PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Lord Rayleigh is the only senior wrangler in the house of lords

Susan B. Anthony calls Senator Peffer the most sincere champion of woman's rights in the United States senate.

Matilda Davis has been employed in a Lawrence (Mass.) mill as a weaver for 50 years. She claims to be the oldest weaver in the United States.

Jack Sweatman of Allen, Ky., coughed up an oak splinter the other day. He year 1783. says he swallowed it 27 years ago, and that it lodged in his throat and had been during the empire was a wooden instruthere ever since.

Dr. Livingston of Bennettsville, N. Y., has built up an extensive practice, not that he should have some latitude after withstanding that he had been a deaf taking a degree.—Indianapolis News. and dumb mute from the age of 3 years up to three years ago.

In his early youth Sims Reeves' voice of the trunk of a tree, was a baritone. It was not until he was 26 years old that the strength and beauty of his tenor became manifest. When from consumption in that state than first before the public, he used to sing in from any other disease. opera under the name of Johnson.

Lord Chief Justice Coleridge of England has decided that it is best that clergymen should not take part in criminal door of every customer. investigation. He declined to swear Rev. Thomas Coney to serve on the grand jury at the Berkshire assizes recently.

When Dr. Furness, the nonagenarian Philadelphian, reads Shakespeare, as he ing it into the air on a windy day. does in a way to charm the most critical audience, his son sits in the auditorium and prompts the venerable speaker by raising and lowering his hand, so that he may get his voice at the right pitch.

It was only about a dozen years ago that Bourke Cockran, the Tammany orator, used to wonder where he would get enough money to pay his car fare up and down town. Now he is the private counsel for George J. Gould and William Waldorf Astor, and his law business readily yields him \$100,000 a year.

PADDOCK AND PIGSKIN PHILOSOPHY.

It is quite a knack to get them in shape without knocking them out.

First class stock sells; other kinds do not. That is the situation in a nutshell.

"He lacks road qualities"-a common expression which explains many a low

In the race for the dollars satan makes the best time when disguised as a re-

would travel by a perfect ass must go The leading question among all horse-

men is how to make money. There is no use in denying the fact, it's money, money, money everywhere. Thousands of horses all over the country go into winter quarters fat and sleek

and come out in the spring too poor for any use. Are yours some of this number?

afford man a certain amount of physical icap, cricket (which is also used for sent after her to make the after years pleasure or to render him a pecuniary wicket indiscriminately), runs, lawn tenservice.

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The breeder who stocks his farm with producers of established reputation has Westminster Gazette. seven chances at least of success to three for the man who lets the tried mares go and fills their places with fillies better bred perhaps, but untried.—Turf, Field and Farm.

## RAILROAD TIES.

Steel rails, it is said, average 130 tons per mile; iron, 145. The first line of railroad in Norway

was opened in 1855. The Union Pacific railroad was begun

in 1862, and the first train through left for their deliverance and pushed into Chicago for San Francisco on May 1,

The fastest time between New York and San Francisco was made by a special theatrical train in 1886-3 days, 7 hours, 39 minutes and 16 seconds. An electric engine has been tried on

the railway between Havre and Paris. It was attached to a train of 13 carriages and attained a speed of 75 miles an hour. J. B. Klinke, Prussian commissioner

of railroads, who has been studying American railroad methods, is reported | Boston Herald. as saying that, while Germany surpasses this country in the construction of tracks, he finds American car equipment superior.

success in the prevention of serious results where accidents have occurred that Whether hungry or not, one should eat, these trains are much more popular is the cry. It is perfectly preposterous even with railway men, who did not at to advocate such a theory, because the first think well of taem, and a belief is moment that people take into their stomexpressed that the time is not far distant achs food that is not demanded by nawhen accommodation as well as through ture that moment they are paying tribtrains of all leading roads will be vesti- nte to dyspepsia. It is not an empty buled.

SPRING NOVELTIES.

Platinum is holding its own. Silver soap baskets for the bathtub are

produced. There are new designs in toast and

muffin racks. Italian and French renaissance forms is to eat only when you are hungry .prevail in table silver.

Tubular vases of silver are broughtout in various forms. The prettiest are like twisted horns.

The newest standard for a Farina cobling a beard of wheat, which, attached recess in the door frame holds a tiny into round cuplike base, hold the bottle.

A safety hatpin is accompanied by a plate that is attached to the under side of the hat. The hat has a dent that fixes the proper key from his bunch.—Hardin a groove in the slot of the plate. - | ware. Jewelers' Circular.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

Some geologists consider madstones as

It sometimes costs more to keep up a big reputation than it is worth,

The flail mentioned in the Old Testament is still in use in Syria, Arabia and Buckets of plantain leaves are made

by the natives of almost every tropical ountry. So far as quantity is concerned, coal stands for 85 per cent of all the minerals

extracted. The hoe is the universal cultivating tool among all nations of central Africa

Artificial ice was first manufactured by the use of chemical mixtures in the

The spade used by the Roman peasant ment tipped with iron. The college young man naturally feels

Columella says that Roman peasants leveled their grounds with a roller made

The report of the Michigan state board

A milkman's mule in Louisville returned to duty after a vacation of 12

The earliest fanning mill or winnowing machine was invented in China, and in use there for centuries, while Europeans were cleansing their grain by cast-

It is said that the value of Peruvian bark was first discovered by the fact that sick animals in Peru were observed to graw the bark of a certain tree. Men tried the same remedy with beneficial results, and quinine was given to the world.

The argand lamp was discovered by Argand, Jr., while Argand, Sr., was busy studying the problem of how to produce a good white light. The boy clapped the broken neck of a wine bottle over the dull red fisme of the lamp and the work was done.

As early as 1660 Dr. Clayton distilled coal in a retort and produced gas, which he confined in bladders and was accustomed to amuse his friends by burning this gas as it issued from holes in the bladder pricked with a pin. This was 150 years before gas lamps.

English Sporting Words In Holland. It is interesting to note that in Holland sport has so far developed that a new

paper, De Athleet, a well printed sheet, nas made its appearance in Amsterdam. There is a Spanish proverb which, be- Due attention is paid to cross country ing put into English, says, "He who athletics, and under the heading "Voetbal" prominence is given to the doings of recently visited the Dutch, are very fully reported. England being the cradle of le sport, as the French say, many of the

technical terms are untranslatable. Here are some English words in De Athleet: Cross country, interclub race, champion, partners, captain, toss, goals, backs, half backs, goalkeepers, forwards, The value of the horse of the present record score, return match, half time, day depends either on his being able to short passing, corners, pacemakers, handnis, hockey, country (for county), pneu-It looks better for a stallion to begin at | matic safety's, cycle, etc. Quaint adap-\$10 and then raise the scale to \$200 than it does to begin at that price and run the "refereeschap," are to be found, and it is scale the other way until he reaches the noteworthy that Dutch clubs are known | the shoe strapped on the outside of the by the names Excelsior, Quickstep, Spar- trunk will tell its own tale. ta. Go Ahead. Quick, Olympia, etc.-

A Life Saving Horse.

The following circumstance occurred at the Cape of Good Hope: In one of the violent storms that often occur there a vessel was forced on the rocks and beaten to pieces. The greater part of the crew perished miserably, as no boat could venture to their assistance. Meanwhile a planter came from his farm to see the wreck, and knowing the spirit of his horse and his excellence as a swimmer he determined to make a desperate effort the thundering breakers. At first both disappeared, but were soon seen on the surface. Nearing the wreck, he caused two of the poor seamen' to cling to his boots, and so brought them safe to the shore. Seven times did he repeat this perilous feat and saved 14 lives; but alas! the eighth time, the horse being much fatigued and meeting with a formidable wave, the gallant fellow lost his balance and was overwhelmed in a moment. He was seen no more, but the noble horse reached the land in safety.-

Enting. A common error of those who have to cater to the requirements of ailing peo-Vestibuled trains have proved such a | ple is the singular persistence with which they insist upon such people eating. stomach that demands food, but the stimulus of the gastric juices. When the stomach gets out of order, the secretion of gastric juice is stopped to a large extent, and to then try to force the stomach to work is like asking a man with a broken leg to walk. He can only make a stagger at it and is more than likely to add to his discomfort. An excellent rule

Fills a Long Felt Want.

Washington Star.

An inventor has patented a device for illuminating keyholes which promises to be a boon to persons out late at night. A candescent lamp, which is lighted by a push button. The light is sufficient not only to illuminate the keyhole, but to permit the late comer to select readily

## MY LITTLE KING.

I met a king this afternoom He had not on a crown indeed, A little paim leaf hat was all, And he was barefoot, I'm afraid,

But sure I am he eranine wore Hencath his faded facket's blue, And sure I am the crest he bore Within that Jacket's pocket too

For 'twas too stately for an earl-A marquis would not go so grand-Twas possibly a czar petite. A pope, or something of that kind.

If I must tell you, of a horse My freekled monarch held the rein. Doubtless an estimable beast, But not at all disposed to run.

And such a wagon! While I live Dare I presume to see Another such a vehicle As then transported mel Two other ragged princes

These sovereigns over took. I question if the royal coach Round which the footmen walt Has the significance on high Of this barefoot estate!
—Youth's Companion.

His royal state partook -Doubtless the first excursion

His Plaintive Plea.

He had loved her very tenderly and for a long time, but she had scorned of health shows that more people die bim. He was no worm either, for he would have turned when trod upon, but she recked not this. . It was enough for her that she did not care for him. This is usually enough for any woman; also months recently and remembered the for any man when the boot is on the other foot, for of such is the kingdom of\_Cupid.

His condition had at last become un searable to him, and he resolved to win all or lose all. It was late one evening when the fateful moment came.

"Will you marry me?" he asked ber in pain, untrimmed English, for he could trust himself to nothing in the orna nental line.

She spurned him scornfully. "No!" she replied, with sarcastic, hate-

ul, cruel emphasis, "No!" The word pierced the heart in his bosm. His lips quivered, and at first he rould not speak.

'Have you uo more to say?" he acked at last plaintively. "No, sir," she replied. "What more ould I say?"

Again he shrank at the cruel thrust-"I didn't know," he murmured tremu lously, "but I think you might have said No. I thank you.'

Then he fled away so weary with disasters, trigged with fortune, that be would set his life on any chance to mend it or be rid of it. - Detroit Free Press.

A Custom That Is Very Old Indeed. A bride made the confession to a group of young women who gathered around her after the wedding ceremony and the congratulations had been said and owned up to having worn a yellow garter for two years, that she had counted English clubs in this country, while the stars and carried out the various matches of the Felixstowe club, which bits of lore that are prophetic of a speedy marriage and happiness ever after.

She wore something old and something new, ething borrowed and something blue on her wedding night, and, moreover, wore a silver coin-a Columbian half dollar-in her shoe. She was showered with the usual amount of rice when it came time to get into the carriage and drive away for the honeymoon trip, and had old shoes and good wishes enough joyous ones if they all hold good, and moreover, when she opens her trunk and traveling bag and the bridegroom opens his umbrella enough rice will come to light to make their first rice pudding, and

It is strange how much enjoyment one gets out of such harmless things, but the justom lasts, and the older it grows the more rigidly it is adhered to -Buffalo

What She Would Do. Every one has noticed the growing height of each successive year's bevy of debutantes, and the younger generations promise to be quite as tall if not taller than their predecessors. "Is it possible you are only 12?" said a small woman to a little girl who was more than an inci. taller than herself: "How big you are! "Oh, do you think so?" answered the child. "Why, my friends consider me quite short. They are nearly all of them taller than I am. "Food gracious!" ex claimed the little woman in dismay

your head!"-Chicago Tributs. The Great Mistake Columbus Made. Schoolmaster-Why was it that his great discovery was not properly appreciated until long after Columbus was

"What Brobdingnagians you will all be.

and how will you get partners? If you

were my child, I would put a brick on

dead? Nineteenth Century Schoolboy-Be cause he didn't advertise, sir. - Loudus Tit-Bits.

Natural.

Castleton-I hear you are engaged to Miss Biggerolle, the girl you went horse buck with so much last summer . How an earth did you manage it? Summit-I couldn't help it, old man We were thrown together so much .-Truth

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Booth had proved keen and bright, anxious to learn and to please the star actress. At rehearsal he said: "Miss Davenport, how shall kneel in the death scene?"

"Be sure to kneel before me, so that I can look down upon you," was the reply. . The story of the performance

should be told in Mrs. Lander's own words.

"The evening came. The opera house was packed. My boy, to the astonishment of all, played with the very soul of genius. He fairly trembled with emotion. He forgot all my careful directions and acted his part with the self forgetfulness and abandon of an old actor whose intuitive knowledge is sufficient to him, I came near forgetting myself in the admiration I felt for my tover-my boy lover. The death scene came, and Armand was missing. I looked behind me, and there, instead of kneeling at my feet with his head before me, he had bowed himself in anguish on the back of my low couch. There was no time to move to speak or change a word or a post tion. I simply turned so I could look at him. His stricken attitude was pitiful. Never had I seen grief so naturally portrayed. I was carried out of myself. I stretched my arms toward his bowed head, and the house rose with applause. He lifted-his face to mine, and I mounted aloud from real pity and pain."-New York Sun.

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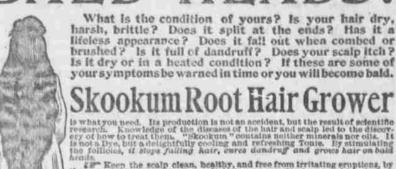
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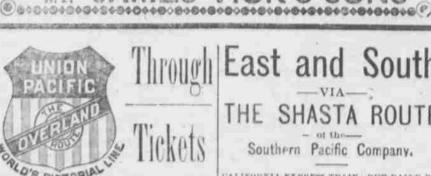
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