as well as the sea rms of marine life.

unknown to the the early Hawaiians most powerful of all of their legends, ours to repeat, the who was able for a of the mighty Pele. emi-gods of native beast was born of ld appear as a handor a tree. The owl as most beneficent d Makalii attemptd by putting all the namas, etc., into a in the sky out of en in the net, which Il the provender fall cradles," which the ert in weaving on ng, serve to illus-

e breaking of the

pirits which an Hans to execute his ll is an "unihipili." f a demon of this the corpse of a the flesh from the ether with the hair, Over these remains eremonies, until at supernatural power ing him to see into een world and to do To increase this legree he divides t into four parts. into the burning d he casts into the to a river or lake, eserves and hides now invested with The shark in the d and the spirit of s agents to pursue, victims. The fiend ed shapes has no for any one. There milar kind which n. A little infant become a shark; water may bewaiian magicians their race is the the ancient deibeing supplanted who was brought

-i. e., the Bible.

nt of Miners. of bravery amid has come to light of the new shafts Green Collieries. royed by blasting vo ago this work by George Atkinling in Boundary plasting cartridges , and all the men. Atkinson and an the shaft before hen everthing was lled up the shaft all was right and hoppet—the large g operations. Atfuse attached to the hoppet. To tkinson and his e "hoppet" rethe shaft, some ce, and w'thin a rammed" home spected to go off in To remain there under terrible cirpt from the "hopmished the fuse atut at that moment ards. Atkinson, as forward, grasped with both hands. ion, with his body he was rapidly ew moments after of the shaft, the terrific force, and anger which had quarter. Whilst ason, by a supreme ciently to rest one "hoppet," and in ached the surface As may naturally lly depended upon on "hoppet" and mly congratulated a terrible death remained in the ome by terror that. n's appeal for help.

an expedition left for Mozambique. form an English posed to colonise of territory beand Sabi, acquired ns of Mozambique by the Anglo-1891. Captain the expedition, propose to form will be speedily iglish community n the spot where is kraal. Farms by our surveyor. ation parties will gold and other rhich the district ole country, and th of the expedinot be taking my at certain points elevated plateaus alubrious. As a ettlement will be and than many of South African idently expect a pulation into this ery short period. Il become indiaimportant." Canointed Civil Comlagistrate for the portion of the necessary equipill sail within a

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PUNKIN HOLLER LIFE.

Joe Higgins Had Too Much to Remember.

Well, Well, I's jist a-saying to Tildy last night at a body never 'knows what a-goin' a-happen 'em. Pore Joe! pore Joe! I mind jist as well as if it had been yisterday other afternoon. the last time I seen him. I took my sewin' an' went over to stay all day'th Alice Ann -you know Joe an' me's second cousins. I haint no hand to go to folk's houses an' then go 'way an' commence talking about 'em, specially bout a neighbour, but I jist had some money between them which they tivation. A general view of the condition worst slave fur his family 'at I ever seen or 'at ever anybody seen. I never's there in my life when Joe's there 'at wasn't : " Pa, do this," or "Pa, do that." A-pon my word I don't see how he put up with it as long as he did. I declare to goodness I don't. Thinks I many a time when I'd be over there', thinks I: "Alice Ann Higgins, you're a killin' your man by inches an' don't

Well, as I's a sayin', the last time I's there peared to me like the man hadn't been in the house a minute till they had twenty things fur him to do. I hadn't more an' tuck my things off till he come in a lookin' awful broke down an' out o' heart, I thought, fur Joe wasn't overly stout at best. He brightened up a bit when he seen me, an' asked just like he allus does how I's a comin' on, an' if Tildy an' the youngens wuz as then and I thought he was drunk and would talker, but a body could allus tell whether he's glad to seen em' er not, fur he had sich the trainmen would come and let us out. I kind ways about him. Alice Ann wuz in the kitchen a gettin' dinner, ar' I jist com-menced askin' him how he's gittin' along in the grocery store, when she hollers in: "Pa, you'll haf to go back up to the store an' git me some sody, I'm plum out." "All terrible scream, such a howl, like anger and \$500 for a team of horses which he could right, ma," says he' a-pickin' up his hat fear, and hate, and pain, all tumbled to- now get for \$200 or \$300; paid 50c. to 75c. 'thout a word when there set Billie a-read- getner in one expression, and then he fell for seed oats and 75c. to \$1 for seed wheat, in' some sort of a red-backed book an' down on his knees and began working his where to-day he could obtain them at his Mabeline a-curlin' her bangs. One o'em hands back and forth as though he were row. own door for 25c. to 50c. a bushel. Where could o' gone jist as easy as not but they never offered to move. Thinks I, "I'll bet a hundred dollars if you's my youngens up, and, going over to him, I began to shake Clothing and groceries were correspondingyou'd not set around an' make a pack-horse out o' your pap." I'll tell you right now, youngens haint much to blame, fur it's jist owin' mostly to the way they're been raised begging for water. He said there was a how they turn out, but as I's a goin' a say forge fire in his head and some one was melt-Joe hadn't more'n got back till Alice Ann | ing a big bar of iron in it. commenced again.

"Pa, this here coffee-mill won't work and I can't get along till it's fixed. I wish you'd see what ails the pump, too, while you're about it, fur I'm obleged to draw water half the time. You'll hav to git me a bucket full now, fur Billie can't pack it without spillin' it all over everything."

An' if you'll b'lieve me, just as Joe came in with a bucket full she spilt some bilin' gravy on her arm, an' if she didn't pitch on to him fur that I hain't here. "Yes, that's | drank like a famished wolf. He was half jist the way," say she, as mad as a hornet, "this plaged old cook stove's enough to agg a body's life out. There hain't another woman in a hundred 'd put up with it, not one, an' I hain't a-goin' to put up with it much longer myself, I kin tell you." "Why, ma," says Joe, alookin' nervous, "I've been tryin' to get you to buy another'n fur I don't know how long," "O, yes," says she, "we've got so much money to buy 'em with, hain't we. That's just ing around the car. I took hold of him and dreds of little towns are dotting the whole tative countrymen. like a man. You know very well I thought we didn't have the money to spare. Here's had weighed but a dozen pounds. After a the Canadian Pacific and its branch lines. delighted at receiving her engagement ring a summer hat an' goodness knows what, so I'd like to know where the stove's a-comin' Then he got up and began to put on his Regina, Calgary and many other places are lowed it. from. I wish I' ever see the time when I clothes, part of which he had taken off rapidly rising into, or have already attaincould have things like other folks's got 'em," says she a-comin' over to me to tie her arm ur.

fur Joe I could a-cried. "O, yes," says in that car and I expected he would kill me the markets of Great Britain. she, a-drawin' her face down like lots o' every minute. wimmin folks does some times a-tryin' to | "We came to Chicago to get work. Both look awful pious when the old feller's jist of us are plasterers by trade. I generally rampant inside of'em.

nothin', but I's a doing a site o' thinkin,' be would could have got out. As it was no trons. The climate, their rather regular, an' I 'low Joe wuz too. We set down to one heard me until the train stopped there simple habits and various other reasons table then, an' o' course Joe had to hold the | in the yards." baby till Alice Ann poured out the coffee an' he shuck the fly brush the whole livin' time we's a-eatin', and got up hisself to cut some more bread; when Alice Ann passed the chicken she give me an' herself an' the youngens all the good pieces an' left the neck an' back fur Joe. I seen he hardly tetched it an' I declare if it wasn't jist that o' way 'th ever blessed thing about the house. The youngens first, Alice Ann next, and then pore Joe got the leavin's, if there wuz anv. I like to see a woman see after her children an' do fur 'em, but I think her man orter be first ever time. A-pon my word I don't b'lieve Joe Higgins' had a decent dud to

his back fur years. Ever cent they could make an' scrape went to them youngens. Mabeline must have this an' that an' together, an' Alice Ann 'd a-moved heavin an' earth to a got 'em fur her. I told Tildy many a time it wuz a burnin' shame the ways things wuz a goin' on there, an' that I wouldn't be s'prised if Joe Higgins'd loose his mind. An' I reckon he has, pore silly feller, er he wouldn't a gone an' done this. I had a good notion to talk to Alice Ann that day an' I wish I had now; pore soul, I feel sorry fur her, an' I feel sorry fur Joe,

too; I feel sorry fur all o' 'em. That day I's there Alice Ann follered him to the door an' told him a whole string o' stuff an' things to do. "Now, Joe," says she, "whatever you do, don't forgit Mabeline's shoes, an' stop in at the milliner's store an' see if her hat's done; she wants to go to meetin' to-night; an' do think to bring me some sugar an' coffee an' canned fruit an' bakin' powders from the store, fur I'm lookin' fur Aunt Mollie over to-morry.

"Well, ma," says Joe, lookin' bewildered an' gettin' out his led pencil, "I better write 'em down." "O my mercy," says Alice spite of being sorely handicapped in the household affairs and know what is needed Ann, "can't you rec'lect that? Don't forgit race, has, says the Sketch, lately occurred and how and where best to supply the lack. the baby's paragoric now, whatever you do at Berlin. At the university in the Prus- Instead of postponing the raising of their fur I don't want to be kept awake to-night sian capital a student named Max Meyer, children or avoiding it by all sorts of inwith a squallin' young 'en agin'," says she, of the age of 27, propounded with such jurious methods, these sensible, clear-heade i a-callin' after him when he'd got plum out | brilliancy and intellectual power his thesis | women feel a pride in having brought up an o'the gate. "Well, well," thinks I, "Sal- on the differential calculus that the exam- interesting family; then taking the leisure lie Bouders, its jist as well you hain't never | iners hailed his prowess with acclamation, | and time that, in their early married life, what its cracked up to be 's my 'pinion.

Joe Higgins had run off with Pollie Peper- is blind, and has learned to read by touch duty well performed when she was younger. walking in a Boston park, where he met a was quoted on the same day at 101 cents a son, an' I hain't 2-sidin' in with folks in alone. Perhaps the most notable parallel Her children take subordinate positions, robust friend. The latter squeezed his hand pound.—New York Tribune. gineral that does that a' way, an' I hain't to his case is that of the late Prof. Henry and are kept in training for the same career so forcibly that the nails entered O'Leary's sidin' in 'th Joe Higgins, but I say now an' Fawcett. I said then that he's most driv to do somethin' out o' the way. I reckon he 'lows marrien's a failure anyway, pore feller.

CAGED WITH A MANIAC.

Fearful Two Days' Ride of a Plasterer.

John Lawson, of Pittsburg, Pa., was rescued from a two days' confirement in a box car with a maniac at the Pittsburg & Fort

of dried beef, some herrings, a bag of crack- tion. ers, and, last but not least, three quart bottles of whisky. Before the train pulled out one of the railway employes locked and sealed the car door.

re'lize it an' never will re'lize it I reckon to keep his courage up began to make frequent visits to the whiskey bottle. After a heavy meal on crackers and dried beef he began to complain of thirst.

"When he first began to beg for water," said Lawson, "I tried to persuade him to leave the whiskey alone. I was thirsty myself, but I kept quiet and tried not to think of it. All afternoon Armstrong kept drinking and about dark he had almost finished go to sleep. I had resolved to beat on the would have given ten years of my life for a

SUDDEN INSANITY DEVELOPED.

ing a boat.

"He must have known me for a minute, for he called me by name once and began "'Just give me that cup full of water,"

he said. 'I'll show him that he can't heat "I told him there wasn't any water, but

when he kept on weeping and begging I got I did do it, but I thought maybe it would make him drunk and he would keep quiet, for I was beginning to get afraid.

"When John got hold of the bottle he sitting up when I gave him the bottle, but in a minute he fell forward on his face and the bottle was smashed to pieces in the fall. The train slowed up and I began to beat on the door and yell, but no one came. Maybe it was five minutes and maybe it was that many hours. I don't know. It seemed a long while after Armstrong had rolled over when he began to snarl and make noises like a dog. Then he got up and began tearbegan to kick as though he were swimming. when he made his first dive to the floor.

make a good living. I met Armstrong at A Valuable Lesson for American Girls to "O, yes," she says, "we git along well Pittsburg while at work there. Armstrong enough, but nobody knows how I work an' was all right when we left, although we save an' worry to keep things up an' the had both drank a little the day before. I says the Philadelphia Enquirer, about the children a-lookin' decent." I didn't say yelled myself hoarse the first night or may- freshness and brightness of Canadian ma-

A Young Murderer Reprieved.

Mrs. Shaw, mother of Arthur Shaw, the boy condemned to death for the murder of a widow of Halifax in May last, received the following letter from her son. The lad wrote from the Armley Goal, saying-"I am quite happy and contented, but I have a hope to get pardoned by the Home Secretary. You know while there is life there is hope. I am paying strict attention to the chaplain's advice, and I have felt a lot happier since you can come and see me any day. But you must not walk it. If you cannot get the money write instead. might get pardoned yet. You can write up to the Home Secretary, Home Office, London, and plead for me. It will do a lot of good. Ask him to have mercy on me. I am only very young yet. You must state my case to him, and you might be able to save me yet. Do not forget, it is my only hope. You know I have not written up myself yet, but I will do, and I hope if do get pardoned you will always write to me. Will you please write by return, and let me know if you will write up to the Home Office ; it will cheer me up more still. I forgive you with all my heart any wrong you have done me. Dear mother, I am prepared for the worst, if it comes. I am quite safe, I am sure, and if we never meet on earth I hope to meet in Heaven. What made me do it God only knows. But if I do get off shall still keep the chaplain's words." The Home Secretary has reprieved the prisoner on account of his youth.

A Blind Mathematician.

gray or blue eyes.

THE GREAT WEST.

Marvellous Growth of our New Provinces in a Decade.

The attractions of a new country are always supposed to be exaggerated and its Wayne tracks by the Chicago police the progress magnified, but there can be no question of the position which Manitoba oc-Wednesday evening John Armstrong, a cupies at the present time. During 1892 plasterer, 28 years old, American, and with 20,000 new settlers arrived in the Province, brother and sister residing at 2014 besides 18,000 in the neighboring North-Catherine street, Philadelphia, set out from West Territories; while 150,000 acres of auction. Pittsburg in company with Lawson, a fellow land were broken up and prepared for crops artisan, to visit the world's fair city. They in addition to the area already under culused to purchase food and drink to sustain of affairs can be obtained at a glance from them on their long journey. They took the following table prepared by Mr. A. J. into the box car of a freight train made up M. Millan for the Manitoba Government, for the west in Pittsburg yards a great lot and just issued by it as an official publica-

Popu'ation of Province.... 108,610 154,442 Number of Public Schools. Post Offices Miles of Railway Number of Acres of Land Number of Acres of Land under Wheat 380,231 Number of Acres of Land Number of Acres of Land 159,453 under Barley.....

Twelve years ago there were 100 schools in Manitoba and only 275 miles of railway. The population has largely increased since the Census year and is now probably 185,-000. To the farmer, or the man who wishes to become a farmer, in Manitoba or in the North-west Territories, general conditions are steadily improving. This was clearly shown in an able paper read by Mr. J. Sinclair before the Farmers' Institute of Brandon on April 5. Speaking from the length. standpoint of personal experience, he ob-"Suddenly my partner started up with a served that in 1882 the farmer paid \$400 or he had given \$200 to \$350 for a binder, it ly cheaper. Where the farmer of 1882 had ber waggons, buckboards, ploughs, etc., literature." were now easily obtainable and at cheap

the prosperity which a glance at those golden fields of grain on a summer's day in Manitoba must surely indicate, so have the the last bottle of whisky andgave it to him position and prospects of the cities and I wish I hadn't done it. I don't know why growing commercial centres of the Prairie Province. Mr. McMillan gives a glimpse of Winnipeg's progress in the following table:

Business..... 2,000,007 Bank Capital..... Post Office Collection and Delivery..... Value of Public Improvements.....

he threw me against the door as though I Province, and are especially numerous along A young lady in Pottsville, Pa., was so ed, importance and prosperity. And this growth must inevitably continue until in a "It was just such things as that all the not distant future the Great West of Can-"O, I think you're agittin' along real while, all night, all day, and all the next ada supplies the world with its surplus well, Alice Ann," says I, feelin' that sorry night. It seemed we must have been weeks cereals, and replaces the United States in

LIFE IN CANADA.

Much comment has been made of late,

best explanations was recently voiced by a woman, an able physician, who has had an extended practice among the better class of women in Canada.

pickles, preserves, sweets and rich food to entirely destroy the digestion of the average American. Their habits are simple in a way. Their diet is in many respects atrocious, gauged by hygienic rules. The secret of their health and strength, especially among the matrons and younger elderly women, according to this statement, is that when Canadian girls marry they accept the responsibilities that come with their new condition, not only without protest, but with a certain degree of willingness. They rarely war against nature, but take excellent care of themselves, and, as a consequence, have better health and better times than many of their American sisters. Being questioned as to the truth of this, a Canadian woman, somewhat noted for her freshness and youthful appearance, although the mother of a large family of rollicking youngsters, said :

it for granted that if they are to have famihes the wisest thing for them to do is to make the best of it, take good care of themselves, and try to make their children and their homes happy. When the children are grown or partly so, the mother has an idea that she has earned a little recreation and pleasure. The older ones are taught to care for the younger; and in all well-regulated Canadian households things would go on almost the same if the mother were away for a third of the year. The older girls and boys are taught to take responsibilities, An extraordinary instance of success, in look after the younger ones, attend to got married." Gittin' married hain't allus and at once proclaimed that he was deserv- circumstances deprived them of. The Caning of a special degree as doctor. The point adian matron, with grown children, shines Well, the very next thing I heard wuz'at of the story lies in the fact that Max Meyer in society, and is getting her reward for of Dennis O'Leary, of Bristol, Pa. He was had a "rousing time." The price of bacon

> that she has so ably followed." health from their sisters across the border. | corpse

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

There are 6,000 intoxicants. One-tenth of the world is still unex-

a man 3,000 years to read all the standard

In Italian cities the cleaning of streets is sold to the highest bidder at a public

The first post office opened its doors in Paris in 1462; in England in 1581; in America in 1710. It takes eight times the strength to go

upstairs that is required for the same dis-

tance on the level.

The pressure of the atmosphere on the effects. man of average stature is about fifteen tons yet it is not felt.

The Manx cat is not the only tailless vari-600 ety. In the Crimea is found another kind of cat which has no tail.

Elections in France are always held on 1,335,000 Sundays, in order to suit the convenience

> In the wine districts of France, Spain and Italy grapes are still trodden with the bare feet, the idea prevailing that this makes wine better.

of workingmen and peasants.

The flying foxes of Australia are multiplying so rapidly that it is feared they will exactly the same local anæsthetic effects as soon become as great a pest as the rabbits. | cocaine. An ice cave, in which icicles can be seen at any time of the year, is in a bluff of the Iowa River, less than a mile from Decorah. During a rain-storm in Millersburg, Ky., a shower of live fishes fell from the clouds They ranged from one to three inches in

cow which for some days declined to chew the pressure is less. The tissue is thus deher cud. He examined her tongue, and prived of its supply of blood and temporary found a needle lodged in it.

1 Troy policeman is about to take a long rest from police duty. His name is P. H. Coughlin, and he has been declared heir to "'John,' I said, 'you're dreaming; wake could now be bought for \$150 to \$175. an estate in England valued at \$3,000,000.

A Fitchburg (Wis.) reporter tried to vary his occupation by engaging in theft. to team wheat 50 miles, the distance now He is now in jail, but coolly declares rarely exceeds five or ten miles, while lum- "there is more money in larceny than in

A sheep ranch in the counties of Webb But if the condition of the farmer has 1,500,000 sheep. It contains over 400,and Dimmet, Texas, gives pasture to about improved, and no one can fail to appreciate 000 acres and is considered the largest in the world.

The Suez Canal, the greatest work of marine engineering, is 88 miles long, and reduces the distance from Europe to India from 11,379 miles to 7,628 miles.

The number of languages spoken by mankind at present is estimated at 3,000. The Value of City Property. \$4,200,000 \$210,000,000 Bible has been translated into 200 only, but these 200 are spoken by about two-thirds lies, Resolution, and Royal Oak, each havof the whole population of the globe.

30.000 average person, and no other 800 men in twenty-eight smaller quick-firing guns, and 6,000 that city are so free from zymotic diseases. a number of machine guns and torpedo Bald-heads are rare in China. A Mon-

golian genius, years ago, discovered a The growth of Brandon and Portage la | method of sticking in hairs in the bald spots, Prairie has been very similar, while hun- and his secret was soon learned by his imi-

Mabeline a-needin' a new dress an' shoes an' while he began laughing, and lay down and So it is also in the Territories, where Qu'- that she rapturously kissed it. Her ecstacy Appelle, Medicine Hat, Virden, Moosomin, suddenly ceased when she accidentally swal- of 12,200 horse-power each, giving a speed A cane with a concealed "clip" at the

end is the latest implement of a thief's outfit. The clip is operate I by a spring in the handle, and the tool is used by shop lifters to clutch things apparently beyond their

The income of the Chinese physician, Li-Po Tai, who died recently in San Francisco, The engines of the others will develop 3500 where he had long resided, was over \$40,- horse-power, and give a speed of 19.25 000 a year. He had many white patients. knots. All the cruisers and gunboats, like His speciality was asthma, and to this the battleships, will be powerfully armed malady he succumbed.

Mrs. Lovejoy Aldrich, of Seattle, Washington, is the widow of two soldiers. Her first husband was in the Revolutionary war, and the other in the war of 1812. She is the have been given for this; but one of the only person known to the Pension Office who stands in this position.

"and pay the awful charges on the same." With the exception of the so-called noble | the end of a year, he is free to go or stay. metals-gold, silver, platinum and a few Whilst there he is paid at the rate of from others-all metals burn, or absorb oxygen 12 to 48 centimes a day, part of which is

when heated sufficiently in the air. The royal crown of Great Britain is composed almost entirely of diamonds, pearls and rubies, weighs thirty-nine ounces and five pennyweights, Troy, and is valued at \$1,200,000. When the Kohinoor was first brought to Europe it weighed 186 carats, but by cutting has been reduced to 102.

Of the \$12,000,000,000 of life insurance written in the world, \$5,500,000,000 is placed in the United States. Between the years of 1880 and 1890 there was \$2,500, 000,000 new life insurance written in that "When Canadian girls marry they take country, and but \$1,000,000,000 in the whole British Empire.

There is a marked difference between a fort and a fortress, according to the definitions rendered by a little schoolgirl in Washington. She defined a fort to be a 'strong place where they put men in," and a fortress a " similar place where they put

A medical gentleman in Kansas has succeeded in an agricultural experiment which will interest all classes. He has crossed the tomato with the potato, and he has produced a vegetable which possesses some of the qualities of both articles. He calls it the potomato"

stealing a hog. A few days ago he made an which, at eight cents, brought his value up next day the pardon arrived from the Governor. "Why didn't it come yesterday?" said the dying man.

palm causing a slight wound from which a American girls might learn some valu- few drops of blood issued. Blood-poisoning drying is said to be thirteen feet six inches, The best marksmen are usually those with able lessons not only in happiness, but in resulted and in a few days O'Leary was a but it must be noted that skins expand con-

WATER AS A DEADENER OF PAIN.

As an Anæsthetic it is Declared Preferable to Cocaine or Chloreform.

A discovery in the domain of anæsthetics It has been estimated that it would take is being a good deal talked about in medical circles in Vienna, which, if it bears the severe tests which it is proposed to apply to it, will prove an inestimable boon to suffering humanity. Neither of the two agencies heretotore employed by surgeons to deaden or minimize physical pain during serious operations, chloroform and cocaine, is wholly free from canger. Chloroform can not be administered to persons suffering from heart disease, poverty of blood, etc., and cocaine injections under the skin have more than once had exceedingly deleterious

The new discovery, which is credited to Dr. K. L. Schleisch, determines the fact that absolute local immunity from pain. even during protracted operations, can be obtained without resorting to general narcosis of the patient, so that a sufferer may remain perfectly conscious during the amputation of his hand or foot without undergoing the torture usually associated with such operations, or exposing himself to danger of syncope ever present in the operating room. It appears that subcutaneous injections of a solution of salt, and even of simple cold distilled water, will produce

The explanation of the phenomenon is simple. Local insensibility to pain is caused in the case of cocaine by purely chemical changes; while cold water acts mechanically-by means of high pressure and low temperature. Under the influence of high pressure and sudden lowering of temperature the blood and lymph are driven from James Dewey, of Hillside, Mich., has a the region operated upon to places where paralysis of the nerves results.

It is stated on the authority of one of the first physicians of Europe that the importance of this discovery is all the more undoubted seeing that if, in a given case, cold water should fail to produce the needful degree of insensibility, a weak and absolutely harmless solution of cocaine would prove certainly efficacious. -[Chicago

Additions to the British Navy.

The Admiralty have now definitely decided to strengthen the British Navy fleet reserve. W.thin the next twelve months a large number of new ships are to be constructed, and passed into the reserve as ready for sea. Foremost amongst these are five first-class battleships of the Royal Sovereign type, and representing the largest class of vessel in the world. Their names are the Empress of India, Repulse, Ramiling a displacement of 14,150 tons, with A scientist who has investigated the mat- engines of 13,000 horse-power, and a speed ter states that the men who are employed of 17.5 knots, with an armament consisting in the Paris sewers are as healthy as the of four 13.5 breechloading guns, ten 6in and tubes. There will also be two first-class battleships, the Centurion and Barfleur. each having a displacement of 10,500 tons. with engines capable of developing 13,000 horse-power, and giving a speed of 18.25 knots; besides six first-class protected cruisers -the Crescent, Endymion, St. George, Gibraltar, Grafton, and Theseus, of over 19 knots; three second-class protected cruisers-the Astræ, Bonaventure, and Cambrian-of 9000 horse-power each, and a speed of 19.5 knots; and ten first-class torpedo gunboats-the Antelope, Dryad, Hazard, Hebe, Leda, Onyx, Renard, Speedy, Jaseur, and Niger. The Speedy will have engines capable of developing 4500 horsepower, and giving a speed of 20.25 knots: with modern weapons.

How to Treat Beggars.

Professional mendicity is on the decrease in Belgium. In 1892 the number of vagabonds arrested was 2000 less than in 1891. In an advertisement of a railroad com- This is an effect of the new law, which pany, summoning the owners of unclaimed makes vagabondage no longer a crime but freight to remove their merchandise, the a contravention. It is not punished by pris-She says that these people eat enough letter "1" was dropped from the word on and involves no disgrace. The vaga-" lawful" in the notice, which ended thus, bond is sent to the agricultural colony at Wortel, near Antwerp, where he works, We are accustomed-to think of metals as and it is the business of the committee to incombustible; but the contrary is the case. find him a place. If they fail to do so at held as deferred pay to be given to him when he leaves. There is another colony at Merxplas for professional beggars, for whom prison and a judicial record have no terrors. There is no more prison for them, but the magistrate has power to send them to Meryplas for from two to five years, where they are remunerated like those at Wortel, but where they have to face the terror of work. Half of the inmates at Merxplas do not know how to use their fingers honestly when they arrive, but all are taught before they leave, and some have become clever workmen. The two colonies shelter 4200 men. There is a kindred establishment at Burges for women, sheltering about 900.

The Price of a Negro.

In Alabama the market price of a convicted negro is eight cents a pound. The young murderer, who was hanged at Centre on Friday, put himself up at auction the day before, and several doctors made bids. It being his wish to be weighed like a hog and sold by the pound, the prison authorities made no objection. The opening bid was six cents a pound "spot cash." This was raised to seven and a half, then to seven and three-quarters, and finally to eight, at which John Young was serving a term of seven he knocked himself down. He then went years in the prison at Carthage, N. C., for to the scales, and tipped the beam at 156lbs., attempt to escape, and was fatally shot. The to 12.48dols. The money was paid on the spot, the purchaser taking a receipt and an order for the body. The money was spend in the course of the next twelve hours on An earnest hand-clasp caused the death drink and good things to eat, and the fellow

> The length of the largest tiger skin after siderably in the curing.