away as if she had handed you a grapefruit to eat without sugar.)

"By putting in a line right here," I said, refusing to be frozen by her manner. "Twelve thirty to 1 o'clock, love baby a little."

She didn't even thank me for the suggestion-actually, she didn't. Women are peculiar propositions. What? -Bohemian.

#### Interviewing a Chinaman.

I remember one distinguished Chinese who gave the newspaper men a big surprise. We knew that he was a high officer and that he had come to this country on a mission of importance, but not one of us dreamed of getting from him more than a perfunctory interview through one of his interpreters. Through a secretary we conveyed to the big man our desire for an interview. He talked with his secretary in Chinese for a few moments. and then the secretary in halting English invited us to accompany him and the chief to the officer's suit. We filed in, dropped into the seats to which we were bowed by the statesman and waited for somebody to begin.

As we besitated a peculiar smile lit the big man's face. Lying back in his chair, he cocked one leg over the other, lighted a cigar and dropped a bomb by saying: "Fire away, boys; I'm ready. But before you begin who won the boat race?"-San Francisco Call.

#### Are Metals Alive?

"Metals have life," said a metallurgist firmly-"not much life, but a little. And metals can be stimulated, depressed, poisoned.

"Platinum wire, immersed in water, gives off an electric current that may easily be measured. If you put bicarbonate of soda in the water, the stimulated wire gives off a stronger current. Put in bromide of potassium, and the depressed wire gives off a weaker current. Finally, put in oxalic acid, and the poisoned wire gives off no current at all. It will never give off any current. It is dead.

"Now, I leave it to you. If you can depress a metal, exhilarate it and finally administer to it a fatal dose of poison, have you not a right to say that the metal has life?

# A Mollified Subject.

Nollekens, the sculptor, was a man of pretty wit and of neat resource in compliment. He had at one time for a sitter a woman of great beauty, but of an extremely nervous and impatient temperament. During her sittings she would constantly change her position, and with each shift of posture her expression changed. At last the sculptor's patience gave way.

"Madam," he cried, "of what avail is your beauty if you will not sit still till I have reflected it in my model?" The sitter smiled with gratified vanity and was as motionless as a lay figure during the remainder of her sittings.-St. Louis Republic.

# "Strong Even In Death."

There is a characteristic story of an American woman formerly well known in London that will bear repeating, says a writer in London Truth. The lady is said to have written the following letter to a royal personage:

"Sir-My medical attendants have just informed me that I am in a hopeless condition. I should die happy did I know that you would be represented at my funeral. I inclose a check for £1,000 to cover all expenses."

# When He Got Sense.

Husband-Have you still the letters wrote you before we were married? Wife-Yes. Why? Husband - Bring them here. I want to burn them. I am just making my will, and I am afraid that if any of my relations see those letters after I am dead they will think I was of unsound mind.-Lustige

# Easy, but Heavy.

"I suppose it was hard work to fol-low my argument" said the lawyer. "No," answered the judge; "It was easy to follow it, but it was difficult to keep awake until the destination was

# Disappointed.

"Tommy, you've got a new little brother. Aren't you glad?"

"A brother? I thought it would be a horse. Papa promised me one for such a long time."-Louisville Courler-

A foolish consistency is the hobgobitu of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divives .-

#### OUR COIN MOTTO.

"In God We Trust" Suggested by Maryland Farmer.

To an honest, God fearing farmer of the state of Maryland is due the motto, "In God we trust," which appears on the coinage of the United States. In 1861, when Salmon P. Chase was secretary of the treasury, he wrote to him that as we claimed to be a Christian people we should make some sulta-Loans and Discounts ble recognition of that fact on our colnage.

The letter was referred to James Pollock, director of the mint, who discussed the matter in his report for 1862. Congress was apathetic, and Chase mentioned it to the lawmakers again in 1863:

"The motto suggested, 'In God our trust,' is taken from our national hymn, 'The Star Spangled Banner.' The sentiment is familiar to every citizen of our country. It has thrilled millions of American freemen. The time is propitious; 'tis an hour of national peril and danger, an hour when man's strength is weakness, when our strength and salvation must be of God."

As a result a two cent bronze piece was authorized by congress to be coined the following year, April 22, 1864, and upon this was first stamped the motto, "In God we trust." By an act of March 3, 1865, it was extended to other coins.-Minneapolis Journal.

#### Out of It.

Tom-Why aren't you going in bathing today with Miss Hautton's party? Dick-Too cold.

Tom-Nonsense! Why, this weather the water is just-

Dick-You misunderstand me. She invited me not to .- Pick-Me-Up.

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