e Bursting of the Menseon out its monsoone, and the periodic each of one of these great rain is always hailed with delight. The west moneoon sets in generally tothe end of April. the steady wind ping up from the Indian Ocean and ing with it the dense volumes of which slowly collect in dark masscloud as they approach the contin-From Adam's Peak in the lale of es, right along the Eastern and tern Ghauts and the Nilgiris, every op is gradually shrouded in mist, inof standing out clear and sharp st the sky. Darker and denser bethe cloud masses; the horizon asa heavy lead appearance, somekindling into a lurid glare-aning to the sense of oppression, both tal and physical, which accompanies The atmosphere becomes "close" and essive alike to man and beast; but heat is borne with patience, for reis at hand. Flames of lightning play cloud to cloud, and heavy thunder iberates through the heavens; the suddenly springs up into a tempest, along the shore the white waves are ed in foam against the rocks or over the apparently leaden sky; the ed lightning is changed to sheets of and suddenly the flood-gates of en are opened, and not rain, but ts of water, are poured forth, rehing the parched earth, carrying ferv over the surface of the country, fillhe wells and natural reservoirs with sh store, and replenishing the dwindrivers and streams. The whole h seems suddenly recalled to life. etation may almost be seen to grow, from the baked mud of the river s emerge countless fishes which for as or months before have lain there

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Eating Off Gold.

gh rashness or was irs. Astor's supper to twenty of her mate friends was given in New York who live at hom Monday night. On this occasion the ritically the actions ous service of solid gold was used. d would do well to the yellow dishes are seldom brought mind before take from the Astor vault. They cost ord Wolseley had 0,000, it is said, though I have heard ne possibility of 8 figures exaggerated to \$250,000. ttacked in the de how, there is no great extravagance ed for not having them, for the metal can at any time be if he did foresee ted into good bullion and only the t it may be allowed kmarship lost. I have attended many ambers he could so he Astor entertainments, but never wants he could me hen the gold utensils were displayed. od and reserve in riend who has had that estimable mpt was of necessit liege declared that she didn't enjoy it the risk had to be experience very much, after all. ugh the beavy los In the first place," she said, "the red, the success of bles were completely overcome and put beyond doubt, arited by the plates on which they ment has been we served. The daintiest mersels ques in of the squeed to have no flavor at all, and after Gen. Hamley, the sile I fancied that they became immilitary critics, the nated with a peculiar metallic taste. I have done better then I got it into my head that the sitting opposite me was a detective Isguise, placed there so see that I 't slip a plate into my bodice. He afterward introduced to me, and I with small bodie reason to believe that his covert ces had been purely aentimental, but an that of the square spoiled my supper all the same. No, ve been surrounded k you, fine china ware is good enough may be surely allo

th as little loss of ner, who died at the age of 84, at terrible rush of mluster, Mass, in 1873. Palmer, in ising the fear of di eer weight of number tion to other eccentricities, wore a and flowing beard at a time when equire, and altho yone else went smooth shaven For were killed to a he was "persecuted, despised, jeered d heavily. But egarded almost as a fiend incarnate: saved the remain known far and wide as a human moneet the thin red lie and with his name mothers used to have been sweptal iten their children when they were that Sir Herbert S ly." Clergymen, and, among others, to be a fisting le George Trask, the anti-tobacco reer, labored to show him the scandal is course, but to all who asked why ersisted in making himself a "monif any one could tell him why some get into trouble as manifested in ave him without his consent, but deto their studies. os in the neighbor ssailants. For this he was thrown to preserve his beard intact. vorsen and childre

lartyr for His Beard's Sake.

Persecuted for Wearing his Beard" is

inscription on the tomb of Joseph

ght in His Own Death Trap.

arcus Warner, of Shusham, N. Y., been bothered by chicken thieves y. A few nights ago he set a large trap at the entrance of his chicken door. He also loaded a shotgun powder and fine salt and placed it at icor of the coop, so that when the was epened the gun would be disged, and the intruder would receive contents in his body while held in the of the steel trap. The same day friends of Warner's came to visit They drank cider all day until late e evening. When the visitors were to go Warner went to help them less the horse. They broke a atrap. ner had one in the chicken coop. forgot about the trap and the gun, went after the strap. When he ed the door of the hen house he ped in the trap. The gun went off, bored a large hole in his side. The broke his leg. He will die.

hat is the difference between y, jovial friend and the sale of a boilver mine? One is whole souled, the other is a sold hole.

Saturday vight. "Too late- it is after 10 o'clock," mid the Lieutenant. "I was to the theatre, and couldn't get here any sconer," said the tramp, who finally get a bed in another station.

In June last the Larcet said of Gen. Gordon: "His life is as great a mystery as his character. His physical endurance in the desert would be d fficult to understand in a strong man, but in a man with angina pectoria, and with a horror of meals, it is simply a kind of miracle."

Persons addicted to the habit of sticking their tongues out while working, abould take warning from the experience of an Alleghany man, who, while chopping wood a few days ago, was struck on the chin with such force by a fragment as to a most completely sever his organ

The very remarkable statement is made in the Medical Times that Dr. Fleischl. of Vienna, has discovered that the hydrochlorate of cocoaine, administered hypcdermically in doses of from one-twelfth burning sand. Then a few great to one-fourth of a grain will cure morphs of rain fall, like balls of lead, inism, alcoholism, and similar habits within ten days.

> A Cincinnati printer, who brought suit to compel a telephone company that had removed his telephone because he used profanity in a message through it, to replace the instrument, has been defeated in the Supreme Court of Ohio; the Court held that the company had the right to remove the instrument.

> The Royal Academy of Turin will, in 1886, award a prize of \$2,400 to the author of the best work that appears between 18°3 and 1886 on any subject connected with physics, chemistry, physiology, geology, geography, or statistics, or to "the author of a brilliant or useful discovery." The prize is open to competitors of all countries.

> A young Englishman has had his left leg specially exempted from the insurance granted him by several companies, whose losses through the sudden weakness of that limb had led him to be wary in the matter. Hence clauses in his policy provide that he cannot recover unless proof is made that his injuries shall not have been caused by the faulty member.

> A thief who ana ched a satchel out of the hands of a lady who was about to be photographed in a Chicago gallery fell a a victim to progressive science before nightfall. The photographer, hearing the noise while he was adjusting the camera, pulled the trigger and took an instantaneous photograph by means of which the thief was arrested later in the day. He was identified by the "subject," and had some of her money in his pocket.

> Italian papers are bewailing the extent and intensity of imagration fever among the peasantry. They say that the ship loads of emigrants who are taken from Italy to America are draining Italy of its most productive factors. The tide of emigration they say, is assuming proportions which is calamitous to the State, and they instance the fact that one Prefect slone issued last year six thousand passports for emigrants to America.

The telephone system is likely to be soon developed to a great extenton the Continent. The Belgian Cabinet has asked the Governments of France and Spain to allow Mr. Deubenski, an officer in the Belgian army, who has invented a new kind of telephone, fitted with a microphone, to make experiments between Madrid and Brussels is nearly a thousand miles, and, should Deubenski prove the capabilities of his telephone for intertransmitting messages at Madrid and Brussels, we are probably withing measurable distance of the time when we may converse with the American colony in

The Mudir of Kassala is a sorely tired man. He has been besieged by the Mahdi's forces for nine months, and, as if this were not enough, he has had a number of wild beasts in captivity thrown upon his hands by the d ath of their owrer. he only replied that he would | The trade in animals for menageries and zoological gardens has developed greatly would from 52 to 365 times a year, of late years, the Soudan and Nubia bebe their faces. At one time howas ing the main hunting grounds. One of ked by a party of men who proposed the principal providers of wild animals for show was a Jow of Vienna named ed himself vigorously and repulsed. Kohn, who had brought to Europe at various times from Nubia a large number Jail, and there again was forced to of lions, giraffes, antelepes, and ostriches. He had collected a number of these shortly before Kassala was invested, and had them in the town at the time of the attack by the rebels. After a short time he died at the age of 72, and history has not yet recorded what became of the

France has followed the example of Germany in raising microbiology to the rank of a recognized science. The establishment over which Dr. Kech presides in Berlin is the completest and best equipped in Europe. He has four army surge ins as assistants, and some sixty or eighty students, among whom are not a few savants of standing are daily pursuing their researches in his laboratories. Dr. Koch, who was a modest veterinary surgeon in Breslau four years ago, and who has never had a regular acad, mical training, was looked upon with some distrust and jealousy by the German universities when his studies in bacteriology brought him into prominence and won him the support of Prince Bismarck and thefavors of the Government, but the opposition to his theories has nearly altogether subsided, and he has been named Professor in the medical faculty of Berlin.

In the Gazzetts des Hapitaux Dr. Randa gives the number of cases of diphtheris. in Paris in 1880 at 9,500, an enormous

is the great cause of the increase, and is brought about by breathing the expired air of a diphtheretic patient. Analoging how cautious we should be in expeeing children to the contagion, a case is cited of a lady who, being attacked by the disease, sent her children to the country. After she had recovered; the :oom in which she had been treated was disinfected, newly papered, and left with the windows wide open for five weeks. children were then brought home, but within a week one of them was seized with diphtheria and died.

HAVE A SMILE.

A forged check-Shackles. A pitched battle-A baseball game.

The married woman's sphere-A ball of darning cotton. Frigid comfort for a hungry tramp -

The cold shoul er. Called back-That part of us contiguous to the spinal column.

Honesty is the best policy-outside of a certificate of insurance.

Strange as it may seem the editor's pocket-book is often a blankbook. It's very seldom that the umbrella gets

left. We know whereof we speak. When a policeman plays poker he al-

ways smiles if he draws a pat club flush. If your mother's sister uses only one kind of perfumery is it making game of her to say she is a "one scent

Recent despatches from the seat of war in the Soudan have aroused a suspicion in the minds of some cynical observers that General Wolseley is being paid by

the day. A wit who was asked what he had ra ther be during the three stages of life, replied: "Till thirty a pretty woman, till fifty a successful general, the rest of my life a cardinal."

A Virginia white man, accused of stealing apple brandy, chose to be tried by a jury of colored men. He thought his chances for "justice" would be better.

A new dictionary of the Chinese langu ge comprises forty volumes. When a Chinese editor gets stuck on the spelling of a word, he has to delay publication for a week or two in order to consult the lexicon.

The wife of William Black copies his manuscript in such a hand that one page of his makes four of hers. Black may be popular with the novel-readers, but you can wager that his wife is a great favorite with the printers.

On one occasion a friend of Lord Alvanley came for advice under the following circumstances : "Mr. - has threatened to kick me whenever he sees me in society. What am I to do when he comes into the room?" "Sit down," replied his lordship.

Confessions of a Lowell journalist: What was almost a plot for a good ghost story was enacted in the elitorial-room of this paper late one night recently. One of the staff came in in the dark and to his horror found himself confronted by a strange white shape, motionless, but full of terror in its ghostly phospherescence. Starting back, he hastily struck a match, and then at once the mystery was solved It was the clean towel we had given us for Christmas.

A few weeks ago a gentleman entered the office of a well known insurance agent and, tossing a paper on the counter, said to the clerk: "That's run out and I want to get it renewed." The clerk unfolded the document and with a smile inquired : "Are you sure that this has run out?" "Oh. yes," said the gentleman, "my wife told me it run out yesterday." "Well, I am sorry for you, but we are not taking that kind of risks now," responded the clerk as he handed it back to him. It was his marriage certifica e.

Attached to the staff of a Prussian general is a young officer, who is ordered on special duty to Egypt; on bidding him good-bye, the general says to the aide: "Bring me tack a mummy." The aldede-camp returns in about six months. "Well, where's my mummy?" "Tve got it, general. It is down-stairs." "Well, let us go and see it." The sarcophagus is opened; the general and his aide urroll the bandages. When the mummy is at last exposed, the intelligent Dutchman exclaims: "Why your confounded cld mummy is dead !"

The Busy Bee's Occupation Gone.

The spurious honey is now put up in

little square boxes, which sell for from twenty to thirty cents a pound. It looks person or persons to adopt the name. like honey, and it is said that it takes an excellent judge to tell that it is a fraud on the bee. The comb is manufactured with such skill that but few can tell it from the genuine article. It is made from paraffine or beeswax, and the honey is blown into it by machinery. Another kind is put up in glass vessels like ordinary jelly packages, the centre of which contains a piece of honeycomb, and the honey is made by pouring about aix parts of glucose around one part of honey in the comb. Some of it is adulterated with glucose. some with cane sugar, with the syrup of inverted cane and others by heating ordinary sugar with an acid; but it all resembles honey and to a certain extent has its flavor and odor.

Il'd pusson in Texas informin' ne dat ters hisself dat he has cone a smart thin an' dat de facher of dat chile will I plain sailin'. If anybody wants to name his fispring arter me or Siz Jame Walpole, or Givesdam Jones, or Judge Cadayer, we can't hinder, but so fur as personally consa ned I want to indulge in a few remarks in regard to dis

"I verily believe dat de foolishness of sartin parents in tyin' names to deir offsprings has beclouded an' wrecked many lives. De ole man who was stovellin snow nex' doah to me de odder day was named Henry Clay. It was on de ideah dat he would make a mighty smart man, but de minit he got old 'nuff to realize who an' what Clay was he pulld right back. He couldn't nebber git dar', an he knowed it. Instead of bein' addressed as Henry Clay, eberybody calls him 'Hank Dirt,' an' he's gwine to be called dat till de c'ay kivers his coffin.

"Some y'ars ago a naybur o' mine named his baby 'Washington Lincoln Grant Smith.' He war' bound to fill dat boy chock full o' military genius an' statesmanship, but de chile wasn't fo' y'ars ole befo' he realized dat it was too steep. He hadn't reached ten befo' he was a thief an' a liar, an' de odder day he went to prison for burglary. De name was too long for de public to grapple wid, an' so he was called 'Wash Grant.' Loter on it got to be 'Washboard,' an' by de name of Washboard Smith he am registered on de prison books.

"I has seen Prime Minister Jones drawin' a swill cart around, while clus behind him, leading a yaller dog by a piece of old clothesline, came Montmorenci Stubbins. I has seen Queen Catherine Bivins at de washtub, while de Princess Beinville was a' hangin' out de clothes fur her. I has whitewashed on de same job wid Cæsar Jackson, an' I has blacked stoves alonside of George de Fo'th

"De white folks am just as bad, an' it really does me good to see by de papers dat 'Hortense Victoria Clark' has skipped out wid 'De Lisle Fitzhue Brown,' who was a purfeshional roller skater loafer on a salary of \$5 per week. Ebery day de Police Judge am sendin' Zuchariah Chandlers, Roscoe Conklings, Thomas Jeffersons and Henry W. Longfellows to de jug, an' ebery day de good old names of Jane an' Betsey an' Sarah an' Emma an' Lucy am growin' in contempt wid de female sect.

"Speakin' fur de cull'd race alone, I say dat de fadder who rises above Moses or Samuel or William when huntin' fur a name fur his boy baby am coaxin' biles and bunions to grow whar' dey doan' need | fraud, the gang hoped to evade discovery to. De mudder who can't make a selection from Chloe, Catherine, Violet an Sarah Jane needn't feel riled if her gal runs off wid a bowlegged stove-blacker an ends up her days in a garret. Let us now attack de reg'lar purceedin's."

DIDN T RESOLVE. Waydown Bebee begged to offer solution asking the Legislature of Michigan to enact a law to more fully carry out the provisions of the Civil Rights bill, as applicable to the colored population of

this State. "Has you bin denied any of your rights lately, Brudder Babee?" asked the President.

"I can't say as I has, sah, but I has heard complaints from cull'd men dat dey hain't treated as good as white people.'

" Name a few. "I has bin told dey can't stop at firstclass hotels, an dat dey am not wanted at roller rinks."

"Brudder Bebee, kin you tell me why any cull'd man should want to pay \$4 a day to stop at a fust-class hotel kept by a white man an frequented by tony white folkses, when he kin be made to home at a house kept by a cull'd man fur de benefit of cull d people, at one quarter d

"Not zactly, sah?" "Do you know why any respectable cull'd pusson should want to from away his time an' money wheelin' hisself 'round | Southern bird - the "chuck-will's widow," an' 'round a rink patronized by silly so called, a species allied to our whippoormen ?"

"No, sah." "Neither do I. It would be much mo to his credit to go out an' pound snow. Your resolushun am decided no cause for ackahun, an you will at once tot down. De laws of dis kentry am big nuff and broad 'nuff to gin ebery man in it, no matter what his race or culler, all de rights he kin take keer of." NO RELATION.

The Secretary announced an inquiry from Utah in regard to the Lime Kitn Minstrels, at present giving performances in that country. He was instructed to answer that the club had no such band traveling, and had not authorized any

RELIEVING BROTHER WATKING. The Committee on Relief report that Shindig Watkins was confined to his bed with a fever, and recommended that he be allowed the sum of \$6 from the relief

"Do you know what ails Brudder Watkins?" asked the President.

"De doctah calls it sewer gas." "Whar' from ?"

"Dunno, sah."

"I guess you doan' ! All de sewer-gas aroun' his house kin be bottled up in yer eye! What ails Brudder Watkins am tryin' to lift a 400 pound grindstun' on a of office twenty-four years have no desire bet of thirty cents. He strained his back | whatever to go in. That's about as an' bent his legs out of plumb, an' all much as a Frenchman could be expected

ing, "a letter from a down the lamp-chimnegs an' go home.

Gever Swindlers.

The last great fraud by which the Bank of England has been sufferer was that of Austra Bidwell and his accomplices. On the 18th of April, 1872, Austin Bidwell balled upon a 'ai'or named Green, in Saville row, and under the assumed name of Warren gave him a handsome order. On May 4th he paid Mr. Green snother yisit. He was then professedly on his way to Ireland, and having about him a large sum of money saked Green to take charge of it curing his absence. Green hesitated to take the responsibility, but remarked that the branch Bank of England was in Burlington gardens, close by, and effered to in roduce Warren there. This was done, and Warren opened an account by a deposit of £1,200. He gave his name as Frederick Albert Warren, and his address as Golden Cras hotel. He paid in and drew out moneys to a considerable amount, and shortly began to offer bills for disc unt. They bere the best of names and were discounted without hesitation. On the 17th of June. 1873, a bill of Rothchild's for £1,500 was off red and was discounted in due course.

Having thus gained, by transactions in genuine bills, the confidence of the bank authorities, the supposed Warren commerced operations of another kind. Bills came in thick and fast for discount, still bearing the same first-class names-Rothschild, Blydenstein, Suse, and Silbeth etc.; but they were now cleverlyexecuted forge ies. The bank continued to discount without suspicion. Naturally, however, it paid in its own notes, of which the numbers were recorded, and which, when it was discovered that the bills were forged, would be difficult to realize. Bidwell, in order to disposo of these and to diminish the chances of identification. opened an account in another name (Horton) at the Continental bank. Here he paid in the notes received at the Bank of England, taking French and German money in exchange, Hi.ls-under the name of Noyes-acting as his clerk. Sometimes, by way of variety, Hills changed notes into gold at the Bank of England itself, alleging that the coin was for export, but the gold he obtained was brought back again by Maclonnell and exchanged for fresh notes, which, thus btained, would have no obvious connection with the criginal fraud. George Bidwell undertook what may be called the manufacturing department-namely, the preparation of the plates and the printing of the bill form for the forgeries. . By thus dividing their labors, and working each in a distinct department of the until they had made what they regarded as a sufficient haul, when they would doubtless have retired to foreign climes to enjoy the fruits of their labors. How much further they would have gone it is impossible to say, for they had already offered forged bills to the amount of over £102,217, when a happy oversight led to their detecti n. Two bills for £1,000 each, professedly accepted by Mr. Blydenstein, and payable three months after "sight," were not "s ghted"—that is, the date of acceptance was not inserted. A elerk of the bank was sent to Messra. Blydenstein's to get the cmission rectified, and was met by the startling information that the bills were forgeries. With some little trouble, the whole of the gang were arrested, and, after a trial lasting eight days, were convicted and sentenced to penal servitude .- New York Commercial Advirtiser.

Imitation in Birds.

I remember distinctly hearings thrusher often repetting in its madesp song some notes new to my ear, which could not be ascribed to any Michigan bird of my acquaintages. After patiently waiting for some time in the glaring and of a bright June day, I heard the notes so plainly th t I was the roughly convinced they were an imitation of the song of the gals, soft-headed women an' evil-minded will, and named as in our familiar Northern representative of the familyfrom the words so plainly uttered. This thru h learned, then, the notes of the chuck-will's widow at least 500, and probably quite a thousand miles from Michigan, and yet reproduced them so distinctly that one could easily distinguish them, and from mere descriptions in books stones tell the name of the bird imitated.

Here, mounting to the top of the tallest tree near its nest, it pours forth ecstatic me lody, executing the most difficult strains with the same ease that it delivers the simplest notes. All noises are attempted; the schoolboy's whistle, the bark of a dog, or the bleating of a lamb are equally well executed and issue from its throat in a continuous, harmonious strain, frequently of an hour s duration. What wonderful mimicry; what a contrast to the best attempts of ventriloquists and imitators, traveling through the o untry to reproduce before sudiences a few mumbled sounds or attempted imitations of the sounds and notes utrered by birds and mammals. - [Dr. Morris Gibb.

"A short absence," says Mirabeau, "quickens love; a long absence kil's it." Hal then the follows who have been out of office twenty-four years have no desire the relief he gets from dis club won't help to know about politics.