THE EBBING TIDE.



CII has been written about the enormous number of immigrants who sought the hospitable shores of the United States in 1907. Much less has been made of the number of allens who returned to their native land. yet this is in many respects the more in-

teresting fact of the two. During last year more than half a million returned to Europe from United States and Canadian ports; and in the last ten years the number reaches the astonishing total of two and a half millions, or nearly one-third as many as the number of immigrants in the same time.

Much has been discovered by the national commission appointed last year, even during its one year of service. as to the influence of this returning tide on European life. Nearly all of it is of a sort to stir the hearts of Americans with sympathy and pride. Not only have families been raised to a higher plane of comfort by the labor of certain members in the great "land of promise," but whole villages have felt the impetus and enjoyed the benefits. The United States is thus becoming a world power in a new sense, and a leader among nations by ways which involve no military oppression and no diplomatte selfishness.

No man need grudge to the returning immigrant the carries with him as something lost to the United States. It has been earned, in most cases doubly earned, by the hardest kind of labor, of which this country has had the benefit. The more becoming attitude is that of the man toward the garment which had served him for fifteen years. "Well," he said, as he finally relinquished it to the ragman, "it doesn't owe me anything for board."-- Youth's Companion.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.



IW much better it would be for the American people if the courts here were to close their doors occasionally and shut out the public when gross details of immoral relations or of crime are required to elucidate the Issues involved in celebrated cases: As long as the doors remain open publicity is

inevitable. The latter class of newspapers prone and trim down their reports as far as they can, and even yet there will remain at times a residue which offends the finer sensibilities. The less considerate press treats ats readers to the full dish of nauseating stuff. Meanwhile the courtroom is packed with a morbid crowd of sensation seekers, glouting over the spectacle of shamed wonianhood or wretched manhood and carrying away the most demoralizing impressions to be wattered broadcast by word of month. Washington (1), ('.) Star.

and other right of the same INTERNATIONAL MARITAL MIXES.



LAIN people aigh when they read of a new International marriage between an American betress and a European of title. What the title may be, or what they may happen to know about the contracting parties signifies little. They distrust these marriages and are aid, when they best of a new one, to think that another American girl is about to make a

bad bargain. We must remember, however, that the international alliances that turn out disastrously and end in the divorce court are those that make the most noise, and also

HER FIRST LION.

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The roar of a lion, hunting, is a nev

had seen two monstrons moving beasts.

rellowish and majestic. They were

still thicker cover to the left. I remem-

which we had planned and longed and

atriven was really at hand, all my ex-

citement left me, and there was nothing

The jungle cover parted, and with

lithe, stretched shoulders a lioness

shook herself half-free of the density

then crouched low again. Down, until

only the flat of her skull showed, and

her small twitching ears. In one mo

half-are of yellow I pulled the trigger.

and Cecily's rifle cracked simultaneous

ly. The head of the lloness pressed

lower, and nothing showed shove the

ridge of grass and thorn. The Hopeas

Sighting as low as I could on that

ment more she would be on us.

so great a fee so quickly?

claws stuck in,

west by lion,

over there?

Harvard Lampson.

my cousin rendering "first aid."

'09-That, sir, is my mother.

Politeness and Chilvery.

"08-Who's that awful old frumn

78-Er-ab-oh, yes-um. Well-

shem-you just ought to see mine!-

that word "natural," when used by

berself in their capture.

about my veins,

separating the mismated in whose antipathies race differences have no part. Furthermore, some of our girls who have married titles have accepted with them men of such demonstrated worthlessness that there was no chance of living happily with them. Such women had not sense enough to make good marriages anywhere .--Harper's Weekly.

#### OVER THE SEA ON CONCRETE.



HE great ocean railway linking Florida's mainland with Key West and bringing Cuba 100 miles nearer the United States is nearing completion. The undertaking is doubtless the most remarkable piece of railway building now under construction.

The distance from Miami, the Florida terminal, to Key West is 156 miles. Of this distance 104 miles will be constructed on land; counting, of course, the coral formation of the keys as land. The rest of the route, which will connect the string of keys, will be constructed over awamp and water, of which about twenty five miles may be considered swamp and twentyfive miles open water. On the entire route fifty keys must be crossed. Some of these are of considerable size that is, they have an area of several square miles, but the larger number can be measured in square yards. The distances apart vary considerably, and the depth of water between vacles from a depth of thirty luches to thirty feet, the average being about six and one-balf feet. Included in the 156 miles will be six miles of concrete viaduct and some eighty miles of embankment. which rises about thirty-one fect above the water, this height being considered ample to protect the track from the action of the storms. Popular Mechanics.

#### AGRICULTURAL PROSPERITY.



HE ten years of prosperity that this country has enjoyed since 1897, and the revotion which has been wrought in the agricultural industry, has placed the American farmer in a position of financial and economic independence such as the rural population of this or no other country has

ever known before. The fixed capital represented in the agricultural industry to-day is approximately \$25. 000,000,000, or more than four times the capital invested in all of the unnufacturing industries in the country. From the position the American farmer now excuples, no financial disturbances, no business failures in the outside world, no failure of any one or several crops, no hysteria or political agitation, can hope to dislodge him.-Van Norden Magazine.

### VALUE OF COLLEGE EDUCATION.



EVER was the need of a college education for all who would engage in professional work more widely recognized. There has been much running to the mechanical and technical fields of labor, but there has never been a time when a good old-fashlened education was not the best prepara-

tion for the larger life. The college course should prerede the technical and the professional course, and any equission of college work in the hope of a short cut to practical success is a mistake. In the future professional men must be better equipped than ever before if they expect to hold their own and to rise to distinction.

# that our own divorce courts at home are kept pretty busy | -- Indianapolis News.



Among the Wends, a remnant of the socient Slavonic race inhabiting the Spreewald, a region enclosed by an arm of the Spree about fifty miles south of Berlin, Germany, all the traffic is carried on waterways. In winter funeral processions pass along the Ice. The coffin is carried on a sledge, and is drawn by six mourners, who wear long black streamers on their bats. The whole company goes on skates and the women wear the ancient na-

## THE CHORUS GIRL

Her Life a Hard One but She Has the Manners of a "Grande Dame."

must be dead. And yet, could one kill There are lots of chorus girls, says Then I did an inanely stupid thing. Rose Stabl, struggling, plucky, spunky, It was my first Hon-hunt, and my igstraight and good-hearted. They are norance and enthusiasm carried me funny, but they are pathetic, too, and beauty are. away. I ran forward to investigate, they have a hard life. I studied the with my rifle at the trail. I had forchorus "lady" on and off the stage for gotten that the bush contained another years. It's a sight for the gods and humorists to see her at a lunch counter A snarling road, and almost before I on the road. She falls off the train and could do anything but bring up my rifle rushes into the station to get a sandand fire without the sights, a lion broke wich and a glass of milk, or a doughfrom the side of the brake. My nerves nut and a piece of pie. She gives her seemed to relax, and I tried to hurl orders as King Richard might call for myself to one side. There was no powhis horses, or Cleopatra her barge, and a recent happening at Dartmouth. It er of hurling left in me, and I simply heaven help the poor attendants if they detailed how the tax assessor of the fell sideways, and that saved me, For do not fly to do her biddings. She is district of Hanover, N. H., decided rethe great cat had not bargained for a victim slightly to the right or left. His her comments on the service. She pays | College ought to pay taxes. Thereweight fell on my legs merely, and his her check with the air of an injured | upon the students decided that if they meen and stalks out, leaving the could be taxed they also could rote. Before he had time to turn and rend unchroom menials under the impresme, almost instantaneously my cousin sion that they have failed to please who far outnumbered the other resi-

fired. The top of the lion's head was Mme. Duse or Sarah Bernhardt. blown to smithereens, and the heavy Then she goes back to the train and ects. One was to have erected body sank. The whole world seemed to will sit up half the night sewing frills | shoolhouse 500 feet long and one foot me to be bounded north, south, east and on her costumes, to make a brave wide, and the other to have laid a showing on the opening night in the boardwalk from Hanover to Lebanon. The men pulled the heavy carcam next town, and then, after a night of about five miles away. Immediately away. I sat up, feeling indescribably work, she trudges out of the station in thereafter the tax assessor made up shaky. I don't remember anything else the chilly dawn to search for a cheap his mind that the students need not be until I found myself in my tent, with lodging.

These girls have a long idle summer to get through on their savings of the winter, and many of them have younger mater to look after or a moth. I was in college. I wonder who starter at home to help, and they manage | ed that up again." somehow to do it. And most of them run straight and turn down the Johnnies who think, like the villain in the play, that they can pay for the havoc A word that we dislike very much is they cause.

Where does the chorus lady come women in describing the appearance from and what Becomes of her? Why not sek, what becomes of the

She comes from the country as a rule. The mirror over the washstand in her farmbouse bedroom told her that the country was no place for her, so she packed her carpethag, bought some high heel shoes and a big hat, and came to town to show it what real youth and

Dartmouth Tale Revived. A while ago an item started rounds of the college papers, begin ning, it appeared, with the Daily Illini, at the University of Illinois, and working like a soft-nosed bullet both ways through the college publications. The story was about what was called distainful of her food and scathing in | cently that the students of Dartmouth

> So at a town meeting the students, dents, united in support of two projtaxed.

"Well," said a Dartmouth '95 man, when he was told about the anecdote, 'that used to be a favorite story when

If all the people in the world should agree to sympathize with a certain man at a certain hour, they could not cure his headache.

The only way for some people to a into society in to break in.

SIZING 'EM UP.

Criticising Debaters Not So Different From Football Analysis.

A debating team isn't much like a football team, but apparently the habit of athletic criticism is so deeply ingrained that to some college men the activities of the two appear alike. Which is to say that when the Yale debating team recently met Princeton, and incidentally was defeated, the Yale News published in advance of that contest a summary of the Yale team that read for all the world like the estimate of abilities of an athlete.

One man was "very good at his best, has some off days. He is a trifle too aggressive sometimes in his delivery and has a tendency to talk too fast." Sounds like: "Is inclined to change before the ball and thus get offside," doesn't it?

Another man "has some minor faults of delivery, but he holds the attention by his earnestness and individuality. He is very clear and logical in his constructive argument. In rebuttal he shows good judgment but is not quite as affluent in expression as he should be. He is a very cool headed and reliable man and exerts a steadying influence on the whole team."

Which could be read: "Smith is a fine man in the backfield catching punts, rarely muffing and then generally able to get them back. He runs his team with good headwork, choosing his plays nicely, and is clever at picking weak spots in the opposing line. When they get going under Smith it is a case of the full count."

Another fellow in rebuttal "is very quick but a little inclined to let the exattement of the debate run away with him." Otherwise: "He is flerce tackler, but is apt at times to be turned away from the play. In his eagerness to get through he sometimes fails to diagnose the forma-

Still another debater "has also some minor faults in delivery, but in apite of these he is a good speaker i and an excellent debater. He handles his constructive argument well and seldom loses sight of the main issues in rebutting. He also has a ready flow of language, which is invaluable in extemporaneous work." Which recalls: "He is a good man at advancing the ball, following his interference well and taking the holes with good judgment. He is a wonderful dodger and a great man in a broken Afer all, there isn't much difference.

### NEW AFRICAN RAILROADS.

Two Across Nigeria Will Start Production of Cotton.

Several months ago an American who has lived in Niggria said in New York that the climate and soil of that large region are favorable for the cultivation of cotton, but as yet there is no encouragement to raise it because there are no railroads to carry it to the sea.

The railroad in now to be supplied, According to the American Geographical Society's bulletin it in to start from Bare on the Niger River below the rapids that impede navigation. Vessels loaded with cotton brought by rail to Bare may descend the Niger to Akassa, the port at its mouth, where steamships may load the freight for Europe.

The northern terminus of the rail road will be Kano, the great and populous capital of Hausaland, some 500 miles from Baro by rail and not far south of the Sahara desert. Kano became known some sixty years ago at the greatest manufacturing and commercial centre of the western Suwill largely increase its importance. The British Government authorized the building of the railroad in Au. enjoy. gust last

Its gauge is to be 4 feet 6 inches. But Kano will be joined with the sea not only by this railroad and the Niger but also by a through rail by way of Jebba and Lagos, now largest commercial centre on the Atagricultural fair in that city recently testified to the importance which farming interests are already attaining Many native farmers among the exhibitors.-New York

## THE THIRD DEGREE.

As It is Administered in Our Neigh bor Republic,

A Mexican detective who was recently in Washington described the "third degree," as applied to suspected criminals in that country. In the United States the suspect is put through a sort of "sweating" process in order to make him confess. Mexico the fellow who is believed be guilty of a crime is taken to the scene of the commission of the act and there the tragedy, if a murder has been committed, is re-enacted under the direction of the plain-clothes men. Recently a woman was found mardered in her bed, the weapon employed to kill her being a knife. The man suspected of the crime was taken to her room blindfolded. When the cloth was removed from his eyes another woman was lying in the bed in the same attitude in which the murdered woman was found. The lights were lowered as they had been the night the crime was committed and the suspect was put through the performance of the murder just as the police supposed it had been committed in reality. Suddenly the chief detective, addressing the man under suspicion, demanded:

"What kind of a knife did you

a her?" The prisoner, trembling at being confronted by the panorama of his crime, unthinkingly replied: horn-handled, hide-scraping

knife." The Mexican detective described other cases where the "third degree" had been successfully applied in cases of murder, assault and robbery. said the American system was a good one, but he regarded the Mexican ider as the better of the two.--Washing | say Jones - who falled to recognize |



There is a remarkable picture painted by the celebrated English painter. Hogarth. It is called "False Perspective." There are houses in the foreground, a stream in the middle distance, and a hill in the background. In a spirit of humor Hogarth has filled the pictore with impossibilities from the standpoint of perspective, and yet at the first glance a careless observer would detect nothing wrong in it.

Here is a somewhat similar picture that shows what a queer-looking jumble would result if the artist should neglect the rules of perspective in parts of his drawing and follow them in others.

If you were asked to point out which of the three elephants and which of the three giraffes traveling through the long, queer-looking corridor or bridge sown in the accompanying picture are the tallest, would you not at once place your finger upon the hindmost autmals? The giraffe that brings up the rear seems to overtop the other two, and the elephant in front appears but a dwarf compared with his big brother occupying the last place behind; and yet, surprising as it may seem, you will find, by carefully measuring the beights of the animals, that the nearest ones are really either tailer than those that follow or fully equal to them in size.

The reason that the latter look so much larger than they really are is because they do not grow smaller in the same proportion as do their surroundings, which are drawn according to the rules of perpective.

For you will notice that the lines of the roof, floor and sides of the building grow closer together as they vanish in the distance. The illusion is further emphasized by the three men on the platform. These also are drawn in accordance with the laws of perspective—that is, they appear larger or smaller according to their distance from the eye of the observer.

## THOUSANDS LIKE HIM.

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~~~~~ An American so characteristic of life in the United States that he might a series of misunderstandings and erhave come from any part of the country | rors the professor was not informed. of a Trip Around the World," a recent neighbor, where they had gone to inbook by E. W. Howe, the editor of the quire about him. Atchinon Globe,

ing round after him.

Richardson is not having a good time, Bichardson calls ber that.

"Martha," I have heard him say, "let's cut out the rest of this trip and go home on the Minnesots. I'm tired

of this foolishness," I have never heard Martha reply, for she niways speaks in low tones, as all persuasive women do, but I can tell you, she is opposed to going home by the shortest route; so Richardson will be compelled to go through india and compelled to pay high prices for food

tracts attention, for baid heads are not saw her, and the father and daughter the rule here. I know nothing whatever about him, but here is his history

He was a farmer's boy, and attended a district school in the winter. When fifteen or sixteen years old he went to the county seat and entered a store. He knew enough to be honest and indusfrious, so he prospered slowly; prosperite is siways slow.

He knew enough to remain in one town, so when times became dull lows, instead of running away to another town, he picked up a little property at low prices. When prosperity returned and it always does, everywhere he sold a little, and bought

In time he was elected to a countr office; then he got into the bank as a director. Later, he was made president of the bank, and then president. He gradually accumulated farm lands, and these gradually increased in

I am not certain, but I think one of his daughters is married to a Congressman and another to the district judge. He also has three or four good sons. who are prospering.

if Richardson is not from lows, then he is from Illinois, or Ohio, or Indiana, or Wisconsin, or Minnesota, and his history is about as I have stated.

There are many Americans who are just like him. The only remarkable thing about Richardson is that he had sense enough to be honest and industrious, and wait for prosperity in one

A BELATED RECOGNITION

Absent-Minded Father Palls to Grass His Daughter's Identity.

It was La Fontaine, the fable writer, who, in his son's absence during several years in pursuit of an education, I tell ye!" quite forgot him, and was not reminded of his existence until a friend arranged a surprise meeting.

The father was pleased with the manners and wit of the young man presented to him, but falled to recognize him, and as soon as they parted prompt ly forget him again.

La Fontaine was a genius and kindly man; but one can hardly di sever absent-mindedness of such a sort from shallow-heartedness. Nevert less, in the case of Professor-let abler efter a year's separation, I

hond of affection was both strong and

Mary, his only daughter, married, and went abroad with her husband. Their return was a week or two before the date appointed, and owing to is amusingly described in "Dully Notes and met them first at the house of a

A reception was in progress there, it attaches to Jonkheer Assacher, at Here at the King Edward Hotel in and he arrived some time after them, Hongkong, writes Mr. Howe, 1 am se a guest, and still unaware of their much interested in a Mr. Richardson of return. Strolling into his friend's il- Edward, a year's task, with the store lows. I don't know that his name is brary, away from the crowd, he became Richardson, or that he is from lows, aware, as he was inspecting the books, but he is an elderly American, and I of some ladies in conversation on the know his history as well as I know my other side of a portiere, one of whom own. I see him in the balls and in the displayed an astonishing amount of dining-room, his little fat wife patter. knowledge of his own particular hobby. ticable, especially in frame work. He was surprised and delighted.

and he wants to go home, but Martha, must positively present me to," he said, of building a wooden bridge or his wife, wants to continue the jour- engerly, to his host, who had joined manent treatle. Some of the reucy, and Martha will have her way. I him. "A most intelligent woman! She's are even building their cars of mis know her name is Martha because been talking of the prehistoric races to and they will inevitably come a surprisingly discriminating manner steel ties by and by.

"A Mrs. Smith, I believe," replied the bost, much amused, since he knew whe the lady was. "Come--I will present

They passed the curtain, and the profermer, who had falled to connect the name of Mrs. Smith with his Mary. was duly introduced; for the ladies had overheard his inquiry and the re-Egypt, and play the game out. For the ply, and were disposed to keep up the dan. It is expected that the railroad next two or three months he will be joke. Peering short-sightedly through he cannot eat and for trips he cannot lake, were his reading glames when they should have been his object glasses, of Manufactures for 1905 shows ! Richardson is so held that he at he did not recognize Mary when he actually opened a conversation on prehistoric man, and carried it on for sev. eral minutes before the strain proved

Then the listeners broke down in in this country's favor for the laughter, and Mary, with a cry that she of December. could not keep it up any longer, caught the old gentleman round the neck and

"Bless my soul, Mrs. Smith!" gasped, bewildered. "Why ... Mary !"... Youth's Companion.

The Windom of Experience.

the Hobart family that young James had a remarkable gift. It remained for an obscure uncle from the Cape to drop a word of caution and of world-

"You say he's wonderful far-seeing trouble. and can tell folks just how things are going to turn out?' he inquired. "Yes, it seems so," said James' ador ing mother.

"Well, now, if you want him to the most onpop'lar man anywhere round, you just let him foretell an prophesy and forecast," remarked the old uncle, grimly,

"If you want him to keep a few friends you must shunt him off onto some other track. Let him work out sums in his bead. That's a harmiese

"But why?" faltered the mother. "Just this," answered the authority from down on the Cape. "When he

prophesies things'll go wrong and they do go wrong, the heft of the blame'll be laid straight on his shoulders. When he says thev's as right, and they do folks'll be too busy enjoying themselves to remember your James. And when he says they'll go wrong and they go right, they'll call him a fool, New I'm above 70, and you mind what

Philosophy. "After all," said the optimist, "g best of luck is only what you made

"It's all well enough for you talk," growled the pensimist, "but never get anything but bad luck." "Well, then, it's up to you to it the best of it."-Philadelphia Pres

By the way, are you acquainted with any man who flatters his wife?

ing hard by merely

New York reports that vi no longer fashionship. A. l shrinking and modest, parket gests the Cleveland Plain In conform with the New York idea.

Some persons are so sure that key is an autidote for grip, a to the Pittsburg Gazette, that don't wait for the grip to

Weather prophets are scarcer than they used to be, but the demand le still far from being ahead of alle supply, insists the Washington Stan

What! The Cubans still have long.

hoarded gold in their strong bouter Can we trust such a people as the with self-government; demands and Indianapolis News. "A Millionaire in Glory" is a head-

line in a western exchange. Doom to refer to the story of the hereafter. retorts the Atlanta Constitution. Her made another million-that's all Says a Paris newspaper: "It must

be concluded that the loguacity

women is a kind of superiority which

they have over the so-called stronger it is an amazing fact, to the Unrie tion Register, that there are men of ability and intelligence who

ten consult fortune-teilers to get tipe for business transactions. If roughbousing becomes the fashe ion at collegiate banquets, there alfairs will have to be held in tental observes the New York Mail, for wo

hotel keeper can afford to accomine

A New York physician says the prevalence of heart disease in especially noticeable among men who sticks too close to their deaks. Then there is no reason to fear an epidemic a that trouble among Federal officehol ers who are busy with national poli

tics, sneers the Washington Posts Not all the romance of diamor lles in their finding, remarks the New York World. A good deal of Amsterdam, in an isolated room cub ting the Cullinan diamond for King guarded by detectives and burgis

Steel is gradually supplanting wood in constructive work, wherever prathese days, says the Richmond Tim "There's a lady to the next room you Dispatch, no railroad company.

> We can imagine the smile that comes over a publisher's face when a book is barred from the public library avera the New York Mail. A brary book in read by perhaps eld persons. Is it not better for anthand public to sell eighty be Certes, the book trade, hath more tricks than politics.

How much can the American /nas tion save by wearing its old clothes this year? asks the New York Erening Post. The report of the Conthe factory product of man's cloth ing for the year was valued at \$255, 796.571. One-third of this, or siderably less than one-third on basis of retail prices, would than equal the entire balance of trade

whose presence leads to a call for a physician and a obedience of the rules laid down him. The average grip victim clined to suffer from a " inattention not, only means bodily weakness from " etrength but also the others associated with him. matter were taken as ser should be there would be far

An Irlah Answer, "Secretary Corteiron was sing," said a New York bee question of finance during the He broke off to tell a story. "He said he was reminded Irlah farmer on the way to the or " Where are you going, my

said an English tourist, stopping 18 agriculturist. "To Waterford fair. was the answer,

"The Englishman looked ingly at the helfers the other get for your beasts at Wi

"'Sure, an' if I get as a m shan't do badly, said the "'Ah, that's a sample of you said the Ringlin

"The Irishman laugh " 'Just so, yer Honor,' he if yez were to take the Lake larney to purgathery ye guines a drop.

The Jewell Cure I