Garlegital Frank One of the most runardable geolog-

man's body. It is a remarkable uplift of nature, which has the appearance, however, of being the handiwork of human beings One side of the mountain is almost perpendicular, and the stone columns protrude from the surface at right

angles, forming an impressive picture. Pachuca is one of the most noted mining districts in Mexico, and it is said by geologists that this remarkable spiked mountain is out of keeping with the remainder of the formation of the mineralized region.

The stone is as hard as flint and has withstood the elements for ages. The spikes form a natural battlement that makes the mountain appear from a distance like some ancient fort.

The mines of the Pachuca district are situated not far from this wonderful freak of nature, but the formation encountered in their respective underground workings is of an entirely different kind from that of the palisade .- Pearson's Weekly.

FLUNG UP FROM THE SEA.

Birth of the Bogoslof Group of the Aleutian Islands.

The first of the Bogoslof group of the Aleutian islands was born in the year 1796.

There was a great convulsion in the Bering sea about twenty-five miles north of Unalaska, and an island appeared above the surface of the stormy waters. This islet, which rose to a height of nearly 3,000 feet above sea level, was christened Bogoslof by the Russians, who then owned Alaska. It remained solltary and alone until 1882. when another volcanic eruption in the sea was followed by the birth of another island near the first.

For two years the new island was the scene of an active eruption. Then it cooled gradually and, like the first islet. became the home of seals and sea lions and the breeding grounds for sea birds

The third of the Bogoslof group was born in 1906. The "baby" was smaller than its elder sister, being about a third of a mile in diameter and with an altitude of some 600 feet, but the following year another convulsion of nature resulted in nearly doubling its area.

Since then several other islands have been born in various parts of the Aleutian chain.-Chicago Journal.

An Author's Odd Aversion.

The "stole" meal had attractions for Edward Fitzgerald, who, among his other peculiarities, hated to see people enjoying their food. On one occasion, after a man had finished a glass of wine in his company and gone out of the room, Fitzgerald remarked with disgust: "Did you notice how he took up his glass? I am sure he likes it. Bah!" Fitzgerald himself, according to his biographer, A. C. Benson, "lived practically on bread and fruit, mostly apples and pears, even a turnip, with sometimes cheese or butter and milk puddings. But he was not a bigoted vegetarian. To avoid an appearance of singularity he would ent meat at other houses and provided it in plenty for his guests. But the only social meal he cared to join in was "tea, pure and simple, with bread and

Genius and Appetite.

Sir Francis Galton held that a good appetite is one of the attributes of genius. "Most notabilities have been great enters and excellent digesters on the same principle that the furnace which can raise more steam than is usual for one of its size must burn more freely and well than is common." Scott was of the same opinion. In a letter to Canning respecting an article promised to the Quarterly Review he advises him to break the neck of it after a hearty meal, "preferably of bolled chicken." And he practiced what he preached, for, like Tennyson. Dickens. Thackeray and many other nineteenth century authors, Scott was an excellent trencherman. - London

The Romans Dressed For Dinner. A sartorial authority says that the custom of dressing for dinner began with the Romans. It was a simpler procedure than at present. A loose robe of fine material was donned for the evening meal, preferably at home. but in cases where guests came from a distance to the home of the host he kept a supply of dinner clothes on hand for the use of his guests who came unprovided.

Lawyers' Way. "I can't anderstand why those two lawyers call it a deed of trust."

"Why not?" "From the care with which they are drawing it up it is quite evident that they don't trust each other."-Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Wholesale. "Your husband is worse? Did you forget the medicine?"

"So as not to forget it I gave him the whole bottle at once."-Browning's Magazine.

Knew the Scheme. Spenditt-I say, old chap, if you would lend me \$50 1 could make \$75. Emart-How would you make the other | that a smile is alighting on your own wenty-five?-Boston Transcript.

HIS GREATEST GAME.

Mexico's Spiked Mountain a Curious The Climax of Mathewson's Fame at a

Crassall Piccher We always have believed that the ical freaks in Mexico is a mountain greatest game that Mathewson ever situated near Pachuca, which presents pitched was the eighth and deciding the appearance at a distance of being contest between Boston and New York covered with spikes. The sides of the in the world's series of 1912. He mountain are closely studded with should have shut the Red Sox out in stone columns or palisades. These col- that battle, but his team faltered and umns are five feet to twelve feet long broke behind him, and Boston finally and as large around as an average on in ten innings by a score of 3 to 2.

Marty had been the unanimous choice his comrades. He felt that it might he last world's series game he ever ill pitch, and he put into his work the cunning and skill that the year. d given him. In those ten innings

e gave everything he had, and it was

marvelous exhibition of twirling. When he entered the box his step was springy and his head held high. He looked almost boyish. When he left the mound after the game it was with bent head and lagging feet, but the Boston crowd stood up in the stands and cheered, not their team. which had just won the world's cham-

pionship, but the defeated Mathewson. Hard headed ball players had tears on their cheeks as they ran to Matty to throw their arms across his shoulders, and McGraw hurrled across to meet him from the bench, saying: "It wasn't your fault, Matty. You pitched the greatest game I ever saw."-New York

FREE FROM BEETLES.

Spitzbergen Is the Only Land In the

World Without Them. One of the most amazing things in natural history is the way in which beetles have triumphed in the struggle for existence, says the Popular Science Monthly. Of all creatures they are by far the most numerous, no fewer than 150,000 distinct species having been identified-three times the number of backboned animals.

Beetles are found practically every where-in the frost bound tracts of iceland and in the hot desert sands of Africa, on the highest mountains, under the ground and as fossil in the deepest strata, on land and in water. on plants, among stones and in wood and earth and even in the very craters

But there is one place where no beetle has yet been found. It is the inhospi table land of Spitzbergen, to the north of Russia. Here are found the mam mals, birds, fish, mollusks, crustaceans, a few insects of varied species and

many spiders, but not a single beetle. While other insects have succeeded in some way in migrating from the mainland, the beetles have apparently been unable to cross the wide, key

When Parasols Began.

Parasols when they first came into ise must have been cumbersome Henri Estienne, writing in 1578, speaks of a parasol as capable generally of sheltering four persons from the sun-And when they diminished in circumference the material still remained of and exacting nature foreclosed by strikthe heaviest. Red velvet parasols. ing her victim with apoplexy." with heavy gold fringes, were carried by ladies of fashion in the days of Louis XIV. At that time it was possible when crossing a bridge in Paris to hire a parasol at one end and deposit it at the other, the charge for the eccommodation being a sou. Under the regency fashion went to the other extreme. Men's parasols folded into the shape of a three cornered hat and could thus be carried elegantly under the arm. Ladies' parasols were hinged so that they could slip into the pocket. for ladles had pockets then .- Londor Spectator.

Seven Bella.

Everybody who knows anything about nautical matters understands the methods of keeping time at sea-eight bells every four hours. From 6 to 8 in the evening is the second dogwatch. but on British ships seven bells chaif past 7) of the second dogwatch are never struck. All other ships, even the American, strike these bells. During the Napoleonic wars there was a great mutiny in the British navy. The crews of the fleeis lying at Spithead and the Nore agreed to rise simultaneously against their officers. The signal agreed upon was seven bells of the second dogwatch. The mutiny actually began at the arranged time, but failed. the ringleaders being executed. Ever since then seven bells of the second dogwatch has never been struck on British ships, naval or mercantile.

The Misguided Friend.

De Chapple-If there's any one nutance I hate more than another it's a fellow who is always going around introducing people. There's Goodbeart, for instance. Bouttown-What's he been doing? De Chappie-The idlot! The other day he introduced me to a man I owed money to, and I'd been wing it so long he'd forgotten all about me. Now I'll have to pay up or be sued.-London Telegraph.

Serene Sarcasm. "You have completely upset my train of thought." exclaimed the irascible

"I shouldn't call anything so easily upset a train," commented his irritating wife. "It's more like a cance."-Washington Star.

A Natural Mistake. The Confused Lady Shopper-Beg pardon, sir, but are you a floorwalker? The Muddled Man Shopper-Where else could I walk? Do I look like a fly?-Exchange.

If you bring a smile to the trembling lips of another you will soon discover

ORIGIN OF PUNCHINELLO.

A Memory of the Days When Harpar's

Weekly Was a Power. In the days when Harper's Weekly was at the height of its popularity and influence it commanded the services of the foremost illustrators in America, including the cartoonists. Every once in awhile a group of these artists would become dissatisfied with the Harper parental control and would leave to establish an independent illustrated paper.

Having squandered their substance in riotous printing, these artists would come to themselves and return to the Harper home, where was bread enough and to spare. No fatted calf was killed on the return of such prodigals, but Henry Mills Alden, the veteran editor of Harper's Monthly Magazine, asserted that the house of Harper never held a grudge against any contributor. whether artist or writer, who left to try other pastures. Such was the origin and such was the end of Punchinello, a comic cartoon weekly which first appeared in New York city on April 2, 1870.

In calling attention to the fact that the first number was dated the first day after All Fools' day, Punchinello remarked: "This is cheering, since thus it is manifest that Punchinello leaves all the fools and jesters behind and is therefore first in the race for the crown of comic laurel and the quiver of satirie shafts." During its short life-less than a year-it was entitled to that honor .- Cartoons Maga-

FAILED TO LOOK AHEAD.

A Blunder That Has Brought Many a Family to Grief. In the American Magazine a writer

"A man engaged in business in one of the trades or professions is strong and healthy, and his earnings are adequate to meet the needs of himself and

family and lay a little by to combat the proverbial rainy day. "In trying to make a good appearance among his friends he lives up to his income, sells the birthright of his -family for a mess of pottage in order to gratify his vanity or procrastinating habits. He is strong, and the future

seems a long way off. "Eventually on account of accident or disease he leaves the scene of action. and his wife and a number of small children must face the gloomy days of the future unassisted by a bank account or life insurance policy simply because he failed to look ahead.

"Another man has a mortgage upon his property, and he sollloquizes in this manner: 'I shall meet the interest and next year begin paying off the mort gage.' The years pass, the mortgage is foreclosed, and he realizes when too late that he failed to look ahead.

"Still another man lived upon the principal of his physical bank account. He falled to bank energy and conserve health in the form of proper physical exercise and careful hygienic living.

Canton's City of the Dead. In Canton, about eighty miles from

Hongkong, there is a place known as the City of the Dead. There are 194 small houses, in each of which a corpse is lodged, at the rate of \$25 for the first three months and then at a reduced rate until the geomancers employed by the relatives of the dead person decide when and where the corpse shall be buried. Silk or paper lanterns and imitation fruit are hung from the roof. There are screens in each room between the door and the coffin. Tea, fruit and any other kind of food which the dead person liked when on earth are placed on an altar before the coffin each morning. There are cardboard servants standing about to wait on him with pipes or cardboard cups of tea. There are also two handsome paper females placed there to guide his spirit on the way to heaven.

Hitching to a Star. Many people interpret the familiar phrase "Hitch your wagon to a star" as being an injunction to "aim high." Emerson, who introduces this expression in his essay on civilization, meant no such thing. He says his imagination is greatly stirred by the waves. If an engine could be built which would accumulate all the power of the waves, since the tide makes the waves and the moon makes the tide, we could use this enormous power to run our manufactories and move our wagons. Thus we would "hitch our wagon to a star."-Professor John Erskine at Chautauqua.

Don't Be Envlous. Crush all envy out of your heart. The envious person is in pain upon all occasions which ought to give him pleasure. The relish of his life is lost, and the objects which administer the highest satisfaction to those who are exempt from this passion give the quick. est pangs to persons who are subject

"The fact that Aunt Jennie has a bad cold does not seem to affect her talking capacity in the least." "I noticed she had considerable hoarse power left."—Baltimore Amer-

to it. All the perfections of their fel-

low creatures are odious. Don't be

A Well Pleased Man. "Why don't you get married, colo

"I am not so cruel. It would make one happy and a hundred unhappy." Fliegende Blaetter.

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