MISCELLANY.

Harvard is the oldest college in the United States; established in 1638. War declared with Great Britain,

June 19, 1812; peace, Feb. 18, 1815. Until 1776 cotton spinning was performed by the hand spinning-wheel. . Measure 209 feet on each side and you will have a square acre within an inch.

Postage stamps first came into use in England in the year 1840; in the United States, in 1847.

the Himalayas, the mean elevation being from 16,000 to 18,000 feet.

The largest inland sea is the Caspian, between Europe and Asia, being 700 miles long and 270 miles wide.

#### POPULAR SCIENCE.

There is only one sudden death among women to eight among men. Dr. F. Shue says there are forty varieties of edible turtles in the United States.

An ostrich will never go straight to its nest, but always approaches it with many windings and detours, in order, if possible, to conceal the locality from observation.

Astronomers calculate that the surface of the earth contains 31,625,625 square miles, of which 23,814,121 are water and 7,811,504 are land, the water thus covering about seven-tenths of the earth's surface.

Trees are the great water lifters. The wise men tell us that an oak tree of average size, with seven hundred thousand leaves, lifts from the earth into the air about 123 tons of water during the five months it displays its foliage.

The air is clear at Arequipa, Peru. From the observatory at that place, 8050 feet above the sea, a black spot, one inch in diameter placed on a white disc, has been seen on Mount Charchani, a distance of eleven miles, through a thirteen-inch telescope.

Appendicitis, according to Prof. Dieulafoy, of Paris, is generally due to the progressive formation of a calculus analogous to the stones formed in the liver and kidneys. He thinks his theory is confirmed by some recent experiments in which appendicitis was produced by surgical means in rabbits.

#### CURIOUS FACTS.

The foundation of a church at San Como, Guatemala, has been shifted seven inches by the growth of two large, white gum trees.

The Esquimaux give the doctor his fee as soon as he comes. If the patient recovers he keeps it; otherwise he returns it to the family.

The Collseum of Rome was built to | in the Century. accommodate one hundred thousand spectators. It covers five and one-half acres of land, and was 120 feet high.

Florida is noted for its rivers and lakes. The St. John's river is nearly four hundred miles long. The Indian river is a salt water lagoon, 165 miles long and from one to six miles wide, and is famous for its oranges and pine-

in various countries as follows: Greece, violet; Canada, sugar maple; Egypt, lotus; England, rose; France, fleur de lis; Germany, corn flower; Ireland, sham- car. However, they did take it. Presrock; Italy, Illy; Prussia, linden; Sax- ently the bride decided that it would ony, mignonette; Scotland, thistle; be better to take the flowers from the Spain, pomegranate; Wales, leek.

from London to the west of Ireland | conscious, held the big box in her lap than to Japan. A ton of woolen goods and untied the silken fastenings. As can be forwarded from London to New York for \$4; to Chicago, one thousand jumped off with a report loud enough miles inland, for \$7, and to Japan for to attract the attention of the whole \$10. The same goods sent from Derry Pullman, and out from a bed of flowers to London cost \$14, and from Gweedore, sprang a rosy-cheeked cupid, stretchseventy miles inland, \$24.

According to a prominent London physician the dangerous habit of cmoking green tea cigarettes is rapidly growing and becoming more in use with the down in a storm of hysterical tears.women of England, many of whom it | New York Journal. is now claimed smoke their five o'clock tea instead of drinking it. The effect of the abuse of the eigarettes upon their nervous systems is said to be extremely bad.

### BITS OF KNOWLEDGE.

The man who will not improve his chance, is bound to lose it, no matter ! whether it has to do with the seeking of salvation or making a fortune.

A 634 carat diamond, the finest ever found in Africa, was discovered at Jaggersfontein, in the Transvaal, on the day after Christmas. When cut it is expected that it will be worth £300,000.

Charlemagne possessed a tablecloth woven from asbestos. He used to astonish his guests after dinner by gathering it up and throwing it into the fire, from whence he drew it cleansed from gravy and other grease.

New Hampshire has reason to be roud of her free public library system. plendid work has been accomplished ince 1892, and of the 233 cities and towns in the state there are not more than fifty that have no free public

Negotiations are in progress by which the Art Institute of Chicago, may besome the possessor of the sixty-four paintings by Gustave Dore which for e past few years have been exhibited n this country. The price is said to

be \$1,000,000. A cave alleged to rival in extent and randour the great Mammoth cave has een discovered in Edmondson county, Centucky, in which Mammoth Cave is situated. The newspapers of that re-tion tell many stories of the remarker anarester of the new cave.

THE DUTY OF PATRIOTS. Constant and Hard Work Needed to

Overthrow Political Bosses.

To overthrow the bosses and their methods, to establish in place of the low and narrow door to political distinction a high and broad one, all men who love their country must go into politics, into the primaries and nominating conventions, and insist upon their right to select the candidates. It said by some in excuse of the present indifferent character of candidates for legislative and other offices, that first-rate men will not consent to accept nominations; but experience has shown that this is a mistake. It is very seldom that much trouble is found in inducing men of character to stand for public office, provided they can be assured that they will be faithfully supported, and will have to make no compromising pledges in The highest range of mountains is return for the nomination. Politics can be purified if the people will insist upon the purification. The trouble is that while the politicians work every day of the year to keep politics down to their level, their opponents work only spasmodically, usually a few weeks before election, and during the remainder of the year dismiss the subject from their minds.

It requires great fervor of patriotism to carry on this work, but he must be a very poor American who is willing to admit that there is not enough of saving grace in our people to produce a sufficient body of men to accomplish

it. The kind of patriotism required is of the highest order. It must be willing to give time and labor and money, to sacrifice the best that a man has on the altar of his country. It is undoubtedly more prosaic than dying for one's country on the field of battle. Why, the state superintendent of to be for the enlightenment, uplifting but the man who devotes his life to preserving the honor of his country and perpetuating free government is as much a hero as the one who falls upon the field of battle. Happily there is no demand for him to prove his patriotism in war, while there is a great and pressing demand for him to prove it in the peaceful duties of citizenship.

He is not the truest or most useful patriot who boasts of his willingness to fight for his country in a war which may never come or ought never to come, but he who gives her his service in a struggle that is already in progress. What our country is in need of to-day is an army of patriots who will enlist for the extermination of an army of political pirates and freebooters who are slowly but surely filching from us all "that made it the best to live in and the easiest to die for." We reed recruits in every town and village and great city, men who will not give up the fight till the victory is won. This is a patriotism which tries men's souls, for it calls for quiet, self-eacrificing, unremitting labor; but it is the only patriotism which will save American institutions from destruction, and make the American name, as the symbol of human progress, honored throughout the world.-"Patriotism That Costs,"

Not Fanny to Them.

Recently as a young couple stepped aboard the train to start for their honeymoon a long box of flowers was handed to them. It bore the name of a well-known florist on the cover and was daintily tied up with white satin ribbons. They looked askance at the box. The white bows made it too evi-National flowers have been adopted | dently a wedding favor; and had they not feared to hurt the feelings of some tactless friend by refusing the gift they would not have taken the box into the box and wear them. Then the pretty It costs more to send a ton of goods little bride, trying hard not to look she undid the last bow the cover ing his bow ready for a shot. It was a species of jumping-jack. To the passengers on the car the joke seemed funny, but the poor little bride broke

## NEWSY TRIFLES.

Vermont has ten living ex-governors all republicans.

There are in the city of Glasgow 24,000 Gaelic speaking highlanders. Five hundred trading vessels leave the Thames daily for all parts of the

It is estimated that of the 90,000 paupers of London, two-thirds are ablebodied and capable of working.

Dr. Ball, the eminent naturalist, says that the whaling and sealing industries in Alaska are practically exhausted.

The Simese are skilled in the manufacture of fireworks, which are largely used at cremations and all public func-

The making of cod liver oil is an important industry at Christiania. The quantity exported last year was 70,000

Detroit's mayor has fixed up a system of street car transfers in that city by which a passenger can ride thirtyfive miles for 3 cents. There is great activity in railroad

car building this year. So far 12,500 cars have been built and most of the builders have large orders on hand. A stable in New York city has the following sign displayed: "For sale, good second-hand mule, acquainted

with the ice wagon business," The planet Neptune, which had for countless ages revolved in the heavens unseen by anyone on earth, was discovered simultaneously and independently in 1846 by Professor Adams and M. Leverrier, the two most brilliant upward of \$50,000, which has been reastronomers of the day.

## A WYOMING WOMAN.

TYPICAL OF PROGRESS OF THE EQUAL SUFFRAGE STATES.

Miss Estelle Reel State Superintendent of Public Schools for Wyoming-An Energetic Western Educator of Thoroughly Liberal Views.



**─**ONSIDE RABLE satisfaction was felt by the friends of Miss Estelle Reel when it was announced that the lady named had been chosen state superintendant of echools in Wyoming. Miss Reel received a good part in Chicago, where

she won marked admiration from those who knew her best. Ten years ago she went to the far western state named, and has ever since been engaged in educational work-first as teacher in one of the Cheyenne public schools, then as superintendent for Laramie county, which position she held for four years, and finally as state superintendent. Wyoming women have been in politics so long that the selection of Miss Reel to fill this important place caused little or no surprise there. She thinks that though women cast nearly half the vote of the state, they do not by any means expect to hold the same proportion of offices. Speaking on this subject recently, she said:

"I am certain they will not ask for more than one of the six state offices for many years to come. Which one? Just been opened in Philadelphia, is

this will be distributed to the varous school districts in each county. The receipts of my office from land rentals are now over \$1,000 a month, an increase of over \$700 a month over what they were when I went into the office a little over a year ago."

To Shorten School Terms.

A tendency to shorten the length of the school term is observable throughout the country and attention is directed to this tendency at a time when complaints are growing that too much in the way of labor is exacted from the school children. The fifth annual report of Prof. Harris, federal commissioner of education, deals with this subject at length. It is shown that since the preceding report the average length of the school term has decreased one day in the North Atlantic division, forty-four one-hundredths of a day in the South Atlantic, one and threetenths days in the South Central and three days in the Western. On the other hand there has been an increase of one and three-fifths days in the North Central division, which counterbalances much of the decrease elsewhere, making the general average decrease throughout the country nine-tenths of a day. The causes that most affect the general average are to be found in the North Atlantic division and largely in the states of New York and Massachusetts. The shortening is ascribed largely to increasing laxity in the matter of holidays and may not, therefore, be an indication of a growing behef that a shorter school year is desirable -New York Post.

For Slum Dwellers.

The "Home of Delight," which has

HON. R. G. COUSINS.



engaged in the practice of law. His democrat.

Congressman Robert G. Cousins, first stroke in politics was his election whose speech on Ambassador Bayard to the legislature of Iowa, While a has made his reputation as an orator, member of that body he was elected by is a bright young Iowa lawyer. Here- its house as one of the prosecutors in after, when he rises in the house to say the celebrated Brown impeachment something his words will be listened to case, which was tried before the senate attentively. Mr. Cousins is a native of during 1887. In 1889 he was elected the state he represents. He was born prosecuting attorney and also presiin Cedar county, lowa, in the fifth con- dential elector for the fifth congres gressional district. He is only 37 years sional district. He was elected to the old. He is a graduate of Cornell uni- fifty-third congress and was re-elected versity and took his degree in 1881. to the fifty-fourth congress as a repub-One year later he was admitted to the lican, receiving 21,261 votes, as against bar, and since that time he has been the 15,487 votes for William P. Daniels,

law in Wyoming, that the management have women superintendents, and



school superintendents are women. If the women of the equal suffrage states can have a share in school management, a fair share of the clerical offices and an opportunity to exercise enough influence upon legislation to continue to maintain wages for women equal to those of men where the same work is performed they will be well satisfled, and will not attempt to encroach

upon offices which should always be

filled by men. "With the other memoers of the board I have visited the state institutions of Colorado, Nebraska and Illinois, during the past year, in order to become acquainted with the best methods employed for the care of the defective classes. I am also secretary and register of the state land board, which has in charge the various grants of public land made to the state by congress. This year the board will distribute to the various countles of the state ceived for rental of school lands, and

schools. It has become an unwritten and betterment of the so-called "slum" dwellers of Philadelphia. It is a fourof the schools for the state shall be story brick structure, about twentyleft as far as possible in the hands of five feet wide, and the first floor conthe women. All of the counties but two | tains the large lecture hall and two game rooms, the latter being equipped many of the school principals and with table bagatelle, checkers, lotto, and other games. The second story contains the library of 1,000 volumes and a reading room adjoining. Back of these rooms is the printing room. whence a weekly paper called "Our World and Work" will be issued in a short time. On the third floor are a committee room and a games room, while the remainder of the house is occupied by the superintendent and his

Sectarianism is Vanishing. In speaking the other day of the proposed American University (Methodist) at Washington, Bishop Hurst announced that subscriptions amounting to \$1,040,000 have thus far been received for the project. "People of every grade

A New English Beauty. Miss Margaret Halstan is just at present turning the heads of impres-



MARGARET HALSTAN. sionable London youths. She apears at the Haymarket theater in the play

now running.

HUMORISTS' CURNER.

FLESH-GIVING JOKES FOR OUR LEANER READERS.

Beware," a Form of Love-The Effect of Hard Times in Corktown-Necessity the Mother of Invention-Flotsam and Jetsam From the Tide.



of her eyes! Tempting eyes, Laughing eyes! Laughing when her heart e'en cries, Never known to moralize, Sometimes sad, yet ever wise,

Ready e'er to sym-

THE witchery

pathize-But 'tis only in her eye...

Ch the coquetry of her eyes! Shocking eyes, Mocking eyes! Mocking when your heart replies To her low and tender sighs-Sometimes sad, yet ever wise-Why should man so highly prize Two such sinful, living lies! Pertram A. Marburgh, in Truth.

Merely a Makeshift.

An Irishwoman sent for a lawyer in great haste. She wanted him to meet her in court, and he hastened thither with all speed. The woman's son was about to be placed on trial for burglary. When the lawyer entered the court the old woman rushed up to him, and in an excited voice said:

"Mr. B., Oi want ye to git a continuance for me b'y, Jimmie."

"Very well, madam," replied the lawyer. "I will do so if I can, but it will be necessary to present to the court some grounds for a remand. What shall I say?"

"Shure, ye can jist tell the court that Ci want a continuance till Oi can git a

bother lawyer to spake for the b'y." The lawyer dropped the case then and there, and we are not informed of the old lady's next move.-Scottish Nights.

Not in His Line.

"The palmists tell us about the line of life, the line of fate and all other lines," observed Mrs. Morcomb, who was interested in the science, "but the palmist who wrote this book-"

"Have you been buying a book on palmistry?" asked Morcomb. "Why, yea," "Had your hand looked at, too, I sup-

"I have."

"What did it cost?"

"Only \$5," "Only \$5. H'm! what did the palmist ay about your line of economy?"

"He didn't say anything. There isn't any such line, is there?" "If there is," snorted Morcomb, "the

palmist never sees it in the hand of anybody who visits him."-Chicago Tribune.

### A Hint for the Orrhestra.

A newspaper correspondent tells how, on a visit some months ago to a small town near Manchester, he came across a portable theater, outside of which was the announcement that the they have bought us out, an' the swords play of "Hamlet" would that evening daddy buried last week won't git rusted be performed. Evening came and the 'fore summer!"-Atlanta Constitution. performance commenced. The curtain descended at the conclusion of the first

To the surprise of the audience and amid much laughter, Hamlet popped his head in front of the curtain, and, addressing the orchestra, which consisted of a solitary violin player, exclaimed, in tragic and reproachful

"I told you a flourish of trumpets!"-Weekly Telegraph.

# No Snake Then.

Murphy-"St. Pathrick was a fcine gintlemon, but it's a thousand pities have learned about her, I should think he wuzn't bor-rn ages afore."

Giles-"How do you make that out?" Murphy-"Shure, ef he'd bin in the garden of Adin a pure divil lofke me wudn't be wur-rk-in' his vitils owt iviry day in the gas house, arl on account av the curse av Adam."-Judge.

The Effect of Hard Times.



the Tall One-And where are your tong fine whiskers ye had last week? The Short One-Whist! be alsy; me tife's new Frinch coat needed trimtins. Do you see thim?"-Harper's Weekly.

Getting Even with a Landlord.

Many years ago Earney Barnato rented a little house in one of the freatier towns of South Africa. Barney spent considerable in improving the house, but he quarreled with his landlord and decided to move. By inserting the following advertisement in the local paper, the prospective millionaire in some measure got even with his landlord; "Wanted, by a gentleman who agreed to leave dwelling occupied by him in condition in which he found it, 100,000 lively black beetles." Then fol- in your closet." lowed Barney's name and Andress .-Exchange.

"Only One Girl in the World for Me." "If my wife comes in here tell her to wait for me, please," said Jones, rushing into the big dry goods store of

Smith & Co. "Yes, but how am I to know who your wife is?" asked the surprised

clerk. "Ah, to be sure," was the reply. "Well, then, don't say anything to her at all. Just detain her till I return," and he rushed out, while the clerk looked longingly at a pile driver across the street .- St. Paul Dispatch.

Which?

Young Mr. Spratts sat in Miss Irene Gazzam's parlor, anxiously awaiting the young lady. She had promised him her answer that night, and he was wondering whether that answer would make him the happiest of mortal men or plunge him in misery. As she delayed her coming he mused.

"I wonder if she is making up her complexion or her mind."-Judge.

That Is. Pleasant Taste.

"This is a remarkably high flava ... roast," said the king of Mbwpka. "It is from that late Chicago indi-

vidual," said the purveyor-in-chief. "I am really surprised. That Boston missionary told me explicitly and distinctly that Chicago people were utterly devoid of taste."-Indianapolis Journai.

Quite Another Story. She-"So she wouldn't have you?" He (gleomily)-"No."

He (more gloomily)-"No-behiad." -Pick Me Up.

She-"Wasn't ber father on your

Necessity the Mother of Invention.



"Hello, there:"

"riello." "Is that you, Mitsis Casey?"

"It is." "Whin yes git t'rough wid yer dressmaker, would yer moind sindin' her acrost the way to me? I want to put a Mary of Midicine collar to my sthriped waist."-Truth.

She Got One Back.

"You look as if---" Mrs. Skinner was evidently anxious to say something disagreeable to the boarder in arrears.

"-- butter wouldn't melt in your mouth." The boarder in arrears glanced cas-

ually round the table and murmured: "Depends on the butter." Mrs. Skinner thereupon turned the subject to bicycles.

## Out of Stock.

"I understand that you have relics of the war for sale, my little man," said the Northern tourist to the tow-head.

"We did have," replied the boy, "but

Strange, But True. Visitor-Well, Freddy, how many

brothers have you? Freddy-I have one, but my sister Etella has two. "Why, how is that? Who are they?"

"Me and my brother."-Philadelphia

Making Progress.

Inquirer.

hood."-Judge.

Miss Young (enthusiastically)-"Oh, Miss Timer is so lovely, so intellectual! Not in her first youth, you know, but-" Miss Stager-"No; but from what I she must be well on in her second child-

Nothing Like Knowing.

Miss Fourteen (reading from newspaper)-"Mamma, why do they call a drunkard's nose a lighthouse?" Mamma (well posted on matters of the world)-"Because, my child, so little water passes underneath."-Truth.

But Not on a Salary Basis.

Stranger-"It must take a good deal of money to run this town." Resident-"Well, we've got sixtyeight aldermen. You can figure it up yourself."-Chicago Tribune.

Did She Tell?

Miss Antique-"How gray you are getting lately, my dear. Why, I have not a single gray hair."

Miss Passee-"So I perceive. Do tell me what you use."-Free Press.

As a Last Resert. Werry Watkins-"Good, cold water is the best drink, after all." Dismal Dawson-"After all the

Certain Evidence.

Journal.

booze is gone; yes." - Indianapolis

"Do you know my wife?" "No. I have not that pleasure." "Pleasure? Now I know that you don't know her."-Judge.

And the Neighbors See It. "It must be awful to have a skeleton

"Oh, no. It isn't awful till it comes out."-Detroit Tribune.