such year on the growth of the church population of the United States has

just published figures which show a

last year is not at all disappointing.

The figures show a net increase for

1906 of 2,835 ministers, 1,874 churches

and 720,647 communicants. The growth

of the Catholic church is, of course, in-

cluded, though the statistics come from

a Protestant source. The most inter-

eating feature of the statistics is a

comparison with similar statistics of

1890. The total number of communi-

cants to-day is put at 34,282,543, or al-

most 40 per cent of the entire esti-

mated population of the nation, and

this is a growth of 66 per cent in the

last eighteen years. The number of

ministers in 1908, 165,725, indicates a

growth of 49 per cent in the period.

And the number of churches, 213,049.

shows a growth of 49 per cent. That

this growth is really of great signifi-

cance appears when one compares it

with the total growth of the country

in population in the same period. Of

course, the 1908 population figure must

be an estimate, but if one takes the es-

timate used by government authorities

at Washington one is safe enough. On

this basis the growth of our population

has been only just about 40 per cent

in the eighteen years. The rate of in-

crease in church communicants is

therefore more than balf again as

rapid as that in total population. The

churches are indeed to be congratulated

foundation course. Its total weight is

Dr. Schlick's apparatus for prevent

ing ships from rolling at sea has lately

given fresh proof of its ability. One of

his gyroscopes has been fitted on board

the mail steamer Lochiel. While the

ressel was rolling 16% degrees on each

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immediately decreased the total angle

of roll to 3 degrees. The apparatus is

driven electriculty and requires but lit-

Radio-active substances cause the ap-

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all submitted to their influence. This

fact, taken in connection with the

knowledge that in places near the ni-

trate-mines of the province of Aconca-

gna, Chile, white glass becomes colored.

has led to the discovery, in those dis-

tricts, of spots in the soil which mani-

Prof. R. de C. Ward, a meteorologist,

points out that while the term temper-

within the hand of the earth's surface

which it includes in the southern hero-

imphere, it is often misleading when ap-

plied to the corresponding hand in the

porthern hemisphere. The most ex-

reme climatic conditions prevail with-

in its limits. In the southern bemis-

phere the climate is more equable be-

cause of the relatively rast extent of

the orean surfaces there. Even in the

porthern bemisphere fully half the area

of the temperate zone is covered by

water, and it is only over the continen-

tal portions that great extremes of heat

So neach has been said lately about

the apparent upsetting of long-estab-

lished scientific axioms that particular

Interest attaches to a recent confirma-

tion of a principle that has long been

tacitly assumed as correct, although in

late years it has been questioned. In

190s H. Landolt believed that he had

shown a measurable loss of mass dur-

ing certain chemical reactions, and he

was disposed to ascribe the loss to the

emission of electrons. This year Lan

parent loss of mass to minute changes

in the volume of the glass ressels em-

ployed in the experiments. The general

conclusion which he now draws from

all his experiments is that no change

of mass can be detected as a result of

chamical reactions, and the law of con-

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build 148,179 select bosses within the next ten rears. backing the children that two and two make four will be much better than having them studying the art of throwing bombs at crowned bracks.

Fog in the one great chatacle to safe and spendy navigation, against which elence has made little progress. Science enamed re-enforce eyes or glasses to the will penetrate the curtain of the fog but indirectly science by the wireless telegraphy can throw warnings which if not complete are nighty amilatance to the puzzled man an the bridge who is enabled to pick

An American citizen has been releas after being locked up on a false ar rest for two weeks in a British jail in Inlana. It was after energetic work by this government that he was allowed to prove his identity. If the case were payarsed, the British government would have been in an indignant state of here is no point on which the British meanment is so tenacious se fights and liberties of its own subjects in other lands. But governments, like individuals, are apt to be a trifle incon-

Amid all our questioning certain facts dolt has succeeded in tracing the apmain. We know that mother's love. the love of wife, of husband, of chilrem, and of friends, is real. We-know that some men spend their lives for a with Brery day the press tells of me deed that revenis the capacity for wole action that lies in all men. On many hand we see evidences of goodwill and kindliness. No bitter experinee, no minfortune, should blind our on to these great facts of life. On we can build a faith that reaches

A witness should be made to underand at once upon taking the stand at is expected of him, and to subexectonsly and nationally to any d of examination short of physical tack which lawyers may make. Supin only an unprotected, defenseor caloled into revealing his innerintends him to speak them. To the veracity of a witness by of saying scimething which may ted and undismayed? mother bending night he precipitated, on her head, a ight retain their self- child will be so d, but legal circum- town, that it will served and the throwing a fi

## HIGHEST FORM OF JUSTICE

By Deighin M. Deimas. Is it true that an exact and rigid enforcement of the law is the most desirable function of human tribunals-in other words, is it the highest form of human justice? And is it true that the loftlest conception which can be formed of a judge is that of one who, in the discharge of his office, looks at the law as it is written as his sole guide, and to its unbending enforcement as his sole duty? The most perfect conception of a magistrate is that of a just judge, not of a learned judge-one who, knowing the law, also knows that its administration must subserve, not thwart, the purposes of justice. Upon what does the fame of Lord Mansfield rest if not upon the fact that his genius !iberated the administration of justice from the shackles in which the unbending rules of the common law and the narrow conservatism of common law judges held it in thrall? And is not the same true of the

great judges of our own country? One of the most eminent of judges, lawyers and lawwriters whom this age has produced—one who still lives to enjoy in the ripeness of his years the fruit of a long and illustrious career—has left as the recorded result of his long experience on the beuch and at the bar these memorable words: "I always felt in the exercise of the judicial office irresistibly drawn to the intrinsic justice of the case, with the inclination, if possible the determination, to rest the judgment upon the very right of the matter. In the practice of the profession I have always felt an abiding confidence that, if

## CIVILIZATION REACHES DANGER POINT.

By F. M. Barrow.

European and American civilization is now in a precarious state, and seems to have reached its zenith. The physical prowess and the intellectual force of man have carried it so far; and now it is subjected to a deadly materialism, chiefly owing to the relative degradation and servitude of women.

In the old times, when politics chiefly referred to carrying fire and sword into some neighbor's territory, women had little influence, and no responsibility. But in a modern world, where politics chiefly concerns the rights and wrongs of our fellow citizens, surely women should be made responsible equally with men. Consider the all-important matters now engrossing public attention. About all these questions women's public opinion might be healthier than that of men. So many of them know exactly where the shoe pinches.

While the social state required the subordination of women within the family the highest law justified it, as It did formerly that of slavery. But when the need passed, the justification also passed. And, quiess we wish to remain in an arrested stage of civilization, and, therefore, a decodent one, we must take the step that

WINTER SERVICE.

Shall come the sound of twelve notes

White-robed the priently Winter stands

Then in the distance, soft and sweet,

strange and unconventional. But by

he time the ladies had decided that

such an inscription was unusual they

She had, fortunately or unfortunate-

had called and so it was too late.

small, conspicuous, perfect teeth.

ta a little suspicious for a woman to

he sa beautiful as that. Still, Mrs.

Richard Henry Sands, the most exclu-

sive woman in the neighborhood, over-

The conversation turned on jewels

Mrs. Keepers, a lazy-looking blonde

with a delicious accent born of tem-

peramental indolence, exhibited a new

ring. It was an opal, the color of a

ripe pomegranate, set about with little

diamonds. She told its history, which

that for it," cried the widow, and

holding it up where the light would

play upon its florid splendor, she de-

vised a wild and romantic tale to suit

"You must invent a better story than

was rather commonplace.

From Time's unfailing bell,

And reads the service then

About him, with uplifted hands

Celestial vollers sing.

The trees breathe an Amen!

Arise, my Heart, and run to meet

The charleters of Spring!

progress demands-namely; grant woman the full exercise of all her faculties equally with man, and make her equally responsible

## INDICTMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

First, the pupil does not gain real knowledge. He studies about things in an indefinite sort of way, but never learns the solid facts. The whole system, from the happy kindergarten to the mimic-college high school, is permeated with the haze of indefiniteness. Secondly, we are told that the pupil does not even learn to use his mind. The school is an enslaver of memory instead of an emancipator of reasoning. Originality is tabooed, and servility demanded. The curse of the lawyer, the search for precedent, is written on the brow of pedagogy. Logic and reason are not encouraged. And, thirdly, the results of our schools are not practical. This is heard on every hand. The schools do not fit for bread-and-butter earny ing, they make a boy or girl unfit for the hard tasks of life. A fourth count in the indictment is sometimes added by the moralist, who claims that the moral traits of the child are hardly awakened, and that the boys and girls, especially those who break the ranks before the eighth grade is reached, are entirely unfit to meet the severe demands that the temptations of life make upon them.-The Atlantic

## CHANGE IN FAMILY LIFE PREDESTINED.

By Ada May Krecker.

By Samuel P. Orth.

Ages and cons and millions of years pass as elsurely by in consummation of the changes, but however slowly, stupendous revolutions are surely wrought. Old Mother Earth persists but she dresses differently and behaves differently, harmonious with the alterations in her age. Likewise all her children, mineral vegetable, human and superhuman. And the I family of the present passes into the family of the future. The race is growing as it has grown in the past. And as it grows it is bound to need new conditions, new habits, new environments. It is predestined by its growth to expand beyond to-day's institutions, as a child outgrows its clothes, as a seedling bursts from

Changes are fereordained in the fact of evolution. The radicals see and promote them, abet them, hasten them, The conservatives are blind and impede them. But the changes come. Welcome or not, they occur censelessly. The patriarchs, the prondest and nobicst and loveliest of them perhaps, would have stood aghest at the thought of the twentieth century husband tollsomely earning money for his lady wife to get gowns and culture and travel with. They would have deemed family and society morally fated were wife to be free, were homes to be partnerships. Yet twentieth century husbands vastly prefer contemporary wives and women and homes and children to the ancient.

Mrs. Keepers half shut her pale blue

"Monsteur," she said softly, "I require to know. Please do not deny my The Frenchman perceived that the

curiosity was not idle. "Madame insists? In confidence, then, a lady of your city sent it to me, by my consent, in payment of a billa bill which had been unduly delayed in settlement."

It took not a little diplomacy to induce the milliner to divulge the name of the customer who had done this, but he yielded finally. "It was Mrs. Richard Henry Sands."

"Ihank you," sald Mrs. Keepers. We will now talk of my order." An hour later she drove to the sta-

one was to Mrs. Herford, the widow the last was to her dearest friend whom she gave instructions to call every lady who had been at the unbucks lunctions and tell the truth.

When she returned, three months later. Mrs. Samls had gone West for tour. She was in Japan, it was said, and might return by way of New York in a year or two. As for the beautiful widow, she had opened her doors and was extending hospitality. She had been forgiven for the sins she did not commit and the beauty she could not belo. Mrs. Keepers wears the one on her large, white hand,

"I wear it to remind me of a num her of things," she said, and the re mark, though rague, carried to listenera ita own significance. Penusyiyania

# Wonderfal.

wise you may find it missing.

"It was the strangest sewing party

ever attended. "How was that?"

"We really sewed." Houston Post Re Johnny on the spot when there an opportunity to be grasped, other

FASHION INFORMATION.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

~~~~~~ India's cotton crop this season is 19 per cent greater than that of last

During the last fiscal year over 1,500 Chinese entered Canada, paying \$746,-000 in poll tax.

A recent French invention is a yarn line humidifier. The yarns pass through a swiftly recolving tube in which there is water, and by centrifugal force this column of water forms a collar around the yarn.

The Argentine government has received authority from the Chamber of Deputies to expend \$70,000,000 on armaments for mayal increase, including crat remedies without being able to obtwo battleships, and the purchase of tain relief. Finally on the advice of artillery material and rifles.

Japan makes 40,000 to 50,000 blcycles yearly and also imports 40,000, besides separate parts enough to make 50,000. The country now has 350,000 in use, mostly for business purposes. The demand for tires is 200 pairs daily, two-thirds of which are imported.

t'ensus returns in India show some remarkably candid statements. In Allahabad thirty-five citizens described theniselves as "men who rob with hreats of violence." There were tweny-five "hereditary thieves." There were nine "professional false witnesses."

New York fee skaters are to enjoy their sports 300 feet in the air when the latest rink is completed on the roof of an office building on the corner of Broadway and Twenty-third street. As the building will not be completed until May 1, the skaters will have to walt until next winter.

Canadians are accumulating money at a much faster rate than the banks and business men can profitably invest t there. The Ottawa October bank statement showed a decrease of \$44. weeken in home loans in one year and in increase of \$6,000,000 to the loans made abroad, says a consular report.

Regents of the University of Minnesota have ordained that all contracts with members of the faculty shall exare when teachers reach their sixtyfifth birtlelay. Next June, it is said. buff a dozen old gentlemen will call the class roll for the last time unless they have before followed the example of their president. Dr. Northrop, and acht in their resignations.

Booker T. Washington, in an adbress to negroes at Montgomery, Ala. recently, said. "Since the enumerical tion preclammitten by Abraham Linesest there has been no benefit conferred upon the negroes of the South equal to that conferred by the closing up of the barrooms throughout these Southern States, and we should show our gratifude by seeing to it in every way possible that we help the officials en force the temperance law and that we to not patronize the 'blind tigers' and other institutions which are likely to spring up to defiance of law."

Mrs. Millicent Garrett Fawcett in the only woman who has ever been asked address the University Debuting Society at Oxford. At the request of the students she took woman suffrage as her subject. At the end of her speech a resolution in favor of woman suffrage was put and lest by a me jority of sixteen. There is a rumor that Mrs. Julia Ward Howe will fu the near future reveive a shuffer in vitation from Harvard. These who pretend to be informed assert that Harvard's majority against woman cuffrage would be many times greated

I'ref. Kirsepp Lake, who holds the their of New Testament exeguals in he University of Leyden, has complet of the work of photographing the Todas Shihitlans," one of the three ideat New Testament manuscripts The manuscript, which is written on ellum in capital letters, four columns writing to the page, was discovered t Tischemierf in a menustery on Mount Athes some sixty years ago end is surpressed in age only by the ations comported. The third these vellum manuscripts of the New Fest amount is the "Codes Alexandrinus." n the British Museum. tir. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson,

mayor of Eldeburgh, England, gave a dinner recently to forty councillors and other guests. She was the only woman present, and she were a black dress. with a widow's cap and diamonds. Replying to the treast, "Aldeburgh's Prosperity," she said that during her year of office she would try her best to proce a good, motherly honseigerper to the town. She declared that nothing ould be done by talking, but a great deal by the councillors agreeing to take action and work together for the good of the town. She hoped to better the rouls and to make the town more attractive to visitors.

The Bishop of Durham, England, laneglect and isolation of the Lord's day" has set in, and blames "the pernicions custom of the week end." "The very day," he says, "when the charities of home should be in their strength, when the family should meet with special devotion for home worship, and should also meet, a family amidst other families, in the church which is the center of the surrounding religious life-life in which the family should have a responsible part is now too often the day for separation, indolence, Irresponwithin self-incinigence."

To Columbia University belongs the credit of offering the first course de signed to give students a practical knowledge of the conduct of political affairs. That institution has asked the bureau of municipal research in New York to give the members of the class the benefit of the experience it has derived from the study of the affairs of that city, and the invitation has been accepted. The growing demand for the adoption of the scientific methods of city government lends support to the view that college men will be in demand in this department of the public service, hence the propriets and usefulness of a university course established on the lines indicated by the

innovation at Columbia.

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### A Story with a Moral.

"Once, just once, I dared to 'sass' a

clerk in a big store," said a New York school teacher. "It was a very warm day and I had commuted and ferried and subwayed until I was clear beside myself with nervousness. I tried many times to get this particular girl's attention and get my shopping done, because I had to do all this traveling to get home again. She was exasperat ingly indifferent. I had to implore her to take down the goods I wished. Then stood looking at a card which said These goods 40 cents.' She piped up with an insolent drawl: Those goods you are looking at are 49 cents. 'Yes,' answered, calmly, 'I can read, Whew! She mraed to a little girl at a desk who had big, perky bows in her black hair and who was chewing gum Well, that woman says she can read. said my clerk in scornful accuts. In deed, she don't look like she could. perked the younger girl. 'No one would ever guess it. Jimmie! A small boy came and she said so I could hear it That woman says she can read. Well, my clerk rushed to the end of the counter, dug up some more girl clerks and a floor walker, and when my par cel came they were all looking me over and talking about it. My girl gave me glances that would have from me had it not been dog days, and never again will I venture to talk back to a clerk. Take my advice and do not attenue it.

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The Euglish chronicler has recorded hat the couth of London in the welfth century understood the art of flying over the ke like birds in the nir: but the origin of skating is far more ancient, the London Globe site An Irrlandic saga relates how the Nor weglan hero Frithjof not only travel verses man the polished mirror but also be cut the dear name of Inbe-

Skates have been discovered hear Spandag in Germany, which those competent to express an opinion at relibrate to a period of 2000 years ago These skates weer made from house of horses, figured and perforated to atto the sandal. Similar skales have been found at Moorfields in Fires ours, and like discoveries have been made in Berlin in the bed of the

Those and similar discoveries we learn, enable the authorities to conclude that the European ice area in ments the fact that a "very formidable prehistoric times extended from Great degree of English Christian life in the Britain to Finland and from Norway to Hungary.

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spite of the unchanged politeness of the hostess and the sweet nulability eyes. of the owner of the ring Mrs. Herford was suspected. She felt it, too, There was a flash in her eyes and her ills were strained. But she stayed cour ageously till the last.

By tacit agreement the ladies called no more. She was bidden to no more luncheous. She took solltary walks. went alone to the matinee, sat alone by her fire day in and day out, till a pallor began to dim the glow of that brilliant face and the eyes acquired a pathon new to them. Some of the wamen pitled her. One ventured to send her some flowers, but they were, unfortunately, white ones, such as are sent to the dead. When Mrs. Keepers. the owner of the lost ring, passed the old-fashioned house where the young widow lived, she made a point of looking the other way. But she uttered no word of suspicion. It was her friends

who talked. Six months later Mrs. Keepers went to Paris to find out what civilized prople were doing and one of her first or randa was to her dressmaker. He precentred binnelf with many expressions of pleasure at again meeting a lady who appreciated the art of fine dress

'Madame," he sald, "you are a grand No one knew anything about the patron. You know how to give encourlittle widow. She moved into the neighseement to the artist," He lifted his hand in demonstrative gesture, and on leave." Mrs. Clara Herford was the it gleamed an opal, quite large, the inscription on her cards. It looked color of a ripe pomegranate.

"Pardon, monsteur," said the lady languidly, "but I have the effrontery to envy you the possession of a remarkable lewel. Will you kindly tell Gett. me how you came by a ring so curi

ly, a lovely face, with red gold hair, violet eyes, a dazzling complexion and "It came from your own country madame, and into my possession in a way that that relates to business. Such things occur."

"Will you tell me the story? I have reason for wanting to know."

"Madame will partion me. It is business. It is personal,"

looked this splendor of countenance and invited her to her first luncheon



Children's Fashions in Some Instances Will Remain the Same as

Last Year.

unpleasant. Every one felt that in

t. The hostess, who sat next to her. led the applause. At the conclusion of the luncheon Mrs. Keepers said as she arose "But I must have my ring, or I shall be leaving it. You have it, dear Mrs.

Herford? The beautiful widow shook ber head. "I gave the pretty thing to Mrs. Sands," she said. "Did I not, my good "To me? No, you did not hand the

ring to me, Mrs. Herford. Perhaps it

was to the lady on the other side of

ron." But that lady gave a flat denial.

to awkward pause came. Mrs. Kerp-

era smiled graciously. "You shall not wait here because of my ring," she said, with her slow smile. "It has been dropped. The servants

will find it and bring it to me." But this gracious courtesy could not put the lost jewel out of the minds of any of the guests. The next hour was