TUPIDITY.

al Africa are de-Henry M. Stanphy as being in-tells, for examho, with another a canoe across a mpany of men to here he found the an opposite direcother for his stuin a passion of exunable to hear the ross the river, who tions to them how

ellow was generally hment because his bsurd. One day we the Kongo. Near he happened to be him stand by and seize the grass on the boat. In a little a fit place, and I . Kirango!"

ster," he replied and on shore and seized th hands while we, of pidly swept on down

roared at the ridicuertheless his stupidity en a hard pull up river. e was available for a

ANTARCTICA.

as All Europe is the olar Continent

continent has been esat least twice as large evidence of paleomeffect that Antarctica ected with the more at least with South that in prehistoric ages us convulsion of the esulted in the sinking of floor, until in some now 4.000 fathoms, or miles below the sur-

the great land mass of there is a deep ocean it off from every other earth and setting it apart more unlike the rest of in any other continent or

have proved that in the advent of man upon most southern land had or even a warmer cliare fossils, both animal ble, which indicate this. on of the rocks in Antarcof volcanic origin and voli.s. notably in the case of is, which is not yet exvast mountain range, pertime a continuation of the its in Antarctica.-American Reviews.

g In the Public Eye.

regarding what constitutes e the public may vary, but City negro who presides buffet in a certain Kansas has an opinion which is to say the least. The negro debate regarding the former's days ago. Their respective varied about twenty years, holding out for the smaller of years. been around Kansas City

ears, and you can't make me you're young," the customer

nows Ah've been in business a great many years," was the but that's not saying Ah'm old. Ah's been befoh de public so ople jest natchly thinks Ah'm than Ah am." - Kansas City

Night Light Machines.

gh the first match appeared in d as late as 1827, the idea selzenlus years before that date. dvertisement in a London Post gives evidence: "For travelers, ers, etc. Promethean fire and rus: G. Watts respectfully aclarge quantity of machines of a and durable kind, with proean fire, paper and match inclos-nost admirably calculated to prethose disagreeable sensations most frequently arise in the bour of midnight, from sudden thieves, fire or sickness."

Difference In Speech. ly-You can never tell much abou n from his speech. Belle—That's. There's Chollie, for instance, tutters terribly. He proposed to five minutes after we met, and it Jack, who is the most voluble In the world, three years.-Phil-

Spoiled the Game. We made a rule in our card co more than two prizes during the

Was it a success?" oot exactly. As soon as a lady woo prize will dropped out."—Detroit

This Life of Ours. At the end of life we discover that we have passed nearly one-half of R to being happy without realizing R and the other in imagining that we want

Joke Seller-Did you receive my bereceived the letter, but I didn't and le jokes.—Satire.

LONELIEST SPOT ON EARTH.

Tristan d'Acunha Is a Tiny Oasie In a

Wilderness of Water. When Napoleon was sent to St. Helena it was thought that the loneliest place on earth had been assigned to him as a prison. But St. Helena is 1,400 miles nearer a continent than is land and its nearest neighbor. Tristan, in short, is a tiny oasis in a boundless wilderness of waters, go from it in which direction you will.

It is a rocky and cliff girt little isle, high rearing itself from the midst Yet on this lonely speck of rock and earth there lives a community seemthe rest of the world. They are farmfields, where potatoes mainly are others. grown. The food of the people consists fowls, potatoes and fish.

Tristan used formerly to produce many fruits and vegetables which can as common among typesetters and no longer be grown there. The reason of this is that the island for a long time was overrun by rats which escaped from a ship that anchored there and which the people have been unable, it is said, ever entirely to exterminate.-Harper's Weekly.

A FORTRESS OF THORNS.

Curious Nest of the Little Brown Wren

of Central America. The little brown wren of Central America builds a nest that should be long to a bird five or six times as large as it is, and, to prevent other birds from disturbing its home while it Was Developed Long Before the it is away it builds as a protection a fence of thorns leading to it.

When Madam Wren looks for a home site, says a writer in the Ave Maria, she selects a tree where two branches lie parallel about two feet apart. Across these two branches she and her mate lay a little platform about five feet in length. Near the trunk of the tree is built a dome shaped nest about a foot in height. The sides of this nest are all interwoven with thorns.

Next a covered passageway is built from the nest to the end of the platform in as crooked a manner as possible. Thorns stick out in all directions fust as in the nest itself, and every few inches on the inside of the tunnel little fences of thorns are placed in such a way that any creature not familiar with the passageway will get badly pricked. Finally across the outer end of the tunnel is a movable gateway of thorns.

Bothered by Plurals. The Norwegian waitress who was learning English had more trouble with her plurals than with any other one thing. It seemed impossible for her to acquire the trick of putting on the letter "s" at the right time and leaving it off at others. She would invariably inquire on seeing a first help-ing disposed of, "Will you have more lambs?" or "Will you eat more chickens?" When corrected for this she would take pains to ask, "Will you have one bean?" and "Will you eat omer were engaged in a one huckleberry?" Finally the con-ate regarding the former's stant explanations of an overzealous lets. All letters were capitals. Minusmistress confused her past straightening out. There were guests staying over the week end, and Inga took the lady's order for a soft bolled egg, then the husband's for another. The girl, after a moment's besitation, walked to the dumb waiter and said to the kitchen below. "One soft boiled egg for two!"-New York Press.

> An Emperor's Strange Fancy. some men regarding the manner in ists, and they carried their art to a which their bodies were to be disposed high degree of perfection. Many of of after deal's and the ceremonies to the manuscripts of that period are very be observed at their funerals. The great Emperor Charles V. had the curious idea of celebrating his own fu neral. Shortly before his death he caused a tomb to be made in the chapel of the monastery of Estremadura, to which he had retired after his abdication, and on its completion he was carried to it as though dead. Placed in a but it saves a deal of trouble. For coffin and accompanied by a proceswere sung, prayers said and tears shed After the solemn farce was over he was left alone in the chapel, where he remained a short time before rising out of the coffin.

Why Bother About the Rest? "Does you husband carry any life in-

"I don't know." "I should think you would want to be informed about a matter that would be so serious to you."

"How could it be serious to me?" "Why, if he died you would wish to know whether he had left you anything or not, wouldn't you?"

"Oh, if he died he would leave me a the other two eguidow, and I should know that right tion."—Exchange. away."-Chicago Record-Herald.

What Interested Him. What interested me most in travels," said Henpeck, "was the mum my of a queen I saw in Egypt." erful, eh?" asked his friend. "Yes. It's wonderful how they could make a woman dry up and stay that way."—Philadelphia Press.

He-So you lost that handsome lit-tle dog you had? She-Yes, in a rail-road accident. I was saved, but the dog was killed. He-What a paty!-

The most delicate, the most sent of all pleasures consists in pro-

THE EYE OF GENIUS.

the Strain of the Nervous System Due to Defective Vision.

Much was made in the newspapers some years ago of the part bad eyes have played in the lives of great musicians and writers. What was called "the eye of genius" was illustrated in Tristan d'Acunha, Many hundred of many portraits, notably the Lenbach of miles of ocean lie between this is- paintings of Richard Wagner, in which one eye droops and is surrounded by concentric wrinkles of pain. The great composer's sick headache and insomnia, his shattered nerves and fits of violent temper, were attributed to eye with a solitary mountain 1,000 feet strain. The diagnosis has since been accepted by his biographer, Ellis, himself a physician. Similar if less con clustve cases have been made out to ingly happy in their isolation from all expisin the lifelong suffering of George Eliot, Browning, the Carlyles, Darwin ers, cattle raisers and shepherds. In Huxley. Herbert Spencer. Saizac. the valleys of the island are fertile Taine, Nietzsche, Tschaikowsky and

The straining of the nervous system for the most part of beef, mutton, due to defective vision is to be found among all who use their eves in work near at band. "The eye of genius" is proofreaders, reporters and typewriters, bookkeepers, lathe workers and seamstresses as among the master spirits of music and letters. It is, in fact, more common, for whereas the fortunate few are able to choose their time and place of labor, to find rest and recuperation when they need it. the many are held fast to long hours and endless days, with the result that they become hopeless, nervous wrecks and go blind or mad. - Metropolitan Magazine.

THE ART OF FELTING.

Weaver Was First Known.

Felt is a fabric formed without weaving by taking advantage of the tendency of hair and wool to interlace and cling to each other. Antiquarians state that the art of felting was developed long before the weaver was first known. Feiting antedates the Christian era by many centuries

Authorities state that the felting quality of hair or wool results from the natural structure of the material The bair of most animals is noticed to be more or less notched or jagged on its surface. This is the more apparent when an examination of the material is made by the aid of a microscope. In some animals there appears to be a set of barbs on the hair, and these barbs are so placed that the tip of each points to the end of the

It follows that when a number of bairs are pressed together those which lie in the opposite direction to each other will interlock with the barbs of the bair surface and resist an effort to tear them asunder. When the hair has a natural tendency to curl the interlac ing process which is called felting is more easily accomplished.

Although the felting property is pos sessed by wool in a special degree. other animals have it in their covering This is true of the goat, ox, hare, rab bit and beaver .- New York Sun.

Early Manuscripts.

The type of letters in early manuscript was the same as that of those used on cule, or small lettering, as opposed to the majuscule, was invented in the seventh century. Before its invention there was no spacing between the words. There was no punctuation un less possibly some mark between sentences. When cursive writing came into general use, about the beginning of the tenth century, the art was practiced by only a few highly trained scribes. This continued all through Strange fancies have taken hold of the middle ages. The scribes were artbeautiful specimens of handiwork and as perfect as print.

The First Lessen of an Arab Boy. The very first lesson which an Arab baby learns when he begins to talk is to keep facts to himself. It does not sound very friendly put in that way. eigners do not understand Arabs sion, he was borne along, while chants They ask them pointed questions and receive peculiar answers. They con strue the answers to please themselves and come away to tell the world that the Arabs are a nation of thars. The are not a nation of llars. Perhaps if they should tell the foreigners to mind their own affairs and let them and theirs alone the foreigners would understand them better.-Exchange.

> "Some scientist has declared that there is as much strength in three eggs as there is in a pound of beef

> steak," said the observer. "Well," replied the actor, "I met an egg once that would have eliminated the other two eggs from that proposi-

On Principle.

Bert (nervously)-I heard pa tell ma he was goin' to flog me on principle after prayers tonight. What's principle, Billy? Billy-I think it's somewhere at the back, Bert. The last time he flogged me on principle I had to sit aideways for more's a fortnight.—Lon. don Tit-Bits.

One Way to Look at It. "A man always gets on easier by taking his wife's advice."
"Tes." answered Mr. Meekton. When things turn out badly there

A busybody is always malevolent .-

en't so much seld."

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