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HERE'S A BRIGHT LITTLE BOY. But He Was Abandoned and His Supposed Father Disowns Him.

'Mamma, buy me that.' Officer Dugan, of the Brooklyn police force, who was standing at the corner of Sands and Washington streets, looked down. In front of him stood a mite of a boy. He was alone, but he pointed at the patrolman's shield and again said:

WM. D. STILLWELL, H. V. V. JOHNSON,

'Mamma, buy me that.' It was long after dark and Dugan ques-tioned the little lad as to how he chanced

to be abroad at that hour. He answered that his me was Walter Van Victor, that he didn't know where his mother was and that ear-ly in the evening papa runned way from me I could not find him again. The four-year old = station house.

where his confidence, affectionate walter van vechten. disposition and bright manners endeared him to all the club wielders from captain down to doorman. They petted bought him sweets and toys, and as they searched for the father who had "runned away," they took an extra grip of their sticks and frowned ominously.

Finally, they had to turn Walter over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. About that time one hard thinking policeman suggested that "maybe the kid did not pronounce his name right," whom she identified, had been left in her care by a man of the same name. A few days afterward—on the same day, in fact, when the child was abandoned—he took the lad away.

It didn't take the authorities long to get a grip on Mr. Van Vechten. In court he denied that the child was his, and pending further inquiry the charge of abandonment was dropped and the prisoner was held to answer an accusation of being a disorderly person. Some years ago Van Vechten, who is now aged forty, inherited \$30,000, went on a big drunk in New York and awoke one morning to find a diss man lying by his side. She exhibited a marriage certificate and the man learned on investigation that he had made her his wife the previous evening. Upon a proper presentation of the facts the union was an nulled by a Brooklyn court.

MAY TAKE EXTREME MEASURES.

Discovery of a Plot to Blow Up a Prison

The California state prison at San Quentin has been for some time the center of rumors and partly authentic statements



SHOWERING A PRISONER.

regarding the existence of a plot to blow up the building with dynamite and effect the release of the 1,400 convicts there cofined. Several days ago Warden Hale got an inkling of the conspirate, and promptly ringleaders in solitary confinement on a diet of bread and water. The suspects fused to confess, and at the next meeting of the prison directors the following reso

Resolved, By this board, after due investi-gation of the evidence adduced showing a con-spiracy to escape on the part of C. H. Thorno, Abraham Turcott, C. C. Sullivan, Charles Man-ning, H. W. Hanlon, John Wood, alias De-lancy, and George Ross, that the action of the warden in placing the said convicts in solitary confinement is hereby approved, and he is fur-ther directed to inflict such additional punishment as may be permitted by the rules and regulations of the prison if in his discretion the same may be deemed necessary and expe-

The law allows the warden to flog, trice up by the thumbs and cold shower refrac tory prisoners. It is said that if he finds it necessary he will try the cold shower When this punishment is inflicted subject is strapped, nearly nude, to what is called a "ladder" and a stream one eighth inch nozzle. The sensation is kill, maim or mark.' The most minute search has so far failed to reveal but a por tion of the arms and dynamite thought to be secreted about the prison. Whether resort to mediaval methods of torture will wring any information from the suspects is yet an open question.

Why a Bear Took to Man Killing.

The tiger is not the only East Indian an imal that loves human flesh. At a recent monthly meeting of the Bombay Natural History society Mr. Reginald Gilbert read an interesting account of a she bear which had attacked and seriously injured four or five persons in the state of Darami ing the last year Mr. Gilbert and Mr. E. L. Burton killed this bear and her two cubs on a day when she had, without provcention, attacked and killed a man as he was lying on the ground smoking. It was found, on examining the bear, that the bone of her forearm had been splintered some ore, and that the bullet was still in the flesh. The wound had closed, but as there was a good deal of inflammation it must have given her much pain, and so bably induced her to behave in an extra savage manner and take to man killing.

Rendered a Remarkable Verdict.

An East Indian jury recently had charge of a robbery case to which a number of people, part of whom had confessed, were implicated. To verdict was: "You can do what you like with the men that have The wing times to work, por every they by Dr of soften and for per

Colorado's Mineral Palace.

The mineral palace now being erected in Pueblo, Colo., will cost about \$250,-000. It will be of handsome design, the exterior being a series of square columns and beautifully polished stone. carving will be ornate. All parts of the building will be made of the products of Colorado's mines, the owners in all the counties in the state having sent in their choicest and richest specimens. In the interior will be seen every variety of mineral production from stone and coal to pure gold, the value of which will be

It is intended to be a permanent exhibit, open every day the year round, from every state in the Union repre- ods of catching the sponges are given. fair in Chicago in 1892.—New York in gathering sponges Telegram.

Devoted to One Book

Col. Fitzpatrick is a second W. H. H. Murray. He loves the fields, the brooks spends all of his spare time among them. Early last month he went down to Maine on a fishing excursion. The result of his trip he has not yet fully revealed. and that perhaps instead of Van Victor it One thing is certain, he brought back was Van Vechten. The publication of this surmise brought to the front a Mrs. Roberts, who said that Waiter Van Vechten. tongue. He may have caught a large ed at than tell a lie. So he holds his tongue. He may have caught a large number of fish. If so, he is too modest to tell about them.

'What did you do if you didn't fish, Fitz?" asked a friend. "I studied all the time."

"What did you study?" "Oh, I had a book I got in Boston, and

devoted all my time to it." "What kind of a book, may I ask?" "Certainly; it was a book of flies I bought here in a gun store."-Boston

firm in question has arranged with near- ers.

it.-New York Mail and Express.

A Remarkable Prophecy. noon that a moon would go flying across emits a most objectionable odor. be taken to an asylum. - Kingsley (Ga.) by.

Found a Centipede in Her Strawberries. and left to be soaked and washed by the preparing some strawberries for dinner when they are taken out and beaten she had a very bad scare. The berries with sticks until the decayed covering were in a large vessel of water, into is entirely removed. Having been subwhich Mrs. Furey dipped her hands, and jected to this course of exposure, soak on taking them out was horrified to see ing, beating and washing, the sponges only by a hard blow she succeeded in in the local market

Paul Pioneer Press.

Ingalls' Oddities.

hat and a mackintosh. Every other sen- -Philadelphia Ledger. ator was attired in severe black.-Cor. Philadelphia Bulletin.

Found a Skeleton in the Boller

S. D., found the bleached skeleton of a use since Jan. I, and the identity of the which opened, and the kitten disapman and how he came there is a mystery peared, but came crawling back, having that nobody seems able to solve. -St. Paul Globe

An Office Worth Having. Gossip-I wish I could be a census

Companion-Why?

Gossip-Because the law would compel every woman in town to tell me her aga. -Chicago Times.

Mr. Kerr, of Yakima county, Wash., has sent to Japan for a large quantity of tea cuttings. He intends to see what tractions, will carefully select those that can be done with that plant in his own are for him the best, and then will decountry.

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THE METHOD OF GATHERING AND PREPARING FOR MARKET.

The Profits of the Work-The Laborers Are Chiefly Blacks and Most of Them Earn Pretty Small Pay-The Sponges Sell at a Good Price However.

Consul Thomas J McLain of the United States consulate at Nassan, in the Bahama islands, in response to the direction of the state department, has furnished an interesting paper on the and its originators desire to have the sponge trade of the Bahamas, in which choicest specimens of mineral wealth the value of the industry and the meth-

sented side by side with the resources of The vessels employed in the trade are Colorado. Building stone, granite and small, varying from five to twenty-five marble are also desired. The building tons, sloop or schooner rigged, and are will be lighted by 3,000 incandescent built in the local shipyards. The conelectric lights. It is the intention to re- struction and repair of these vessels conproduce this in duplicate of design and attitute an important industry in itself. brilliancy of decoration and display, but They have small cabins for sleeping pursomewhat reduced in size, as the Colo- poses. The cooking is done on deck. rado mineral exhibit for the World's About 500 of these vessels are engaged

> The number of persons gathering sponges in the Bahamas, handling them and preparing them in various stages for market, is from 5,000 to 6,000, all of whom, except the shipowners, brokers preparing finally for shipment abroad get from fifty to seventy-five cents per day of ten hours. The amount earned by the men who go fishing depends entirely on the number of sponges

The owner of the vessel fits her out at | make head against them. his own expense, and the profits of the voyage are divided up in shares among the owner, the master and the men.

HOW SPONGES ARE GATHERED The method of gathering sponges is by means of iron hooks attached to long poles. By using a waterglass the fisher A firm on Broadway has hit upon a man can readily discover the sponges at new scheme for making money. Trans. the bottom, and then by the pole and atlantic passengers have always suffered book can bring up those he may select, great inconvenience in buying steamer leaving the smaller ones untouched. chairs at the beginning of a trip, and in Some sponges adhere firmly to the bed getting rid of them at the completion of of the sea, while others are not attached the journey. Realizing that fact, the at all, these latter being known as "roll-

ly all the European steamships to provide steamer chairs with detachable made to introduce dredges, but it was tables, which can be rented at \$1 for the found that their use was likely to ruin entire trip. The detachable table is so the beds, because in passing over the constructed that a bottle, glass, cup and bottom they dislodged and brought up plate can be fitted into it. The table is not only the good sponges, but the mighty convenient to people subject to young and unsalable ones as well, killseasickness, and there is every prospect ing the spawn and working great misthat the firm which has originated the chief. Such an outcry was raised against business will make money, and plenty of dredging that an act was passed forbid-

When brought to the vessel the sponges are at once spread upon the deck A remarkable coincidence is related in and left exposed to the sun for several connection with a blazing ball of mete-days, during which time the animal oric fire which dashed across the state of matter that covers the sponge gradually Iowa almost in an instant Friday night, dies. This is a black, gelatinous sub A man named William Spears, a prophet stance of a very low order of marine life, at Sioux City, had predicted in the after- which, during the process of decay.

the heavens that evening, and that it The vessels visit what is called the would mean that no more rain would kraal once a week to land the load from together. - New York Sun fall upon the earth. A brilliant and re- the deck. The kraal is an inclosed pen, markably bright meteor appeared, and fenced in by sticks of wood so as to al the prophet was so impressed with what low a free circulation of water through he considered the fulfillment of his it, usually built in a sheltered and shalprophecy that he became insane and will low bay or cove, on one of the cays near

THE CROP OF 1890. The sponges are placed in the kraal As Mrs. W. N. Furey, of Paris, was action of the water from four to six days,

a large centipede clinging to one of them. are quite clean and are taken on board A vigorous shake only served to make it the vessel, packed in the hold, conveyed clutch her hand still stronger, and it was to Nassau, and in this condition are sold dislodging it. Very fortunately it was Of the larger sponges a catch of 5,000

so chilled by the water it did not bite or of the smaller ones 7,500, would be her and she escaped uninjured.—Dallas cargo of from 12,000 to 15,000 large Competition in the Aerolite Market. sponges has been brought in, but this

country west of Mason City is proving a The principal varieties gathered in the source of much revenue. Telegraphie Bahamas are as follows: Boat, grass and mail orders pour in for specimens, glove, hardhead, reef (white and dark), and they are selling at from 25 cents to velvet (abaco and cay), sheep wool, and \$1 per ounce. Counterfeit meteoric spe-yellow, of which the most valuable is rimens are now numerous, made by burn- sheep wool. The total export in 1890 ng common bowlders, which are abun-reached over 900,000 pounds, valued at dant on the prairie, in a hot fire, and \$306,896. The crop of that year was dipping them in prepared liquids. -St. above the average, being really the most valuable one in many years.

Of that crop there were shipped to the United States 708,000, valued at \$236,000. At the obsequies of the late Senator Bahama sporges are not considered very Beck the picturesque Ingalls, of Kansas, good, but a ready market is found for attracted wide comment and general at- all that can be obtained, and at contention by appearing in the procession of stantly improving prices. There are no senatorial mourners with a high white indications of any failure of the supply.

A pet kitten follows its mistress all over the house when she is at work. Re-An official beiler inspector in Pierre, cently she was in an attic chamber, the blind of the window being shut but unman in the mammoth boiler in the gas fastened. The playful kitten ran across works. The boiler has been in constant the room and leaped against the blind, turned in the air and caught the edge of the gutter with its forepaws. It was a feat of remarkable quickness and presence of mind, as the little animal had a is the only exception to the rule given prise at being launched suddenly into space. - Portland (Me.) Transcript.

Very True.

There is much in knowing how to see sights. The discreet and skillful person, when confronted with a variety of atvise means to see them with the least wear and tear. But there are excitable

5PONGING IN BAHAMA, The Emperor as un After Dinner Speaker. As an after dinner speaker the en

speaks readily without notes, expresses himself with vigor, never descends to conventional commonplaces, and, above itants of central New York took a great all, gives the very best assurance that liking to an active young surveyor who his words are not prepared for him. I lived in Roxbury, a small town in Dela-have heard conspicuous speakers in Eng-land and in our own country, and, if morning and tramped over the hills and comparisons are not in this case invidi- vales adjacent to where he lived. With ons, I should say that the German em- his surveying instruments he took measperor need not fear to meet such an au- urements, made maps and found a ready dience as even a New England society sale for the product of his activity and dinner assembles. One of the prettiest brain. speeches I have listened to was delivered Although he was a small youth he had by the emperor in answering the toast to a vigorous way about him that pleased his wife in the province where she was the slow going farmers and delighted

The emperor's words were: "I desire great things in store for him, and pre-to express to you, my dearest sir, the dicted that some day he might have gratitude felt by the empress and myself | been a selectman of the village if he had for the kind words we have just heard. remained, but they forgot him for years At the same time our thanks to the and only recalled his presence when his whole for the day we have passed and identity with Jay Gould, the famous for the reception which the province has financier, was proved to their astonishprepared for us. This day was, how- ment. ever, not needed in order to assure us Robert Fullerton keeps an "old curi of the warm friendship we have found osity shop" on Third avenue near Eight-

and the woods for their own sake, and and shippers, are black people. Hands ince and chains me to her in a manner Among the treasures shown a reporter employed in clipping, washing, packing different from all others of my empire is was a letter written in 1854 by this same the jewel that sparkles at my side, her young surveyor, who could now doubtmajesty the empresa Sprung from this less cash in his assets for a round \$100, German princess, it is to her that I owe of the fact that Mr. Gould spelled "tresit if I am able to meet the severe labors pass," "barometrical" and "damage" in of my office with a happy spirit and a unique way and scattered capital let-

They are never hired by the month, nor ness at the compliment she so publicly turned to him in proper condition. do they ever get specified wages. The received. Nor did any one who listened most that can be said is that the men to the speaker at that dinner think to was "connected" with the Newburg and make a tolerable living, and the sponge question the spontaneity and honesty of Syracuse railroad showed his early longfisherman who earns over \$300 a year is the language. - Poultney Bigelow in ing for the business in which he has

Two Remarkable Marriages

Among the romances of the last century is handed down one of a certain eman who was making ready for his wedding ceremony with the lady of his choice when he learned from a frightened messenger that the lady had eloped with another lover. Not at all disconcerted, he coolly continued his toilet, and when it was completed he asked his housekeeper which one of his servants was without that excellent thing in life -a lover. Learning that the kitchen maid was the only one, he sent for her, bade her don her Sunday frock, persuaded her to accompany him to the of Judge Sherman's position would be the church at the time appointed for accustomed to respect as a judge. his wedding, and brought the simple country maiden back a peeress of the

The marriage turned out very hap-English gentleman in New York who found a young emigrant girl of his own who might throw away a begging epistle nationality who had missed her friends and was alone in the street. He asked her after a few moments' conversation if she had come to America to find a husband, and when she answered covly in the af firmative he took ber to the nearest church, and they were wedded, and are. according to the latest reports, happy

street a day or two ago, and as they unclasped their hands a small wad of pa per fell to the sidewalk. "What is this? said one of the men, stooping to pick up the wad "Oh, that is my five dollar bill. said the other man. "I made a ball of it and palmed it when I left the house in order that I would not forget to stop in at my grocer's and pay a bill. But forgot all about the confounded thing.

Do you mean to say that you have carried that wad in the palm of your hand for an hour or two without realizing that it was there?"

"Certainly: I frequently carry small articles in the palm of my hand for several hours. They never fall out, and they don't bother me. I learned the trick of palming when I was a boy, and I have practiced it ever since. I can palm half a dozen coins at the same time and retain them concealed in my

hand all day if I want to "I can eat my dinner, smoke a cigar, read a paper, and do almost everything, except shake hands, without disturbing the palmed coins, I find the palming knack very useful sometimes, particularly when I want to conceal any small article temporarily."-New York Times.

Why Ice Floats.

Did you ever wonder why it is that ice, being formed of congealed water, floats? And why, on some still lakes, it begins to form at the bottom before it does on the surface? Scientists explain these enigmas this wise: Ice is specifically lighter than water just about to glers. The Samoiede, after beating his freeze, and therefore floats in it. This is one reason why the formation of ice usually begins at the surface.

Another is its peculiar law of expansion. The general law is that cold induces expansion. this law holds good with water only to a certain point. When water has cooled down to within 7.4 degs. of freezing it ceases to contract as before with increase of cold and begins to expand till it freezes.

This expansion causes the colder portions of the water to rise to the surface. The fermation of 'ground ice" or above. -- St. Louis Republic.

He Weighed 645 Pounds

A very few old Philadelphians who were summer visitors to Milford, Pike House, and well they may, for he was one of the big men of Pike and of Pennsylvania, perhaps the biggest of his time time. He weighed, without clothes, 645 pounds, measured 6 feet in A CHARACTERISTIC LETTER.

FREE INFURNIATION AND DESCRIPTIVE MATTER

Tillamook City and County.

peror has no superior in Germany. He An Epistle from Jay Gould Written

Nearly Forty Years Ago. About forty years ago the staid inhab-

born. It was during the great combined even the loungers about the postoffice naval and military maneuvers of 1890, at and grocery combined, to whom he gave which the United States was represented "talks" on Saturday evenings.

by Commander Ward, and Great Britain When he left the township and moved away for good the local prophets saw

eenth street, where almost any queer "The bond that unites me to this prov- odd sort of thing can be discovered. soil, the type of the various virtues of a | 000,000, if he felt so disposed. In spite ters to suit himself, the letter looks thor-The words of the emperor were unex- oughly businesslike, and it may be prepected, and to no one more so than to sumed that Judge Sherman loaned the his wife, whose face beamed with happi- "level" he possessed, and that it was re-

> The fact that even as a young man he made himself known all over the world. "It's curious," said Mr. Fullerton, "but you will notice that he was not only connected with one road, but he could not rest until he had examined another route through West Settlement and Puses Brook. That he did things thoroughly is evident. The handwriting is none of your offhand affairs, but one can see the exactness with which every 't" is crossed and the care with which, after the letter is written, words were inserted to allow of no mistake. The politeness and anxiety in the last paragraph of the letter proper are also apparent, such as an enthusiastic boy could not fail to put in, knowing that a person

"He was also careful to add 'judge' at the beginning, so as to give the recipient the thrill of pleasure popularly supposed to mildly shock every person with a pily, like the more recent mariage of an handle to his name. A postscript always adds to the effect of a letter, for a man cannot resist glancing at a postscript, and the offer of pay for the use of the instrument finished the note.

"He had evidently not intended to offer any money at first, but the thought of a possible refusal and the need of another appeal probably settled the matter. It could do no harm, anyway."-New York World.

Monument Building Creature.

Mr. James Ricalton, writing of the wonderful old ruins of monuments and shrines at Anuradhapura, the City of the Sacred Bo-Tree in Ceylon, says: "From the days of the mound builders down to the Eiffel tower man has shown himself to be a monument erecting being; the Christians have their cathedrals, the Mohammedans have their mosques and the Buddhists have their shrine tombs, designated differently in different countries as pagoda, tope and

'The pagodas of China are entirely dissimilar to those of Burmah, and the dagobas of Ceylon are quite unlike those in either country; yet all serve the one purpose of relic sepulture. They are not altogether a thing of the past; they are still erected near the temples, but those of modern construction are small and unimportant when compared with those that have withstood biennial monsoons for 2,000 years; even their half buried ruins are stupendous."

Among the Samoiedes and the tribes

of northern Asiatic Russia the drum passes almost to an idol. They address it, erect it in their hut, and the priests of the superstition by the aid of the divine instrument effect that magical "disappearance" which has puzzled all travelers from Sir Hugh Willoughby downward to account for, and has given rise to as much guesswork at its elucidation as the feats of the Indian jugdrum and working up the senses of his spectators to a pitch of great excitement, mysteriously vanishes into thin air before the eyes of all. Civilized travelers naturally hold that it is a trick. The Samoiedes themselves declare that the power resides in the drum idol. The peculiar thing is that neither one party nor the other has been able to explain how the vanishing occurs --Chambers' Journal.

When Woods Decay. Tests have been made to determine the variations in the length of time that is required to produce decay in different kinds of woods when buried under the surface of the ground. The birch and aspen were both found to decay in three years, the willow and the buckeye in four years, the maple and the red beech county, fifty years ago, remember Lewis in five years, elm and ash in seven, while Cornelius, who kept the old Sawkill the larch, juniper and arbor vitæ were uninjured at the expiration of eight years. -St. Louis Republic.

> An Accommodating Employer, Charlie Youngnoodle (stock clerk)-

OUTSIDE OF THE WORLD.

MAINE COAST DWELLERS WHO ARE BEHIND THE TIMES.

The Fisher Maid of Basket Island and Natives Who Never Saw a Horse, a Train, an Engine or a Brick House.

The residents of South Thomaston are, in common with other Maine coast dwellers, rather behind in the march of progress, and it doesn't require much to startle them. The other day a steamer passing White Head blew very a long blast from her peculiar sounding chime whistle, whereat the villagers marveled greatly, but at night they were positively frightened. A steam yacht in the harbor displayed an electric reflecting light, illuminating the sea, sky and land, and not a few of the unsophisticated natives, remembering the unearthly shrieks of the strange steamer, coupled the two events and concluded that the universe was about to collapse.

The innocence of these people will not seem so very strange when it is remembered that many of the natives of Monhegan and other coast islands have never seen a horse, a train of cars or a brick house, never having set foot upon the mainland. There is a man on Monhegan island who knows the Boston and Bangor, the New York and Bangor and all the other steamers that pass the island by sight, but although nearly seventy years old, he has never been on board of any kind of a steam craft, and has not the slightest conception of an

It is not very long since a few acres of rocky soil in outer Casco bay, known as Basket island, was deserted by the only people who ever had the courage to live there-an old fisherman, his wife and daughter. These people lived in an old tumbledown rookery on the little wind swept isle, and were veritable hermits. AN UNCULTURED MAID.

The man fished, while his wife and daughter carried on the farming operations, which consisted in harve what little coarse hay the island afforded and carrying it on poles to the cowshed. They had no garden, not even a patch of potatoes, but were merely toilers of the sea. The wife had not visited the mainland for seventeen years, while the daughter had passed the entire sixteen years of her life upon the lonely spot, although the city of Portland was almost in sight.

The girl was bright, but untutored; pretty, but miserably clad. She wore The only relative she knew of outside the family circle was a half sister, who much to the surprise of some yachtsmen who once landed on the island, was able

She had picked the music out by ear passing excursion steamers. A party of picnickers who landed there found Basket island deserted. The matted grass couple of the deacons skinned the deer. was alive with field mice, and gulls | perched boldly upon the rotting window | deacons to dinner, and says he never ate

lonely fisher maiden. There is, perhaps, no more lonely spot on the whole Atlantic coast of the United States than Isle au Haut, which lies far seaward off the entrance to Penobscot bay. The name given to this island by the early French voyagers is most appropriate, for it looks like a mountain half submerged in the sea. The people are a simple, primitive set, and few of them ever visit the mainland. The island, with its fish and sheep and blueberries, is they are content.

DISCONTENTED.

Some queer specimens of humanity bird like it.

are to be found on Isle au Haut. Not Goose in long ago a yachting party went down there on a fishing trip, and after catchthey would have to wait until his wife, who had gone blueberrying, returned and milked the cows. The native led the way over rocky pastures to a dilapithe kitchen to await the return of "Ma- throughout behind the name.

The floor was scrubbed as white as a man-o' war's deck, the cookstove was brightly polished and a little plot before the windows was gay with marigolds and other homely flowers—all the result of Maria's patient industry. The ord and master sat himself down upon the doorstep and thus ruminated while busily whittling a shingle and sending up clouds of smoke from a short clay

"Times ain't as they used to be in He er Holt (the native pronunciation). Time was when a man might get a living hereabouts. Fishin was good 'n farmin consid'able good, but that's all gone now. Used ter be a good wharf in this here cove 'n a good fleet er vessils outer here, but that's all gone now. My father used ter be in trade here-had a store down there 'n sold nigh a'most everything, but that's all gone now," He said that he had been trying to sell his place -house, barn, land, cows and all, for he wanted to emigrate to Washington state. He wanted \$300 for the whole outfit, and he stopped smoking long enough to swear a great oath that he wouldn't take a cent less. This man had loafed so long that he had forgotten how to work. He seemed to feel that somehow he had been cheated-that the world owed him a living, but that the Isle an Haut was a poor place in which to collect the debt.-Cor. New York

Swallowed Fifty Knives.

There are several well authenticated accounts of knife swallowing, as distinguished from the sword swallowing feats of itinerant jugglers. In the Edin. burgh Philosophical Journal is reported the case of an American sailor, John Cummings, who swallowed at different the Discouraged Citizen of Isle au Haut. periods within the space of two years about fifty clasp knives. When he was twenty-three years of age he was on shore with some of his comrades at Havre, where he witnessed the feats of a conjurer who pretended to swallow knives. When he returned to his ship he swore that he could swallow knives as easily as the Frenchman had, and, being challenged, took his own knife and swallowed it. He then offered to swallow all the knives they would bring him,

and eventually swallowed three. This feat he afterward performed several times, and in Boston, in 1805, he swallowed in one evening no fewer than fourteen knives, after which he was taken so ill that he had to be removed to Charlestown hospital. He was afterward taken by the English ship Isis for smuggling, and on Dec. 4, 1805, he swallowed twelve knives, which terminated his career after a long and terrible illness. He died in March, 1807, in extreme agony, at Guy's hospital.

Happy Little Girls.

An interesting pair of cash girls go up Sixth avenue every evening from one of the big retail stores. There are hundreds of such girls, but this particular pair challenge observation. stunted little blond slip of a girl of perhaps eleven or twelve, the other a brn nette slip of a girl a trifle older and half a head taller. Both are thin and round shouldered and bright eyed.

The taller girl invariably carries a novel in her hand, from which she reads aloud to her companion as they walk. They go along at a swinging gait, keeping pace with the great, hurrying, 6 o'clock throng, plunging over crossings without apparently noticing anything or anybody, though the little listener looks out for both. The latter's ear is inclined toward the reader so she can catch every syllable above the roar of the street.

They seem to have a different book every day. I tried once to get a glimpse of the title, but they walked too fast for me. This much I ascertained-there was something about a duchess and an earl in the dialogue. - New York Herald.

Killed by Preacher, Skinned by Deacon Dr. Harmon Jones tells a good story which actually occurred in the early settlement of this county. During those no stockings and knew nothing of hats. days the Osage Indians prowled around in these woods, and bears, panthers and wild cats were plentiful. It was the she had never seen. Her father said custom to carry a gun most everywhere. that this other daughter lived "out There was always a few who carried west." She lived in Kennebunkport, their guns to church on Sunday morn-York county. This daughter of the sea, | ing. One Sunday Rev. Stephen Ham was preaching down on Loutrie. It was way back in the 20s. While the Rev. to play several popular airs upon an old Mr. Ham was closing his sermon with a red hot exhortation he saw a deer pass the window. He stopped preaching, after hearing it played by the bands of told his andience to keep still, picked up

Dr. Jones went home with one of the sills of the old house, while in one corner better venison in his life. Dock is now lay the dilapidated accordion which had seventy-seven years old, and has been a practicing physician and druggist for fifty-three years. He practiced medicine in East St. Louis four years and in Paris, Mo., seven years. He is the oldest druggist in the county, and came here when

(Mo.) Gazette.

The Antiquity of Geese. There is much curious amusement to be had in tracing where the foodstuffs we use and the domestic animals we eat or use, originally came from Professor their world, and within its limited circle | Max Muller, reasoning through his science of words, finds that the goose was domesticated very early, or at least some

this country was a wilderness .- Fulton

Goose in English, ganse in German; dropping the g according to the laws of language, the word becomes anser in ing enough cod for a chowder went Latin and correspondingly in Greek, ashore to procure some milk. The with the aspirate that marks the Digamyachtsmen soon fell in with a weather | ma was dropped, and so back to ansa in beaten native who was looking along the Sanscrit. Our prehistoric Sanscrit the shore, and he informed them that ancestors of the Indian fable lands, had they could get plenty of milk, but that geese. Professor Muller, therefore, concludes birds resembling them closely, though thousands of years the name has remained, varying only according to the known laws of the change of pronunciadated cottage, and ushered them into tion, and probably the Thingston the antiquity of geese. - New York Even-

The Blarney Stone.

The village of Blarney is in the south of Ireland, about four miles from Cork. Blarney castle was built by Cormack MacCarthy, the Strong, fourth lord of Muskerry, about the middle of the Fifteenth century. The ruins of the famous old fortress are visited by thousands of tourists every year. This is largely on account of a tradition which has been attached for some centuries to one of the stones used in building the castle. This stone is said to communicate to the tongue that touches it the gift of gentle, insinuating speech, and that has given rise to the accusation when any one is of particularly sweet accent that he or she had "kissed the Blarney stone."-Detroit Free Press.

A Clever Betort.

An old lady brought up as a witness before a bench of magistrates, when asked to take off her bonnet refused to do so, saying, "There's no law compelling a woman to take off her bonnet. "Oh," said one of the magistrates, "you know the law, do you? Perhaps you would like to come up and sit here teach us?" "No. I thank you, sir," replied the old lady;"there are old women enough there already."-San Francisco

It's Round Everywhere