g in his heart of heart of heart has lately been removed from a The has Kussnacht, near Lucerne, in terland, the last vestige of an ancient known as "Gessler's Castle," long day wore on, the refer the cows; and I tradition said, Willam Tell, the patriot, was imprisoned by his Aushis gun along with the r horn and bullets at the pasture were about thirty rods The fate of this ruin, which was residence of the barons of Kussuse on the east side of the road is an excellent illustration of the ne field of corn. After letting tings of Swiss thrift. The farmer to rs young Isaac followed the com the land belonged, the Swiss newsthe pasture, stopping occasional for the jingle of the bell on the became tired of having great to look at the last remaining fragof Gessler's castle. So he struck burgain with a neighbor, who hap-

"William Tell's Prison."

sight-seers tramp over his

burgan need stone to build the lower

of a barn, and the fragments of the

ied castle of the lords of Kussnacht have

hom are understood to be Canadians, will

hill top where the ruin used to stand.

to the peasant's barn; for the legend of

in this country. however, the story of

Tell is not so often as formerly told

he young, partly, perhaps, for the reason

upon fact, and partly because the

who was a famous marksman with

how and arrow, refused to do so. He

andition that he would shoot an apple

chains, to be taken across Lake Lucerne.

d thrust into the castle of Kussnacht

ton the way a terrible storm arose, and

was unbound in order that he might serve

apon the bank, escaped, lay in ambush in

ncky defile through which the Austrians

st pass on their way to Kussnacht, and

ot Gessler dead as he passed. His brave

ed caused the Swiss to rise in insurrec-

This is the story, and a very picturesque

d spirited one it is; but it does not appear

all in the early Swiss chronicles, and it

exappear in the traditions of many other

untries besides Switzerland. Its principal

stures are found in the Persian poem of

end ed Din Attar, in the Icelandic sagas,

the Danish traditionary poetry, in the

aglish popular song on "William of Cloud-

The Swiss seem merely to have adopted

and changed it sufficiently to fit it to

the common property of the Aryan races;

at nowhere has the legend taken such pop-

a form, and become so widespread, as

on this Swiss adaptation. It is so good

to the cardinal purpose in hand. He was

who (as now the world knows) had a

le of warlike glory before him. Though

teming much younger, he was really 21

tars of age. Twenty-one years of age, yet

hady distinguished for the number and

the Crimes in the midst of the terrible

Winter. Within a few days of the time of

in this evening of the 7th of June. From a

the morning hour which found him ex-

trate fight, he shared in the strenuous ef-

eton's Pit, and to form, before break of

by, what, however imperfect, might prove

be a tenable lodgment. The loss of blood

assed by a wound received at an earlier

ardid not slacken his powerful energies,

ad, although he was destined to touch-

destined even to pass—the actual phy-

cal limit, of what angry nature allows in

he way of bodily effort, we shall not see

robbed of his strength by either the

ork or the fighting he chose to go through

the object of his toil had been reached

ad the difficult victory won.—The Invasion

A cucumber seed and a mustard seed lay

atly they sprouted. A friendship sprung

between them, and as their leaves un-

olded the cucumber vine tenderly clasped

by side in the cold, damp earth. Pres-

A Cucumber Legend.

The Debut of a Soldier.

v." and elsewhere.

sentenced to death, but was pardoned

mission to Austria.

"had I slain my son !"

rs were uppermost in his mind. revolving the matter as to ould do if he met one, his en that identical object coming ath, not more than five rods respense the sight-seers, a good many of ecognition was mutual; Bruin di his advance, but the boy did. upon one knee he brought his n coulder and let drive. The shot nate one, killing the bear almo lism Tell, in spite of the judgment of

t Isaac began to be a little fright gun was empty! So he legged i derians that it is altogether a fable, has derians that it is altogether a fable, has derians that it is altogether a fable, has derians the popular imagination. Action quelled the scare, an ime he reached home he was his country. however, the story of

aring the report of the gun and and inquired what the trouble and inquired what the trouble w Dh, nothing much," said Isasc, " killed a bear; it's down in the past in which a dramatized form of hile Isaac was loading his story formed one of the most attractive hile Isaac was loading his gun, story formed one in use. ing party returned empty-ha The story, as it is still told in Switzerland, prostrate animal lay, and shows that Gessler, as Austrian bailiff, at the prostrate animal lay, and showed that the country was still under the te prayers that night Father Burnham of Austria, placed his cap on a pole that returned the later Burnham of Austria, and commanded all the returned the later Burnham of Austria, and commanded all the returned the later Burnham of the later Burn e who had watched over his son

## STATISTICS.

uenos Ayres, in the Argentine Ren in his son's head. He made the shot, but census of 1887 giving it a populat two by the arrow, that Tell had another has increased 175 per cent. in the Why did you put two arrows in your years, while that of the United Straiger!" he asked. same period of time has increased "To kill thee, tyrant," boldly answered per cent.

he quantity of spirits consumed in Tell was, upon this confession, again put d shows a steady decrease, said to b the growth of temperance senti ring the last three years England land have not shown any marked y either towards increase or de gland consuming in 1887, 15,046.00 Steering the boat near the shore, he leaps and Ireland nearly 5,000,000 g the other hand Scotland has pron the direction of abstention, the f ng in 1885, over 6,250,000 gallor 36, 5,160,000 gallons, and in 18875 For a population of 3,990,000, and the canton's were freed from the er, it will be seen that Scotland xes hers pretty strong.

The exports of clover seed from nited States for the five months cember 31, 1887, were 8,878 000 pe ainst 3 233,000 pounds in 1886, 575 S5, 14,947,000 pounds in 1884, 15,3 unds in 1883 and 13,142,000 pour 82 and 13,478,000 pounds in 1881 f rresponding period. Denmark, Ho elgium, the United Kingdom and C ere principal buyers. The crop of e districts of severe drouth in Wis d northwestern Illinois was de here was a fair yield out of the 87 in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. The reduction of the national debt nited States goes on apace. The de hatit is a pity it is not true. its net amount last February was ,750,000, against about \$1,500,000 me month last year, and about \$2,70 February, 1886. In the eight m e current fiscal year the debt has be There was a young officer of the Nineeased by nearly \$77,000,000, a seth Regiment, whom a casual observer out \$55,000,000 in the corresponding wild call a strangely bright-looking boy. out \$58,000,000 in the corresponding low, however—with pickaxe in hand—this the decrease of debt is very ne (as he seems) was devoting a mighty easure of the surplus revenue, it al-zeal governed by knowledge and skill m that even the passage of the ta ction bill as framed will not alto

away with the surplus. It is esti t, at the present rate of decrease year by about \$145,000,000. A year by about \$145,000,000. A tebrilliancy of his warlike service, Captain iff bill makes a reduction of only then Lieutenant—Wolseley had come out 5,000,000, there will still be a very No one doubts that the amount of standing, he had courted hardship and civilized countries of the world work by volunteering to serve as an engigely increased in recent years. It wer in the trenches; and it is still as an

r names £107,600,000 as the in the trender that we first see him busied m 1877 to 1885 It is absolutely t the reserve. of gold in the pri-discontinued soon afterward—on a aks of Europe and the United States art of the ground further east he was sumrecent years largely increased, and been killed at the Quarries, and thenceforth case to have been from £95,400,0 0 80 to £167,200,000 in 1885. In the danging all other toil for the toil of a desthere was, according to the hority, "£1 in gold for every which our people were striving to the banks of the civilized only which our people were striving to 1885 there was £1 of ry £2 40; the total note circu easing during the same time ent of £92,800,000, or 29 per cent ).71 the gold reserve amounted to of all the specie reserves; in 180 bore a larger ratio to a larger er, 41 per cent. of the total note n, and 71 per cent. of the specie re nis," as Prof. Laughlin remarks significant showing. What it and a shadow of doubt, is that the gold is as abundant that the char safety of the note circulation has roved in a signal manner."

Still Searching.

rs. Bjones—"I hear that young is still in search of a wife! rs. Jsmith-" Why, I thought

the mustard plant and said : "Let us go on through the wor'd inseptable as we have hitherto been. "We will," replied the mustard plant.

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The history of his success is well known; he brought to light buildings and palace after palace, till the old-forgotten story of those ancient days was as plainly told in many respects, as that of any city in our own times, and the life those long unknown people lived was once more, in many of its details, plainly set before us.

In one of the palaces were found numerous engraved tablets, which, on examination proved to be connected books; but while some of them were in the Assyrian tongue, and could be readily deciphered, others were in an utterly unknown tongue.

But before long there was another discovery of grammars and dictionaries, which their pilgrimages, not this time to showed this language to be the ancient sacred language, that of the people of Accad or Chaldea, known only to the priests, and used by them in their religious services, as the Latin tongue is now used in Roman Catholic services.

By means of the grammars and dictionaries, thousands of years after every other trace of the language has passed away, we can read it, and know what the religious knowledge of those early nations was.

It was, in the earliest times, chiefly a belief in demons who could inflict injur ies and do harm to men at their pleasure, and it was in many respects a religion of fear and terror; but they also had faith in two beings who were above all, - Na and Ea -the latter of whom, especially, they really returned thanks to the kind I the village of Aitort, and commanded all garded as an all-powerful help and refuge, since he knew the spells which would break the power of the demons.

There are some very beautiful prayers and meditations in this collection, that show a strong religious feeling; one called "The complaints of the repentant heart," is as

"Oh, my God, my transgressions are very great, very great my sins. I transgress, and know it not. I sin, and know it not. I feed on transgressions, and know it not. I wander on wrong paths, and know it not. The Lord, in the wrath of His heart, has overwhelmed me with confusion.

"I lie on the ground, and no man reaches a hand to me. I am silent, and in tears, and none takes me by the hand. I cry out, and there is none to hear me. I am exhausted, oppressed and none releases me. How long, O my goddess?

"Lord, thou wilt not repulse thy servant. In the midst of the stormy waters, come to my assistance, take me by the hand! commit sins—turn them into blessedness I comm t transgressions—let the wind sweep them away! My blasphemies are very many-rend them like a garment!

"God who knowest the unknown, my sins are seven times seven-forgive my

The cry of the sinner for pardon and inward peace is the same in all ages. There is scarcely a thought in the fervent prayer of the devout worshipper of Na and Ea for which a parallel cannot be found in the penitential psalms.

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> "Angeline," said Dorothea, as she abstractedly fingered the keys of the piano, what is your favorite air ?" " The million heir," Angeline abstractly replied.

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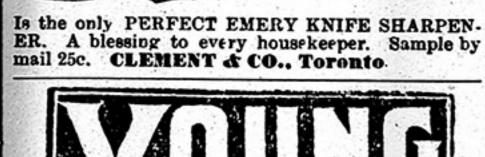
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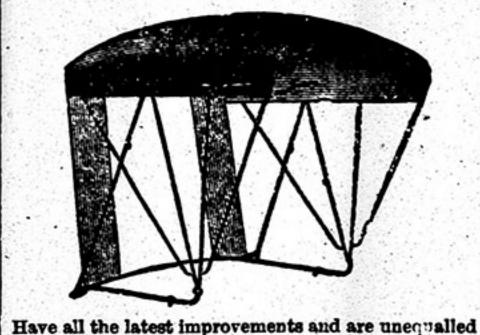
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s haunt me Vhy ?"