While strawberries are throwing out runnersearth between rows should be kept very en to keep continually sounding. loose, and all the grass and weeds removed Tuesday morning at 3.30 the from around the old plants, even if it become necessary to hand pull them out, as the strawberry needs plenty of moisture, of which it is deprived when the rows are thick with weeds.

The Field and Farm says: "We predict that Colorada will have three million pounds more wool in 1888 than it had in 1887. The flocks have been increasing, and the young sheep coming on are an improvement in breed over the older ones. The two-yearold half-breed Merinos will many of them clip eight and nine pounds."

The Indians had no almanaes, nor any But their rule fer planting corn was a very attack. simple and good one, and that was when the leaves of the hickory or butternut were of the size of squirrels' ears. At this time the ground has become warm enough to germinate the seed and push it forward. Corn is a semi-tropical plant, and more impatient of cold than the smaller grains.

Mr. Powell, in Mass. Ploughman: "All I ask of farmers is that they try the old Dominique fowls. They are good layers, good sitters and good fowls for the table." ---Prof. Johnson, Mich. Ag. College: "After repeated trials with many of the socalled new and improved varieties of oats, I am compelled to say that, in my judgment, to board the San Pablo, which was fast settrees. He learned that if a board be placed making a better tree to transplant .-"Ownership of a garden promotes temper-

ANXIOUS TO RE HANGED.

Farm Journal: "Now, good woman, be

sure and take an afternoon nap every day.

ance, as idleness supports the saloon."-

This will keep the second wife at bay."

Go to Meet His Victims.

Charles Henry Riedel was convicted of murder in the first degree before the courts of New Castle County, Del., for the brutal killing of his wife and young son in September last. The trial was begun on Monday but they found only the hulk, burned to the last and the prosecution was able to fasten the crime upon the prisoner directly and to prove that he had frequently confessed to pirates lost their lives in the fight with Capt. committing the deed. The defence set up the plea of insanity and established its claim to the evident satisfaction of the Court, as inferred by the charge of Chief Justice Comegys, through the testimony of local physi. into the hands of the pirates but fof being cians and experts in nervous diseases and drowned in the water which was filling the mental disorders. In view of the Court's in. | ship. struction the verdict was a great surprise.

The murder was perhaps the most brutal crime ever committed in the state. Riedel and his wife were weavers, and had been employed in the Arlington Mills, of this city. The latter was in a delicate condition, and was laid off by her employers, and the hus mill bosses, but never took any steps toward carrying them into execution. The day of the murder he spent with some friends in Philadelphia and returned early in the evening with his wife and son. After they had gone to bed he left the house, procured a last my husband earned 13f. (11s.). He had pistol, and returning while they were sleeping soundly, pressed the weapon against their foreheads and blew out their brains. He then attempted his own life, firing two bullets into his head, but while neither served to produce fatal results, they rendered him unconscious and made him helpless.

After his arrest he freely confessed the crime and gave as his excuse that he had de- day in the pits began at 4.30 or 5 a.m., and termined to take his own life and did not closed at 11 p.m., for which she received want to leave his wife and child alone and | 1f. (80c.) to 2f. unprovided for in this world. Riedel heard the verdict of the jury this morning without | but she only earned 1f. 50c. (1s. 3d.) the slightest sign of emotion or feeling. He sat unmoved when his doom was pronounced, nourishment do you have? Do you often but did not betray the least indication of take meat?" fear. A fter he had been returned to his cell he coaversed freely with Your correspondent, and expressed himself delighted with the finding of the jury. It was just exactly as he had desired, wished and hoped with the fruit every morning; I cannot for, and requested that his counsel be noti- afford coffee. fied to urge the Court to fix the execution for the earliest possible date. The con- had spent his life in the pits, why no effort demned man is anxious to be reunited with had been made by them to bring their conhis murdered wife and son, and fears there dition before the notice of the publicmay be some delay through the formalities of the court which may postpone the joyful- said he, "but I know that I should be disly anticipated meeting. During the inter- missed if I told any story about the works. view he expressed the deepest love for the My comrades have urged me to speak for victims of his crime and regards the State's | them, as I have had so long an experience. taking any cognizance of the affair as a piece | But I was afraid to do it." of unwarranted interference. He holds to the theory that his wife and child were his own exclusive property and that his right to earn the sum of 2f. 50c. a day. to make whatever disposition of them he desired should be unquestioned.

Task.

Speaking of Sir Morell Mackenzie, a writer in Life, London, remarks that few

A Fight With Pirates.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2 .- The steamer City of Peking, which arrived from Hong very fine and simply place them on the row, Kong and Yokohama yesterday, brings adslightly pressing them down, leaving the ditional information in regard to the wreckgreater portion of the tops above the sur- ing of the steamer San Pablo, near Turnface. Where onions are cultivated in large about Island, in the Channel of Formosa a follows :- On Monday evening the vessel ran into a thick fog. He kept the ship on her course, though precautions were tak-Pablo struck a sunken rock ten miles speeds are mythical. north of Turnabout. It was impossible to tack the ship off, as the two holds and coal bunkers were filled with water and there was danger of the vessel capsising. It was decided that it was hopeless to attempt to save the steamer or cargo, consequently the passengers and crew took to the boats and made for Turnabout Lighthouse, whence they were conveyed to Shanghai. Just before the lifeboats were ready to be lowered a swarm of Chinese piratical junks came from the neighboring mainland. The queerlooking vessels sailed in line of battle, and Capt. Reed, realising the danger his charges means of knowing the day of the month. were in, made preparation to repel the THE PIRATES,

however, came in such overwhelming numbers that before any demonstration could be made on board the spiking vessel the pirates were climbing up the ship's sides. They were led by a man armed with a cutlass and a large revolver. His shipmates were also very heavily armed. Capt. Reid passed revolvers and guns among the passengers and crew and after a furious fusilade the Coolies were beaten off. They rallied, however, and made a second and

MORE DESPERATE ATTEMPT

not one of them is superior, if equal, to the tling in the water. Some of the pirates common white oat for general cultivation. gained the main deck in spite of the gallant In yield and quality of grain and straw, it stand of the passengers and crew and were has year after year made a most favorable swarming toward the promenade deck, changes of the day is the setting aside of he said. showing in comparison with any of the new where the detenders were busy firing and steel and the readoption of iron for some of and much advertised sorts." Has Prof. reloading, when Capt. Reed brought the the most important parts of locomotives on Johnson ever tried Schenen? --- New ship's hose pipes into requisition. The long many railroads. It isonly comparatively an England Farmer: "Dr. Geo. Bowen, of coils of hose were manned by the crew and few years since the change was made, on Woodstock, Connecticut some years ago be- instantly the pirates were again put to most roads, from iron to steel. gan experiments in a small way in planting flight, the torrents of boiling water from the the nuts and seeds of our native forest pipes sweeping many of them off the decks into the sea. The Coolies then beat a rein the bottom of the trench in which the treat, and drawing their vessels up in line seeds are planted, the would-be tap-root cruised half a mile off the sinking vessel will be turned from its downward course with the evident intention of waiting for its and will become more branched and fibrous, abandonment. During the fight Capt. Reid imprisoned all the Chinese among his crew, with the Chinese passengers, in the forehold for fear they would aid their countrymen. As soon as possible the passengers, mail and specie, were put into the San Pablo's boats, and then all bore away for land. When by having the Government establish deposionly a short distance from the wreck they taries of money at all necessary points, to grouped around almost as near. saw the pirates set sail and rush upon the loan money without interest to all who can Pablo. They clambered over the ship's sides give security. with grappling hooks and were soon masters of one of the finest boats that ever sailed the A Murderer Who Says He Longs to Die and Pacific. Whether by accident or design, they soon

SET FIRE TO THE SHIP,

and when last seen smoke was pouring from the wreck in great clouds. In alfew days will be cool enough to examine. tugs were sent to the relief of the San Pablo, water edge and stripped of everything valuable. It is estimated that at least a score of Reid and his men. During the battle the women and children who were on board the San Pablo sought the staterooms, where they were in constant fear not only of falling

Labor Troubles.

Here are some suggestive facts taken by an English paper from the report of the was likely to die. Belgian Commission of Inquiry into the material condition of the working classes :-

band, taking umbrage at his wife's discharge, to questions: "My work in the coal pits digious family, which had recently been ineral occasions to shoot two or three of the between 9 and 11 at night. I load from 60 begins at 5 o'clock in the morning and ends to 70 cars every day, and I earn 2f. (20d.) a day. I went regularly to school from my 8th I never expect to !" Then he fled. to my 12th year. I could read once, but I have forgotten it all now."

A married woman said: "The week before never earned a larger sum in a week. It is impossible for us to live upon such a wage. When I have bought our food and firing the whole wage is spent; it is not enough to cover rent and clothing."

The mother of a family replied: " I scarcely know the taste of meat.'

Another young girl said that her working

A younger sister left off work at 6 p.m., The president asked each of them, "What

One girl replied : "Three months ago we had some meat on our table; I have never

tasted any since." Another said: "I take a bottle of water

The president asked an old workman, who

"I would gladly have given evidence,

His present wages are 2f. a day (1s. 8d.). When he was younger and stronger he used

The president enquired if he found regular wages or piecework the more profitable. "The day wage is miserable," said the old man, "but piecework is no better, for SSr Morell Mackenzie's Arduous if the overseers find that the man earns more by piecework the terms are at once lowered."

Boston Budget: This nation, since its let containing eight rooms and an acre of his mouth and that was the last I saw of people except the initiated can have any idea | birth, has owned 900,000,000 of acres of land." of the arduousness of the duties which his posi- available public land. Nominal settlers have "What," said a lady, "do you think of tion at the German Court imposes upon him. only had one-third of it, though about 160,-To all intents and purposes, the gifted spe- 000,000 acres have been turned over to the cialist is a prisoner at the palace, for confi. states. The railway kings have gobbled dence placed in his skill is so great that the more than one third of this magnificent do-Emperor and Empress cannot endure the main, mainly through corrupt legislation. thought of his absence from their immediate We are glad to note the determination on cutting open the shirt of her husband who vicinity; and when, in addition to his cease. the part of our present government to right less attention, he is daily subjected to the at least a small percentage of these wrongs. most venomous and unmerited attacks, it Secretary Lamar has already ordered the can be easily undertood how great is the restoration of nearly 30,000,000 acres o fat bride to her husband. "It's too sug. Water Colorists. England's leading woman

MISCELLANEOUS.

The lumber cut on the Machias River, Me. is larger this year than for ten years past. Ishmael Weaver, a colored man, who died at Barnsville, Ga, recently, was the father of seventy-two children, of whom fifty-two month ago. The captain's statement is as sons were ablebodied farm hands when he showing me something of his skill.

> A scientific journal says that there is no properly recorded instance of a railroad locomotive ever attaining a speed greater than eighty miles an hour, and that higher

> The Zilvern Kruis, the first Dutch manof-war to enter the Golden Gate in fifteen years, is lying off San Francisco. She is a training ship, on her way to Japan, China, and the Dutch colonies in India, where she will make a prolonged stay.

> Miss Kate Bishop, an actress in Australia, wears a silver bracelet on the left arm night and day. Her only sister locked it there before she sailed for America to get married. The ship went down with all hands, and the key is with the drowned girl.

> Seven-year eld Willie McConnell of San Francisco found a bottle of whiskey and tasted the contents. He liked it, and drank over half a pint. He became tipsy, then ill, and in a few hours died in great agony, in spite of the best efforts of a good doctor to save him.

Harmony, Me, is excited over the report that Chesley Bean, who quit Harmony fortyseven years ago, and has never been heard of since, had recently died in Texas, leaving 11,000,000 worth of property, His sistes and two nephews are the only heirs known.

The hard soda soaps are preferable to the soft potash soaps for toilet purposes, as the quality of all soaps depends upon the character of their constituents and the thoroughness of their saponification. Good soaps most not contain free-alkali or any foreign finger. irritating substances.

One of the most remarkable mechanical

Laundry, and the hand and wrist were stripped of skin and flesh. The hand has been the cup over it. saved by skin grafting, three young women friends of the girl having allowed 108 pieces of skin to be taken from their persons for her benefit.

have invented a new method for using the by a magician for the purpose—but only my surplus in the United States Treasury. They propose to abolish usury or interest myself closely watching every movement,

The largest iron casting ever attempted in America was recently made at Bethlehem, Pa. It was the base for the steel compress. or to be used in the new gun steel works, and 124 tons of molten metal were used. It will be some weeks before the huge casting

One night recently, in Montreal, as French-Canadian carter was driving along, he suddenly dropped from his seat in an unconscious state. He was removed to Notre Dame Hospital, and it was found that he was suffering from nicotine poisoning, caused by swallowing a piece of tobacco.

Planter Hotter of City Point, Miss., was ploughing when he heard a panther in a thicket near by. He got his gun, mounted his mule, rode in pursuit, overtook the beast, and shot it dead. As he was examining it the mule suddenly took fright, and, rearing up, struck viciously at the dead panther, but, instead, hit his master, who at last accounts

The Bishop of London is one of the wittiest men of the day. He once went to see A young married girl of 17 said, in reply one of his parishioners, a lady with a procreased. As he rose to leave the lady stopped him with : "But you haven't seen my throat. last baby." "No," he quickly replied, "and

> Four years ago the body of S. O. Gillette was buried in the City Cemetery of Augusto be placed in another part of the cemetery. Then it was found that the body had been completely petrified. The face was a trifle shrunken and a shade or so darker than in life, and when one of the workmen accidentally struck it, it gave out a metallic sound.

George Gray of Plymouth, Me. was performing on the cross bar of the big barn door the other day, and as he hung head downward the bar breke. His head, in the fall, went between the door sill and a log, and had he not been caught by a man standing near undoubtedly his neck would have been broken. As it was, his spine was injured in such a way that he cannot sit up, nor move his head, except with his hands.

The amnesty granted by Kaiser Fred erick has brought home from the German prisons two French soldiers who had been given up for dead. Two prisoners in the war of 1870 committed assaults on German soldiers, and were sentenced to long terms of incarceration in fortresses without being allowed to communicate with their friends. Now, on reaching home, one finds his wife married, with a large family, and the other finds a boy of 18, who was born on the eve of his father's going to the war.

SUMMER SMILES.

Ancient Greece-Old butter.

Butchers are great hands to "cut up." The saddest words of tongue or pen-There's too many women and not enough

my marriage with your daughter, sir!' Old Man (firmly); "No, sir; not a cent," A boarding-house keeper announces in

Young Man-" Will you give assent to

platonic love?" "Madam." replied the gentleman, "it is like all other tonics-very exciting."

A frugal wife said to the doctor who was had just fallen from apoplexy: "Please cut along the seam, doctor."

ed to settlement under the homestead law, | ducks always waddle, you know,"

ASTOMISHING FEATS.

By an Old Juggler in India.

While traveling through India, between Surat and Nagpore, my body servant one day informed me that a great juggler and snake charmer wished to have the honor of

My servant withdrew and presently re turned with a small, withered old man, about whom I saw nothing remarkable except the eyes, which were small, black and piercing, and seemed to have lightning imprisoned in them. I do not know whether the man could see me in the dark like a cat, but there was at times that peculiar fiery appearance of the balls which is so often observable in night-prowling animals.

He wore a white vest, Turkish trousers, a kind of crimson petticoat worked with strange device, a turban of many colors and morocco shees pointed and turned up at the toes. His arms and neck were bare, and with the exception of a couple of heavy gold rings in his ears, he displayed no extraneous ornaments. His age I judged to be 60, and his short mustache was almost white. He made a slow salam and then suddenly produced-from where I did not see and cannot tell-a large ball of twine, which he appeared to toss in my lap, keeping hold of the logic. one end, so that it unrolled the whole distance between him and me-at least ten feet -saying as he did so:

"Will your excellency please examine

what you see?"

Now, I honestly aver that I saw that ball of twine when he threw it as plainly as ever saw anything in my life-saw it come toward me, saw it unroll and apparently drop into my lap, so that I brought my knees quickly together to catch it, and yet when I put my hand down to take it, and looked down for it, it was not there-nothing was there, and at the same instant I perceived the juggler dancing it on the end of his

A WONDERFUL TRANSFORMATION. "Does your excellency think I have it?"

And before I could answer I saw in place of the ball a beautiful large red rose, which he was balancing by the stem-and yet he had not altered his position in the least, ner scarcely stirred a finger. While yet I look-Gertrude Cunningham, of Bangor, caught ed, I saw in his right hand a cup and in his her hand in the mangler at the Bangor | left a rose. He stepped forward a few feet, laid the rose down on the ground, and placed

Here, it will be observed, there was no machinery to assist him-no table with its false top, concealed compartments and confederate, to perhaps effect a change, as we Several enthusiastic Boston gentlemen see similar tricks performed in a place fitted own quarters, in the full light of day, with within five feet of him, and my attendants

> I would be willing to take my oath, for I saw the rose distinctly as the hollow vessel, held by the top, went slowly down over it-the conjurer resumed his former place, and said:

"Will your excellency be kind enough to broidery. lift the cup and see what is under it?"

sum that the rose was still there for one at the base, fly apart with a spring, displaying thing, because, expecting some trick, I had ing to view a gorgeous tulip, so artistically kept my eye on it to the last moment, and and truthfully coloured that one can hardly was certain there was no possibility of its believe that it has not been plucked from a of the cup at the top.

lency," grinned the old man, walking up to be uninitiated beholder nothing but a it, lifting it by the neck, putting its head in | common egg. his mouth and allowing it to run down his

THE TUBE AND TWINE. He next produced a tube that looked like

most unquestionable kind.

I saw of either.

egg, advanced the same as before and placed entertained. the latter on the ground and the former over it, and again requested me to open it, to realize that there is no scheme possible which I declined to do fearing I should see by which he can retain after death a hold fying.

appeared to throw it in the air, and there | the work during his lifetime, as hundreds of sat in its place a beautiful dove, which flew up and alighted on his shoulder. He took |- [Chicago Times. it into his hand and muttered over some one of the papers that he has "a cottage to unintelligible words, seemed to cram it into

> Here are three items of interest about women: The Rev. Carrie J. Bartlett, who used to be a Minneapolis newspaper women, has been for nearly two years the pastor of | 33 years old. There are nine grandchilda Unitarian church at Sioux Falls, Minn., ren. and under her ministration the congregation the niece of Harriet Martineau, has been a practice worth \$50,000.

A Patch of Mossa

Mungo Park tells us that he once lost his way in a desert in Africa, and saw no escape before him from starvation and death. Suddenly he caught sight of a patch of moss growing in the sand. Its strength and beauty startled him, in this unexpected place, as something almost miraculous. "I went on my way comforted," he says. " I knew that the Power which had made and protected that bit of moss could and would care for me."

A great English naturalist, when dying, expressed the same idea.

" I know nothing of heaven," he said ; "but I have learned the infinite wisdom and leve of the Power who gave its gills to the fish, and I am not afraid to trust myself in His hands."

Job, questioning the Almighty as to the reason of his suffering, was bidden to go back to nature for proofs of the eternal order and love underlying all things. No other answer was given to him.

These men, living close to Nature, with keen appreciation of her beauty and order, were touched more nearly through her by the Infinite justice and mercy of the Creator than they would have been by any human

To the majority of men, the hearing of sermons and public worship are the shortest way to God. They are, however, too apt to forget that there is any other. They neglect to teach their children to understand the beauty in a spear of grass, the reason for the red color of the rose, the curve in the foot of the fly, or any other detail of the vast and perfect movement which we call Nature ; and they show them nothing of the Eternal Power behind this movement.

"There are many voices in the world and none of them are without signification." These voices, each in its own language, are intended to tell us of the justice and love of our heavenly Father. If we close our ears to any of them, we by so much shut ourselves out from His help on our journey to Him.

An Ingenious Chinese Toy.

The New Orleans Times Democrat says: -Messrs. E. Claudel & Bro., 142 Canal street, have just received from San Francisco a wenderful piece of workmanship, which is a striking evidence of the patience, skill and ingenuity of the natives of the celestial empire. It is intended as an easter offeringan egg, but little larger than a turkey's and, to outward appearance, nothing but such an egg as might be picked up in any farmyard. But inside the shell there is such a delicate mechanism that an accurate description of it is well nigh impossible, and to get a fair idea of the limits to which human skill may reach it is necessary to see this marvel. The eggshell is divided into two parts, but so closely and skillfully are they joined that the naked eye fails to Having covered the rose with a cup-as discover the line of junction. The tiny works by which its different parts are operated are a lot of microscopic springs and diminutive wheels, so small that the largest of the lot hardly rivals in size those small spangles which are used in gold lace em-

The arrangement is such that once in Of course I would have wagered a heavy each hour the two shells, which are hinged being removed after a hand had let go flower-bed instead of being a production of art. The petals of the tulip slowly unfold, I complied with the request, stepped for opening one after the other, until the ward and raised the cup, but instantly flower is full blown Within it stands dropped it with a cry of terror-for there, a wee church, with belfry, on the instead of the rose, was one of the little outside of which is a small dial plate, where deadly green serpents of India, coiled up the tiniest hands point the hour. The latand ready to spring, with its small glisten- ter are so very small that, placed next to ing eyes fixed intently on mine. Snakes of them, the finest needle seems monstrous. any kind are my horror, and this one not The hour strikes with a fairy-like tinkling, only horrified me, but all my attendants, the church slowly revolves on its axis, when who with cries of alarm enlarged the circle | the rear comes to view, exposing the works very rapidly, for they knew its bite to be to the sight. Then the petals of the tulip fold together again, the shells of the egg re-"It is perfectly harmless, your excel- join, and for another hour the whole seems

Wills that are not Wills.

The litigation over Mr. Tilden's will brass, about two feet long and half an inch ought to be a lesson to wealthy men to in diameter, and next the ball of twine be their own executors. If he could not ta, Ga. The other day it was disinterred again. Where these things came from or control the disposition of his own property went to I could not tell. They seemed to after death who can? He was noted for his be in his hands when he wanted them but I ability and shrewdness as a lawyer. He never observed his hands passing near his had ample time and the best legal talent of dress either when they appeared or disap- | the country at his command. His will was peared. When I looked for the cup that I drawn with great care, for it was an elaborhad lifted from the snake it was gone, and ate document, which was intended to conyet neither myself nor any of my attendants | trol the disposal of millions. He desired had seen this wonderful man pick it up. It to found a great public charity. But it was indeed jugglery, if not magic, of the seems that there is a strong probability that his intention will fail because of some Through the brass tube the conjurer obscure technicality of the law. The court passed one end of the twine, which he put of appeals has decided that "a valid trust between his teeth. He then put the tube clause of a will must be so specific in its between his lips, threw back his head and | terms that the beneficiary can come into held it perpendicularly, with the ball of court and demand its enforcement." Mr. twine at the upper end. Then suddenly Tilden devised about \$5,000,000 for a the ball began to turn, and turn rapidly, library and educational institution, but and gradually grow smaller, till it entirely also directed that the trustees might, if disappeared, as if the twine had run off on | they deemed it expedient, apply this money a reel. What turned it or where it went to to such charitable, educational and scientino one could see. The juggler then set the fic purposes as in their judgment would most other end up, and a new ball began to form | widely benefit mankind. This clause opens on the top, but apparently ribbon of half an | the door of doubt. The wide discretion inch in width and different colors. These given to the trustees makes it questionable rolled up as if on a bobbin, till it formed a whether their trust can be enforced. No wheel two or three ir ches in diameter, when | man can by law be compelled to de that the performer seemed to toss ribbon and which is discretionary with him. If the tube over his shoulder, and that was the last | trust clause fails the property will go to the heirs and the city of New York lose the He next produced what appeared to be benefit of this great bequest. The Herald the same cup I had lifted from the snake, says that there is reason to fear that subseshowing something that appeared to be an quent rulings will confirm the fears that are

It seems to be difficult for a man of wealth another serpent or something equally terri- upon his property. Efforts to do so usually result in litigation. He who desires to es-At this he took up the cup himself and tablish a great charity should commence cases like that of Mr. Tilden have shown.

> Mrs. Robert Milligan of Bridgeport, Ga. gave birth to her twenty-fifth child on May 10. The mother is 48 years old, and was married at 14 years of age. Her children include five sets of twins, and of the twentyfive twenty-one are living, the oldest being

Harmony, Me., is excited over the report has steadily increased. Edith Martineau, that Chesley Bean, who quit Harmony forty-seven years ago, and has never been "Don't call me 'ducky,' John," [said a elected a member of the Royal Society of heard of since, had recently died in Texas, strain, both mental and physical, to which land, held by various railroads, to be open gestive." "Because dector is Mrs. Garrett Anderson, who has His sister and two nephews are the only heirs knewn.