# ALL ITALY IS IN GLOOM

Province of Calabria Scene of Awfut Engulfing Sciamic Disturbance.

### MANY THOUSANDS MEET CEATH

Sicily in Ruins and Entire Kingdom . Terrorized, Fearing Greater Disaster May Come.

Many thousands of persons met death Monday as the result of an earthquake that devastated three provinces in the scutbeastern extremity of italy and part of the Island of Sicily. Severa thousand perished in the city of Mes sina in Sicily alone and towns cut of from communication may have suffered Italy reported wrecked by the earthas severely or been destroyed. Several villages are reported to have disappeared, swallowed up by the upheaval.

Reports from the devastated regions Indicate that the death list probably will reach over 70,000 and may be swelled to much larger figures. Scores of persons, buried under the rules, were said to be alive, with no hope of rescuing them. Vandals found looting and the dead were shot down by Soldiers patrol the stricken towns, and what is practically martial law prevails.

Incalculable loss to property resulted from the quake and a tidal wave that followed, buildings being piled in rains and rich country laid waste. It will be impossible for days to estimate with any accuracy the total of loss of life of cost in property, as isolated sections entinot be reached until railroads and wires are restored.

Practically all the information so far received has been brought by bout from the rained sections to telegraph points. Already relief work is under way and the government is doing all possible to

reflere the survivors of the dispeter. The three provinces of Cosonza, Ca tangaro and Reggio di Calairla, comthe department of Calabria, which forms, the continuestern part of Italy, or "the fee of the land," suffered most severely, test the effects of the earthquake were felt almost throughout the cuttre country. In Sicily the de struction was encommons. Messing being practically reined, and Catania was in

undated. At Cultantesettà, a Sicilian town of 30.000 people, a number of houses were shaken down and the inhabitants fled for safety to the streets. Vast crowds mathered in the parks, and the church en are filled. At Miner, a small town 100 miles sentlewest of Catania, ser eral houses coffapsed and the scenes of panis were repeated.

At Catamia the dwks and front were overwhelmed by a tidal wave that rolled in from the sea. Much damage was done to the shipping. De talls are lacking, but it is known that several steamers were damaged.

At Agosta, in the province of Syracase, two charries and several houses were demolished, but no lives were The prisoners in the local fail escaped and dashed through the pracing crowds on the streets. The troops were called out and quiet was restored There were shocks also at Lindau Glos ##. Santa Saverina and Note, #11 in

Serious damage is said to have re suited and some ensualties are report ed at Mileto, Gonedi and Stefanconi At Stefaneoni the shock was most a vere, but San Gergorio, San Giorgo Maljerata also suffered.

## NEW COAL SUPPLY IN FAR WEST

Yallawstone Park Said to Cover an Extensive Deposit of Fuel. Cleveland Hilson, manager of the Montana Cokta and Con! Company of Eldeider, says a large deposit of coal lies under the Tallowstone park. Speaking of the deposits, he said : "Some day, probable within the next twenty or forty vers, these deposite will, I believe, be to development and opera-I have traced outcrops of coal several thousand feet in the park. There is no anestion that millions of dollars' worth of coal and other minerals are locked up in this national reserve and I look

## MANY HURT IN THEATER PANIC Fire on Stage of Altoons, Pa., Routs

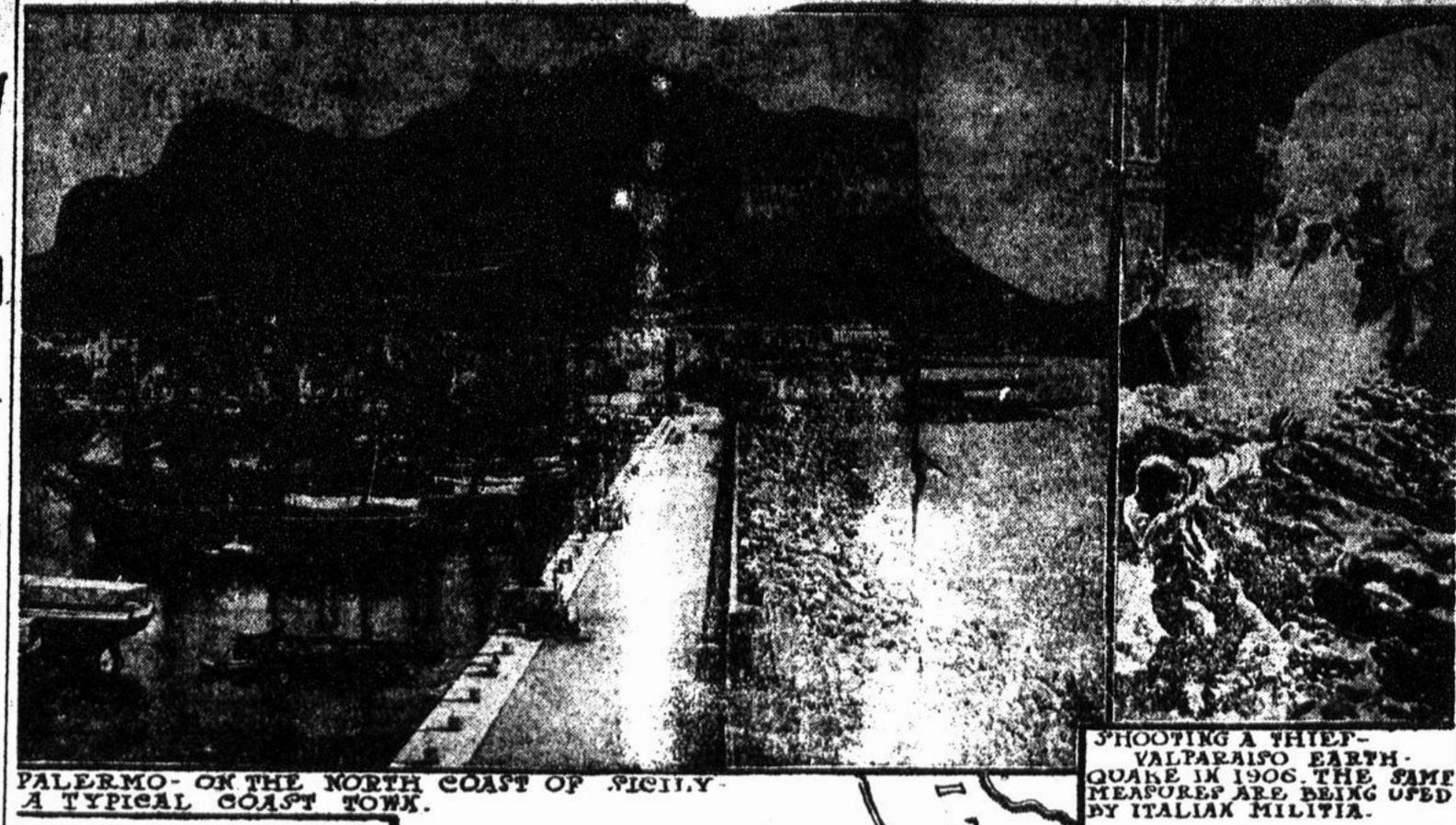
to see them opened one

Speciators in Hurry. Following the close of an act at the Keith Thearer in Altoona, Pa, where moving picture show was being presented. fire started on the stage. There was a ish for the exits by the panicstricten spectators and many received ful bruises. While the firemen were ading to an alarm the flames apread apidly, consuming the stage and much of the interior.

## SAY SHAR'S LIFE IS SOUGH

Mussian Paper Reports That Men Fired at Persian Rules There is no confirmation from any ource of the reported attempt upon the to of the Shah of Persia. A St. tersburg newspaper, the Vecher, said two on disguised as priests had made t to kill the Paraian ruler Dece Armed with revolvers, they gained to the palace and fired one

TYPICAL ITALIAN CITY AND MAP OF EARTHOWATCHON WHERE THOUSANDS MET AWAYL DEATH.



ounke are as follows: Messina, Sicily-Population, 150,000; wrecked by earthquake and swept by tidal wave; loss of life enormous.

Catania-Third largest town in Sicily, Paterno, Sicily-Ten miles northwest of Catania, 15,000; a heap of smoldering

Vittoria, Sicily-Town of 17,000, ou the Camarine river; wrecked. Naro, Sicily-Population, 11,000; half destroyed.

Ali-Fifteen miles southwest of Messing, one of the most ancient towns in island; population, 2,600; badly dam-Mineo, Skrily-Ninety-six miles north-

west of Catania; badly damaged. Parti-On the north coast of Sicily:

Castoreal-Population, 7,000; twelve southwest of Milazzo; badly

Palmi, Calabria-On the southwest past: population, 14,000; in ruins, Reggio, Calabria Population, 4,300 across the birait of Messian from the city of Messina; reported completely de-

Will talabria - Reported destroyed. Ragiara Sixteen miles portheast of Reggio; population, 7,000; reported wiped

## INVITES TWO NATIONS.

## President Roosevelt Asks Canada and

Mexico to Aid in Conservation. Announcement has been made at the White House in Washington of a proasset plan for a conference looking oward the conservation of the natural resources of North America, to be held at the White House Feb. 18 next

Letters suggesting the plan have een addressed by President Rossevelt o the Governor General and to the Premier of Canada and to President Disp of Mexico. They will be delir ered to the officials in person by Gif ford Pinchet, chairman of the Nationat Conservation Commission and chief forceter of the United States whom President Ressevelt has chosen as personal representative to convey the invitations and to confer with the an thorities of the two governments. Mr Pinchet first will visit Canada, He ther will carry the invitation to President Ding at the City of Mexico.

The proposed North American conference is the ontgrowth of the two conservation conferences held in Washington, in which the governors of the States and Territories were the principal conferees. The representatives designated by the Canadian and Mexican governments will, under the proposed plan, consult with representatives of the State and other departments of this government and with the National Conservation Commission. The main object of the conference, as announced will be to point out that natural re sources are not limited by the bound ary lines which separate nations, to develop a better knowledge of the natura resources of each nation on the part of the others, and to invite suggestions for concurrent action for the protection of mutual interests related to conser

Life Term Given Boy of Seventeen. The jury in the case of Harvey Hazel 17 years old, charged with murder in the first degree, for the killing of his mother. returned a verdict of murder in the second degree in Tolerlo, Ohio. The finding jury means that the hoy must go the penitentiary for the remainder of his The court can give no other sentence, but he has hope of pardon or pa

Henten, Robbed, Cremated. J. A. Golfahon, 75 rears old, of Broadford. Va., was heaten, robbed and incinerated in his own house, which was afire by tramps, who are thought to have known that the old man had money around the premises.

Entombed Miners Found Dead. Entombed in the Pennsylvania colliery at Mount Carmel, Pa., by an avalanche of coal, the bodies of Frank Logan and Stanislans Mortsvage were found in a manway by a rescuing party.

Shoots Three; Kills Himself. Desnondency due to a prolonged spree led John Stormer, a blacksmith in Johnstown. Pa., to shoot his wife, her brother and her sister-in-law, and then commit suicide. The shooting occurred at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon in full view of

Thief Surprised Floor with Loot. Although surprised at his work by the mester of the house which he was rob with a valuable lot of allverware from common this year. The smaller college of that his days were insulated for residence of David Cimeo, a weakly games are drawing proportionately large ing to doctors, but the pulpit or resident of him Francisco.



GULF OF

LOCATIONS OF TOWNS WHICH SUFFERED GREATEST DAMAGE

## TRADE OF WORLD FALLS OFF

## United States Not Alone with De-

creased Exports and Imports.

The United States is not alone in the record of smaller imports and small-r exports that will characterize the his tory of our foreign commerce in the year 1300. Of the twenty-five principal countries of the world all but four show a falling off in exports, and near ly two-thirds show a falling off in imports. Every country with the exception of Argentina, Spain, Greece and Swrden show exports of 1998 below

It will thus be seen that the falling Representatives. off of approximately \$200,000,000 in imports and perhaps \$1.30,000,000 in ex-States during 1908 is part of a general sion to canvass and declare the result of condition which prevailed the world An analysis of our foreign commerce this year shows that the principal decrease on the import side or curred in trade with Europe and on the export side in the trade with North America.



The Australian tennis players won th Iwight F. Davis international cup, final s defeating Mesora, Wright and Alexander, the American contestants.

Alfredo De Oro of Colo is the three cushion billiard champion of the world having won the third block of the match with Thomas A. Hueston of St. Louis by the score of 50 to 38. The final score for the three blocks game is, De Oro 130,

Now that Demarest and some of the other stars are out of amateur billiards. owing to the showing up in Chicago, it should be possible to arrange an unusu ally interesting amateur tourney, for the lesser players will have a chance now they did not have before.

Negotiations are on to take the Cornell Yale and Harvard rowing crews to Seat tle during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition next summer. It is planned hold at least one regatts on Lake Washington each month during the exposition. which opens June 1 and closes Oct. 16.

The State board of control of his school athletics will not decide on the place for the annual meet of the lows high schools, but the different institutions will be given an opportunity to choose the location of the big yearly event. Des Moines expects to capture the meet.

A fine row has been stirred up in hasehall circles by statements from Umpires Klem and Johnstone that an attempt was made to bribe them at the deciding game between New York and Chicago at the New York Polo grounds, No. tional League officials are investigating and prosecutions may follow,

Harry Pulliam was unanimously electto the secretaryship.

busy in the Illinois city raising the difed and the total \$2,500 deficit. The crowde, attending football games are increasing every year. An attendance WILL GIVE UP CUBA JAN 26

## Terminate on That Date. Auswering Governor Magesti's re

quest for authority to convene the 'nhan ('ongress and give formal posession to the Cubun government on Jan. 28, the following was received he other day from Washington: Magoon, Havana :- Pursuant to in

structions from the President, the Secretary of War directs: 1. That you assemble the Cuban of

by you, to set on the credentish of men bers-elect of the Senate and House of 2. That, having passed on the creden-

tials of members-elect and completed their ports in the commerce of the United organization, they assemble in joint seadent and Vice President, and thereafter be in recess until reassembled by you for the purposes specified in the following 3. That the terms of office of the

President-elect and Vice President-elect of Cuba shall begin on the 28th of January, 1900, on which day they shall be inaugurated; that congress shall be assembled during the forenoon of Jan. 29 1988, the call therefor specifying the in itial duty of congress to be the induction into office of the President and the Vice President, and thereafter the considera tion of all matters within the jurisdiction of congress at its regular sessions; that the President be inaugurated and the provisional government terminated at 12 o'clock noon on said Jan. 28, 1900. This means the complete approval o the plan submitted by you.

EDWARDS.

## INDIAN COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

Service March 4 Next. Francis E. Leupp, commissioner of In dian affairs, has announced his retirement from the service at the close of the present administration on March 4. Mr. Lenpp is a veteran newspaper correspond-

ent and has long been a student of Indian affairs, being the local representative of the Indian Rights Association at the time of his appointment. Mr. Leupp's found lying in a pool of blood, with the bureau, contrary to the law which is operating in other bureaus, causing their gripped in his hand. A rambling note constant growth, will in the near future be legislated out of existence, Mr. Leupp predicting that the day is not far distant when there will be no work for the government to do for the Indians.

#### CURRENT NEWS HOTES. Cardinal Victor Lucian Sulpice Lecot. archbishop of Bordeaux, died at Cham-

bery. France. Date culture in the Imperial valley, California, is declared to be a success by

J. W. Jennings, an experimenter. Justices of the Court of Special Sensions in New York ant almost all night

in efforts to catch up on cases. Forty-two steam and thirteen sailing vessels were built in the United States and officially numbered during November A special commission from Porto Rico ed president of the National Baseball is in Washington for the purpose of induc-League at the annual meeting of the as- ing Congress to impose a duty of 5 cents sociation. John Heidler was re-elected a pound on foreign coffee, the principal

adustry of the island Freeport wants to stay in the Wiscon- A bridge three miles in length will be Company, near Lowellville, Ohio. sin-Illirois League. A committee is now built by the Pennsylvania road over Hell turned on a small motor which emi Gate, from Port Morris, a suburb of New ference between \$1,800 already subscrib- York, to Long Island, The center arch plode, but fortunately did not set off any will be 1,000 feet le

The Rev. John P. McCloukey, amietar pastor of the Church of the Immediat

employed for some time in Charleston, Provisional Government of Island to S. C., and New York he came to San Francisco, reaching this city in 1856. He established a store there and later conducted a brewery. In 1868 he built the Ray Sugar Refinery and began the importation of raw material from Hawrii. Prospering in this business. he established other refineries and

promoted the beet sugar industry by establishing refineries and engaging in the farming of beets on a large scale. He also built a refinery at Philadel-

Stramship Company and many other

#### PASTOR ENDS LIFE WITH RAZOR Francia E. Leupp Will Retire from

strings, he said.

Bend in Apartments. Failing to arrive at church where his a searching party was formed to search for Rev. Robert C. Dougherty, pastor of the Congregational church at Buchanan, N. D. Visiting his apartments over the Buchanan State Bank, the minister was razor with which he had cut his throat was found on a table. This note was evidently written Dec. 23, on which day he

Hargis Jury is Dismissed. The jury in the case of Beach Harris. harged with the murder of his father. Judge James Hargis, reported its inability to agree and was discharged at Irvine Ky. The jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

horrowed a revolver from a neighbor, but

his courage failed him then. Mr. Dough-

erty was formerly in Kansas City.

Cholern Kills Many in Russia. St. Petersburg continues to suffer from the Asiatic cholera. There were eighteen new cases and five deaths from the disease Sunday. This has been the daily average for the last month.

Clothen Ignited from Spark. The explosion of a workman's powderfilled clothes caused the owner. Asa Buy on, to be seriously, if not fatally, in ured at the plant of the Burton Powder turned on a small motor which emitted a spar" which caused his clothes to exnumber in the plant.

Motel Burned; Loss \$100,000, Fire the other day destroyed the Arlie

# PRESIDENT DE

Man Throws Arms About Fallieres' Neck and Tries to Put His Beard.

ROYALIST PLOT IS SCENTED

Insuit Generally Believed to Be of Vainglorious Seeker After Motoristy.

While Armund Fallieres, the President of France, accompanied by M. Ramondou, his secretary, and Colone Lasson, military attache at the Elysee palace, was taking a morning stroll hear the Rue de l'Etolie in Paris, s poorly clad individual, who evidently had been lying in wait, suddenly jumped upon the President from belind and threw his arms about M. Fallleres neck in an effort to seize his beard Colonel Lasson and Secretary Rumondon sprang to the assistance of the President, dragged off his assultant and turned him over to two special detectives who had been following the party on bleycles. President Fallieres' cane was broken in the struggle, but beyond a scratch on the ear he was not injured and insisted on continuing his

cuffs on the man he cried: "I am un- keep him tied until he pr armed. I simply wanted to pull the marry her. She probly said she'd President's beard." At the station ry him to get rid of him."

SUGAR KING SPRECKELS DIES.

Founder of Huge Renneries 13 VI

tim of P. eumonia.

the "Sugar king of the Paritle coast."

died at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning

at his home in San Francisco in his

eightieth year. The bunned'the cause

of death was an at 'k of p cumonia.

which developed with a farming symp-

toms during the pest ew days. His

ondition Christmas night told his phy-

sicians death was near and relatives

rangined at his bedside until the hour

Despite his advanced age Mr. Spreck-

on to the various enterprises in which

be was interested, and it is not more

than a month since he appeared before

the Ways and Means Committee of the

House in Washington as an authority

Apart from the importance which at

tached to Claus Spreckels as the plo-

neer sugar refiner of the Pacific coast

and as an investor of millions in Cali-

forula and the Hawalian Islands, the

Spreckels family has for many years

been one of the most prominent in the

Claus Spreckets was born in Lam-

studt, Germany, In 1828, and came to

the l'ulted States in 1846. After being

phia, invested largely in the Occurrie

enterprises, including the building of

Many of his interests in Hawaii are

reported to have been disposed of hr

his son Rudolph during the latter's

BLIND: HAS \$200,000 SAVED

perity in 6 Years' Work.

taken to the city hospital in St. Louis.

came blind six years ago and sold shoe-

strings on the street while displaying a

ign, "I am blind." He added: "My usual

income, above all expenses, was \$200 a

month. I was frequently given \$1 or

more for a pair of shocatrings. I sup-

once the value of my property in differ-

ent cities and the money I have amounts

n her own name." He had received an

much as \$5 for a single pair of shoe-

Searching Party Finds Minister

to \$150,000. My wife is worth \$50,000

George Ilavis, aged 70, was found un-

recent trip to the islands.

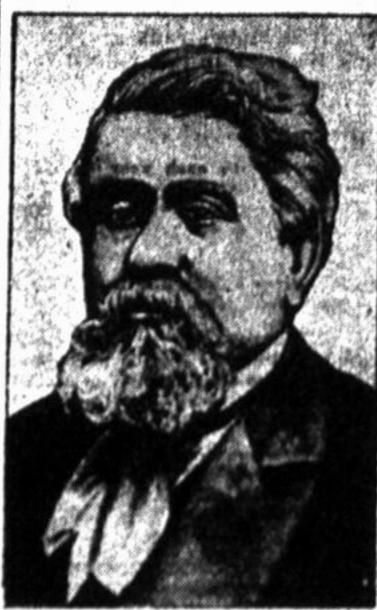
the San Josquin Valley Rallroad

on the subject of sugar duties

had devoted a large share of atten-

of his death.

Claus Spreckels, widely known as



PRESIDENT PALLIKERA.

hours the President's assailant proved to be Jean Mattis, a cafe waiter, 24 years old and a native of the department of Havole, Medala of General Mercler, the former Minister of War stamps bearing the head of the Duke of Orleans, a card of membership in the l'atrie Francaise and other Rayallet documents were found on his peron. During the examination Mattla boasted of being a Royalist and talked confusedly of having done his "duty" and obeyed the dictates of his "conselence." Quantities of Royalist reac tionary literature were found by the police when they ransacked his rest-

The investigation reveals the fact the Royalist organization, and this gives color to rumors that he was the instrument of a Royalist plot. Serious evidence in this direction, however, is lacking up to the present time

## Shorstring Peddler Tells of Pros-

#### conscious from the effects of alcohol and TORTURED; YIELDS TO BORRERS When he became conscious he said he he-Ohio Farmer's Feet Burned Until He

Agrees to Open Safe.

Torrured by lighted matches applied to his bare feet, H. A. Schabow, a farmer mar Curtice. Ohio, turned over to robhera \$180 belonging to an insurance compage. The money was in a safe which behabow opened when he could stand the min no longer. The first the Schabow family knew of the robbery was when the children rushed to their father's room to wish him a merry Christmas. He was not there, and upon entering a little front room used as an office they found him upon the floor, unconscious, with his hands and feet tied and a woolen mitten stuffed in his mouth. Upon regaining consciousness Schabow told that, hearing a noise in the office, he went to investi gath and was attacked by two masked men, who demanded money. He refused to open his safe, whereupon they bound and gagged him, then applied lighted matches to his feet. He endured this torture for a white, but finally gave in and opened the safe and then became unconscious. Schabow is in a serious condition, but will recover. While one of the robbers was torturing Schabow with the matches the other kept him covered with a revolver, threatening to kill him if he uttered a sound. The bandits then had gene to the barn, stealing a horse and

Low Water Delays Cont Ships, A shipment of 1,000,000 bushels of coa left the Kanawha river the other day for Cincinnati and Louisville. The river at dam No. 6 lacked one foot of enough water to start the Pittsburg fleet of over 35.000,000 bushels for the South on Tack

buggy, and escaped.

Shaves Mant Kills Self with Range Taking the razor with which he had just finished shaving a man in the Por-Jervin, N. Y., barber shop where he was employed, Paul Graff, 31 years old, out his own throat, dying instantly.

Extra Paro Law Hold Valid. The Ohio Supreme Court has unheld the validity of the law enected by the Leg inlature last winter, giving callroad comcents for tickets purchased on trains. The question came up in a case from Legan county, brought by Marine Miller and the the Toledo and Ohio Central

Henry ?"

His name is Henry Clay, A "I thought you said it was remarked the pretty cook. "That's right, too," said the man. "He's a goin' to be married." feel sorry for him, pore guy? "I feel sorry for the girl," said

know Henry 'at clerks in the

"Don't you whate no teams inthy on her," said the gr "She didn't have to marry i

him I'd feel sorry for myself.

cook. "I don't know who el I don't care, but I bet she didn't

"Sure thing," said the grocery sarcantically. "That's the way you we do, don't you? You want us to makin' love to you, a'n't that it?" "You know all about it. Why do

you ask me?" said the cook. "She looked mighty innocent," was the groceryman, "So does the m trap look impocent. It doesn't co whether there's a mouse anywhe within a mile. It can get stong firm rate without any mice. Mr. M comes up an' sniffs, but the trap don't take no notice. Then it sorter mee to him that there's suthin wrong he avoots off. That's the way Hess done. He said he didn't want to fungled up with no skirt. He a goln' to the door for nigh two weeks but that didn't worry the girl didn't come into the store to see wh had come of him any more's the m trap 'nd try to squeeze into the be after the mouse. She jest waited."

"It's one good way to make 3 stop," said the cook, "I don't kn which is the worst. Women have he luck, anyway. If you'd only let have no trouble. We don't do

coryman, "You merer meen a chastu ground after a mouse. All it does to Jest to set at look invitin'. That's all this girl do

that Henry's gold' to marry." "I bet she didn't know he was a earth," said the cook,

"I bet she could have thrown a wa o' gum over her shoulder au' hit h tu the eye if she wanted to," said ! groceryman, "Anyway, it wasse't h afore Henry was out again, an after a while he got to speakle' to her, the nex' thing you know he wen p in' out the best eandy in the shi jest afore quitt'n' time, three night week an' Sunday asornin', No. I ded s'pose she gave him no encourage If she was out on the steps wearful lace walst, with a carnation in hair, an' he was fool enough to es along and set down by her, she was

to blame, was she?" "I sh'd my not," said the cook "Sure she wasn't," agreed the ger coryman. "But when nore Henry a her how about a flat-map !-- she him right around the neck-or holt. Henry told me about it, and est. It makes me nervous every the come up these back steps."

"Then what have now got now the groceryman,-Chiengo Dally

He Couldn't See the John "The mother-in-law loke land as funny to me as it was when bachelor," said a young New Y to his old chum. "I've go good mother-in-law myself, and visiting us now. That's all right

But here's my grouch; we generally do, the make the he every time we ait down-subway. vated, bridge, surface or fer Just grabs the kid, you know, as if was her private property; exhibit in a way to everybody near by, the woman next to her all about a to raise children and what she's for this particular one; attracts eral attention, you see, with my as a star performer and my wife sitting there without a cliance to word and looking as if we w spologize for being on earth."

"Don't think that's funny, his friend. "How your sense of has shrunk I'- New York Gle Same Hist With How Day

"It is too bad," said Mrs. that our curate seems valetudinarian ali his l "Why, he ain't in he?" in the parish