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a contain the last letters of a e pathos of them is not obscured by the absurd inadequacy of the reasons which they only too often advance for selfdestruction.

In fact, the intensity of the mind's emotions is often greater when the troubles are small, so curious is the mental state of those bordering on aberration.

a new alloy brought forward in Germany as Not very long ago a Baron shot himself in a Livonian watering place, and his reason was that "life was too monotonous"; and a young man killed himself last year in a Liverpool hotel, having written on the back of a map, "This is all through love. God forgive me. Good-by."

Infinitely more touching was the last let-ter of the girl at Highfield. She spoke of her "premature and self-willed death," and

"I feel as though I want to be far away from everybody, and I know very well they can see by my face how miserable I She "felt as though she was going mad,"

but she did not forget others. "Tell - my last prayer was that he would forget me and try to forgive me. love him still with all my heart, but I can never marry him in this state of mind. Let him read this, and tell him I hope he will get some brighter and happier girl to be his wife." Strange, morbid fears seemed to beset her, and to escape them she died.

An octogenerian General left a letter lately defending the prepriety of his suicide.

"When an individual life has run its cycle and become a waste of nature in the body, overwhelming its mental and physial qualities with weakness and pain to an intolerable degree, it may, with all pro-

"Such being the case with the life of the writer, his apology to the world is by these terms made through his most beloved and most intimate friends, who he trusts will appreciate the relief to him from ceaseless distress, which, in his opinion, ought to be brought by the physician who is summoned with his drugs, surely for that purpose but not for cure.

A caretaker hanged himself, and his last letter said : "I have got to leave here, but I have no money to pay for a room and nowhere to lay my head.

A Bermondsey grocer had not so definite a reason as hopelessness.

"Break it gently to my poor wife," he wrote. "I cannot fight the battle of life any longer. My poor head is bursting. I hope the Lord will provide for her and my poor

suicides' letters equal that of an English ac- geance. countant, who took sulphate of morphia in a Chicago hotel three years ago. He

him to pay Hallowell, between State and brain to have had a very high organiza-That, I think, covers my whisky bills.

tem did not pull together. With kind re- ercised. gards to the boys, who tried so hard to make a bad egg good, I am yours in death, Dick--as well as in life.

It is a sorrowful yet altogether profitless branch of investigation, this; and it is a sad fact that the opportunities for it grows every year. -Boston Globe.

GOOD FORM AMONG BRIGANDS.

The True Bandit Thinks it Infra Dig to Commit Ordinary Robbery.

whom he and his family are at feud and of a second. bids him send a certain sum by a given date or take the consequences. The Belle Coscie band, especially during the last twenty years, have acted as if the country around belonged to them. They have almost always insisted on sharing the profits of any undertaking which they may have seen going forward.

Some few years ago the maire of --- obtained a concession of the right to fell a certain number of trees in the forest of Vizzavona. The Bell Coscie heard of this and demanded a share in the profit. The NEWSPAPER candid opinions, as we have many already and demanded a share in the profit. The maire indignantly refused, but the two bandits said: "Then we will shoot anyone who attempts to cut down a single tree !" It was so certain that they would do it that the trees were left standing. At length the maire began to think that half a loaf was better than no bread and yielded. That has always been the way. Everyone has yielded, and though expedition after expedition of armed men has been sent to the mountains to capture the two Belle Coscies and though the gendarmes have been eager for the honor and reward attensurance Company of London, England dant on success there has been no success. Capital \$1,2.0,000. Liberal policy-Bonus Antoine Coscie has waited until the time every five years, \$5 per nnum secures \$5 during which the law prosecutes for murder weekly compensation nd \$1000 in the is passed; Jacques will do the same, and a governing family in Corsica will have been

> A LLANS. MACDONELL, BARRISTER Berlin papers, has come forward with a white, and will whip any four-footed anisomewhat startling proposal. This is nothsomewhat startling proposal. This is nothsomewhat startling proposal. ments with moneyed institutions, and year's service for girls. She suggests that ments with moneyed institutions, and private capitalists in Toronto, Peterboro private capitalists in Toronto, Peterboro spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks, so their sisters chair in the flower-hid conservatory and spend one year in barracks. should be compelled to spend a year in inhaled a gentle breath. "Oh, Miss Genekindergarden, creches, kitchens, hospitals, vieve," he murmured, "what is that faint, and factories, to which they should give mysterious perfume that scents the evening must be greatly multiplied to give work to "Mr. Staylate," replied Genevieve ab. many hardships in war and prison life, died their services. Of course these institutions air ?" and troop, so the girls might be allowed 'o fast becon and coffee,"

and be granted at the end of the year as to work and conduct. Those who desired to stay on, and show the necessary talent, The Greatest Works in the World and could be promoted and allowed to direct the one-year recruits. Frau Lange considers that this year of service would form and strengthen the character of girls as no family, school, or social life could. She deplores greatly the way in which German girls of the better classes spend their time in 'energetic or lazy doing nothing."

Peculiar Properties of Manganine.

The name of manganine has been given to

a material of great resisting power, and which consists of copper, nickel, and manganese. The specific resistance of this article is given as forty-two microhm centimeters; that is higher than that of nickeline, which has hitherto passed as the best resisting metal. Another advantage of manganine is its behavior under variations of heat, the resistance, it is claimed, being affected only in a minute degree by high temperatures. On this account it is adapted to the manufacture of measuring instruments and of electrical apparatus in general, those which are required to vary their resistance to as slight a degree as possible under different degrees of heat. A further interesting fact is mentioned-namely: that while other metals increase their resistance by the raising of the temperature, that of manganine is diminished. -Ne v York Sun.

CURIOUS FOREIGN CASES.

Bristles Convey the Plague-A Dog Saves

A brush manufacturer of Lille, France, recently imported a quantity of bristles from Persia. One of the workmen employed in sorting these bristles was suddenly taken ill, and died in 24 hours; while fourth miles long; begun 1879; opened, four of his companions employed in the 1881. same workshop died on the following day. The Minot Ledge lighthouse is of gran-A medical examination disclosed the fact ite, height 88 feet, the lower forty test that all the victims bore marks of the erup- being solid. tion characteristic of the Asiastic plague, and boils, which are one symptom of the terribly malady.

Rescued by a Retriever.

The other morning a number of children were playing on the towing path of the Thames, near London, when a girl fell into long. the water. A gentleman happened to be The Brooklyn suspension bridge is 5,862 dog, and being himself unable to swim at feet high once persuaded the animal to jump into the river to the girl's rescue. The dog seized cisco the child by the dress, and brought the little used. girl in safely to the shore.

Peasants of Palermo.

A curious trial is about to begin at Palermo. The prisoners are two peasants who poured a quantitiy of corrosive sublimate | 000. "A Warwickshire tradesman was "un- into a chalice used by the priest of a church able to bear it any longer," but his letter during the celebration of mass. The requested an accountant to "go through his priest drank from it and died shortly after- 1843. ward on the altar steps. The motive of the But, for almost flippant indifference, few crime is believed to have been personal ven-

A Historian's Brain

Professor Marshall's examination of the Dear Charlie-Goodwin promised to brain of George Grote, the historian, releave \$3 that he borrowed from me at the veals a general richness of convulsions or hotel, but did not do so. Will you tell folds and of grey matter, showing the ings. Wabash, 40 cents, and Newfelt 25 cents. tion. The grey matter is composed of nerve cells, and is fundamentally, the ill-impor-I will my carcass to some medical institutant part of one's brain, whereof one tute for them to try and find out why the frontal or forehead lobes are certainly the mental and physical machinery of my sys- regions by which intellect and mind are ex-

An Electrical Cat. A half-wild cat called "Michon" belongs to Dame Gais, of the Carnier Mount, near

Monte Carlo. It gives off countless bluish sparks with every movement of its body, and stroking it increases the electrical dis-

The Flight of a Cannon Ball.

The well-known scientific photographer, Anschetz, of Lissa, has for some years been experimenting in making photographs of Bandits have friends in every village who the flight of cannon balls from the instant supply them with what they want, and they leave the muzzle of the gun to the those who have only taken a life or two out time of their striking the object aimed at. of revenge are not regarded as criminals. After many attempts and failures he finally We have seen a girl scarcely out of her succeeded in obtaining highly interesting teens flash up with anger if anything were results, not reaching what he called the said against the vendetta and exclaim: acme of perfection, however, until 1890. "Que voulez-vous? On j'aime pae tuer, The plates of this last mentioned experimais si on a tue les votres!" Being told ment were submitted to Dr. Koenig, of the it was a crime to take life, she shrugged Berlin University, who was able to make her shoulders and said : "Que ne tue pas therefrom the long sought practical calculaquelquefois?" A bandit in Corsica never tions. From figures thus deduced Dr. robs anyone, but the Saturday Review says Koenig established the fact that the prothat if he wants money he gets it, not by jectile photographed has been passing plundering rich tourists nor by stopping a through the air with a velocity of 400 diligence—this would be thieving and alto- meters per second, and that the duration of gether beneath his dignity. He writes a the light thrown on the pnotographic plates strongly worded letter to some person with had not exceeded the ten-thousandth part

> To Prevent a Cow From Sucking Herself. The best device to prevent a cow from sucking herself is to cut her throat. There are devices, such as yokes, halters and bands

diversion. The bull-ring is in the center of fight. Very few fines are imposed, for the Carrington. Mexican bull that won't fight is almost a rara avis. They are rather small, have a dash of Durham in them, are fierce as Compulsory Service for German Girls hungry tigers, and have horns like a Texas Pasha, the African explorer, who was the Frau Helene Lange, according to the steer. They are chiefly red, or red and

He Went Away.

all. As youths may choose their garrison ruptly, "that is the mingled odor of break- to make way for Emin, who declared his

ENGINEERING FACTS,

When Constructed.

The Romans built the first dikes in Hol-

In 1880 there were 5,814 lighthouses in

The first coast light in the United States

was in 1673. The first Eddystone lighthouse was erected in 1758.

Asphalt pavements were first laid in Paris in 1854. All twisted boring tools are of American

The diamond drill is pointed with black The total cost of the Suez Canul exceeded

\$20,000,000. A tunnel between Dover and Calais was proposed in 1802.

The coast survey of the United States was begun in 1817. Roebling's railway bridge at Niagara has a span of 821 feet, with 59 feet deflection.

long, having two arms incosing the en-Pontoon bridges, with copper pontoons, were invented by the French about 1672.

The Cherbourg "digue" is 4,120 yards

At the beginning of the eighteenth century all European armies had pontoon

trains. The weight required to crush a square inch of brick varies from 2,200 to 4,500 pounds.

Gunter's chain, used in measuring land, was invented by Edmund Gunter in 1606. The great aqueduct which supplied Carthage with water was seventy miles long.

There was a madiaeval association of engineers called the "Brethren of the

Bridge."

A pneumatic dispatch tube thirty inches in diameter was laid down in London in

A light suspension bridge was built at Niagara Falls in 1848 and removed in 1854. In A.D. 105 Trajan built a magnificent stone bridge across the Danube 4,770 feet

passing at the time with a large retriever feet long, 1,595 feet central span and 135 In blowing up Blossom Rock, San Fran-

cisco Bay, 43,000 pounds of explosives were The caissons of the St. Louis Bridge were sunk, in one case, 120 feet through the

There are eighty miles of tunnels in Great Britain, their total cost exceeding £6,500,-

A tunnel under the Thames was proposed in 1799; the present tunnel was finished in The most noted lighthouse in the United

States is at Minot's Ledge, in Massachusetts The cost of the Union Pacific was re-

ported as \$112,259,360, an average of \$108,-The excavation of Hell Gate reef was attended by 21,000 soundings and 8,000 bor-

The Croton aqueduct in New York surpasses all modern engineering efforts of this

The first lighthouse in the United States was built on Little Brewster Island, Bos-

Ventilating machines are a necessity in coal mines to overcome the effects of noxi-

The Eads jetties are regarded by engineers as a greater triumph than the St. Louis bridge.

The theodolite was first constructed in the seventeenth century, by an unknown

The giant statutes of Rameses were placed in position by rolling them along greased planks. The receiving reservoirs of the Croton

aqueduct have a joint capacity of 1,180,-000,000 gallons.

Including commissions and interest, the total cost of the Croton aqueduct was \$12,-

A railway tunnel under the English Channel was projected in 1869; charter refused by Parliament.

The "digue," or breakwater of Cherbourg is one of the boldest engineering feats ever The preliminary surveys for the Pacific

Railroad required four seasons, and cost Civil engineering became important about 1650, when Smeaton began the Eddystone

The Great Levels in East England, 2,000 square miles, have been recovered from the

Cornelius Vermuyden, the Dutch Engineer, was invited to England in 1621 to embank the Fens district.

Rumored Honors for a Colonist,

There has been some talk in official with sharpened spikes tied around the nose, circles in England about raising Sir Henry but they only serve as preventatives. As Parkes, the Australian statesman, to the soon as they are removed, no matter how peerage. The only difficulty in the way is long the cow has worn them, she resumes that Sir Henry is not "overwhelmingly the old habit. Sell such cows to the rich." This difficulty is said to be insurbutcher and do not breed and rear heifers mountable. Before Millais was created a baronet Gladstone questioned Woolner as to the painter's worldly effects. Woolner, A writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "I spent last winter in Monterey, where bull-fighting is the principal Sunday where bull-fighting is the principal Sunday days afterwards. When Wentworth made provision in his constitution bill of 1844 for the city, and is controlled by the priest hereditary titles, indignation meetings were who officiates at the cathedral hard by. From the tower of the cathedral he watches were made, and jibes were flung at the the sport. Every Sunday afternoon and evening during the winter season the Sir Henry Parkes himself, who is an Imperbull-ring is thronged, for your Mexican ial Federationist, believes that a "colonial city, the managers of the show are is progressive and now combats Taurus by weaken the ties that connect the mother electric lights. The sport is uniformly country with Australia. It is, however, mulcted in the sum of \$50 for every buil the popular belief in the colonies that a they introduce into the ring that refuses to new-fangled order is being hatched by Lord Romance of Emin Pasha.

A pretty little romance is told of Emin cause of Henry M. Stanley's expedition. tell his love, it was so deep that no other Young Mr. Staylate sank back in his woman has ever shared it. He retire from marry. Long years after, while attending the wife of Ismail Pasha in his professional capacity, he found in her his former love. The result was the old story. Ismail, after