STIDIOUS HABITS.

itation Does Not Prevent Insects from Making and Final Toilet.

n been noticed that there als which are more dainty is in their personal habits the extreme pains which housefly takes in attendlet being a good example I characteristic. The dislow been made that there insects which have such a Mrs. Grundy, and are ensuch an innate love of neater, that not even death, or sitation, can prevent them g one grand final toilet, rly designed to give thera d respectable appearance

n, a skilled entomologist, ed this remarkable fact, w. York Herald. "During ecent horseback rides," he neatly caught one of those which annoy cattle and ch, and i promptly got rid shing its head. One day, browing the mutilated inplaced it on the back of my delently watched it. For s the insect remained mothen, to my unbounded moved its front legs forplace where the head been, and, after it had n nervously together, apanguish, it began to brush to smooth its wings with Under the gentle preslimbs the body gradually nded and the extremity e the wings gradually r natural position and left art of the body exposed. he hind legs continued to other from time to time. watched this extraordinith great interest, and, in the finale, I took the insect y, where it lived an entire g the time at the ungratemaking its own funeral

TTOOED CRUCIFIX.

ommander Gillmore Was rom Execution in the Philippines.

st time since we had been ch, says Lieutenant Commore in McClure's, the tenant separated his camp He also doubled his guard. is soldiers in the rocks unded us. Thinking all at peculiar, I sent one of ask if he placed the guards setion.

his laconic answer. Soon e came himself to our through an interpreter med me that he had orhably from Gen. Tino, to n the mountains.

ays be leved that the lieusal to obey orders and exas due to the effect promind by an incident which d a night or two earlier. ir stops he had shown me which he wore hung by a nd his neck, and said to mericanos' are not Chris-

I replied. "All the Amerestians."

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ever wear any crucifixes." ny jacket and showed him A crucifix had been tatyears ago, when I was a The Tagal leaped to his exclamation of surprise. erassed himself. His eyes ed out of his head. I exim that anyone could buy d hang it around his neck. ad endured pain'to have pricked in the flesh, and could see, it must always There was a marked manner toward me after

D ABOUT DESCENT.

at Is Distracting an Engident of Genealogy-Subtle Fallacy.

little genealogical probperhaps, some of the reade. A man writes to the ost saying: "I have, like human beings, two parin turn had each two. grandparents had each on. Now, if we take on four generations to a cenerations have passed away me of William the Conby the simple process of two by itself 33 times I the date of the Norman nust have had 8,589,934,582 f that generation. But t or nine times the total of the globe at the presd must be fully 30 or 40 otal number of human bein the eleventh century, e must be a fallacy in my somewhere. Can anybody e asks, "what the falee Professional ee

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It is probably news to the major y treats in great numbers and wait for the shedders to crawl out.

An old lobster fisherman said he other morning that many times he had stopped his dory over a li ge number of these red codfish watched their operations. He even dropped his line down and gled tempting bait within a few eet of them. Unless it nappened to all directly in front of their noses, ever, they would seldom take it they were after lobster meat. Vien the thin-shelled lobsters would call out from beneath the protecting eaweed the codfish would dart at bem and strike them fierce blows their tails, disabling them comple ely. They would then fall to and de our the helpless crustaceans. This performarce the lobster fisherman said he had witnessed many times. The, shedding season is now practi ally over, and the shells of the lobster are becoming firm and hard and the are fully able to take care of thems ves.

SWISS NATIONAL INSURA! CE.

Report Giving Some Interesting acts About a Proposed Law Th Was Recently Defeated.

In a report to the state depar nent Consul General Dubois, at St. Gall, insurance clause, which met co lider- own ring. In agricultural districts it will con- icle. vinced that the law would to them fianced had bought it himself. heavier than they were bein taxed under the compulsory system which a at present in existence.

EDUCATED IGNORALIU ES.

Defects in a Good System-Ir netive Method of Teaching Disco ats Drudgery of Memorizing.

Take the old system in its monstrous form-take learning Latin grammar by heart before tra slating any Latin author, says Dean P | ggs, of Harvard university, in the tlantic. Nobody now defends a practice so stupid; yet that wonderful eat of memory strengthened many a nemery for other wonderful feats. he boy who mastered Andrews and | oddard knew the power of patient er ort, the strength of drudgery well done. Through a natural reaction, nemory is underrated now. Educatic at the time when memory is traine easiest and best must be saved from he harrenness of memory work and must be "enriched." Even the multi lication table is threatened with bar shment. We leave the straight and nar ow way. and wobble all over the flower y meadows. We are held down to act aracy so little that it is next to imp sible to find a youth who can copy list of printed names without mi spelling. We have boys who cannot s ell, men who cannot spell, teachers will cannot spell, teachers of English with cannot spell, college professors wh cannot spell and have a mean opinio of spell-

Ebb and Flow of Artesis Weds. It has been observed tha artesian greatest flow of an artesian ell is the North Country rendering of "soldis," period of low tide in the ocea

THE ENGLISH VOLUNTEERS.

Fighting Value of the Citizen-Soldier Proved by the War Waged in South Africa.

A recent number of Cassell's Magaof people to know that the red r zine contains an illustrated article rock codfish is a bitter enemy of the in a series upon "The National Delobster that has just crawled out of fense," dealing specially with the volhis shell and is soft and unable to unteers. The author says: Anxious protect himself, says the Lewist n to glean a few interesting facts about (Me.) Journal. During shedding time the volunteer force from someone these lobsters crawl up under project. whose statements and opinions were Highland Park, ing rocks where the seaweed and k | p those of an expert, I hied me to the Illinois. are thick and where they find I o- house of a friend of mine who had for tected places in which to go through years been in command of one of the the process of slipping out of the most famous of volunteer regiments. old shells and taking on a new cat He was, as I expected, only too pleased of mail, so to speak. For some days to talk upon his pet subject, for the after shedding the lobsters are wak improving of the volunteer force has and unable to cope with those sh been the study of his lifetime. "You that wage war upon them. This i ct | see," he began, in answer to a prelimthe codfish seem intuitively to kr w, inary query of mine relative to the and they will swarm around these ce- fighting value of the citizen soldier, "the Transvaal war nas answered your first question. The city imperial volunteers have given a splenaid account of themselves. They represent, undoubtedly, the pick of our fighting material which remained over from the regular army. Scarcely a man amongst them had smelt powder; probably very few had been out of England before in their lives. And yet a war breaks out 6,000 miles away and you and men tumbung over each other in their eagerness to get to the front! That shows the national love of soldiering. You could never obtain such results oy conscription. There is not another nation in the world in which you can find a quarter of a million private citizens tollowing the military profession in their leisure hours for the sheer love of the thing. Judging by past results, and taking into consideration the increase in the population during the past few years, I should say that fully 700,000 men would come forward it there were any real danger of invasion and the country called for vo.unteers."

DOUGHT HER OWN RING.

Young Woman Got an Engagament Circlet That Certainly Ought to Have Suited Her.

gives some interesting facts about the It occasionally happens that the proposed Swiss accident and mi tary ring a girl receives as an engagement insurance law, says the Washi gton teken is far from suitable to her ideas Post. This law, which was re ntly of what such a thing should be. One defeated by a two-thirds vote pre- young woman, however, will have no scribes obligatory insurance in cases one to blame but herself if the ring of sickness and accident. The green- she wears is not satisfactory, for she ment's share of the expense the bought it herself. Her fiance lived in entire premium of the insurance was a small southern town, where there to be 20 per cent., the labor per is not the wide variety of diamond cent., while the employers of abor rings from which to select that one were to bear 60 per cent. The text finds in a city; therefore, it was deof the proposed law contained o ar- cided that when the young woman ticles, among which was the mittary came north she should choose her

able opposition by the military class- And she did. She brought with her es. The project was defeated this a goodly sum of money-her fiance's time by 195.000 votes. Glarus v s the money, of course-and when she only province out of the 22 c ntons reached Chicago she repaired in haste which gave a majority in favor of the to one of the big shops and with proposition. There are various auses much care selected a solitaire that which helped to defeat this measure, suited her, says the Chicago Chron-

sidered to be of advantage to be in- None of the clerks guessed, of dustrial centers. Great disse isfac- course, that the girl with the flushed tion was shown by the people e gaged cheeks was buying the circlet that in house industries, because t e law was to seal her engagement, but was made compulsory for so e and she was and she paid for it in a busioptional for others. Strong pposi- ness-like way, secured a receipt and tion was met with among the large left the shop smiling, and probably manufacturers, especially those of the better satisfied with the bit of jewelry silk industry, because they we e con- than she would have been if her af-

A CURIOUS MINERAL.

Considerable Attention Attracted to Moldavite Among Geologists of Austria and Bohemia.

Acurious mineral called moldavite, or bouteillenstein, has attracted considerable attention among the geologists in Austria and Bohemia. The mineral is in glassy ovals from an inch to an inch and a half long, and is characterized by various markings, which look somewhat like finger impressions, while others form a network of furrows, which seem in part a rough,

radial arrangement. They have been regarded by some authors as relics of prehistoric glass manufacture, but this view does not appear to have been sustained, according to the Scientific American. Dr. Suess, the Austrian geologist, finds resemblances between them and meteorites, and the general disposition of students seems to be to regard them as of extra-terrestrial origin. Resemblances have been pointed out between them and the obsidian volcanic bombs found in Australia. In Bohemia the moldavites occur in sandy deposits, which are assigned to the late tertiary or early diluvial pe-

History of the Word Soldier. The word "soldier" has an interesting history. "Shilling," in low Latin, is "solidus," whence comes "soldum," "wages." The man who fights for "soldum" is a "soldier." In Wickliffe's New Testament (Luke 3, 14) John the wells have a daily period c ebb and Baptist bids the soldiers to "be apayed flow, as well as the ocean des, only with your sowdis," ("be content with the process is reversed. The time of your wages"), "sowdis" being the like "owd" from "old."

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