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It may some May down on Harry K Thaw that he made a blg mistake when he got crazy.

The most trustworthy of all the reforming confidence" are 88888888 and the state of t

Mr. Bradstreet says the cost of fiv ing has been decreased 12 per cent. Bet Mrs. Bradstreet made the discovery.

In his desire to get out of prison and to Congress, Caleb Powers no doubt fools that the change would do him of people at a given age. It will hardly

John Burns, M. P., believes in fewer and better babies. There isn't as much milk in England as there is in this eountry.

A scheme to limit speeches in Parliinit to five minutes. And some umbers will be able to tell all they know in less time than that.

Im't it abourd to accuse New York esclety people of planning a divorce Just because the husband chooses to Hve in London and the wife at Lenex

Instead of patching up our battleships, it might be easier to induce the ment Hagne conference to decree that no see fighter may hit an antagonist | below the armor beit.

A London paper is telling its readers "how to live on £800 a year." The grerage human being would be glad of the opportunity to experiment on that some without any instructions.

A big diamond firm which failed the er day blames its trouble on "the lies crase for automobiles." The mying may, therefore, be changed to "Stick to me and you'll ride in an

Governor Hughes gives it as his opinwithat men are nine-tenths good. anfortunate that the nine-tenths good in regard to the Boer outposts. Presuld always have to be at so much ently he met one of the two officers. ble and expense to keep the one with bed from wrecking things.

the state of the s The British House of Commons has and a woman's enfranchisement bill on its first reading and put it on the The suffragettes are making When a legislative body beto throw sops it indicates that it stting up and taking notice.

New York woman who had forgotor pockethook applied to a police as just received a \$10 bill for bi This is fine; but probably

who the nominee would be and to embody that prophecy in countless but tone before the convention had ever met. We are sorry that Bim has gone But this is an unusually easy year for anyone who wants to succeed him in the presidential prophecy industry.

Apropos of its "bargain list," a firm of manufacturers announces that it recently sold "a 1907 second-hand automobile" to the vice president of one of the largest transcontinental lines; another to the president of a national bank; a third to a prominent real estate dealer; another to a famous Wail street operator: one to a well known and popular man of leisure; another to the president of a great commercial enterprise, and yet another to a noted corporation attorney. "This is a class of buyers," It is added, "who in the past would not consider any but a new car." Perhaps the reason is not far to seek. They are not the only persons who are economizing

France, in spite of the reputation given to it by Parisian novelists, is an exceptionally moral country, and one of the most sacred of its institutions is marriage. Divorce has never been much sought for there, and separated married couples are infrequent. For this reason the action of the French Chamber of Deputies and Senate in passing a law automatically to convert a decree of separation into a divorce at the end of three years, when either party requests it, is significant of the trend of modern civilized opinion. Divorce has never been obtainable in France except during the revolution and the reign of Napoleon until within the last twenty years. But now the nation deliberately makes divorce so easy that no married person dissatisfied with his or ber condition need continue in it.

In a recent newspaper interview

Bishop Samuel Fallows of Chicago

maintained, on scriptural and scientific

grounds, that 120 years were the natu-

ral dusetton of human life. Leaving out of view the scriptural argument, of which he is the best judge, it must be admitted that his scientific reasoning is simple, if not conclusive. The rule in the animal kingdom, he says, is that the lifetime of an animal is six times the period of its maturity. By way of Blustration, the dog, he says, reaches its matur'ty in one and a half years, and its lifetime is nine years. Then he argues that as a man reaches his maturity in twenty years his natural lifetime is 120 years. And certainly. if the bishop's premises are right, his reasoning seems to be conclusive, though It constitutes the greatest indictment that could be framed against the living habits of the human race. The rule of pature, however, on which it rests admits of an important elaboration. The age of maturity is different, not only in different species but in different individuals of the same species, and its relation to longerity in an obvious in individuals as in species. It would be interesting to know -though probably if can never be exactly known-how widely the age of maturity in human beings varies. The mind and body do not appear in all cases to mature at the same age, but judging by the growth of the body, which is visible, it is obvious that there must be a difference of several years in the use of maturity. Some would say that the mind matures ten than in others. This principle is useful not only in forming an estimate of the probable duration of life, but determining what ought to be expected he questioned that precocious people, like Lord Macaulay, John Fiske and Miss Elkins seems to have violated President W. R. Harper, rarely live to product. all international marriage traditions by a great age. And perhaps they might setting hold of a man as well as a live longer if they realized that, having matured quickly, they have not nat urally the same lease of life as those who mature more slowly. The greatest are of the principle, however, is in judging of the capacity and intellectual needs of immature minds. There are necessarily discouraged in regard to his intellectual powers and progress cause age deceives him, and he does not reflect that he has not yet reached maturity. Still more frequently does it happen that in the work of teaching the young the age is consulted more han the development.

### LETTING GO OF A GRUDGE

To a writer for the New York Times

French soldier expresses his amazement at the ability of the British soldier to shake hands with his enemy after a fight, whether he is conquered or a conqueror. He declares that the Latin races have so little of this virtue that they hardly understand its exist-

South Africa during the Boer war, saw two British officers walking through the camp with a Boer, all three engaged in the commercial world, earnest conversation. He turned aside so as not to have to salute one who, he supposed, had come to give information

"Be sure to be on time for luncheon," said the Englishman. "We're going to make a noble spread for the Boer you

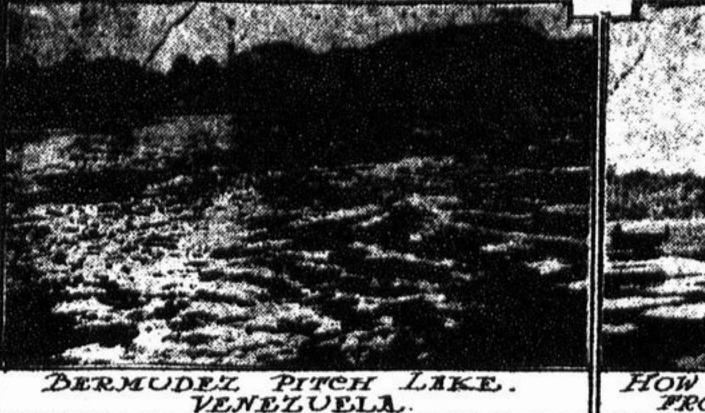
He declared that he would not sit at rooms were, of course, crowded with meat with a traitor. "Who's a tra!tor?" retorted the offi-

captured, and he's had such beastly bad luck, we thought a lunch would cheer

made the British great. The Boer war been wandering around, and at last was carried on with the bitterest feelings between the two nations. To see trance. Soon I saw a common soldier the English now, building up the country in the same spirit that moved the ceedingly rough looking specimen. His officers of that regiment, is a wonder clothes were worn and solled, his boots

to us Latina.

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lier ages is totally unfounded. The evi-

dence of history and of the earliest

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our intellectual and moral nature has

not advanced in any perceptible degree

In the second place, we find that the

supposed great mental inferiority of

savages is equally unfounded. The mo

they are sympathetically studied th

more they are found to resemble our

savages, almost the lowest in materia

Russel Wallace in Fortnightly Review

NOT MERELY IDLING.

Wherein the Writer Resembled the

Man on the Buoy.

"That writer," said a publisher, re

ferring to an author who seemed to be

idling away his time, "is in reality try

ing hard to work, to get his ideas flow

"He said to me himself that he re

man stripped and plunged in. His

friend retired to the hotel to watch

"From the window with a field glass

the friend saw the swimmer reach the

buoy in due course, draw bimself up

out of the water and sit down com

fortably, with his legs dangling over, s

far so good. Evidently he was resting

"Some minutes passed, and the swin

mer had not moved. The watcher re

turned to his book. But every now

and then he looked up, and still the

swimmer sat in the same position or

"An honr, two hours went by, Still

the swimmer remained. A white, slin

figure seen against the oncoming dark

he sat on the buoy's edge. His fee:

dangled in the sea. He seemed to be

"Finally it began to grow quite dark

and, thoroughly alarmed at last, the

watcher got a boat and a comple of

Out there the mystery was soon ex-

plained. The man was stuck fast t

the buoy, which had been freshly tarred

He Was Particular.

had some special dellcacy on the table

and the thought came to her to share

was at the house. So before the latter

went home she packed a box carefully

"I want you to take this with you

The woman received the parcel in

"Thank you, ever so much. I know

Mr. -- will enjoy it. He's jest as

Dingunted Rats.

Bacon-I see it is said that rate are

Egbert-I guess that is right. We

haven't had one in the house since we

Maple Syrap.

and become sour can be freshened by

heating to the boiling point and adding

a little sods. Stir thoroughly, then

When a wise man is too tired to

Maple syrup which has fermented

the spirit in which it was given, say-

and took it to her

get supper tonight."

ing, as she received it:

One day the mistress of the bouse

that morning."-Washington Star.

bargees and rowed out to his friend,

his progress from the window.

well pleased with his feat.

The general idea that our enormous





Venezuelan Officials See Only One

Ostrome of Asphalt Row. War with the United States over fifty miles of swamp land is predicted by leading Venezuelan officials. The strip was under control of the asphalt trust until the beginning of the long series of difficulties that now may end in a contest with America.

All the turmoll, bloodshed, revolution and international controversies have their origin in this speck of territory. Upon its proper development depends the wealth of the nation; for it is the natural outlet for all the resources of country so rich in the earth's treasures that the dreams of a Pizarro might be realized. It was granted to the asphalt trust with the agreement that it would be developed. Canala were to be dug so that the boats could sall up the river to the gold mines, the silver mines, the oil wells and the rich coffee plantations. Railroads were to have been built. One of the Venezuelan gov ernment's principal complaints against the American asphalt trust is that it never fulfilled any of these promises. All the trust did was to push its own boats into the pitch lakes, load them and take away the valuable natural

The district has remained impoverished because undeveloped. Its 3.tss. 900 people were poor because they could not get their wealth sold. The railroads and the canals promised never materialized into anything better than mule caravans and canoes. The customs which composed the chief income to the national treasury fell off, for the asphalt was free of duty.

Then the temper of this mixed race of Spanish, negroes, and natives reached the boiling point. They hated these 4,000 white men and their trust greed They made life dangerous for the foreigners. Suits were filed in the shake courts of the country to try to get back the asphalt wealth given away. Castro found he was fighting the most expert trust lawyers, men who knew other tricks besides those of the courts. Revolutionary leaders took advantage of the turmoil to start internal troubles. Exerybody in Venezuela believes that the Matas rebellion was financed by the trust-and all Venezuelans insist that it was Castro's duty to the people to dispossess the trust.

Meanwhile this land of wonderful wealth lies like a shining diamond in a hill of sand. Its Brazil wood, coral trees, indigo, rubber, bananas remain othy Dix, in Ainslee's, One day the Frenchman, who was in in the forest. Its gold and silver and copper and marble and granite are still in the earth, valueless to Venezuela and

### SEEING LINCOLN IN 1863.

How a Private Soldier Attended White House Reception. ton, says a contributor to the Boston Transcript. I attended, one day, a re-The Frenchman's anger broke out. Ception at the White House. The main entrance. For a long time the priest began to recite a powerful incancome up to the hall. He was an ex outside his trousers, dirty beyond de times."-- Chicago News. "We do not forget and forgive easily. I gree, You could hardly conceive a more When my Italian friends are annoyed | unfit person to enter that great crowd with me, they still reproach me with He evidently had a great desire to see

Noting the anxious yearning look on his face, I became interested to watch his movements and note the result. It was not very long before I observed that Mr. Lincoln had an eye on him. as he chanced to come near the door of the reception room. Once and again saw his eye search out this soiled and bespattered soldier with the most tender look. Then came a more vacant space between the two. At length Mr. Lincoln, with an enormous stride and a long outreaching arm, advanced, grasped this soldier by the hand, with a greeting that must have been seen and heard to be fully understood: "Come forward, my friend; we are all equal

With this hand grasp and welcome Mr. Lincoln's attention was turned elsewhere but I can remember no other inident that thrilled me as did that lifle scene. And the effect of it upon that soldier-it seemed to transform him in a moment. What a new maniiness it put into his face and attitude. In a few moments he was gone, but it was plain that from that hour Mr. Lincoin had at least one man in his army who was ready to give his life to help both of them were tolling and sacri- buoy. The bet was accepted, and the ficing. And it seemed at the moment that I could easily do the same.

A Marriage Fiction.

The polite fiction obtains that mar riages are made in heaven. This ro mantle viewpoint is particularly popu lar in America, where it is held to be highly improper for parents to make any move toward securing good husbands for their daughters and immodest for girls to manifest any interest in the subject themselves.

The conventional theory is that the matter is on the knees of the gods and that in due season husbands will be provided like manna in the wilderness for sustenance of the faithful. Unforunately this miracle does not always ome off for every woman. The supply of manna gives out. There are not enough busbands to go around, and these are unevenly divided. Some women get three or four, while others ge none. But neither the old maids nor heir parents realize that the reason that they did not share in the dispensation was their own fault, because they did not put themselves, as old fashioned Methodists used to say, in an attitude to receive the blessing .- Dor-

From New Zealand comes the follow-

ing weird yarn : it with her laundress, whose day it "The tohunga (native magician) was was a witness of the following incltribe of the district of Rotorua, being and try it. We consider it unusually at war, had suffered defeat, and one nice. I thought perhaps it would save of their braves had been brought home you some work in cooking when you dead. The vanguished sought at once to find out by some omen connected with the dead chief whether they would he successful in their next encounter. officers of the army, legislators and rep- The tohunga was requested to procure resentatives of foreign courts in great the desired omen, the people squatting cer, much amazed. "The poor man's abundance. Mr. Lincoln held his re- in a ring about the bier. Advancing a pernickity about his vittles ez though ceptions in the blue room, opposite the few paces from the dead body, the he earnt 'em."-Boston Advertiser. passage to him was crowded, but later tation, intent on making the deceased that day," remarked the the crowd thinned out about him, so give some sign, the eyes of all present Frenchman afterward, "I saw what that he had short spaces of rest. I had being fixed on the stain warrior. Presently the corpse was observed to move found myself close to the main en- slightly to one side, on which a great got the phonograph.-Yonkers States cry of joy rose from the people. The movement was interpreted as a sign of future victory. This feat was often performed by the tohunga of olden

selves in their inherent intellectua Even the so long despised Australian

progress, yet show by their complex language, their social regulations and often by an innate nobility of charac ter indications of a very similar inner nature to our own. If they possess fewer philosophers and moralists, they are also free from so large a propor tion of unbalanced minds-idiots and lunatics—as we possess. On the other hand, we find in the higher Pacifi types men who, though savages as re gards material progress, are yet gener ally admitted to be physically, intelectually and morally our equals, if no our superiors. . . . Thirdly, w have no proof whatever that even the men of the stone age were mentally a morally inferior to ourselves .-- Alfret

New Zenland Magic.

Warus than Footish. The man who forgets his friend the marrier of Course of Hobenstaufen the President, but know his unfitzible to may be ungrateful. The one who for by Charles of Aujon in eleven hundred enter. But it was not long before he gets his enemies in feelish, Chicago and second line.



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