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to send one projectile a-flying. Each has a nominal range of 16 miles. A man has to stop and consider that although in the origiral Monitor the guns were of 12 inch calibre. the projectile was propelled by 15 pounds of powder. He has to do this to fully comprehend what a modern rifle is.

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inches thick and is supported by beams below | you have lifted your hand. so that shots striking it would be deflected. But if you do the same with a raw egg,

armor there is no ship her equal affoat. screws of sixteen feet diameter, driven by other case the whole egg is stopped? triple expansion engines that under forced If you attempt to spin the eggs on the Her magazines are the largest sfloat, and hard, and then spin it." she can carry 160 rounds of ammunition for

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Marriage and Divorce.

Commissioner Carroll D. Wright's recently published report on the marriage and divorce laws of the various States contains much curious information. It is stated, for instance, that a Pennsylvania statue declares that "all marriages not forbidden by the law of God shall be encouraged." In Dakota man and a woman may become merried Mr. Kass is undecided. by "joint declaration." Twenty-one States marriage wishout any other legal process. la Arzena six menthe' abandonment is ground for absolute divorce. In Tennessee refusal on the part of a wife to remove with her husband to that State is good ground. Many other queer provisions might be cited To the Elitor: all illustrating the great diversity in the is governing marriage and divorce acress the boider, and the extraordinary character of mary of them.

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Children Now and Then.

A significant hint of the condition of our ancestors as te humanity may be found in the reports of the ravages of the plague in Lon-

"Six thousand," says the chronicler, "have died during the week, but of these

It is difficult for us to comprehend the greater power, but have neither the guns nor general brutality, and the lack of pity and the armor. A few battle ships mount guns kindred emotions, among our forefathers

The torture of animals was the most popular amusement. The "good" Queen Bees The Victoria was built at the works of and her ladies delighted in watching the sir William Armstrong at Elswick on the agenies of a baited bear or buil; the child-Tyne. She is about 350 feet long over all ren of the poor were cruelly overworked. 340 between her stem and her stern post). and died by hundreds in the mines yearly. 10 feet broad, and when loaded with coal, Even the children of the wealthy, God-feertores, and ammunition draws 26 feet 6 inch. ing families were taught to serve Ged only of water. Her displacement is 10,500 at the point of the red. Savage beatings tons and her engines are 12,000 horse power only a generation ago were part of the daily discipline in many families.

The strength of Christian feeling in the present day finds no higher or more beautiful expression than in the tenderness and care shown toward children. The exodus of thousands of poer little ones from American cities every summer to the mountains and sea-beaches is as sure a testimony to the power of the good God among men as was the going out of the host of Israel from

The whole force of madern civilization is directed to their training, to making them strong, happy and good.

The old heathen Anaxagoras, when he was dying, was asked what was his last de ourselves?

"That all the children may have a yearly holiday on the day of my death," was his reply. "Then they will sometimes be glad that Anaxagoras ever lived." The modern American does not wait for death to make the children about him

Whatever may have been the golden age for adults, yours is now, children. worth your while to contrast your own standing-ground with that of the child of two centuries ago, that you may rate your chances at their just weight and value,

Egg-Spinning.

At the stern of the ship is a single long A writer in the "Scientific American' desrifle, that has a bore of ten inches and fires | cribes three very timple experiments, which a projectile weighing a quarter of a ton, with | show some of the phenomena of fluid frics charge of 250 pounds of powder. This gun | tion. He directs the experimenter to take is mounted in a remote degree like the super- | two eggs, one raw, the other hard boiled, and structure on the American ships Boston suspend them by wires from a gas-fixture or and Atianta. On this superstructure, mount. other support, their long axes being vertied as broadside guns, are twelve rifles with | cal. Then if they are gently turned around bores six inches in diameter, which throw a once or twice, it will be found that, while prejectile weighing about 125 pounds. These | the boiled egg continues to turn, the raw

This difference is owing to the fact that In addition to her cannon the Victoria car- | the boiled egg is a solid body and the whole ries twelve little rifles, er . of which will egg turns; while the raw egg is a fluid conthrow a dozen six-pound. ... bolts a minute | tained in a shell, and the shell alone is turnwith amezing power and accuracy, besides a | ed by the twisting of the wire, the fluid re-

Sir William Thompson who devised this and the following experiments, uses it as In addition to the armer on and about the one of the proofs that the earth is a solid turret, this ship has what is called a protec- | body, and not, as some have supposed, a thin crust of rock surrounding a fluid or "pasty nucleus." In that case, he says, "the observed swinging and swaying mothat extends from the main deck down to a tions of the earth's axis in precession and

The same phenomenon is shown in the course, along the centre of the ship on each following experiment, though in a directly side so as to protect the machinery and the opposite way. Take the two eggs and men that work it. The ends of the shields spin them rapidly on their sides on a mirror are joined by a heavy bulkhead across the or other perfectly smooth surface. If you put the palm of your hand gently upon the The main deck rests flush with the top of | boiled egg while it is spinning, it of course this belt of armor. It is made of steel three | ceases to move and remains motionless after

The protection afforded to the men working | it will immediately begin to spin again when the gues in the superstructure, as distin- the hand is removed. Indeed it is extraguished from the turret, is much less, but ordinary how long you can hold your hand there is no safer superstructure affoat than upon it without destroying its motion. The this. As already stated, in the matter of reason of this is no doubt apparent. The fluid within the shell continues to revolve, To drive this great hulk there are twin though the shell is stationary, while in the

draught and working up to the limit have mirror like a top, you will find that the lorced her through the smooth water over | boiled egg will spin for a considerable time, the measured mile at the rate of 163 knots but the other will fall almost immediately an hour. She has coal bunkers that will on its side. "Professor Mendenhall has rehold 1.200 tons of coal, or enough to drive marked that this experiment furnishes a her 1,600 sea miles at full pressure. At solution of Columbus' problem-how to cruising speed she could steam 7,000 miles. make an egg stand on end : first boil the egg

A TAILOR'S GCOD FORTUNE.

He Wiss \$15,000 in The Louisiana State Lottery.

Lightning-not pelitical. but financialstruck in the region of Baltimore rather heavily at the last drawing of The Louisiana State Lottery. Besides the numerous small prizes of \$5, \$10 and \$20 drawn by Baltimoreans, Mr. Joseph Kass, a tailer living at 424 North Castle street, had the extremely good fortune to hold one twentieth of ticket 93 - which entitled him to \$15 000. It goes without saying that Mr. Kaes is y olated over his good fortune.

Mr. Kass said yesterday that he has been in the habit of buying tickets in the Lettery for the past two years. In all that time he has not missed drawing some prize. They were in small sums, however, and only encouraged him to continue courting Dame Fertune. Just what to do with the money

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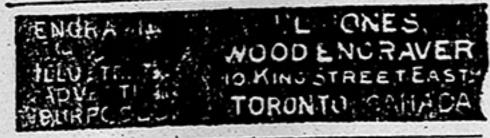
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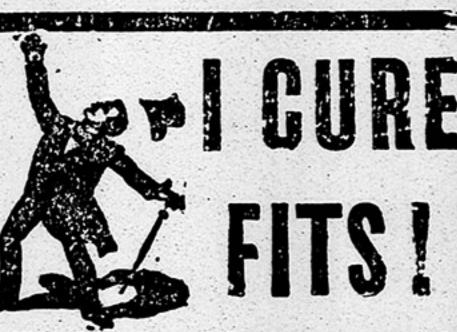
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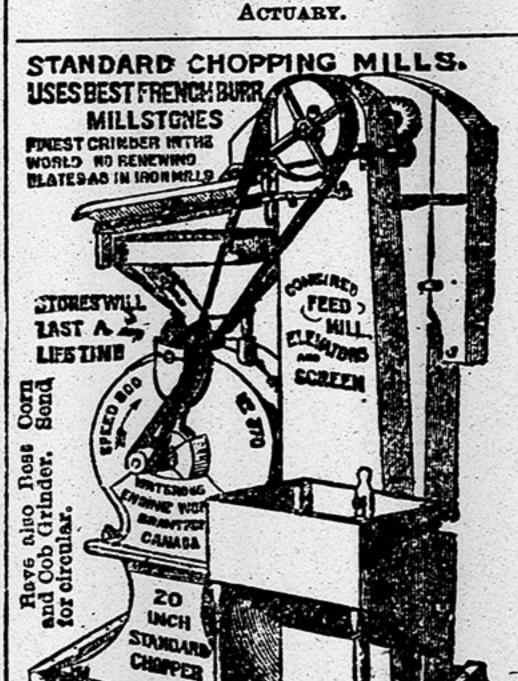
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