UCY, said merry Kate Myrtle, addressing here. dressing her cousin, Lucy Law-rence, "where do you think Fred has spent his evenings for some

The lady addressed looked up somewhat surprised at Kate's question, but she answered. "In his room, poring over those old

volumes of ancient history." "You are much mistaken. Miss Lucy," replied Kate, her eyes sparkling with mischievous humor. would not be studying these musty, fusty old books while there is so pretty a young lady as the widow Marston's daughter in the village!"

"What has Fred to do with Annie Marston?" inquired Lucy, as she endeavored to read the puzzling expression that rested upon her cousin's good-humored face.

It was some moments before she received an answer to her question, when Kate, with a slight laugh, re-

"Why, cousin, he's in love with her." "In love with Annie Marston?

don't believe it," exclaimed Lucy, in a tone of surprise and curiosity.

"Well, I'll tell you something, and then you may believe it or not, just as you please," returned Kate, with a serio-comical air. "Night before last, it was rather late when we retired, you recollect, and I was suffering with a severe headache. You were soon asleep, but I was unable to rest from pain, and with the hope that the night air would cool my burning brow, I left the house by the back window. and walked slowly down the garden path. By some means, I chanced to turn my eyes in the direction of the widow Marston's dwelling, and as the moon shone brightly, I could plainly see two figures standing upon the steps. One, I was sure was Annie, and the other, a young gentleman, I was sure I didn't know. They stood there a few moments, when Annie entered the house, and her companion, whom I thought looked like Fred, walked down the street. As he came nearer, I was sure it was Fred. He entered the garden, and as I concealed myself behind the rosbushes he did not see me. He cautiously approached the window from which I had made my egress, stepped in, and then closed In a few moment more I returned to the house. I knew that the person I had seen on the steps with Annie was your brother, and no one clse, and I was sure, also, that the old volumes of history hadn't been disturbed that evening!

"And do you really believe that Fred spends his evenings with Annie Marston?" asked Lucy, as Kate ceased

"Certainly I do. Last night I watched him as I left the room after tea, and I saw that he slipped out and was in a few moments at the widow Marston's. It was nearly midnight when he returned, for I heard the window open and shut just before the

"What motive could be have in be ing so secret about his visits?" 'He knows we should be continually teasing him respecting Annie, and doubtless prefers to keep his secret

safe from us." "There can be no other reason," re-turnded Lucy, laughing in spite of

"We must punish Fred for doing so. Lucy," said Kate, as her cousin seemed we can prevent him from staying so late with Annie, 'wasting fire and lights for nothing, as Uncle Joe would Hew do you think we can nunish

him severely enough to keep him at "I do not think we can prevent him

from visiting Annie, but we can, I think, prevent him from staying later than ten in the evening; indeed, I am quite sure we can."

Kate bent her head and whispered cousin, and after a few more merry words, they both sprang up and left

That night, just as the clock struck his "lady-love" on the steps of her mother's dwelling, and with a light heart turned his steps in the direction dear reader, Fred was in love with Annie Marston, and it is no less true dreaded the mischievous teasing of his cousin Kate Myrtle, and feared it, too, more than he would the displeasure of a king; and the cutting sarcasm of his sister was by no means pleasant. He had determined to keep his engagement to Annie unknown to them. if possible, until he felt better prepared to endure their persecution.

widow Marston's to his own home, and he was soon standing at the identical window at which Kate had seen him enter some evenings before. He slowly raised the sash, but ere he had succeeded in getting it to the required height, a difficulty occurred—the sash would not move up another inch, and supposing it had struck something ac cidentally placed there, he renewed his efforts to raise it. To his surprise upon the sash, down fell a brass ketand tongs, upon the floor, with a ring-

and consternation, as he pressed hard tle, several tin pans, and the shovel ing crash, loud enough to wake every one in the house! Fred started back and turned pale.

"How could those things have got there?" muttered he, as he listened attentively to ascertain if the noise had aroused any one. The sash was now easily raised, and he sprang into the room, but not without kicking against one of the pans in his haste. and sending it across the floor, making considerable noise. Intent upon reaching his chamber before any one young ferrets she had been attacked should rise to discover the cause of the uproar, he hastened through the room, and quickly opened the door leading to the next one. Unfortunately, there chanced to be a couple of large chairs placed hear it, and as it was hastily thrown open, they were upset, and being full of tin dishes, spoons, knives, and everything that would make a noise, you may know that there cas a

"The deuce take it!" muttered Fred, as he rushed through the room, upsetting chairs, work-stands, and he knew

not what, in his flight. At length he reached the stairs leading to his chamber, and was in hopes that his trials were now at an end. He sprang up two or three of the steps, when his head struck against something which had been hung from the ceiling above. Ring-a-ting went the big dinner-bell, and the sound echoed through the house, making more noise than anything yet had done. Fred was desperate. He rushed up the flight of steps, again striking his head harder than before. He had nearly reached his chamber door, when he suddenly stopped, and gazed fully upon an object that stood before him. There. between himself and the door, stood a motionless, silent figure, perfectly realizing that object of rather doubt ful existence, in our enlightened days. namely, a ghost. The moonlight streamed in upon the floor, and plainly revealed the outlines of a white-robed figure to the distracted gaze of Fred Lawrence. He gazed at it for just two minutes, then dashed down the stairs. Again the dinner-bell sounded, and in another moment the almost distracted fired was leaping over the tables and chairs with the intention of making his exit through the

'What is the matter?" exclaimed Mrs. Lawrence, appearing with a light just as Fred vanished from the

"What is the matter?" cried Lucy Lawrence, from the head of the stairs. "What is the matter?" spoke the supposed ghost, throwing off the white robe, and disclosing the face

and form of Kate Myrtle.

It is needless to say that the girls were at the bottom of the affair. They had determined that Fred should be entirely cured of staying so late at Mrs. Marston's, and of coming in at that window. Kate and Lucy laughed immoderately at their success in frightening Fred; Mrs. Lawrence looked grave, and the servants, who and sapphires. had been aroused by the uprear, surprised and astonished. The girls explained all, and their reasons for do-

ing it.
In less than an hour the furniture was replaced, the bell taken down, and silence reigned. But it was two hours more before Fred ventured to enter the house, and then he didn't attempt to enter by that window.

The lesson had the desired effect, and Fred afterward returned from Mrs. Marston's, before the girls and his mother retired, and entered properly by the door. And about two weeks after there was a wedding at the widow Marston's, and Miss Annie Marston still Fred Lawrence has not yet forgotten this incident of his courting davs.

INSTINCT OF ACQUISITION. A ferret strangled herself by trying

to squeeze through too narrow an opening. She left a very young family of three orphans. These I gave, in the middle of the day to a Brahma hen which had been sitting on dummics for about a month. She took to them almost immediately, and remained with them rather more than a fortnight, at the end of which time I had to cause a separation, in consequence of the hen having suffocated one of the ferrets by standing on its neck. During the whole of the time that the ferrets were left with the hen the latter had to sit upon the nest; for the young ferrets, of course, were to comprehend the affair, "and I think not able to follow the hen about as chickens would have done. The hen, as might be expected, was very much puzzled at the lechargy of her off-spring. Two or three times a day she used to fly off the nest, calling upon her brood to follow; but upon earing their cries of distress from cold, she always returned immediately and sat with patience for six or seven hours more. I should have said that it only took the hen one day to learn the meaning of these cries of distress; for after the first day she would always run in an agitated manfor a few moments in the ear of her | ner to any place where I concealed the ferrets, provided that this place was not too far away from the nest to prevent her from hearing the cries of distress. Yet I do not think that it twelve, Fred Lawrence parted with would be possible to conceive of a greater contrast than that between the shrill peoping note of a young chicken and the hourse growling noise of his own home. To tell the truth, of a young ferret. On the other hand, I cannot sa; that the young ferrets ever seemed to learn the meanings of that Annie was in love with him. He the hen's clucking. During the whole of the time that the hen was allowed to sit upon the ferrets she used to comb out their hair with her bill, in the same way as hens in general comb out the feathers of their chickens. While engaged in this process, however, she used frequently to stop and look with one eye at the wiggling nestfull with an inquiring gaze expressive It was but a short distance from the of astonishment. At other times, albe surprised; for she used often to fly off the nest suddenly with a loud scream-an action which was doubtless due to the unaccustomed sensation of being nipped by the young ferrets in their search for the teats. It is further worth while to remark that the hen showed so much uneasiness of mind when the ferrets were taken from her to be fed that at one time I chought she was going to desert them altogether. After this, therefore, the ferrets were always fed in the nest. and with this arrangement the hen was perfectly satisfied - apparently because she thought that she then had some share in the feeding process. At any rate she used to cluck when she saw the mi'k coming, and surveyed the feeding with evident satislaction. Altogether I consider this a very remarkable instance of the plasticity of instinct. The hen it should be said, was a young one, and had never reared a brood of chickens. A

> Coal ashes have a wonderful vital izing effect upon pear trees, especially those growing in light soil. Our ashes of last Winter were used around these trees in liberal quantities, and those thus treated have outgrown anything else in the orchard. Some that were even sickly, and apparently ready to that must be affixed to credit transactions, give up their hold on life, have been rethe merchant was induced to run the greatspan his oxen twice a year, and take his proHawkeye. stored to perfect health by this remedy

few months before she reared the

and nearly killed by an old ferret

which had escaped from his hutch.

were open .-- Nature.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE MARRIAGE OF THE DUKE OF NORFOLK.

The marriage of the Duke of Norfolk was many respects the most important ial event of the season. Visit ors were received by Monsignor Capel and conducted to the chapel of the Norfolk family. The Duke has scarcely left the building in the past two weeks, and began preparations for the marriage in a very unusual way. On the 6th inst., both bride and bridegroom began a spiritualretreat. The bride entered a convent in Kensington square and the bridegroom retired to the Brompton Oratory. For three days they devoted them-selves to meditation and prayer, their chasles being very frugal and silence being observed except when the retreatants were in communication with the priests. No letters vere written to any one. At the end of the retreat a general confession of the whole lives of the subjects was made and the communion administered. The Duke is short in stature, awkward, and unestenta-tions, not a man of learning, but of good judgment. He aids all works of charity, and contributes freely to the Catholic churches of England. His income is £300,churches of England. His income is £300,-000 annually. Lady Flora Hastings, the bride, became a Catholic while staying with her cousin, Lord Burt, also a convert from Protestantism. Her father's objections to her religious change threw her under protection of the Duchess of Norfolk, and out of this grow the alliance formed yester-day. She possesses nothing in the way of personal beauty, though her whole appearance betrays her high origin. She is sincere, simple woman. It was specially noticed that neither the Queen, nor any member of the royal family, sent presents or congratulations. This was accounted for on congratulations. the theory of the bride's change of religion. or an old scandal, which had long since been forgotten by nine-tenths of the clite. The presents were very costly. The bridegrooms presents consisted of a pearl necklace of Mary Queen of Scots, of marvellous work manship, and a parure of diamonds and rubics, the stones being remarkable for size and shape. He also gave a string of pearls, with sapphires and pendants, surrounded with brilliants richly chased, a silver gilt service, and three rings of brilliants, rubies

A SAD ENDING.

(From Irish Times. 29th Oct.)

From Cointe de Lally Tollenda!, who was found dead in the coal cellar of a house in Dean street on Friday night, bore one of the historic names of European diplomacy and soldiership. The story of his life was a soldiership. The story of his life was a romance with a tragic ending. The poor old nobleman was reduced to dependence on the charity of a benevolent society, from which he received a loaf every morning. Some time ago a relative died in France, leaving the Come a sum of £150,000 sterling, but the expatriated exile dared not return to A s after there was a wedding at the widow Marston's, and Miss Annie Marston became Mrs. Fred Lawrence. Though many years have passed since then, extant, settled at Barrie in the county of

(From same paper of 30th Oct.) I told you yesterday that the Count de Irish readers not already acquaint Europe. ed with the public figure made by the members of the illustrious family will learn with melancholy interest that the O'Lally's were formerly barens of Tulamadaly, near Tuam. At the revolution of 1689 the Sept O'Lally supplied a good many soldiers to the army of King James, and on the conclusion of peace and the ratification of the Treaty of Limerick—whose violation leaves so dark Limerick—whose violation leaves so dark a claims to have discovered the art of spinning stain on the international record—a number of the clan, with their chief, emigrated to the clan, with their chief, emigrated to the clan, with the softness of worl, France nunder the valiant leader of mon, Goneral -Patrick Sarsfield. The O'Lally's won the esteem of their brave comrades and the officers of the great Louis by their conduct in the French service. Several of them rose to high rank, not only in the Irish Brigade but in other corps of the army, and in the civil departments of the State. The great grandfather of the poor old nobleman who died in a coal celtar in a back street in London last Friday acquitted himself so well at Fontenoy that he was nominated major-general on the field. In Governor of Pondicherry, which he held short books, edited by Mr. John Morley, stoutly against his old cuennies, the English, which shall tell people what is most worth whose supremacy in India he at one time seriously threatened, but was after a tough and critical struggle obliged to surrender the greatest writers in English. capital of the French settlements and to The Queen, it is said, have withdraw with the garrison to France. On ed "Edgar and I; the Story of a Home," his return to Paris the Count was impeached published by Messrs. Remington & Co., for for having yielded Pondicherry, and without perusal to the Empress of Russia, the latter being afforded an opportunity of confronting has accordingly sent to England for a copy his accusers, or of defending himself, he was of the book. thrown into the Bastile, where, after an imprisonment of a year and a half, he died broken hearted. Louis the Sixteenth reversed the sentence, and returned the family to their rights and privileges. The race and title are, I understand, extinct with the Count, in whose person has, in that case, perished miserably a noble Irish house which pheld their national reputation on far preign fields, in comradeship of the Mac-Mahons, the O'Donnells, the Nugents, and a score of other families of famous exiles.

ENGLAND AND THE WAR.

NSERVATIVE JOURNALS CLAMOURING FOR 18

Nov. 23-The Mancheste Inard:an's London correspondent says:-The recent success of the Russians, the probability that they will soon achieve as decisive a victory at Pievna, have brought back the government to that state of anxiety into which they were thrown by the firs so, her family gave her good reason to raid across the Balkans. The feelings these events provoke in the minds of Ministers is to be gathered from the tone of the papers that support the Premier's foreign policy. These journals are daily vehemently de-manding the active intervention of England. For two or three days the air has been full of the most sinsiter rumors. It is stated that the Premier informed the Russian Minister if Adrienople be taken and Constantinople jeoparlized, there may be such an outery in England as to make war on the part of this country inevitable. Information of this declaration has been sent to the Rus sian headquarters and made a strong impaession. In these circumstances there some reason for fearing this country may be dragged into the pretent conflict. ground for such apprehension is afforded by the fact that within the last few hours order have been issued for the immediate preparation of an army corps. It would not be surprising if the Government took some form of stating the grounds for their conduct, and nviting the arbitrament of public opinion. Note. - Excepting the statement that the Conservative organs clamour for intervention, the foregoing must be accepted with

. For years and years, says the Birmingham every advantage to the urscrapulous trader,

customers' attention is drawn to the grow-, his household for a season. As a rule, he is ing evils of long credit and the mischief accompanied in these expeditions by his wor-Vyse street, state in this circular that as wholesale; jewellers of twenty years' standing they have ever regretted the ready facilidates addle-cloth for the first-born to disdealers. Statistics show that the losses in annually for this testive purpose. A sheep-curred among provincial jewellers for the skin will serve on ordinary occasions. They last five years have reached the enormous rarely leave home, excepting for these perisum of two hundred thousand pounds per odical trading trips and the quarterly religiannum, which amount has to be made up ous services (or Natchmal), when the whole from the profit of those who struggle against community, far and near, meet to partake of unfortunate or dishonest competitors, as in the Holy Sacrament, according to the Luther no other branch of the trade are the losses an, or else the Dutch Reformed, rite. The so disproportionately large to the returns. small towns at which these gatherings are

Messrs. Abrahams have found a remedy for thus, and a remedy which every man of straight forward commercial principles will hail with gladness. They have determined it is an animated scene, the assemblage of not to extend their present credit connection Boers, young and old, with their Hottentot and to execute all future orders intrusted to and Kaffir attendants, spans of trek oxen them upon strictly net eash terms, charging and saddle horse, gayty painted waggons, manufacturers' prices, allowing their disland snow white tents. They generally camp counts, deducting same from invoices, and out in the market square, an open space of charging only. after, such deductions, five turf of from two to six acres in extent, which per cent. as merchants' commission and it is the custom to mark off in the centre of profit. It is the credit system which has each town or village, not only in the Transsapped the life and energy of the jewellory vaal, but in most of the South African trade."

BRITISH ITEMS.

The Sheffield Telegraph says that the com petition between the iron-masters of the North of England and of Belgium is untry are being offered for delivery in London at less than £5.74 61, per ton, whilst the lowest quotation in the same market for English bars is 7s 61. above that figure.

A good story is told about Cleopa train Needle, according to which Professor Wilson was haranguing, in a most enthusiastic manner, to a friend not noted for antiquar ian tastes on the desirability of having so interesting an object of antiquity as Cleopatra's Needle. When the Professor had fin-ished, his friend dryly replied, "The best thing would have been to have had it photographed in Alexandria, and then had it made to order over here. The public would have appreciated it as a piece British work-

Venice a few weeks ago, were brought together, and over a friendly cup of tea discussed the casus belli, and quietly agreed to let the matter drop.

The Judge of the Banbury County Court has stated that he looked upon the Bank-ruptcy Act as a logalized robbery, for it was Some very often the division of a man's goods be tween solicitors, auctioneers, and account

A sentence af ten years' penal servitude

Mr. Ruskin continues his crusade against things in general. The current number of Fors Clavigera contains the following:—"A tolling machine has been erected at Ealing Lally Tollendal bore a name distinguished cemetery at a cost of £80, and seems to give in the military and diplomatic history of universal satisfaction. It was calculated that this method of doing things would (at 300 funerals a year) be in the long run cheaper than paying a min threepence an bour to ring the bell. Thus we mourn for the departed !"

It is stated that a projected revolution in happiness which Scilly presents to its ladies' dress, or at least in the material of ors. which it is composed, is now agitating the town of Barrow in Furness. A local firm and singularly capable of taking the most delicate dyes. In order fittingly to introduce the new texture to society, a great jutb ball is in preparation for a day in January next, when local patriotism counts upon decisive demonstration of the boasted superiority of the new competitor for the favour of the world of fashion.

A London paper censures the Local Govrnment of Newfoundland for its remissness id dealing with the Newfoundland wrockers Messrs. Macmillan & Co. propose to issue, which shall tell people what is most worth knowing as to the life, character, worse, and position in literary history of some of the The Queen, it is said, having recommend-

able block of business in the courts at West surgeon, the sufferer remaining in agony for minister Hall and Lincoln's Inn; and to ask some ten hours. A medical man now lives they appointment of more indeed to remaining in agony for hang like the verifable golden fruit, which for the appointment of more indeed to remaining in agony for hange like the verifable golden fruit, which for the appointment of more judges.

Bristol seems bent on regaining its maritime importance. At a special meeting of the Bristol Chamber to Cammerce for the purpose of considering the question of convert-ing the river Avon into a floating harbour by placing dock gates at its entrance, and thus creating a dock of 700 acres, with seven or eight miles of wharfage, a resolution was unanimously adopted in favour of this proposition.

The Gazette contains the following order from the Admiralty, dated October 30th, 1877:—"In pursuance of her Mejesty's pleasure, the following change is to be made in the uniform of the undermentioned offieers, as regards the distinguishing lace on the cuff of the coat : Lieutenant and navi gating licutenants of eight years seniority and upwards, paymasters of eight and under fifteen years' service, secretaries to junior flag officers, secretaries to commo lores the first class, secretaries to captains of the floet, chief engineers of less than ten years seniority, and bayal instructors of eight and under fifteen years' seniority, to wear two rows, with a narrow strip of gold braid between, similar to that worn by staff surgeons. Assistant-paymasters of eight years' seniorty and unwards, and engineers of eight ears seniority and upwards, to wear two rows (like licutenants of less than eight rears' seniority)." Harcs are among the latest American im

portations to the London market.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN BOERS.

The Boers are chiefly engaged in farming they lead a wild, nomadic life, more condu cive to the development of physical than in tellectual powers, they are hardy and strong most of them men of great stature : they are taciturn almost to sullenness, averse change, crafty and suspicious, unimaginative and stubborn to a degree. During the great er part of the year the rural population liv in waggons, or in tents pitched in the midst of their flocks or herds, sheep numbered by THE CREDIT SYSTEM OF BIRMINGHAM. thousands, and cattle by hundreds; they are not rooted down to the soil, or troubled with over much baggage, consequently it is not so great a hardship for them to move away from which had escaped from his nuten. Gazette, "the jewellerytrade has been car-great a hardsing for them to move away from her several days before their eyes principles that could possibly be devised. European countries. They are accustomed principles that could possibly be devised. home, as it is for farmers in the more settled Among other evils of the system, that of to trek to pastures new: if a Boer has 12. giving long credit is undoubtedly the worst. 000 acres or so of land, well watered and fer-lish did in the days of Burke and Sheridan, Credit is given for twelve months, eighteen tile, it does not much matter to him where Chinese watches show twenty-four hours on months, and even two years almost as a it may be situated (less than this will not the dial. regular custom of the trade, thus giving suffice his needs, for the land is as yet un. The first fenced, with the exception of a few the one idea of the shopkeeper appears to round each homestead the grass is burnt years eld, and lives in London." We beg have been the length of credit he could obtour part at a great secrifice of your perdon. She is not so old by three tain, and in order to catch the large profits valuable provender. The common mode of years, and we left her at home on South

est risks, thus reducing the trade to rash duce, wool and hides, into the nearest town speculation and a dealing in discounts sim- for sale, and return home laden with coffee ply. At length a circular has been issued by tea, sngar, salt, gnnnowder, shot, and other one of our leading firms, in which their commodities, to meet the acquirements of

attending the pernicious bill system. Meeers thy "Vrow" and his whole family of hove and Abrahams Brothers, merchant jewellers, of girls, the good wife will barter her oggs, by with which "men of straw" have obtained play when he goes a courting. An immense credit, to the loss an injury of legitimate quantity of these gay trappings are imported States, for public use.

THE DUKE OF NORFOLK'S WEDDING

A London correspondent writes :-"It has een surmised that the intended bride of the Duke of Norfolk must have become a con her alliance with the chief representative of the Catholic aristocracy in this country This assumption is erroneous and unjust Of course it was not imagined that the Duke should have forsaken the ancient faith of his ancestors in order to ally himself with a Protestant wife, for the force of family tradition is too strong on his side, and it was certain he could not espouse a heretic without causing a painful shock to Catholic Christendom. I am informed that Lady Flora Hastings was received into the Church of Rome about two years ago, and that the Duke of Norfolk was not at time a suitor for her hand. The match was made quickly
The Duke met Lady Flora a few months ago The great Whistler Ruskin libel case, says the Examiner, has been fitted by report with a peaceful conclusion. The great art critic and the great painter happened to be in Venice a few weeks ago, were brought to ing re-set for the young duchess. The Shef-field tenantry are arranging to send a very handsome wedding present to the bride."

THE SCILLY ISLES

It would be difficult elsewhere to discover, in an area of the same size, so many sources of interest. In the very names of the places the philologist will find a study; the fernfor such a growth of Asplenum marinium es the fissures of the rocks of Scily produce; rock salt dissolved, instead of boiled rice the antiquary may puzzle himself with Druidical remains, and may decide whether the so-called Rock Rasins bear testimony to Druidical sacrifices or to the idisintegrating action of weather on granite in a state of descript composition. While boating in these lovely waters it is went to vary the pastime by catch ing fish, for whatever love may do, money will not buy you fish in Scilly. It is pro-voking to see a wretched sloop in the harbor carrying away all the crabs and lobsters which have been caught since her last visit. and have been kept for her arrival. This is the one drop of bitterness in the cup of There are fresh-water ponds on Tresco and St mary's, with abundance of fish to be had for the laber of taking a rod; and, the

close season over, a gun will find plenty of birds to destroy; while the tide pools will yield to those who are bent on more peace-ful pursuits a variety of zoophytes which will ladden a collector's heart. From the high gladen a collector's heart. From the high ands, at more than one spot, it is possible on a clear night to see five lighthousesnamely, the "Bishop," with its bright fixed light, the first to welcome the ship that comes across the Atlantic ; the "Agnes Light," with ts flash once every minute; the beautiful of the book.

The judges in the superior courts of law when a Cornish gentloman met with an respecting the extraordinary and unmanages was sent in all haste to Penzance to fetch a able block of business in the courts at West. on St. Mary's, and visits his patients on the other islands in a boat-a feat, however, that often caunot be accomplished for successiv days or even weeks.

> . . . HOLDING ALOOF.

At a numerously attended conference of clergymen and laymen, held at Glasgow, to consider the question of holding aloof from Church connection, the Rev. David Russell stated the following objections which he conceived working men were in the habit of stating in defence or explanation of their not cle. attending divine ordinance, to wit, that while they heard much about Christian fellowship from members of the churches, ye they saw very little of it in their conduc and actions; that their chief enemy was intoxicating drink, still there were no men more opposed to the total abstinence move ment than ministers; that from the discus sions on essential doctrines of Christianity which proceeded, they were in doubt as to whether ministers believed what they preached on the Sabbaths; that Sabbath school teachers were not trained as to their work, and the children were not properly taught; that the church seat rents were to high, and that 1s. 61, per head was sufficien to charge annually, the balance being made up from voluntary contributions; that they were puzzled by the references which were made in the pulpit and the objections stated to scientific men: that ministers, while lwelling on points of doctrine and the Jews, ignored present toils and cares: that society was being divided into classes, and min sters generally sided with the moneyed capthat competent men should be appointed to preach in the open air. working men could be reached; and that the charge of infidelity made against working nen was not justified by the facts of the

Why are iron clads like unmarried ladies? -Because they are open to an engagement. A woman's heart is just like a lithographr's stone--what is once written on it cannot e rubbed out.

"Your heart is made of tlint," said ous lover to his sweetheart. "Is it?" obbed, "is it? I never ad a man to say such a thing as that before."

The Chinese wear two watches, as the Eng-

The Syracuse Standard says: "The most beautiful woman in the world is thirty-two

THE OLD CLOCK

O, the old, old clock, of the household stock, Was the brightest thing and neatest Its, hands, though old, had a touch of gold, And its chimes rang still the sweetest. I was a monitor, too, though its words were Vet they lived though nations altered: And its voice, still strong, warned old and yo When the voice of friendship feltered "Tick, tick," it said-"quick, quick to bed For ten I've given warning Jp, up, and go, or else, you know.

friendly voice was thatold, old clock. As it stood in the corner smiling, and blessed the time with a merry chime, The winter hours beguiling : But a cross old voice was that tiresome clock, As it called at the daybroak boldly, When the dawn looked gray on the misty And the early air blow coldly; "Tick, tick," It said = "quick out of bed

You'll never rise soon in the morning."

or five I've given warning You'll never have health, you'll never get wealth Unless you're up soon in the morning

Still hourly the clock goes round and round With a tone that coases never; While tears are shed for bright days fled And the old friends lost forever; its heart boats on though hearts are gone That warmer beat and younger : Its handsstill move, though hands we love

Are clasped on earth no longer ! Tick, tick," it said—to the churchyard bed The grave hath given warning; Up, up, and rise, and look to the skies. And prepare for the heavenly morning."

FARM NOTES

Thirty years is about the profitable life of n apple tree, and trees at fifteen to twenty ears are at the best .- Chicago Tribune.

Fall ploughing is very destructive to weed -Chatham Courier.

Good seasoned muck is of immense service to farmers whenused as an absorbent, and the stalls for animals should be so constructdaily with the droppings-- Journal of Chemistry.

To a farm like mine, not favored with any living brook or spring, I consider a good windmill a most important and valuable piece of machinery. Mine not only saves the labor of pumping, but furnishes an abundant supply of water at all times for house use as well as for all stock on the farm.—De troit Tribune.

Into the whitewash pail, while the lime water is still hot, drop a teacupful of soft boiled rice, and mix thoroughly. Then pour into a quart pot of cold water, say ten or twelve drops of crude carbolic acid. ollector would look in vain in other regions this into the rest, and swab the interior of

serve many slender canes not having more than half the diameter of the stronger ones; these must be cut close to the parent stock Then cut off the stronger canes at the point where they begin to decrease in diameter This point is generally from three to six feet from the terminal bud, and may be known from the fainter color of the wood and immatured leaves. This done, and the time is pruned .- Duchess Farmer,

Hundred of insect pests find safe winter quarters in the rubbish of field and gardens. The prunings of currant bushes, raspberries and blackberries, dead squash vines, cucum ber vines, loose pieces of bark, bunches of weeds, and such rubbish hide multitudes of eggs, larve pupe, or perfect insects. Such loose stuff had better be burned; to consign them to the manure heap is only to propagate the pests. When burned there end of them, and of much unsightly waste which no neat person should have about his premises.

If the careful poulterer will look to the "Wolf Light," alternately flashing red and under portions of his perches, and as faithwhite; the two white lights of the light-ship fully apply the saturated kerosene brush to
their profession becoming case hardened? moored at the Seven Stones; and the 'Long' this part of the premises as he does to the ships Light" at the Land's End. All the top and sides and crevices, once in a while, elements of a perfect holiday scene are to be he would find it profitable for the removal of found at Scilly, and many who have to flee vermin. Lice brood and breed and live unfrom the inclement winters would do better der roosts in great numbers. In the day in the pure, soft air of these islands, with time they are thus partially secreted. In English comforts and roomy quarters, than the night, when the fowl settle down to their in stuffy Southern towns with limited sani-roosts, these millions of parasites crawl up, tary arrangements. The fine inhabited is and nestle themselves comfortably among fands have each their church, and there are three resident clergymen. But it is right to mention that physical necessities are less cared for than spiritual; the iclanders did again.—Poultry World.

they are metaphorically surposed to be. Such wholesale consumption of what we Such wholesale consumption of wla; we look upon as a luxury appears to have no ill effect. The testimony of a late eminent phy sician authorizes the use of fruit as most wholesome immediately upon waking in the morning; he, in fact, prescribed such a regimen to a friend as the only invigorating and permanent cure for indigestion, facetiously emarking that he gave her a piece of advice which, if it were known to his dyspeptic pa tients, would cost him his practice, as they might prefer so simple a remedy to his pro fessional visits .- London Gardeners' Chroni

The keeping of a vicious dog near a publi highway, in such a way as to endanger the travelling public, is a nuisance and renders the person knowingly keeping it there liable to an action by any person injured thereby. One instance of aggression may be sufficien evidence of a vicious propensity on the part of the dog, and if it can be proven that the owner had information of his first case he may be held liable for a subsequent offence like nature. The Supreme Court has decided that in an action against the owner of a dog for injury occasioned by its vicious acts, it is not admissable for the owner to prove the general good behavior of the dog the general conduct and habits of the dog may be considered in determining the credit running out and frightening horses will, after the owner has had due notice of at loast one offence, hold the owner liable to a suit from the depths it will go up in price. for any damage which may occur.—Philadel hia Times. Last fall we visited an orchard in which

that before the fowl were confined in which told us that before the fowl were confined in it the trees made little or no growth, and only a corresponding amount of fruit were obtained. But what a change was evident now. The grass was kept down, the weeds killed, and the trees presented an appearance of thrift, which the most enthusiastic horticulturist could not but admire and envy. The growth of the trees was most vigorous, and the foliage remarkably luxuriant. The fruit was bundant, of large size, and free from worm she and other imperfections. This excellence was accounted for by the proprietor, who remarked that the "hens ate all the worms and curculio in their reach, even the canker the creed of the homeopathist, that like cures worm." He found less trouble with their like. But there is one thing as to which roosting in trees than he expected, and that a picket fence six feet high kept them within pronounced an opinion, and that is what ounds. His orchard was divided into three sections, and the fowls were changed from one to another, as the condition of the fowl or the orchard section scemed to require. -Poultry World.

care at first. All they wish at this season is to be left alone. Use only light turfy loam, with a very little well-rotted manure, such as may be found in an old hot bed. Spread out the roots in a natural position, and nevout the roots in a natural position, and nev-or cram them into the pot in a jumbled mass. Press the soil in firmly, jarring the pot occasionally to assist in settling the con-tonts. Water thoroughly at first, but very sparingly thereafter, until the plant shows signs of growth. Place in a cool shady spet until it is evident all danger from removal is past, then inure them to the sun by gradual changes. A certain amount of common sense is needed to grow a variety of mans successfully. While the calla lily needs a copious supply of water during the growing ason, the cactus at this season lives on what it has stored away during the past summer. Rather err on the side of too little water than too much. Now is the time to trim in our plants that are to be used for winter decorations. Perform this with an eye to the future symmetry of the specimen, thinning out the dense growers, and cutting back those inclined to be open .- Exchange

Ex-Sonator Chand, er had something wise to say about farming as well as something significant about politics, when he addressed his reighbors at his farm in Michiga-long ago. He declared that farming was not only the oldest but the most respectable occupation known to man. "If I had a boy to day," he exclaimed, "I would rather put him on an eighty-acre lot that had never had a plough or an axe upon it, than place him in the best Government office in the land! Agricultural papers will please copy that remark, and farmers lads, who are growing up dissatisfied with country life and who can-not overcome a restless desire to go to a city and enter a profession, will do well to 16 member i!. "Make your homes pleasant," member if. "Make your homes p'casant," continued the Cx-Scerotary. "Make them so attractive that your sons and daughters will love their homes better than any other place on God's earth. Make this business of farming so agreeable that your sons will see that seed and hence it is of great value to gardens it is the most heathful and profitable occuand all cultivated plots, as thousands of weed pation in which they can engage. Build pation in which they can engage. Build seeds are turned up to the surface, and with good houses and buy good implements.
the winter frosts they are largely destroyed. Don't get an old cracked cook stove, but put in a good range. In fact, have every convenience that you can, so that your wives and daughters will deem it a pleasure to perform their household work. In this way you can bring up your sons and daughters on the farm; but when you make home repulsive, ed as to admit of a wide passage in the rear with generous room for the muck to be used you drive them into clerkships and other menial positions, when they ought to be God's appointed lords of creation." These are plain words, but they are crammed with hard senso.

SUNBEAMS.

No man goes home at two in the morning rough the boerings straights. rough the beerings straights.
Salads, like the heads of lalies, weed a

A scientist asks, "Can fishes cry?" Yes out we don't give bread with one fish bawl. Lawyers should sleep well -it is immateral on which side they lie. About the most uncomfortable seat a man

"I think your caurch will last a good many years yet," said a waggish deacon to his minister; 'I see the sleepers are very

can have in the long run, is self-conceit.

A correspondent wishes to know at what age a girl should no longer be kissed by her male friends. A lady suggests the age when she puts on long dresses. If running after the woman be a sin, it

is one which is very easily checkel. All that's necessary is for the women to stop running away from the men. Miss Mary E. Tillotson, the noted dress eformer, has written an affecting poem,

entitled "Shorten my skirts, mothes; shorten your own." A woman may not be able to sharpen a pencil or hold an umbreila, but she can pack more articles into a trunk than a man can

in a one-horse wagon. Which is the easiest of the three professions, law, physic, or divinity? Do you all give it up? Divinity—because it is easier to

preach than to practice. The Natural Results .- Lawyers are some imes accused of being wanting in feeling,

"Och," said a love-sick Hibernian, "what a recreation it is to be dying of love! It. taking a wink of sleep for the pleasure of the pain!" A young lady residing in a border town

was heard to remark in regard to her father's snoring, that "the neighbors all set out their wash tubs, thinking that a thunder storm was coming up."

The Hamilton, Ontario, papers state that Mrs. John Mignet, of that city, is married to her sixty-second husband! Talk of people marrying like sixty! Mrs Minnet maried like sixty, too.

ears of a woman in church to the crying of some other woman's baby, and how deafer than a post she is when her own offspring nots up its piercing squall? -- Church Union. Dave Smith was going down Broadway osterday with an umbrella marked : "Stolen from D. Smith." "There," said a man in front of the St Nicholas, "I always thought

Did you ever notice how sensitive are the

that follow looked like a tnief. -N. Y. Her. Mistress (who gave her girl some hickory nuts to crack half an hour ago)—Bridget have you not cracked those nuts yet? Bridget (in evident pain) -Plaze, ma'am, I'vo on y

cracked three, an' me jaw's nearly broken to

pieces. Towa wants to see some one hanged again. Public opinion is setting towards the reenactment of the death penalty for murder in that state. As our British cousin would remark, "They desire to hemp-prove their

Some 250,000 pistols have been made at Norwich, Ct., this year. Despite this pre-paration and precaution, however, it is sale to predict that the crop of lightning-red agents next year will be as large as ever !-Norristown Herald.

Three daughters of a Kontackian determined to be married the other day, and their father refusing to approve their resolve, they all eloped with the men of their choice the regard to the act of aggression, in which case same night. Only in Kentucky do they do such things in this wholesale way.

Get in your stock of kerosone. Operators iu oil in Pennsylvania say that in less than ten years' time the petroleum deposit will be exhausted. So when oil refuses to come up Mules are bought and sold by the pound

a Kentucky. Doubtless the custom is due to the observation of Mr. Joshua Billings that the mule is the heaviest animal for his size in existence except the crowbar. "It is proof of the singular operation of the

human mind," says a mental philosopher. that when two men accidedtally exchange hats, the one who gets the worst is always the first to discover the mistake. Scene, yard near the house: Maternal voice from third story to Young American

playing below—"Thomas, come in this minute." Momentary pause. "Thomas come in; I shan't speak again." Y. A Well, I wish you wouldn't !" It is a common proverb, and in leed it is:

neither homeopathist nor allopathist has cures dislike. A young man in Maine writes to ask us if

we want to cutage a "puzzle editor." No, thank you. We have a puzzled editor, and that is sufficient. He is puzzled to fin lout Plants removed from the open ground and why in thunder people don't pay for their placed in pots should not receive too much papers.—Turner's Falls Reporter.