THE LIME-KILN CLUB.

If Ancestor Jinkins am in de hall toto will please step dis way," said other Gardner as the meeting opened fourteen kerosene lampe going at full-

ld get his feet clear of the benches he ddied up the aisle and stood at "atten-" with his toes turned in. Brudder Jinkins," continued the dent, "I was told to-day dat your

ovas bar'fut an' your chill'en cryin' Well, sah, it's bin hard times." I suppose so. I understan' dat you

't done a day's work dis winter." Work has bin skeerce, sah." frictly. You had work in a foundry fill, didn't you ?"

You was gettin' ten shillings a day. you struck fur twelve?"

'n' bekase de man didn't figger dat rarvices war' worth twelve shilling a to him you frew yerself out of a steady m'hev come as nigh de poo'-house ou lin git widout enterin de doah."

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lorter had mo' pay, sah." Dat may be, but as long as you dn't git it you was an idiot to frow de wages you could get. What perer pint hev you gained, Brudder

condition, Bo Well, I let the foundry-man see dat I anded by first of independence." Sertin-sartin. You let him see yer at de Poo'master's office, yer chill'en m' of de nayburs, an' a dozen credi-

chasin' you up wid bills." Hadn't a laborin' man orter hev fa'r " demanded Brother Jinkins.

had. He orter hev five dollars a but he can't get it. He puts his a muscle up to de highest bidder, he mus' stan' by de bid. Brudder ins let me make a tew remarks in ear. De man who pounds his thumb spite de hammer. De condishun of fixes de rate of wages. You may but it will simply result in batterin diphabets kept on toes. De nex' best thing to what ant is what you kin git. Bekase S, Checks da & test a dollar for whitewashin' a ceilin ot gwine to frow away de fifty cents Brudder Jinkins, what am de rice fur blackin' stoves ?"

Iro shillins, sah." morter hev thirty cents what will first.

Raton I won't git any blackin' to

Jisso, sah. Now, den, if stoves at mive cents am few an' fur between. lordoin' at twenty cents, isn't it betpolity to hold a steady job dan to have ANADIAN or at all ?"

Im kin take yer seat, Brudder Jin-Any principle am all right on a full uch. Any theory am all right if you big woodpile at the doah. De sued in Cana who declar's dat you orter hev eshillin's a day won't go hungry on ntreal. Int of your strike. We like sugar in tifee, but we am idiots to frow away the kase we can't get d sweetnin'.' DEATH TAKES ANOTHER.

ige Cadaver handed to the Secretary to of the death of Glucose Jackson, intgomery, Ala, and offered a resomaining him as a bright star whose of from the firmament would be felt

resolushun will be laid on de mid the President as he placed it "De late lamented was probably man. He was doubtless fa'rly are the beat in a hoss-trade, an' he paid his at the rate of 100 cents on de dolat he doubtless had many little inas well, same as de rest of us. ght star bizness am all bosh. We doah fur de space of tendays. An' try to remember all the good ob de dead, but anythin' furder

be hypocritical." TELL YOU LATER.

e Secretary announced a communifrom Liverpool, England, asking if me Kiln Club had ever openly fathe annexation of Canada to the d States. If so, on what grounds? doan' remember dat de subjick has wose in our midst," said the Presi-"I doan' reckon dat any of us tter had de headache puzzlin' ober It might be a good thing at Lormer de United States. si if we see or newtral on the subif we see any particklar reason m, why de two kentries should inder the same bed quilt we'll let the know it.

THE LABOR PROBLEM. Chairman of the Committee on one which are stimulated and Labor made his regular one which are report. His committee had aked to investigate and report on bor problem, and it had discovered: More laborers than labor.

Lore laborers than labor. committee had several theories on abject, but would at present recomhad by which all capitalists would god to lay out their money in fachabor a boom. When all the capiand all the money were used up

report was vigorcualy discussed d con, and upon a vote being taken not accepted. The committee a need to investigate further and

NONE HERE. ist of all the Halifax asked ist of the socialists, communists and ber Gardiner looked up and down

reckon we hasn't got any," continued the President. "In fack, I was purty sure we hadn't. Somehow or odder man. He doan hunger for revolushuns. short distance from them, He doen hanker to kill off legitimate rulers. He doan' sigh fur to blow anybody up. He seems to be gwine right along mindin' his own bisness, an' keepin' up de interest en de mortgage, an he ham't de time to run arter new theories and blood hirsty doctrines.

"We will now turn de reporters out doahs and go on de accidon on de 134th degree, an' initiate the Hon. Mossback Pilkington,

The Turcoman at Home

Any traveller who has crossed the wild upland region lately occupied by Russia on the border of Afghanistan, and has seen the Turcoman camps and Afghan villages with which it is studded, has surveyed at one g.....ce the past and present of Central Asia. Drawing bridle, on the crest of one of those long, low swells that break at times the gray unending sameness of the vast plains of Central Asia you see belew you a tiny stream, sharply outlined against the surrounding desert by the dark belt of undergrowth fringing it. On the bank stand a dozen or more huge, pointed, dark grey objects very much like gigantic "dunce caps," around which a number of sheep and cattle are feeding. The fortress-like Afghan hamlet, with its huge gray mud wall and narrow sinister loopholes, behind which the low, flat roofed earthen hovels huddle so closely together as barely to leave passage room between them, represents the marauding shepherd of the east in his more advanced stage of fixed residence in one spot, but still retaining enough of his guerrilla nature to regard every strangeras an enemy and to build every house like a fort. The light Turcoman tent of felt and saplings, set up or pulled down in a few moments, typifies the same man in his character of a wandering herdsman, flying from his enemy or pouncing upon him with equal suddenness, swooping off with his booty into the desert like one of its own vultures, ever occupied with the duties of finding grass and water for the flocks and herds that formed his whole possession, and of anticipating any foe who wished to Letly, but suppose you get de ideah | cut his throat by cutting the latter's throat

A shrill cry from a tall figure among them brings out of the tents half a score of gaunt, sinewy fellows in white tunics and high caps of sheepskin, handling menacingly the spears and guns which they have snatched up.

The Turcoman "Beg" or chief (for such amedied" (you are welcome), more reassuring than the short curved sabre within reach of his hand, which shows by its notches that it has once done a thriving business. He kindly offers you a seat on the newly flayed and still bloody sheepskin and hands you an earthen jar of milk and wooden spoon, licking the latter clean as a special compliment. Should you arrive on a day of unwonted plenty. which results from a camel's death by age or disease, you may preface with the blue, stringy meat a bowl of "brick tea," with salt for sugar and rancid fat for cream. But despite all his bandit qualities, the Turcoman at home is not a bad fellow by any means.

A Dynamite Hog.

There has been so much gloomy and depressing news of late that we feel an especial kindness towards those genial fellows who, scattered all over the world, devote their time to the preparation of marvellous or amusing inventions wherewith to fill the ears of correspondents for the press. Looking at the matter in this light, a cordial tribute of thanks is due to the sprightly citizen of Laurinburg, Ga., who has caused it to be announced that a local hog, presumably one with four legs, recently ate heartily of dynamite, entered a lot where a drove of mules was pastured, got himself kicked, and at once exploded, killing twenty of the mules. A neater thing in the way of promiscuous slaughter was never conceived since the world began; and though, of course, the story is merely a genial lie, still the mind is as much delighted with the thought of that pasture immediately after the imaginary explosion as if it had actually occurred. Then there is the merry Nubian who has just tickled the whole world under the fifth rib with his story of how the people threw mud at the Mudir of Dongola, as that resplendent functionary was departing with his staff for Calro. Naturally such a ridiculous performance as throwing mud at a Mudir could never have occurred except in the imagination of somebody who was crazy to see how the story would look in print. Who he was, or is, or is to be, we know not; but he is a fellow of infinite jest, and we send him greeting across the cataracts.

Good Advice.

A man was being tried for stealing a ham. As he had no counsel to defend him, the Ohief Justice called upon one of | again. She says: the barristers present to undertake his defence, and gave him permission to retire with the prisoner for consultation into an adjoining room. In about three-quarters of an hour the lawyer came back into court without his client. "Where is the prisoner?" inquirec the judge. With the greatest composure the barrister replied: "He is off. Your lordship desired me to give him the best advice under the circumstances, and, as he candidly owned to his guilt, I could give him no better advice than to betake himself away with all possible speed, which he was only to gload to do.

lently against the female and from the ground, eventually being brought to a stand-still by the grapplingiron getting entangled in a tree. The went to the assistance of the aeronaute who proved to be Mr. Cernmand Debots, of the Societe Accountique of Patie, and Belgium gentleman named Farenza, and is temperiod that they that mades gone perilous balloon adventure, in which they narrowly escaped with their lives, having crossed the channel much against their will, and quite portracy to their common opinion.

original intentions. The ascent was made a few miles from sible, to decend somewhere near Brus-sels. All went well for some time, ever reported in Oregon or Washington until, upon Mr. Dubois throwing out bal-last, they ascended higher, and, coming was contracted by eating Eastern ponk. in contact with a fresh current of air, were carried in a contrary direction to what they anticipated. After a time they found themselves passing over Osten,d but no alarm was felt, and more ballast was thrown out. As dusk came on, how ever, they were startled to find them selves being carried in the direction of the sea, and the aeronauts endeavored to decerd, and in making the attempt they came in contact with a current, which to their satisfaction, carried them somewhat inland.

Their gratification was brief, however, as they very soon found themselves carried rapidly out to sea. Night had come on, and the seronauts were naturally much alarmed, and endeavored to attract the attention of some vessels they saw beneath them. Failing in this, however, M. Dubois deemed it prudent to throw out more ballast and secure safety by as high an ascent as was deemed advisable under the circumstances. All the provisions they were provided with were some sandwiches, b scuits, two flasks of brandy, and some water. These they utilized to the best advantage, and when morning dawned they found themselves far away at sea.

M. Dubois was inclined to let out the gas and decend, trusting to the balloon to float and the chances of being picked up by a passing vessel. His companion dissuaded him from doing this, however and for the greater part of one day they were over the sea. As dusk set in they were delighted to find themselves being carried toward the land, but hesitated to decend in the darkness of night. In the morning they found themselves passing rapidly over a town which they believed he is) greets you with a gutteral "Kosh | to be Folkestone, and decended, as has been stated, near Bromley. The two aeronauts, who were very much fatigued, were heartly congratulated on their narrow escape.

How General Sherman Took a Powder.

When General Sherman's army was at Galdsboro, N. C., General Sherman made a visit to the headquarters of General Howard. While there General Sherman felt the need of a small draught of whiskey to drive off the malarial effects of the climate on his system. Now all the officers of the Army know of General Howard's rigid temperance proclivities, and were strict in their respect for them. General Sherman knew there was no whiskey in General Howard's quarters, and therefore did not mention his wants to General Howard. Presently Dr. John Moore, the medical director came in, and after a little conversation with General Sherman gave him the wink and said, "Doctor, have you a seidlitz powder in your quarters? The Doctor answered that he had. General Howard spoke up and said: "General Sherman it is not necessary to go to the doctor's quarters, I have plenty of seidlitz powders here, and good ones too; I will get you one." If there was anything in General Howard's quarters that General Sherman did not want it was a seidlits powder, and therefore he said to General Howard: "Never mind, General! Give yourself no trouble." (Howard was then getting the powder and glasses of water ready). "I will be going by Moore's quarters after awhile.

took in the situation and became a party to the joke on General Sherman. He said such position. Mr. Gladstone presumto General Sherman, "By the way, Gen- ably quitted his beautiful house on Carleral, I don't think I have a seidliz powder in my quarters, and you had better take the one General Howard has." By this time General Howard had the powder allready for use and handed the glassesto General Sherman. Rather than offend Howard; by saying he meant whiskey he drank the foaming stuff down much to his own disgust, to the satisfaction of General Howard, and to the amusement of the staff officers.

Mrs. Garfield Will Not Marry Again.

Mrs. Garfield has written a letter to her brother-in-law, Mr. C. O. Rockwell, concerning the rumors that have been going about lately of her intention to marry

This cruel rumor, which seems to have been affoat for two or three months, did not reach me till three days ago. Nothing that has ever been said about me has so hurt and offended me as this, and the deepest humiliation of it is that so many are ready to believe it. * * * To me it seems just as much an insult to be asked whether it be true as it would be were the dear general still here. That any one can think me capable of being false to his memory seems like being regarded crimin-A dignified denial by my friends, Still it harts suppose, can do no harm. me to feel that any denial is needed.

Prime Minister's New

Residence, etc., etc. Drame shape defined by the new legislation AK as " ocmmon nuis-

In the "keys" south of Dayton, Fla., there are trees called machineels, which are said te be poisonous to any one standirir beneath them when the day is full-

A chemical analysis of Alpine air shows the an estirely pure condition is not found until an altitude is reached of from 6,600 to 15,000 feet above the level of the sea—a result by no means in second with

Mrs. Niher of Silver Lake, W. T., died recently of trichinosis, and her daughter, Antworp, the acronaute intending, if pos- aged 12 years, is critically ill of the same Imminous tupes are reported to be vada. At certain seasons the foliage gives out sufficient light to enable any one near at hand to read small print, while the luminous general effect may be perceived some miles distant. The phenomenon is attributed to parasites.

A Chicago man at Plainfield, Ind., desired to leave his travelling bag and overcoat while he walked to a place twenty miles distant. He put them in a field sign, "Small-pox, beware!" and when he returned they were still in the field, but twenty het cunder ground, buried by health officers.

A united Italy followed by a united Germany, made sad havoc in the prospects of budding diplomatists. The first swept away Turin, Florence, and other snug posts; the second Dresden, Frank fort, Hanover, etc. The young Third Secretary who enters the English service to-day at 22 is lucky if at 50 he is so much as accredited to a South American re-

The ex-director of the conscription under the first empire computed the actual loss of men born within the old limits of France, and destroyed in the imperial wars from 1804 to 1815, at 1,700,000. This estimate does not include the wars of the republic, or the loss of men not born in the kingdom of France, and goes far to explain how population n France

has kept low. The Right Hon. Sir Edward Malet is the envy of British diplomatists. In these days of slow diplomatic promotion, to be Ambassador to Berlin-without doubt now the most important of British legations -at 47, and to marry the daughter of almost the wearthiest Duke, is an extraordinary success for the younger son of a second-class diplomatist without powerful political connections.

Alabama, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, Kansas, Michigan, New York Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Maine have within a year passed laws providing for instruction in physiology in the public schools, with special reference to the effect of alcoholic liquors on bodily health; and there is prospect of similar legislation in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois and some other States. Local option laws have been adopted by three States. Kansas has strengthened her prohibitory law, and Iowa has held through her courts that her prohibitory law is constitutional. Oregon has adopted a bill submitting a constitutional prohibition to the people.

Dover, formerly Melbeurne, House, London, which it is proposed to appropriate as the official residence of the Prime Minister, is eminently suited for the purpose. It was built about 1770 for Sir Matthew Featherstonhaugh, and sold at his death to the first Lord Melbourne, who died there in 1828. Lord Melbourne was father of the Prime Minister Melbourne and Lady Palmerston, and during his time it was a head centre of social high life. Byron, who had a very great regard for Lady Melbourne, was a frequent guest here. Pitt, Lord Grey, Lord Beaconsfield, and Mr. Gladstone are the only Prime Ministers who have in this century made a home of the "Dr. Moore was a great wagand quickly official residence in Downing street, which is quite unworthy of occupants of ton House terrace, in view of having so large a family to provide for.

Wearing the Obi Bow in Japan.

If a Japanese should take an American wife to Japan she would be treated just as the native wife. She would be placed in a harem and bound by the rules of the country. She would also be compelled to adopt the native dress and wear the obi bow behind. The obl is a wide sash which all Japanese women wear around their waists. If they are married the obt is tied in a large bow behind. If unmarried the bow is adjusted in front. The Japanese dude never makes any mistakes as to whether a women is married or single, because the law compels them to always wear theobi. If a single woman breaks the law by tying the obl behind, she is subjected to severe punish-

Wife-"Don't you think, dear, that you are dribking rather more than we can afford?" Husband-"Let me see. The first year of our married life I didn't drink would be an average for the three years of but one drinks at day: saind one disalt a day, my dear, is very little."

LAUCHLETS

bride's cake is often as heavy as the graden a heart when the bill begin to

The widow of a Hindoo is about the only individual whose career really "ends an anoke.

Grace Green wood mays that " literary women live happier lives than fashionable women." It may be. Most literary women are married to editors.

"Yes," observed the widow, "it was rather a disgrace to have him hanged, but you don't know what a relief it is for me to know where he is at night time."

A Cincinnati girl drowned herself just before she was going to be married. No reason was given for the deed other than that she was engaged to a Cincinnati

Doctors say that roller skating will kill off our girls. This seems too bad; but perhaps it will solve the problem of the prependerance of the female sex in Massachusetts.

A Kansas editor, who started a little paper five years ago, is now a millionaire. Nothing is impossible where industry and economy are combined with good luck. He married a rich wife.

Probably the hardest "assignment" a reporter ever got was the one given to a western newspaper man, who was told to go to the theater and write up threequarters of a column about Mile. Aimee's

atage costume. When Bacon remarked to "Queen Bess" that she didn't know her own mind, what made the utterance particularly nutritious? Because it would have been rash enough in any one, but it was a little rasher of Bacon.

Bub-" Are you going to be my new papa?" Accepted Suitor-"Yes, my dear child." "Have you got your wig yet?" "Wig? Why, no; I don't need a wig. Why do you ask ?" "My other papa always said he was so thankful his hair wasn't fast to him."

"I am sorry, darling, that you are displeased with me, but then you know I can not help it. I am an emotionalist." "Well, then, I certainly can not marry you, George." "Why not ?" "Well, you know perfectly well that my parents would never consent to my marrying anyone but a Methodist," and then she

"Pa," asked a Fourth ward hopeful, "is Harrison such a bad man?" Father, who is a strong Republican - "Yes, my son; he is responsible for all the evil now so rampant in Chicago." And then the boy went off and told his sister that she must go to no more revival services, because the preacher was, probably, the wickedest man in the world outside of Jeff Davis.

"John," said a clergyman to his plowman, "wouldn't it be a good plan for you to have a scythe here, and be cutting a few bushes along the fences while the horses are resting for a short time?" "Yes, sir," said John; "and wadn't it be weel for you to take a tub o' taties in the poolpit, and when the folk were singin' peel them awhile to be ready for the

The Merchant Fleets of the World.

Roughly speaking, one half of the world's tonnage engaged in carrying the world's commerce on the bigh seas sails under the flag of Great Britain.

The sea-going merchant fleets of all nationalities aggregate about 56 000 vessels, and about 23,000,000 tons. The tremendous preponderance of England in the carrying trade of the world and the order in which competing nations follow her long lead are shown in this table of approximate figures :

	Vessels.	Tens.
Great Britain	22 500	11,200 000
United States		2,700 000
Norway	4,200	1,500,00
Germany	3,000	1,400,00
France	2 900	1.100,600
Italy	3,200	1,000,000
Russia	2,300	600,000
England's tonnage	TATE AND STORY OF THE PARTY OF	

ways is between four and five times that of the United States. It is seven times that of Norway, eight times that of Germany, ten times that of France, eleven times that of Italy, and eighteen times the of Russia.

of the comparison is confined to steamships, which now carry so large and so ιωροrtant a part of the commerce of the world, the supremacy of Great Britain is exhibited in a still more striking way :

80	am Vessels	Tons.
All nations	7.764	9.232.100
Great Britain		£,9 9,000
France	458	F67 000
United States	422	601.000
Germany	420	476,010
Spain	287	305,000
Italy		66 000
Holland		155,0.0
Presie	101	140 000

England's steam tonnage is almost ten times as great as that of her nearest rival, France. It is ten times greater than the United States, and forty times Russia's. The British flag covers nearly two-thirds

of all the ocean steamers afloat. Nearly three-quarters of England's carrying trade on the ocean is done in English ships. She has trebled the tonnage of her merchant fleet since 1850.

"Papa, do not drink to-night." The words came in soft, pleading, tear-soaked tones from the sweet, golden-haired innocent that grasped his hand beseechingly. A tear welled in the father's eye. "Why not, my child?' he saked. "Because Ala drop; second year I may possibly have | phonse will be here to-night, and if you drank four times, and last year three come home blind, blazing, staggering drinks a day would cover it easily. That | drunk, and amashing everything, you're going to scare him off, and plumbers' sons are not plentiful this season. That's the why."