A Woman's Question. Before I trust my fate to thee, Or place my hand in thine: Before you get your overcoat Or help me on with mine; Before I peril all for thre. Question thy soul to-night for me,

Before we stir a single step. Stand back and let me know: Does my black skirt touch on the sides. And does the white skirt show? Speak now, lest at some future day My whole life wither and decay.

Look deeper still within thy soul, And let me learn my fate: Am I all buttoned down the back And is my hat on straight? Let no false pity spare the blow But in true mercy tell me so.

Gaze on my face and answer true, Before we start to go. Can'st thou detert the rosaline And does the taleum show? If so at any pain or co-t. Oh, tell me now ere all is lost

Nay, answer not : thou could'st not tell, The words would come too late; Get on thy hat and harry up. We haven't time to wait. Whatever in my heart may full, Remember, I must risk it all! -Puck.

Waiting for Some Man. Woman has been handle typed through the ages by being brought up to think that there is not much worth while in life outslie of marriage, writer Orlson Swett Marden in Saccess Maga-

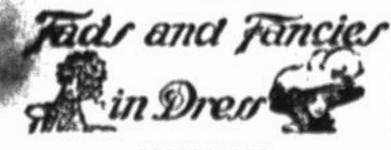
How many precious years and opportmities for growth, for life enlargement she has missed while walting for marriage!

Even to-day, in this splendid age, we see young women everywhere with splendid possibilities who seem to be Just waiting, walting, waiting for whit they have been brought up to believe is the supreme event of their lives. Many of them might broaden their education and hep sive themselves wonderfully while they are waiting for the right man to come along. Did they but know it, they are not half as likely to flud the right man while waiting inactively as when they are vigorously moeful life.

It is next unfortunate that any girl should be brought up to day with the antiquated idea that marriage is every thing, and that other taings do not count much.

The traditions of the past, however, are rapidly failing away from emancipuled woman of the twentieth century in this new ern tens of thous ands of girls have found glorious open ings in all departments of life. Ans fields of nechtivess are awaiting wom an on every side. She is realizing that achievement is sexious; that sie can be just as independent as man, and that there are best as many oppor funities and fields of mefulness for

Who can estimate what this new ero means to the plain girl, the girl with eplendid mental powers, but who may be physically mentionative, or who may prefer a single life?



Pale-tourd gloves are being worn in Parts more than white ones for smar afternoon dress.

Sotin is lest left matrianned at though for afternoon govers for sprin. it will be among the most popular fabrics.

Hats of the coral chip, as well a the oner in re popular crinoline, wi be seen, with wide-spreading brin entled up on our side,

A rather wide band of ribbon brought up around the bair and tied i a broad, girlish how at one side, is Freich head finish much favored.

Imneles, tassets, tringes, all are order, and passementerie dr p trim mings may be found in all the medisi colors and in the metalile, pearl, i and crystal effects.

Metaille tissues and nets are beinbrought out in amazing variety. Ever shade of gold, silver, gun metal ar bronze is represented, and there are, too, all of the colors shot with metal

Net girdles of wide soit mesh, e. broidered boldly to ribbousine to lus trops filer) and fringed with this same ristograms, are offered in many of the tashiorable colers and in walte, which may be dyed to any shade.

Raffia has been woven into extraordinarily smart back and beits, the straw often being oddly but delight fully similard with semiprocious stones whose color shows attractively upor the soit shade of the straw.

Heads are no longer crinkled are ratted past all semblance of humanity The simpler the better, say the know ing ones. If your "s yle" permits a demure wave flowing away from a classic center part, so much the luckier for

Fresh Air for the Sick.

Nothing is more common than fresh air. It is all pervading and provide. by nature. It is free to all who will take it. We all need it and all bave to have it. The sick need it more than the well, and yet there are those who think the windows in the sickroom must be kept closed. As a matter of fact, the one best thing we can do for the sick is to see to it that ther have an abundance of fresh air all the time.

Wiven of the Presidents. The wives of the Presidents are as follows:

Washington married Martha (Dan-than little ones. Their elbows, shouldridge) Custis; John Adams, Abiguil ders and hips move from side to side Smith; Madison, Dolly (Payne) Todd; with every movement of their feet. Monroe, Eliza Kort wright; John Quin-

Jackson, Rachel (Done'son) Robards; Van Buren, Hannah Hoes; Harrison, while you do. Anna Symmes; Tyler, Letitia Christian: second wife. Julia Gardiner; Polk, Sarah Childress; Taylor, Margaret Smith; Fillmore, Abigall Powers; second wife. Caroline McIntosh : Pierce. Jane Means Appleton; Lincoln, Mary Todd : Johnson, Eliza McCardle : Grant. Julia Dent; Hayes, Lucy Ware Webb; Garfield, Lucretta Rudolph; Arthur, Ellen (Lewis) Herndon; Cleveland. Frances Folsom: Harrison, Caroline Lavinia Scott ; second wife. Mary Scott Dimmick: McKinley, Ida Sexton: Roosevelt, Alice Lee; second wife, Edith Kermit Carow; Taft, Helen Her-



The latest blooms are made with just such long pretty sleeves as these and this model can be utilized both for preparing themselves for a large and the separate walst of net, thin silk, ling-rie material and the like and for the entire gown. In the illustration i is unde of tipe lawn combined wit banding of Valenciennes lace, and with hand embroidery worked in th squares formed by the design, but these squares can be filled with applied motifs if preferred, and for the trim ming any banding is appropriate.

Laundry Work.

Table line should be scarched whistill wet. Prepare about four quart of hime water, and to this stir in a tencupful of good, but starch. Die the table lines in the starch, wring, anhang our to dry. All bed and table linen should be taken down while still damp, folded tightly and evenly, mangled and troped. Starch should not b need without the dilution of blue wa ter for table linen, as otherwise t makes servicts much too wiff for confort in using, and if a table both is to much starched it is very difficult t from it properly, and it does not it tat men the table. Litten stiffenes with hot starch must be sprinkled wit varm water, not cold, should it get to try before troping. Nothing sets of be drintings of a dinner taids bette han beautifully got up damies's.

tions Hendsche Remeds.

thue of the tery lest remains for dek or mercons her fache was sugar er the recently by a Flurish servant pt. She took raw pointings without ther washing or paring and cut then into thick eithers. These were hald clear exether on the foreheal and temples too kept in place by covering with a arge handker-ble! filled cornerwise und their in the back.

In a short time the prin disappears. to the pieces of partito get hot replace cith cold fresh eps. They give all he codoes of its without the lack lenged dampenes, and there is not the arring ser sotion is e often causess. The retato is distinctly so thing.

To Overrome Bolls. A French doctor has had great suass with scattering bails by applying it the first sign of Inflammation comgresses wet with equal parts of time pre of arrica, tincture of isdine and pirits of campion Continue until the frontile seems to be passed. If with the compresses one drinks substan water or red clover blossom tea, it will be'p to seiter the holls and overcome the tenderer.

troning-Day Hint.

To prevent the from from sticking to collar or shirt front when froning it, a capital plan is that of using white wax, while at the same time a good gloss is obtained on the surface of the linen. Instead of investing in special way for the purpose, any odds and ends of carefles may be used, and these should be sown into a square of cotton or linen, and the iron passed once of twice over it before beginning to the ft.

Palamas for Children.

It has become the accepted third to ent little girls and love in pajanus instead of nightgowns. They are warmer in the winter and cooler in summer than the long sleeping robe. and healthier at all times. These pajames are made in striped flannel, in soft cotton, in crossbar dimity and striped China slik.

How to Walk Gracefully.

Nearly every woman walks far too rapidly for anything like grace to enter into her movements. Tall women, for some reason, walk more slowly

If you wan to be graceful, don't look ey Adams, Louisa Catherine Johnson : at your feet, but hold your head well to keep from suffering.

up in the air. Don't shuffle. A little thoughtfulness and practice in high stepping will soon break you of this ugly habit. Don't bend your back at the waist, under the impression that you are thereby walking erectly. It throws the stomach forward, and is almost as inimical to grace as round shoulders. Finally, don't allow yourself to walk "pigeon-toed" -- that is, with the toes turned in or straight. You can never be graceful in movement

Your Sewing Machine.

Women who do not thoroughly un derstand the sewing machine often blame the machine when the fault of stiff running can be traced to not keeping the machine clean. Most persons think that liberal doses of oil are all that is necessary. Too much olling is injurious, and oil where there has not been careful dusting is worse than none at all. It is not enough to give a surface dusting; the cracks and crevices must be kept clean. This can not be done with a cloth. Instead use a coarse silk thread, to draw back, and forth through cracks to get out fine dirt that can not otherwise be removed. Care should also be taken that pins and needles do not slip into the shuttle part of the machine, as often they clog it and the cause can not be discovered for some time. It is a mistake to use a cheap oil, as it cakes and makes the parts sticky. Never let the machine stand uncovered when not in use; and guard carefully from dampness. Rubbing the running strap occasionally with a little vaseline or oil will make the leather wear longer.

Perfuming the Hair.

There is a difference of opinion as to perfuned hair; some women, nice ones, too, think a faint, elusive, Individual fragrance to the bair correct, while other women are strong in their condemnation of scented tresses.

If you are not one of the women who think perfermed bair vulgar, you may like to know how to impart an odor to it instead of paying to have it done by the natrdresser.

The best time is immediately after the hair is shangemed, while it is still slightly damp. Pour tive or six drops of oil of byender, oil of justifie or oll of violet in the pahn of your hand and rub it over the bristles of a clean. rather stiff hair brush.

Brush the lair thoroughly for five or ten minutes, and you will carry around for a week a fairt, delicate fragrance.

Cencks in Floors. There are three methods of filling cracks in floors. First, dissolve one pound of gine in two gallons of water Sitr into this enough time sawdust to make a thick paste and All the cracks with it. The paste may be colored to match the wood. Second, fill the racks with putty. One can make the party by mixing whiting and linseed oil together and kneeding it until the poste is smooth. The putty may also be colored to match the wood. Third, so k finely ter. shredded paper in water and bell it until it is soft pulp, and to every two gallons add one pound of gine. The cracks must be filled solld and even with the boards.



~~~~~~ A maste made of fine starch and a very little water spread on a bruised seat immediately after the blow will dien prevent discoluration.

When the brows are thin and scanthey should be rubbed with a drop of i warmed almond oil or, a very small should be put on before brushing and

To keep the brinds smooth and white sork then in seem almost oil ever night. Pour the oil in a test and inmerse the hands for several minutes Wipe getilly with a soft towel and draw on teres white gloves for sleep

The hald of biting thread with the teeth, of using the teeth as a rise for removing oarks, for cracking units or tamply a detelener in tools is most un wise, and all surely cost the nawise person dear. It cannot be condemned ton strongly.

A good treatment for white spats on l the nails is a nightly application of paste made of equal quantities of the pentine and myrrh. In the morning the nalls s'muld be wined over with offer il If you are nemienting your nails compacif, you may be disafted them for ! hard, thus causing spots.

Women Painted or I applied.

Litten Rell continues to assert that women are not as laid as they are perinted; but most people think that hese who are printed at all most have the budgess of their paint. Possibly the assertion might be modified to mp inted.

For Tonallitia.

Off of encal plus for lo cents not tincture, but off. To enre any affection of the air passages of the throat sugar, and allow same to dissoive slowly and then swallow. Repeat every two to four hours, according to severity of the case.

Polish the Farniture.

A furniture polish that is recommended by those who have tried it is made with one wine glassful of olive oil, the same quantity of vinegar, and two tablespoonfuls of alcohol. Apply with a soft cloth and polish with tian-

A Foot Warmer. When retiring at night take a lerge. soft feather pillow and place directly over the feet; it will keep them detightfully warm on the coldest

nights. To Keep Chamola Clean.

Chamols should be rinsed in warm water several times while using, and when the work is through should washed thoroughly in ammonia water

VALUE OF KEEPING A BANK AC-

COUNT. The holiday season is long passed, and it is time to get down to business and think of your bank book. This is a good time of year to save money. You will not need clothes before the spring, and if you are wise you will bring the bank account along at an amazing place. You will be surprised to find the number of things you can do without. Every time you deay yourself your bank book grows. Independence is a delightful thing. and you will be so proud to know that in case illness or misfortune comes your way you will not have to turn to your relatives or friends If you are engaged to be married

save your money, and you will not go to your husband a penniless bride. Don't lend your savings to your flance. or to any other man. If you lend your money you in turn may have to borrow, and so you see you really have no right to lend. The refusal to lend is not a sign of stinginess. It is merely a proof of wisdom. And in any case, the man who would borrow money from a self-supporting woman is not worth wasting your hard-earned money on.

sum, no matter how small, every 'skids.' I am already engaged for sevweek. It is hard to give up the pret- eral short daily fares to take out ty triffes that every girl loves, but ladles on their shopping excursions, it is far harder to be poor and de and I have agreed to drive a doctor pendent on the charity of others in on his rounds for two hours every your old age.

fit you in the years to come. Even motor driving is a most suitable one if you marry it will be better to in every way for women."--London have a little nest egg of your own. Daily Mail. And if you do not marry it is im

perative that you have a little money saved up. I know many unmarried women who live with relatives, and the ones who are happiest are those who are able to pay their own way.

The time to save money is now while you are young and strong Eurely you do not want to work al your life? If you save now you rest when you are old and tired These is no sadder sight than a wom-

as who is old, tired and poor, It is very nice to have a good time and spend all that you earn on fun and pretty things, but never forget that hard times may come. You may be ill and earn nothing for a time. The money may not come in, but the tills must be paid just the same.

Have a care for the rainy day and save your pennies in view of it. Hegin your bank account this very day, if you have none, and if you have one, begin adding to it regularly all you can .-- New Haven Regis-

THE WOMAN OF THE DAY. If the changes wrought by electricity are stupendous, the change brought about by the new occupations and aims of women are scarcely less so, says a writer in Appelton's. Within the last twenty-five years-an astonishingly short period for great a development-women emerging from the home, from the old conventional narrowness of spinsterhood and the uncertain conditions of dependence, whether happy or unhappy, have entered almost every field of activity once sacred to men. They demanded first bigher education, and oberation an unheard-of thing became a commonplace. Somber, intento women of the carly seventies made if of disenchantment; the one who are mandis of postulation of vascible. This pink-cheeked child of 18 to enter col. difficult matter to keep her husband hats and airy graces with her, square, form a sweetheart into a husband. If waists and flat how's being no longer a woman has to live with a man for arnonemous with a knowledge of the rest of her natural existence Greek. Afeer they had become train- surely it is all the more reason ed in the higher branches the next she should set to work to make her. step was easy. They entered the protecture. They invaded newspaper of it is very important to her handfices and business offices; and there ness that she should outshine all are now strong signs that they are other women in his eves. Here invading politics, though it is probite greatest gain in this respect. able that they are taking their fem- | What severer strain can a man's love ininity with them, according to the he subjected to than that of seeing evidence of Mrs. Cobilen Sanderson, his wife compare unfavorably with who told in a speech at Cooper Union Levery other woman he meets? that the first remark made by one see her dowdy and frumpy, ever of her devoted hand, after she had troubled with the petty cares of dobeen hustled into the Black Maria, mesticity; to return home in high was the immortal "Is my hat on good humor only to have his serenity straight?" As long as women still shattered by a recital of her house. care for the proper tift of their mill. hold disasters; what can be worse?" inery, you may scratch a suffragette | - New York Press.

and find Eve. YOT ALLOWED TO SHOKE The recent decree of M. Caillaux. traveller can only introduce into Berlin is Miss Li Tsu Zrng, the routh France ten cigars or twenty eight ful daughter of a physician of Shane. have been expected, aroused a great university, and her admittance was agree that they are as good as they are which has caused most surprise is from the Chinese Ambassador. that which forbids women and children to carry any form of tobacco ant manners and deep black hair, and at all. That children should be for thoroughly Chine e in type. She hidden to carry tobacco for the bene dresses as a European and speaks fit of their elders is all well and German fairly well. She proposes to good, but why women should be for devote her attention farrely to Engor lungs take 6 to 10 drops placed on bidden to carry cigarettes when so lish and German literature.-New many of them smoke is not so easily | York Sun. understood. In some cities in America women are not allowed to smoke in public, but there is no such ; striction in France, where women !! as they like in this matter, and often smoke in the trains. No doubt amokers, who, being accustomed to on it.-New Haven Register. the best tobacco in the world, find the French cigars and cigarettes very unpleasant smoking. But it is sath- the New Haven Register. If nothing

decent tobacco.-London Globs.

PIONEER CHAUFFEUR.

The Irish lady who has adopted the name "Miss Sheils O'Neill" and become the ploneer in London of a new occupation for somen, appeared in the streets recently for the first time as a professional chauffour, driving a green 12 horse-nower car with a cape hood, which bore on the bonnet a doll policeman as mascot. Shella O'Neill," who has been trained and brought out by Mr. A. R. Mills. proprietor of a motor garage in Little James street, W. C., is the daughter of a military officer. Before she took up motor driving she was a nurse on the staff of a London hospital. She also served for two years as a nurse in the South African war and went through the siege of Ladysmith. She obtained both the Queen's and the King's medals, and intende to wear them on her motoring coat Her travels also include extensive excursions through India. She is one of the best women rifle shots in the country, and has won many prizes in open competitions. Interviewed after ber first day as a chauffeur, "Miss O'Neill," who is a tall and handsome girl of about 25, with light-brown hair, said: "I began at 10 this morning, and have had a busy day. The Make a habit of putting aside a roads were very greasy, but I had no morning. I am not at all afraid of the weather. I think the profession

> After enduring the discomfort of a girdle almost under her arms for a long time, woman is lengthening her waist again. The waist line has crept down little by little until now one notices a thought of absurdity in the true Empfre gown, and the real post-

WOMAN AND HER WAIST LINE

tion of the line is defined best by the Directory. It is to be expected fashion, soon or late, will go to the other extreme. Waists of great length will have a brief vogue following which the position of the belt will return to normal, or something like it. It is pretty certain the deeply pointed court, or Valois, corsage will vanish with the extremely long walst. Few points connected with woman's dress are of more importance than the position of the waist line. It can make or mar the grace of the figure. When it is too high it produces the stilted effect abborred by portrait painters; if it is too low it can make an Ahprodite look duck legged. Apparently the ordinary gown-builder has more difficulty in solving the problem of placing the waist line than in achieving any oth-

er detail in the making of a frock.

Pity 'tie the average woman doesn't

devote more thought to her own ap-

pearance in that respect.-New York

DISPINCHANT HUS MUST NOT HANDS. Pointed advice to women of many degrees is contained in a little volume an Englishman has just publishthe average wife: "The successful serve feminine perfection as far us self more charming and more pleasing to him than to any one else: for

AT PERLIN UNIVERSITY.

The latest recruit to the 707 women the Unister of Finance, by which a new studying in the University of ettes, or forty grammes of tobacco, hai. She has the distinction of being whichever he profess, has, as might the first Oriental woman to enter the deal of comment. But the passage secured by special recommendation

She is described as 17, with pleas-

GOOD ADVICE Learn the te'erhone number of the police station near you. Why? Because if you ever need the police you will want one in a hurry and will courts are closed on account M. Caillaux's on'y idea was to pry neither have time or nerve to hunt tect the revenue, but he runs the up the number in your telephone great danger of being considered book. Much time would also be prudish, which means ridicule and lost if you had to get "information" loss of authority. It is openly said | through the "central" to get the rein France that if M. Caillaux wasts quired number, and, perhaps, all the bad, nin't it?" to improve the sales of the regie he trouble that you could have averted should insist on the tobacco being had you been able to summon a pomade up without any admixture of liceman at once because of knowing Bits. saltpetre, which renders it bitter and the telephone number would happen. unpalatable. If he would do so it Have a card close to the telephone would be a great boon to English with the number distinctly written

We must save our roads, warns er hard not to allow women to intro- so far produced will serve, our invent duce even twenty cigarettes of some ora must keep up their quest until they find comething.

The qualities which made Front lent Cleveland a powerful element in the life of the nation, one of our exe cutives of highest accomplishment and influence, have been appreciated more and more widely during his lator years, and were generously expressed by opponents as well as by allies on the occasion of his death. In addition to this, there has been a growing sense of the disinterestedness of his character and of the deep sincerity of his patriotism. He had lived to see his own traits of industry in the public service, his frankness, dauntless bravery and complete incorruptibility, become accepted standards of comparison as to political aspirants and public servants. To say of a public man that he had some of the sturdy traits of Cleveland has

dent Grover C'evels

long been a valued form of praise. Then, too, there has been a genuine appreciation of the quiet dignity of bearing, in retirement, of one who was for years the country's only ex-President. The sorrow at his death was sincere and widespread, and was far from being confined to those who had been his political supporters; the country was felt to have lost a great conservative force, a personality that told for judgment, steadfastness and a profound sense of public duty. The impression of his character and career extended to foreign nations, and it himself. found expression in the tributes of the

friends Mr. Cleveland stood for all the great qualities from which grew his chirps the Atlanta Journal, that is distinguished acts; but in private life about the only thing that okra would he was so different a man from what | be good for. many imagined the stern, courageous statesman to be, that it will probably be long before all the lineaments of against the American Sugar Refining his portrait will be familiar to his Company suggests to the New York fellow-countrymen. He who could stoutly resist private appeal and pub- of scales, rebates are superfluous. lie clamor, when duty and conscience were involved, was one of whom it might be said that he had a genius for championship. The sweetness, the gentleness, the tenderness, of a strong fesses the Philadelphia Ledger, gennature, are things that must be seen near to be thoroughly understood, and, which thus seen, have a very

great and poignant attraction. There is a distinct vacancy in our public life when a towering personality such as ex-President's dis- it make endurance tests of textile appears from view, and generations may pass before just such a figure sooms again. But when a man like Transcript. Grover Cleveland-the neighbor, the campanion, the friend-passes away, there is a void in many hearts that can never, in this life, be filled again. -The Century.

ROBERT FULTON AS A LAD.

Incidents. Illustrating the Young | cartoon to the Red Sea?" Man's Interest in Mechanics.

There are several anecdotes which relate to Robert Fulton's early interest in mechanics-the first steps of progress toward his later skill. In 1773, when he was eight years old. his mother, having previously taught titm to fend and write, went him to \$00,000,000 more to got he a school kept by Mr. Caleb Johnson, low. a Quaker gentleman of pronounced Tory principles-so pronounced, in fact, that he narrowly escaped with his life during the revolution. But and he began at a early age to search for problems never mastered and bound in print. This greatly dis | erages should be probibled, but they treased the Quaker teacher, who soured not the red; and it is said that in administering such discipline on the hand of Robert Fulton, he one day testily exclaimed: There, that will make rou do something!" To which Robert, with folded arms, replied: "Sir, I came to have something beaten into my brains, and not into my knuckles." Without doubt he was a trial to his teacher.

He entered school one day very late, and when the master inquired the reason, Robert, with frank interest, replied that he had been at Nicholas Miller's shop pounding out lead for a pencil. "It is the very best I ever had, sir," he affirmed as he displayed his product. The master. after an examination of the pencil. pronounced it excellent. When Robert's mother, who had been distressed by his lack of application to his studies, expressed to his teacher her pleasure at signs of improvement, the latter confided to her that Robert had sa'd to him: "My head is so full of original notions that there is no vacant chamber to stow away the contents of dusty books."

These inchients to the contrary, it is reverthe'ess true that Robert Fulton did absorb a good knowledge of the radiments of education.-From 'The Early Life of Robert Fulton' in the Century.

Well Accusinted.

Not long since the notice. adjourned sine die" was the door of a certain court. Some gentleman with an artistic and high eating. ly trained sense of humor added a "d" to the word "dle" and went on his way rejoicing.

Next day a person who makes practice of haunting the public buildings and professes acquaintance with every well-known man in the vicinity dropped into the clerk's office. "See here," he said "when did

Sine shuffle off this mortal coil " "What's that?" demanded the astoniched clerk. "When did Fine die?

"Oh!" said the clerk, parting himself together. "he died yesterday. Pid von know him?" "Know him? I should

And Sine's hereaved frie out with his burden of sort

Fifty vessels are constant ed in repairing the subs graph cables of the world.

Australia now contains me plored territory in proportion size than any other em



Tomorrow, wares the ! is the stone over which a ness man has stumbled.

Thinks the Toledo Blake: of the high cost of living, this be a good time to test the getting up from the table hungry.

At forty a man may regret time married. At sixty, muses the Par Figaro, a bachelor regrets 1 that he did not take a wife.

The reason a girl wants to get man ried and go away, suggests the New York Press, is she could be happy at home if she wasn't

A man will believe it's only his hard luck even when he is going to jail for stealing, observes the New York Press.

The more indignant a man can get over the bad morals a play would expose his family to, asserts the New York Press, the more he will no to

The manufacture of paper out of To the circle of his personal okra offers interesting possibilities. and as far as we are concerned;

Testimony in the government's suit Press, that, with a properly rigged set

Very often a bad man finds a loophole in a good law, but the good mail seeking a loophole in a bad law, couerally "is up against it."

The Government is appropriating large sums for the testing of structural material for the benefit of builders and contractors. When will fabrics for the enlightenment of weary mothers? anks the Boston

"Is it any wonder that the American exporter so frequently falls," asks Mr. Holt of the Tangler consulategeneral, "when he sends sewing machines to the other end of the world with a rag wrapped around them, or sends breakfast foods in a pasteboard

One eminent scientist puts the maximum age of the earth at 100,000,000 years; another at 13,000,000. But then, objects the Pittsburg Disputch, after you have passed the first hundred millions a little man of 14.

There is good reason for urging less islation to restrain the traffic In cocaine, morphine and other crasing Robert Fulton did not care for books, | drugs, observes the Pittsburg Dispatch. Many good people are obsessed by the idea that alcoholic bevfall to appreciate the much greater harm of the drug habits.

Mrs. Carrie Nation has been a disappointment to the English nation. The New York Hera'd learns that alle his distinctly failed to live up to her reputation as a saloon smasher, acoulred by long and assiduous service in the United States. It is a good commentary on her thirst for noteriety that she should be hopeless of the English magistrates because she was told by one of them that she was wasting her time.

There arrived at Bagdad recently the first postal automobile, and it filed the minds of the natives with wonder and awe. The ear carried the mails, hitherto borne on camels backs, from Alepno, a distance of 625 miles, in sixty hours. This can hardly be called a sneed record, remarks the New York Tribune, but when It is remembered that the roads are rough camel tracks les-fing through the deep sands of the Syrian desert and the stony plains of Mesopotamia, the fourney at the rate of little more than ten miles an hour appears credit-

Camel Steaks \$1.25 a Pound.

The latest food deliency in Paris, or at least what is claimed to be a delicacy, is camel meat. Eight camels, known to the butchers as "meharis," were recently received and a number of them were sold for

The prices asked for the ment ranged from 35 cents a pound for inferior pieces to \$1.25 a pound for the under cut and the hump. The mest is said to be as tough as gristly beef, but the Parisian searches for sensations in the food line as well as in everything eise. Popular Mechanics.

Act Like a Fool.

A man was considered a genitra ignoramus by the concern for which he fomerly worked. He came late our employ when we were on to take him on account of some

It was not long, however, before Hecovered that the firm a suggestions. He proved a ge his line and his ideas were sond many dollars to us. I d