Fully half the jokes that are made have a foundation of earnestness if things turn around right.

DOWNERS GROVE. : ILLINOIS.

The indications are that Chicago aldermen make more money than the highwaymen, and at less risk.

People who conceal thoughts that would please or improve other people come dangerously near to criminal practices.

In raising prices the diamond trust strikes a wanton and cruel blow at the municipal representatives of every city in this country.

A man eighty-one years old committed suicide in Maine lately because the selectmen would not repair the road leading up to his farm. He probably intended to mend his ways.

An instance of faithful effort to follow copy occurred recently in a New York newspaper office. It is not easy to tell the story in print, and part of it must be supplied by the reader's imagination. The reporter, who wrote a very bold, vertical hand, put it down that zigzag flashes of lightning played among the clouds and on the proof it came out that "313,309 flashes" played among the clouds.

Because it was too hot to live Joseph Moore committed suicide at Monongahela City, Pa., last week. During the afternoon, while hunting a cool place around the house he became exasperated, and told his wife it was "too hot to live." The next thing she heard of of myself." him was when his body was found hanging to a tree in an orchard. For a man who is suffering from heat suicide is something like jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

Mr. Charles Griswold, traveling salesman, living in Brooklyn, is glad for the first time in his life that he sion. He seemed amused, though, weighs over 300 pounds. He fell asleep on the deck of a Long Island sound Men are so stupid!"-New York World. steamer and rolled overboard. He remained floating and treading water for two hours and ten minutes before he was sighted and picked up by the City of Norwich. He attributes his wonderful escape from drowning to the ease with which his weight enabled him to float, and he says he will never complain again about being a fat man.

John Barry of New Brunswick, N. J. was arrested recently on a charge of disturbing the peace by snoring. Martin Albert, the leader of a band and cornet player, said his instrument was not in it with Barry's snore. Albert told the court that Barry snored away up in G. Then he diminuendoed, struck a cantabile movement, took a crescendo neatly, and caught his breath on the retard as if he had a small circular saw in his larynx. When he got his second wind he began well down on the bass clef, and burst forth with a fine Wagnerian finale that cracked the wall paper in the room above him. The court was unable to see that Albert had been seriously impaired by the roarer, and let him go to snore some more.

According to recent reports, the Cuban enthusiasts have removed the base of their fillbustering operations from New York to Boston, thinking, doubtless, that things having got a little hot in the bigger city, a new field will offer greater advantages for a short time, at least. It is also said that the threat to completely wipe out Havana with dynamite, if necessary, is no empty bravado, but the fixed determination of the Cuban leaders in the field. And in the meanwhile the talkative Weyler spends the greater part of his time sending dispatches to his home government announcing at what date he will have completed the annihilt the: of the rebels. Up to date, however, they seem to take an awful lot of annih! lating.

E. H. Plumacher, United States consul at Maracaibo, reports to the state department that the government of Venezuela has made contracts with William Harper, representing the Philadelphia Museums and American Manvfacturing association, for the establishment of a permanent exhibition of American goods in Caracas, with their own building, and other permanent exhibitions in Valencia, Ciudad, Bolivar ard Maracaibo. The purpose of the exhibition is to give the Venezuelans an opportunity to formally inspect and compare our goods with those of the old world. Mr. Plumacher says that Germany, England and France overrun South America with commercial traveling agents, mostly energetic young men well versed in the Spanish lan guage and the customs of South American people. A commercial traveler for an American house is seldom seen in the parlor occasionally, and the dinthe country. Mr. Plumacher thinks the permanent exhibitions will help American trade, without the great expense attending sending of agents to South America.

Two men in English, Ind., having been blessed with an increase to their families, have named their unoffending offspring Abraham Lincoln Ulysses Grant William McKinley and Thomas Jefferson Andrew Jackson James Monroe William Jennings Bryan. Now let ome Kansan arise in his might and name a daughter Mary Ellen Ninety-Nine-Year Bloomer Lease.

Now that some one has set the examthe world may expect to witness other era of homb-throwing and

GREAT NORTHERN IN JAPAN. IN

Will Put on a Line of Steamers from Seattle to Tokio.

St. Paul, Minn., July 17.-S. Iwanaga of Tokio, Japan, general manager of the Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha, or Japanese Mail Steamship Company, limited, signed yesterday in St. Paul a contract with the Great Northern Railway Company for the establishment of a steamship line between Tokio and Seattle. Thus the Great Northern system extends its operations into the far east and its bills of lading are in force from Tokio to Buffalo, N. Y. St. Paul will be the headquarters of this great system and one of its principal eastern terminals. The first steamer will probably leave Scattle about Aug. 15 and for the present there will be one steamer east monthly, service to be increased as required.

#### Harvest Excursions.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to see the grand crops in the Western states and enable the intending settler to secure a home, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. has arranged to run a series of harvest excursions to South and North Dakota, and to other states in the West, Northwest and Southwest on the following west and Southwest on the following dates: August 18, September 1, 15, 29, and October 6 and 20, at the low rate of two dollars more than one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good for return on any Tuesday or Friday within twenty-one days from date of sale. For rates, time of trains and further details apply to any coupon ticket agent in the East or South, or address Geo. H. Heafford, General Passenger agent, Chicago, IN.

Stupidity of Men.

ment I have always coveted," remarked Mande, complacently, as she straightened her necktie. "He said my clothes always suited me and were chosen with exquisite taste; that they seemed a part

"How lovely! What did you say to

"I told him it was not my fault if they did not suit me, for I had four sisters to borrow from and that I always worked hard enough in selecting from their gowns something that should suit both myself and the occawhen I told him and I wished I hadn't.

#### A Superbly Appointed Train.

Undoubtedly the handsomest train between Chicago and St. Paul, Minneapolis, the Superiors and Duluth is the "North - Western Limited," which leaves Chicago at 6:30 p. m. daily via the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western R'y). Its equipment, which is entirely new throughout, and embraces Compartment Sleeping Cars, Buffet, Smoking and Library Cars, standard Sleeping Cars, Dining Cars and ladies' coaches, has every luxury which imagination can conceive or mind invent for the comfort and convenience of passengers. All agents sell tickets via the Chicago & Worth-Western R'y. For full information apply to agents of connecting line, or address W. B. Kniskern, G. P. and T. A., Chitago, Ill.

Defective Eyesight. Mrs. Smithers-What an elegant gown Mrs. Bilson has: I do believe I never saw anything lovelier. There she goes now; isn't it a perfect dream?

Mre, Smashum-Hush, that's a made-

"Dear me, but my eyes do trouble me so; of course it is; beastly, isn't it?"-

Adams Freeman.

Cheap Excursions to the West and North-

On August 18, September 1, 15, 29, October 6 and 20, 1896, the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western Ry.) will seil Home Seekers' excursion tickets at very low rates to a large number of points in the West and Northwest. For full information apply to ticket agents of connecting lines or address W. B. Kniskern, G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

## A Faley Story.

Mrs. McNulty (early Sunday morning to McNulty, who has just reached home)-"So re air home, eh, and phere did ye git them lovely black eyesworkin' overtime, I suppose?"

Mr. McNulty-"Guess again, me rosebud. I got them lovely optics from loss of sleep while sittin' up wit a sick friend who ain't expected to live."-New York World.

Half Rates to Omaba

Via the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western Ry.), August 15, 16 and 17, 1896—one fare for the round trip. On August 24 excursion tickets at very low rates will also be sold from Omaha to Denver and the famous Hot Springs of South Dakota. For full particulars apply to ticket agents of connecting lines or adress W. B. Kniskern, G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

Two Sorts of Sweeping. Mrs. Higgins, I never saw a woman sweep into the parlor with such stately grace as your lovely daughter. I wish my lovely daughter would sweep out

ing-room and bedrooms as well. Low Rates to Sait Lake Via the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western Ry.), August 6 and 1896. For full information apply to ticket agents of connecting lines or ad-

Not for the "Board."

dress W. B. Kniskern, G. P. & T. A.

Chicago, Ill.

New Arrival-They charge enough for board here, don't they? Boarder-I don't think it can be for the board I guess its for the climate and scenery.

The people who last year predicted that the bicycle was a fad are now standing in line at the stores inquiring when their wheels are coming.-Minneapolie Journal.

# WOMAN'S CORNER.

INTERESTING READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS.

Some of the Fashionable Dresses Seen in Town-An Old Fashloned Gown for Up to Date Maids-Notes of the



HE fash ionable world has paused for a moment in its mad rush. Many of its inmates have flown to their summer quarters for a quiet spell. A few are still in town, and may be seen at the last nights of the theaters, where

we can easily gain some hints of modified modes. Each day and each week brings something a little different, in spite of the fact that the early spring gave the general outlines for the year. Several typical gowns are worth mentioning. A simple, pearl-grey crepon had no trimming whatever except some bands of coarse white lace insertion inserted lengthwise in the loose bodice. The insertion was fastened to the crepon beneath silver paillette trimming, and white satin peeped from beneath it. A white satin ribbon collar and a silver belt finished the costume. Another more elaborate costume was worn by a sweet-looking blonde, with a black hat that sat on the side of her head like a bird ready for flight. Black "Jack paid me last night the compli- India silk, sprayed with white, was the material used. The Swiss peasant's yoke was of white, and over it the material crossed in surplice fashion. To further this effect, what seemed to be the ends of a fichu fell over the skirt from each side of the waist. The bellsleeves emitted clouds of white lace, almost concealing the hands. A bertha of green velvet was worn over a softpuffed bodice of cream chiffon, with sleeves that were shirred to the arm above the elbow, and were fulled into extravagant flounces on the lower arm.

> An Old Fashioned Gown. Fun is always to be had in an

ming. It excircles the waist, falls diagonally from the center of both front and back and joins half way looped. From thence one end hangs, another wends its way to the bottom of the skirt, to be fastened under a huge bow. Another bow is placed at the waist exactly in the center of the back. And the maid is black of hair and black-eyed .- The Latest.

Visiting Toilets. White enters more or less into all elegant costumes. It is almost unneccersary to speak again of the vogue that lace is enjoying. There is hardly a gown for woman, girl or child that has not lace somewhere about it, either as application, collarette, pelerine, collar, jabot, 'cravat or trimming. White satin belts are also a feature of the season. They are sometimes wide, sometimes narrow and are draped or crossed as the figure of the wearer dictates. They accompany not only wihte gowns, but those of gray, green, blue, rose and mauve. For draped and wrinkled belts a very soft silk or satin is required,



that will make round folds instead of sharp ones. These white girdles are also worn with bodices of gauze or mousseline de soie, which are innumerable. Those more conspicuous are of mauve, green, straw or have mousseline, made over a fitted lining of white satin. Plaid and flowered gauzes are used in the same way.

Decidedly brilliant colors are not so 'Answers to Correspondents" column. | much worn as they have been. Some

A NEW IDEA IN MILLINERY.



amusement afforded by English periodicals when, in response to queries, they advise readers to take numerous dresses with them for wear in New York, as that city is quite up-to-date in fashions. They fail to conclude by saying that it might be well to delay purchasing these garments until reaching New York, since the American



taste in dress far exceeds that of the English woman.

This applies mainly to summer dress for in it the American girl secures sprightly touch entirely lacking in the severe lines of English garments.

Take a dress to be worn at a Newport hop. The material is old-fashioned dotted muslin, made over a yellow silk slip. The round bodice is very full, cut low and round about the neck, and is almost concealed by a fall of milk. wide lace.

is again introduced in the skirt trim- into fresh, clean water.

None, however, furnishes quite the good effects in red are seen, and there are also some charming blue costumes in which white and straw color are mingled, but the preference is for more delicate tones of evasive green, pinkish lilae, effaced yellows and delicate blues. Black and white in chine effects, stripes, plaid lines, checks, dot? and figures is having a success, as are mixtures of black and white lace on both hats and gowns. It is always safe to choose black and white articles of apparel, for they will go well with any color and have a certain reserve and distinction that color lacks.

The sketch illustrates a visiting costume. The godet skirt of black taffeta is covered with a second skirt of black mousseline de soie, embroidered with large roses. The fitted bedice of black taffeta is covered and draped with embroidered mousseline. The belt of black satin is tied at the side and the collar is also of black satin. Black satin ribbons are arranged obliquely upon the bodice, terminating in coques. The sleeves of black taffeta are covered and draped with black embroidered mousseline and have black satin bracelets and frills of white

Household Hints.

be attracted to a trap baited with them when they will pass by a piece of meat, A thin coating made of three parts vent their rusting during the summer Cream or milk that has turned but is not soured may be made sweet by stirring into it one teaspoonful of carbonate of magnesia to each quart of

The best way to remove sand and Big yellow bows at the shoulders grit from small fruit, when washing is conceal the commencement of ribbon secessary, is to lay the fruit loosely THE ODD CORNER.

down the left side, where it is loosely SOME QUEER AND CURIOUS FEATURES OF LIFE.

> the Soldier was a Woman-His Hope less Love-The Earth's Rotation and Moving Trains - A Genuine Capin Mascot.



Grandma wants you to be good—

AW'SY me! how times is changed sence I was a little gal; We ust to mind our parents-There don't plague the baby, Sal-Now give it back that rattle, An' come over hure to me.

lest as good as good can be; Bess put up my spectacles, You will break 'em square in two; An' when Gran'ma wants to read, Then what ever will she do? 30 Gladys wants a story All about the long ago. When young folks kept their places An' they went a little slow. When I was young the old folks All had jest about their way Children didn't play and romp The whole of the livelong day. Sometimes we'd go to "spellin," Sometimes to a "huskin bee," Dance the merry Money Musk." We had jolly times you see. in them days folks learn'd cookin' By their good old mother's rule, Now they can't get up a meal Thout they've been cookin' school. No Gladys I'm not sorry, All these things is changed about it'll be all about for the best, These new ways, I haint no doubt. Tho' sometimes it puzzles me, That stuff they call Delsarty, Want invented in them days An' girls was hale and hearty. Now, mind, I haint complainin' Everything 'll come out right. The world's a gittin' better As the Lord throws on more light. Gladys, ride your bicycle. An' your purty bloomers don. If you are a bit ahead, The old world's a comin' on. Ride your horse a foot each side, It is better for your health, Sure as Gran'ma's tellin you You will find that health is wealth. Read all the leadin' papers An' keep up in politics Fer women's 'goin to vote, child! Long fore nineteen hundred six. Be ladylike an modest, Not a livin' creature hate; An' never mind your hat, dear

Jest be sure your heart is straight. LUCIA B. GRIFFIN.

The Old Soldier Was a Woman. From the St. Louis Republic .- Toterrific storm was raging Otto Schafdemolished the house and killed Schaf-

This official prepared the body for the would-be bride being a pauper. burial, and in doing so made the discovery that has been the talk of the county. He says Schaffer was a woman. The deceased was an ex-soldier and participated in many of the battles of the war. Despite this discovery the Grand Army veterans turned out and gave Schaffer a soldier's burial. As the comrades fired a last salute over the grave into which the coffin had been lowered it was found that a gun was loaded with ball as well as powder. and the shot killed a dove which was flying over. The dove fluttered and fell on the coffin dead. Schaffer leaves considerable property, but no one in the county knows of relatives of the deceased.

His Hopeless Love.

From the Chicago Daily Tribune A certain store in State street has a wax figure of remarkable beauty and true to life. It is used for high-priced millinery and dress displays.

For over a week people who frequently pass the store, which is on the east side of the street, have noticed a well-dressed, middle-aged man who has apparently become infatuated with the wax figure. He haunts the vicinity of the window at frequent intervals every day and spends his time gazing at the graceful form and red cheeks of the model within.

The employes of the store at first thought he was a pickpocket or prospective burglar, and several times ordered him away, but he invariably returned to gaze at the wax figure, and they have concluded to let him gaze at his charmer in peace.

The Earth's Rotation and Moving Trains. From the Washington Evening

Times: "I had an interesting conversation with a Western scientist the other day," said N. S. Moore, a Chicago Mice love pumpkin seeds, and will traveling man, at the Raleigh, "about the effect the rotation of the earth has on moving railroad trains. He claimed that a train going eastward is accelerlard, melted with one part rosin, and | ated by the earth's rotation, while one applied to stoves and grates, will pre- | going westward is correspondingly retarded. Trials of railroad speed, to obtain the best results, he says should be made from west to east. The scientist backs his theory up with elaborate mathematical formula. He goes further and estimates that a train running either north or south loses by reason of the earth's movement, on account, he says, of the earth's pressure against the right rail. A train capable straps to hold the sleeve puffs. Ribbon in a clean basket, and dip the basket of making seventy miles an hour loses

proposition that I should like to see a test made."

Can't Lose Money When This Dog Follows.

From the Newark Daily Advertiser. -Elizabeth Special: John A. Staats, proprietor of the Sheridan Hotel, has a valuable setter, for which he has refused several large offers of purchase money. He now thinks more highly of the dog than ever.

Mr. Staats made up his cash and checks yesterday and put it into his bankbook to deposit. When he reached the cashier's window at the bank the book and money had disappeared. It contained Saturday night and Sunday business receipts.

He retraced his steps hurriedly to locate the missing roll, if possible, when Fannie, the setter, came running down the street with the missing bankbook in her mouth. Mr. Staats dropped it near the hotel as he pulled a handkerchlef from his pocket. Fannie discovered the loss and ran after her master with the money.

#### Unrewarded Honesty.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat: Every one around the Illinois Central city ticket office was talking about the finding of the \$50 gold watch and "Honest" Bradley, who returned it. Bradley was getting a good deal of praise for his honesty, but he remarked that he would have preferred a half dollar." This case reminds me of a similar one when I was a railroad conductor," said one of the old timers. "It was in the early days of Pat Hill; you know, every one remembers Pat. In fact, & short time ago he was braking on the Louisville & Nashville, between here and Mobile. Well, he was riding on my train, and he found by the end of his seat a roll of bills, amounting to \$5,000. Pat was too honest to put the money in his pocket, so he hunted about until he found the man who had lost it and returned the money. The owner handed him a helf dollar.

A Maine Rat Story.

From the Rockland, Me., Star: Tuesday afternoon, when Fred Sweetland came home he found his son's wife sitting on the door step mourning the loss of ten little chickens which she believed to have been carried away by a rat. When her husband came home he found the rat's hole in the yard, dug into it a piece, and then fired into it with a revolver. Upon opening the hole he found he had blown a big rat to pieces. He also found seven of the chickens dead with their heads caten off by the rat and three of the chickens alive. They were removed and cared for, and Friday they were just as lively as crickets, and feeding just as though they had not been bereaved of seven brothers and sisters.

## Matrimonial Difficulties in Maine.

From the Lewiston Saturday Journal: It was not "a very pretty home peka, Kan., Special: A story comes | wedding"-the one that didn't come off from Butler County that while a at Old Orchard the other night. It would have been a wedding, though, fer, a hermit farmer, who had lived if the clergyman hadn't asked the man there many years, took shelter in his if he drank, and on being answered in cabin and was offering up a prayer the affirmative, refused to perform the for protection when a bolt of lightning ceremony. While the couple were pleading with the good man to reverse that righteous decision, an officer of Neighbors found the dead body on the law appeared and stopped all furthe floor and summoned the coroner. ther proceedings, for the time at least,

> He Bit a Horse and Got the Worst of It. From the Kansas City Times .- Topeka, Kan., Special: Perry McClure, a farmer, flew into a rage yesterday because his horse rubbed against him, soiling his Sunday clothes, and as a punishment he bit the animal's ear. As McClure's teeth closed on the horse's organ of hearing it tossed its head high in the air, breaking the man's jaw in three pieces. The horse is quite a hero in the neighborhood. McClure has gone to bed for the summer.

## Invested in Beer.

The capital invested in the beer brewing business in this country amounts to \$250,000,000, according to statements made at the national convention of brewers, held recently, and sales of beer amounted to \$36,000,000 last year, against \$8,500,000 in the year 1876. The annual consumption of beer in the United States now exceeds 1,000,000,000 gallons.

## No Other Like This.

There is a town on the Upper Snake River in Idaho, called New Sweden. Hans Hansen is mayor of the town, Peter Petersen is clerk, and the common council is composed of Peter Hansen, Hans Petersen, Peter Hans Petersen, Hans Peter Hansen and Peter Hansen Hans Petersen. No relationship is vouched for by the Caldwell, Idaho, Tribune.

Mother Killed, Child in Her Arms Spared. From the St. Paul Dispatch.-Stoux City, Ia., Special: Mrs. Simon Paulson was killed by lightning this morning. Her husband, in the same room, and her two-year-old son, whom she was holding in her arms, were stunned, but not seriously hurt,

## Boston's First Church.

The first church building erected specially for that purpose and used for no other was put up in Boston in 1632, Before that date the Puritans held their meetings in private houses or in a house which also served for a school

# After Years of Service.

In a lot of old paper stock received lately in a mill at Andover, Conn., was Bible, the inscription in which reads: "This Bible was used in the pulpit by Rev. Steven West, pastor in Stocktwo miles. It is such an interesting bridge, Mass., from 1759 to 1818."