the Soil.

Raw-Blide 52 orse-Shoes A method of shoeing horses, with any hid has long been in use on the plants, and found so serviceable and convenient that it might doubtless be found useful in many places where there are long periods of hot weather. There are also cases frequently occurring in which diseases of the feet may be alleviated by the temporary use of shoes cut from rawnide or properly prepared sole leather. these, that portion of the foot which needs the most precaution, viz., the crust or walls of the hoof where it meets the sole, will be preserved from contact with hard or rough surfaces; while the frog, generally too much protected, will touch the ground and become subjected to healthful action. For warm work, upon smooth soils, free from stones and gravel, this kind of shoe will be useful during the summer season. A simple strip of raw-hide or sole leather, well filled with hot pine tar, to make it hard and waterproof, will be sufficient for general use. A more durable shoe may be made of two or more thicknesses, fastened together by copper rivets.

Winter Treatment of Sheep A correspondent of the American Live

Stock Journal says:
Having practised for several years the system of keeping my sheep in close confinement during winter. I do not hesitate to recommend it to others. For two winters kept one hundred wethers under a hav mow, 20 by 30, with a side rack round the outside on a still, with a double rack through the centre which divided the flock into fifties. One 41 foot door was opened at a time, for an heur in the middle of the day, giving its fifty an opportunity to go into an open yard for water. All the rest of the time they were kept shut close, with only just room to lie down. They did better than those with twenty five, and were penned by turning two open racks at right angles, giving the ewes a watered by setting a box 15x24 inches, and 8 inches deep, in the rack and the water carried to it with a pail. This allows two flocks to drink from one box. Before foddering, the box is turned over and left in the rack. A little meal thrown into the box will stop all the leaks. Ten good sized ewes, will drink with half that amount daily. The watering should be during the warmest part of the day, and once a day is sufficient. Care should be taken not to overfeed. I think it is equally as detrimental to overfeed sheep on hay, as it is horses or cattle on grain. It is not as well to let a horse or an ox have free access to an oat bin, as to give them a regular meal twice a day. So with the sheep they should only have what they can eat up clean, in from one hour to one hour and lahalf. Some practice giving the sheep more than, they want, and then clean out the racks for the colts. A careful feeder will only give what is needed, and with a very little care can come very near the actual wants of the flock. I do not hesitate to say it is far better for the flock than over feeding, whether fed on hay, straw, or grain. The practice of stacking sheep out, and at best give them an open chew the cud, when they might as well seek a near shelter. The fleece forms a temporary protection, and a sheep feels the storm very little through it, unless accompanied with wind or severe cold. It is the days that follow a wet fleece that tell on the health and constitution of a flock of sheep. It is this the bank and in the bro'er's office, as bankthat the flock-master must look to with especial care, as the sheep has only the instinct for his present wants. The future depends on the shepherd. The objection most frequently urged against this method of wintering sheep, is that the ewe has too little exercise for the health and strength of the lamb. I feared that myself, but practice has proved my success, as my flock of lambs can now speak for themselves, as nearly as a dumb animal can speak. They can at least speak understandingly to the eye of a practical wool grower. The flock should be foddered soon after daylight in the morning, and early enough at night to allow them time to clean all up before dark. Sheep kept in this way will have a sprightly look from the eye, and when standing at ease are inclined to stand with fore and hind feet apart. While those exposed to all the inclemencies of the weather. will stand with all the feet close together, roach back and dull eye. Too much ventilation is a source of annoyance to a flock. When I keep all the sides closed for weeks, my flock does better than when left open.

Wearing Out Soils

We have a good deal said constantly about soil deterioration, and their ultimately wear- uniform and reports to the manager, be had to heavy manuring, or such a system ready for duty. The boys respond to fallen renovation, that while the soil may in the order of the numbers early in the mornhave rest in the direction in which it may be depleted, some crop may be raised be depleted, some crop may be raised. A faithful boy in the employ of this comsoil year after year in the production of special crops, without unfitting it for fair production. We may easily unfit most soils a fixed law that whatever elements of well-known value of manures, of clover and of various plants that may be to again render the Hence again in all well conducted farming the necessity of a well digested rota-tion of crops, adapted to the special soils w rked. All farms are not adapted to wheat, corn, to stock grazing, or dairying. Hence every farmer grows such crops as his judgment dictates as best adapted to the nature of his land, and the more intelligent ones seek by diversified crops not only to keep good farmer cultivates net only such crops by are best adapted to his home market, and as exercises of good business sagacity keeps his soil not only intact, but often increases his ture field. yield materially. There is, indeed, much Benedict sense, as well as nonsense, mixed up with this question of soils running down. It is, however, the non-reading and generally slack. Mr. Delane, late editor of the London farmer who lets his soil run down, while the business farmer is not only careful to keep his farm fully up to its natural fertility, but his farm fully up to its natural fertility, but seeks by every means in his power to make it more and more productive year by year Philadelphia. until at last he is gratified with knowing The Earl of

The best, as well as the cheapest and surest remedy for lice on cattle we have ever used is kerosene. It is easily applied. First saturate a sponge with water, then dip it in tue oil, and go over the parts infested. propose trying oil in the whitewash for the chicken house and think it will prove a sure cure. It may make the place look a little streaky or smeared, and, if it dees, it will not hurt; but it will, we think, rid us of the pests. When we told " Dick" to paint the roosts and nests with it, and put a little under the wings, he thought our idea was to kill off his

or breeding purposes, use a little printer's where one wishes to keep a large number

of fowls, and to raise early chicks, hand, a two story fowl house will be just the thing. Mr. Avers says that the Plymouth Rocks are probably the most perfectly adapted to all climates and localities of any of the modern varities of standard fowls."

Pumpkins boiled and mixed with corn make

ery good chicken food. See that your rooster perches are far nough from the side of the house, other wise you may have a lot of wry tailed chick

ens on hand. Don't buy of those who claim to have the best and only good stock of fowls in the ountry," and offer to sell them for almost nothing; you will get cheated if you do.

The demand for good Plymouth Rocks greater this year than ever before. OISTRICT PELEGRAPIA BOYS

The telegraph is now made to do a great many services in large cities. Instead of merely sending messages from one person to another, instruments are placed in private boy to be clever. houses, and the occupants, by merely press-ing a knob, can summon a policeman, or give an alarm in case of fire, or call a messenger to do any service that may be required. principal company in New York which controls such a telegraph system, is the American District Telegraph Company. The boys anything else on a string. in this company's employ have many duties to perform which are not required of the first squeezed, but growing more vinegar-like Western Union boys, and they therefore have a great many things to learn before they can —Baron Nathan Rethschild, of Vienna e provided with work. When the hirer of a District instrument calls for a messenger, the boy can never know what he may be wanted for. He may be told to hurry for a physician, he may be given a package for delivery, or a bill to collect, or he may be sent by a broker to deliver stock or have a check certified,-in fine, his duties are too varied for me to name them all. When it is remembered that about 4 500 District instruments are now in use in New York, and that 1,513,265 messages were chance at two sides of a rack. These are delivered by the District boys in the year ended September 30, 1877, some notion of manifold services required of them can be formed.

It is easy to see that an inexperienced and unskilful messenger in such an employment would only prove himself a nuisance to the public and an injury to the company. boy, therefore, who is employed by the American District Telegraph Company is put into a training-school, and this school is a very in-

teresting one.

The school-room is provided with wooder benches, like those found in old-fashioned country district schools, but the instruction given is entirely in regard to the business of Every candidate for a place the company. Every candidate for a place must know how to read and write before he can be put into the school. It is of course necessary for the boys to know the situation of every street in the city. A large map of the city is therefore placed before them, with the streets marked on it, but without their names. The teacher points out different streets to his pupils, and they are required to name them. In this way a messenger-boy soon acquires a more complete knowledge of the city's thoroughfares than many an old resident can boast of. In one part of the shed, cannot be too highly censured. Sheep are very regardless of the future. They will frequently stand out during a sharp rain and the stand out room are telegraph instruments such as the in reply received a telegram : "Come on with to send and receive messages on them. Then there is a miniature bank, where they are taught about the use of checks, and there is a taught about the use of checks, and there is a are going to give her Christmas is taking time

—A minister of kind of make-believe broker's office, where they are taught how to deliver stock, etc

> There is, beside all this a great deal for the boys to learn about the company's methods of business, which I need not explain in detail. They must make themselves familiar fun I's had I's most a hundred. tail. They must make themselves familiar with the "tariff book," which tells them how much a boy must charge for going from any one place in the city to any other. They must learn the use of the different kinds of tickets, on which the temporary record of their service is kept. They must know when to charge for a car or stage fare and when it is proper for them to walk.
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> The American District Telegraph Company

employs on an average 550 boys, who are dis-tributed throughout the city among twentythree offices. Each office has from five to induce anybody to ascend it. An opposition eighty boys in attendance, according to its elevator would get all the passenger traffic. location, and every boy is expected to serve ten hours a day. In some of the offices, constant employment cannot be found for all the boys during this time, and one form of promotion is to send a boy to an "easy dis-

When a boy arrives at his office in the morning, he goes to the sergeant, who notes if he is on time or not. Then he puts on his ing out. In all old settled countries where a slack system of farming is carried on, the slack system of farming and resort must this examination successfully, he takes a scat be had to heavy manuring, or such a system ready for duty. The boys respond to the calls this examination successfully, he takes a scat

be depleted, some crop may be raised to shade the ground, and eventually be turned under to furnish food for succeeding crops.

A faithful boy in the employ of this company is never discharged merely because business is dull, the resignation of boys who tire ness is dull, the resignation of boys who tire It is quite true that we may not draw on any of their duties or leave for other causes, and the dismissal of boys who are unsatisfactory, mind and keep him from evil it is my fault are not made. It has required no little skill to mechanically so that their productive qual- arrange the services that inefficient messenities will be locked up, yet this being done gers may be detected among so many; but that 'next to a gift for inventing there is earred among so many; but that 'next to a gift for inventing there is the invention of the i will take a farm, and in a few years bring it system of records, and discipline is enforced again up in a fair standard of fertility. It cember.

PERSONAL A.

Rev. Mr. Mueller, of Bristol, England, will intends visiting several of the American eities before returning to England.

Labouchere wishes that every man of note

who writes an editorial article should sign it with his name. George Francis Train again becomes a lec

Benedict Arnold's autographs brought more

one of the arrested Irish agitators, live in The Earl of Lonsdale is the defendant in

that he has reached the point of maximum an action brought against him in the Common Pleas Division by a horse-dealer to recover the value of three geldings supplied to his wife. The defendant pleaded that the Countess of Lonsdale had no authority to contract the debt and that the horses had not been ordered by him.

Rev. James Smythe, M. A., formerly insumbent of St. John's church, Strathroy died at Shelborne on Tuesday.

W. W. S. Ircland, wife of the Manager of

he Bank of Commerce, in Chatham, is prostrated with pleurisy and inflammation, of the lungs.

he thought our idea was to kill off his because of their raids on the small walked a young lady very handsomely attired. walked a young lady very handsomely attired.

-An Englishman who deplores that Eng- and wanted to know who run that town if he Late cut rowen soaked in warm and then sprinkled with corn meal good winter food for geese.

If you have any first-class poultry to sel selection of the land should have made shoddy goods says that their trade was lost to them when they came to the conclusion that all the rest of the world were fools.

—An Englishman who deplores that England wanted to know who run that town if he land should have made shoddy goods says didn't. It effects everything just that way.

—The Chicago Tribune announces that George Agustus Sala is coming to this counfrom a sudden sense of superiority.

COLLIC BUILDAY -Skates "go a -they pleas." with a green

Kasses by telephone taste like a boiled china egg on toast.

You will always find that the man who is a signrette cannot whistle a tune. When the time arrives for a baby to com-

nce eating bread, you should break it to him gently. -It is said that anxious mothers and aunts think that all girls must pass through "the

plain age. -The Russian Government have now decided to transport Siberian prisoners by sea in

most cases.

-It is only in New York that a woman dares sue for a divorce from a man she never was married to.

-A London paper believes that it is much more important to a girl to be pretty than a -Husbands never meet their wives with

smiles" on their lips; they wipe them off before they get home. -When a woman promenades the streets

leading a dog, it looks as if she couldn't get

a day in wages to his thirty other servants. -Great men pay high prices for choice

library books, make a show of them, die, and the heirs sell out for what they will bring. -Crepe flowers are considered very beauti-

—Dinna forget St. Andrew's Day, Whilk this year comes on Sunday; But gae to church baith morn and eve, And remember the concert on Monday,

-A man who won't git up and git and yell and whoop and upset gates when the fire-bells ring will never be heard of even in a police

fortunate Cet. will immediately take to the

presented with a concertina, and the un-

-An English gentleman bought cheap American cheese, and, mixing it with corn meal, fed it to pigs, which it fattened im-

mensely. -Every man is the architect of his own fortunes. That's the reason a fortune always costs him fifty per cent. over and above his estimates.

-Take a dormant humble-bec, put him on the teacher's desk before school begins, and then study your geography and wait for a

thaw and results. -A young man in Manitoba sent an offer

-The thoughtful girl who tells her gentleright by the top-knot.

-There was a bold burgher of Ottawa, Whose arms and legs were all shot away.
He shouted, "I want to
Know what place Tu-run to,
When once I have moseyed and got away."

-Lady-How old are you, little boy

schum or a venerable T. D. pipe. -Boy, see here. A ten-year-old in Maine nid under the lounge to hear what sister

Mary's beau would say. Lightning struck the house, ran along the floor—dead boy. -If Jacob's ladder was now to be placed against the entrance of Heaven you couldn't

-I have gone through life thus far with no mere man dangling at my skirts and impending my progress. Hooray! A bit of the wing, if you please .- Susan B. Anthony.

-A new-made granger in the West said t his wife, "Martha, we'll have lots of pump kins next year. I planted about forty had to dig awful holes to put 'em in though.'

-There is an old maid at Duluth That squints and has only one too But she thinks that leap-year Will be presently here— So you'd better not go to Duluth. e tooth:

-Spurgeon says: "I care not where a man goes at night after hearing my sermon

-It is the opinion of the New York Times talent for singing, especially in the case of woman."

is a fixed law that whatever elements of fertility are carried away from a soil must again be some way replaced. Hence the remiss.—W. A. Linn, in St. Nicholas for De--Speaking of the Moderation Society, the But we dare say there are provisions for case

-Says a New York corn-doctor: "As long as there are women there will be tight leave Ottawa for Brockville after filling his engagements at the first-named city. He also

\$10,000 a year." -Lady-"And put just a tint of carmin

have on now." -A proper conclusion for the marriage ceremony in many of our fashionable " so-ciety" weddings would be : "What commercial interests have joined together, let no ill-tem-

per put asunder !" -" There was never any situation so had even a dog for company.

ed manner: "And bless us all for Christ's sake Joe pass the potatoes."

On : such a bornet!" thought the one— The other thought: "Wha freet!" Yet they did talk— Together wath. -They met, 'twas on the street-

Together walk— And kissed each other's cheeks—and chalk. -If children were taught to say " Mother" instead of "Ma," the blood curdling cry of a young goat in the adjoining field would never cause an anxious parent to rush out to see what was the matter with her darling. -Three kittens have died of diphtheria in

Ogdensburg. They contracted the diseas -They were meandering arm in arm up from children affected with it. The post

teen minutes he danced around the wagon

try, and incidentally reminds its readers that he is the gentleman for whom the well-known song, A. Sala's wife A. Sala's star should be

was written. -The liberal man has a blessing Far greater than miser's pelf,
For there's nothing quite so distressing
As a man in love with hinself.
She was my idyl while I wooed;
My idol when I won;
My ideal when in after years
Ways idle had she done.

-You can train the eye to see all the bright places in your life, and so slip over the hard ones with surprising ease. You can also train the eye to rest on the gloomy spots, in utter forgetfulness of all that is

bright and beautiful.

The subject for conversation at an evenost cases.

—An ounce of keep-your-mouth-shut is mals, particularly dogs. Says Smith, "There better than a pound of explanation after you are dogs that have more sense than their masters." "Just so," responds young Fitz-noodle. "I've got that kind of a dog myself"

-'Tis the sweetest thing in life to see the childlike simplicity and deference to maternal authority which a maiden of 35 or 40 will exhibit before a roomfull of people as she skips across the floor to ask dear mamma if she may walk up and down the piazza for a little

Is blackest when it's bright; The head and limbs and mind of man Are loosest when he's tight;
These folks who are by blood akin
Get up the bitterest fight;
The blindest man can't build a home
Unless he has his sight.

-The polished stove which warms your room

An old farmer in Oakland county, Mich. pays his cook \$2,500 a year and spends \$60 31 years old, was turned out of doors by his son. He hobbled round to the barn and burned up the whole establishment, which represented the work of his lifetime. His grit held out to the end. -The Berlin correspondent of the Paris

ful and are extensively used on bridal dresses Globe says that Prince Bismarck, now intent where orange blossoms are no longer a prime on getting all railroads into the hands of the State, contemplates that as soon as possible the State shall become grand insurer--life, dignity.
fire and marine. He has directed minute in Then an interpreter cried: quiries into the business. --Writing to your aunt that you would be

glad to see her and her five children at your house on Christmas is something like sending for a lottery ticket. In the one case you hope she won't come, and in the other you don't expect to draw a prize. -We respect an emotionally insane noet an intellectually eccentric poet, or even a fool

Give us a pyramid.—New York World us a mummy.—Cincinnati Commercial. Give machine verse for the purpose of currying favor with a great man. THE REJECTED LOVER

Since thou that fatal word hast spoke, With cruel lip and careless air, Which, breathing o'er my heart-strings, woke, Æolian moanings of despair;

Since that thy haughty sire has turned An icy shoulder to my suit, And, while my wasted love is sourned, Threatens this wasted form—to boot; Avenging fury fires my breast— With wild desire my heart is riven That thou withiu thy downy nest Mayst get as good as thou has given!

-Lady of the house :- "In the name common sense, Molly, how many pounds of meat have you brought from the market? I of marriage to a girl whom he fancied, and in reply received a telegram: "Come on with your minister." said to bring only two pounds." Molly—"Yes slightest change of posture; then, like a flash of light, he leaps to the ground behind the four pounds, so I told the butcher six pounds, trunk of the tree; the terrible club makes a but he understood eight pounds, so I brought

_A minister once told Wendell Phillips that if his business in life was to save the negroes, he ought to go to the South, where they were, and do it. "That is worth thinking of," replied Phillips; "and what is your business in life?" "To save men from going to hell," replied the minister. "Then go ere and attend to your business," said Phillips. —The Athol Transcript, an American paper

vouches for the following inscription upon a -When a barber takes your nose between tombstone just put in the Pelham cemetery his thumb and forefinger you can easily tell whether he has been smoking a real moor-pearing in full: W---G---died by arsenic poison. March 23, 1850

—G—died by arsenic poison, March 23, 1850
aged 36 years.

Think, my friends, when this you see,
How my wife hath dealt by me;
She in some oysters did prepare
Some poison for my lot and share.
Then of the same I did partake,
And nature yielded to its fate,
Before she my wife became,
M—F—was her name.

The Pekin Gazette is nearly twenty-five

hundred years old, and every now and then an old man hobbles into the office and pays a year's subscription, with the remark that he has been a subscriber ever since the first number was printed. The clerk, without be-There are nineteen "sure cures" for interpretation and surpretation of him a receipt, "Yes, we have several names

the start." Then the old man goes out mut-ring something about this world being full

A liars.

—Shyly be bent over the shining head,
And "won't you—won't you?"

He softly said,
Pleading with the bright-eyed miss
Just for the loan of one sweet kiss.
The inaiden tossed her pretty head,
And "No, I won't you?"

She saucily said.

"How foolish he is," thought the little miss;
"He should not ask for, but steal the kiss."

—Oh, come and take a walk;

The stars are softly winking
Above the placid lake;

-Oh, come and take a walk;
The stars are softly winking
Above the placid lake;
And really I am thinking
It would be just delicious.
Now then, put your hat on, old girl, and come
along, for you must be aware of the fact that
O'er the flowery lea
Twinkles sweet capella,
And the lily closes up
Somewhat like an umbrolla
From which the suringle has

been lost or stolen.

or stolen.

The squirrel jumps upon the tree,
Enjoying splendid fun,
Until he tumbles down before
The greasy Dutchman's gun.
And then he is divided up
In a way to make one sigh;
The outside goes on Dora's hat,
The inside in a pie.
The find the all, the lovely fall,
Oh! autum; neught can sweeten,
Because it is the time at which
The carpet isn't beaten—
Sighs the major domo.

A FIVE-POUND NOTE WITH A

[London Telegraph.]

Net long ago a well-known collector of curiosities in Paris, who had devoted considera-ble sums of money to the gathering tegether of bank-notes of all countries and all values became possessor of a Bank of England £5 note to which an unusually strange story was that it could not be worse,' says an American philosopher. For instance, a man on the gallows might be lost in the woods without pool merchant's office in the ordinary way of business sixty-one years ago, and its recipient. business sixty-one years ago, and its recipient, the Cashier of the firm, while holding it up —An old farmer whose zeal at grace was hardly sufficient to suppress his appetite used to end his prayer in the following unpuntuated manner: "And bless us all for Christ's words, scrawled in blood between the printed words. line and upon the blank margin of the note. Extraordinary pains were taken to decipher these partly obliterated characters, and eventually the following sentence was made out 'If this note should fall into the hands o John Dean, of Long Hill, near Carlisle, he will learn hereby that his brother is languishing a prisoner in Algiers." Mr. Dean was promptly communicated with by the holder of the note, and he appealed to the Government of the day for assistance in his endeavor to obtain his brother's release from captivity. The prisoner, who, as it subsequently appeared, had traced the above sentence upon the note with a splinter of wood dipped in his own blood, had been a slave to the Dey of Al-Ponitry Notes.

Perches for heavy fowls should be are tree inches in diameter; if they is apt to produce crookedness of the breast bone.

Fed all the unsalable vegetables to the chickens.

The sun was about setting and its light was throwing a beautiful crimson glow all over the carried attention in a Liverpool and Cardinal Newmen? Humph, you can't row." "Who said throwing a beautiful crimson glow all over the throwing a beautiful crimson glow all over the carried attention in a Liverpool and Cardinal Newmen? Humph, you can't row." "Who said throwing a beautiful crimson glow all over the cut from a box in the rear of a San Francisco solice: "How beautiful! perfectly grand?" etc. Courtney row? And ain't they the greatest of currence in the country?"—Oil City Dervices in the Maintender in a Liverpool counting-house. His family and friends had anything about rowing?" "Do Hanlaha and brought in the said of the British authorities in the Mediterranean, succeeded in rangely and brought in the country?"—Oil City Dervices in the Maintender in the country?"—Oil City Dervices in the Maintender in a Liverpool counting-house. His family and friends had anything about rowing?" "Do Hanlaha and brought in the said of the British authorities in the Maintender in the crow for the wall as far there with response from the lon, and the rear of a San Francisco alone throwing a previous period in English and the country in the fair once by his side, "I don't know," was the response from the fair once by his side on the weaken of the wall as far the crow five first attracted attention in a Liverpool to the country in privations, and forced labor in the Dey's gal-

-A recent writer says that laughter springs

THE LION KILLER.

(From the French of Duatveff.) People in Tunis, Africa-at least, some

the older people,—often talk of the wonderful exploits of a lion-killer who was famous there orty years ago. The story is this, and is said

to be entirely true:
The lion killer was called "The Sicilian, because his native country was Sicily; and he was known as "The Christian" among the people in Tunis, who were mostly Arabs, and, consequently, Mohammedans. He was also called "Hercules," because of his strength, that being the name of a strong demi-god of the ancient Greeks. He was not built like Hercules, however : he was tall, but beautially proportioned, and there was nothing in his form that betrayed his powerful muscles. He performed prodigies of strength with so much gracefulness and ease as to astonish

all who saw them.

He was a member of a traveling show company that visited Tunis,—very much as men-agerie and circus troupes go about this country now from town to town. His part of the business was, not simply to do things that would display his great strength, but also to represent scenes by pantomine, so that they would appear to the audience exactly as if the real scenes were being performed before their very eyes. In one of these scenes he showed the people how he had encountered and killed alion with a wooden club in the country of Damascus. This is the manner in which he did it:

After a flourish of trumpets, the Sicilian came up the stage which was arranged to represent a circle, or arena, and had three palm-trees in the middle. He was handsome dressed in a costume of black velvet, trim med with silver braid, and as he looked around upon the audience with a grave but gentle expression, and went through with the Arabian salutation, which was to bear his right hand to his heart, mouth, and forehead uccessively, there was perfect silence, so charmed were the people with his beauty and joy in finding another victim.

"The Christian will show you how with his club, he killed a lion in the country of

Damascus!" Immediately following this came another flourish of trumpets and a striking of cymbals, as if to announce the entrance of the lion Quickly the Siclian sprang behind one of the with an attentive and resolute eye, leaning his body first to the right, and then to the left of the tree, he kept his; aze on the terrible breast, following all the movements with the grateful motions of his own body, so naturally and suitably as to captivate the attention o the spectators.

'The lion surely is there!" they whispered. We do not see him, but he sees him! How he watches his least motion! How resolute he is! He will not allow himself to be sur-

Suddenly the Sicilian leaps; with a bound he has crossed from one palm-tree to another, and, with a second spring, has climbed half-way up the tree, still holding his massive club in one hand. One understands by his movements that the lion has followed him, and, rouched and angry, stops at the foot of the tree. The Sicilian, leaning over, notes the whistling sound as it swings through the air

and the lion falls to the ground. The scene was so well played that the wildest applause came from all parts of the audi-

Then the interpreter came in, and, throw ng at the feet of the Hercules a magnificent

lion's skin, cried:
"Behold the skin of the lion that the Christian killed in the country of Damascus."

The fame of the Sicilian reached the ears of the Bey of Tunis. But the royal dignity of the Bey, the reigning prince of that counry, would not allow him to be present at ex-libitions given to the common people. Finalv. however, having heard so much about the andsome and strong Sicilian, he became cu-

rious to see him, and said:
"If this Christian has killed one lion with club, he can kill another. Tell him that if he will knock down my grand lion with it, I will give him a thousand ducats"-quite a large sum in those days.

At this time the Bey had several young lions that ran freely about in the courtyard or garden of his palace and in a great pit, entirely surrounded by a high terrace, on a level with the ground-floor of the palace, a superb Atlas lion was kept in royal captivity. It was this lion that the Bey wished the Sicilian to combat. The proposition was sent to the Sicilian, who accepted it without hesitation, and without boasting what he would

that time, and the announcement that the handsome Sicilian was to fight a duel with the grand lion was spread far and wide, even to the borders of the desert, producing a profound sensation. Everybody, old and young, great and small, desired to be present. Moreover, the people would be freely admitted to the garden of the Bey, where they could witness the combat from the top of the terace. The duel was to be early in the morning, be-

fore the heat of the day.

During the week that intervened the Sicilian performed every day in the show instead of two days a week, as had been his custom. Never was he more calm, graceful and fascinating in his performances. The evening before the eventful day, he repeated in pantomine his victory over the lion near Damascus, with so much elegance, precision, and suppleness as to elicit round after round of enthusiastic cheers. Of course everybody who had seen him play killing a loin was wild with curiosity to see him actually fight with

So on the following morning, in the early dawn, the terrace around the loin's pit was crowed with people. For three days the grand loin had been deprived of food in order that he might be more ferocious and terrible. His eyes shone like two balls of fire, and he ncessantly lashed his flanks with his tail. At | in the

terrace. The Sicilian came a few steps behind, dressed in his costume of velvet and silver, and holding his club in his hand.

seconds the barred gate of the pit was opened, and gave entrance not to the brave and powerful Hercules, but to a poor dog that was towards the ferocious beast with the intention of still more exciting its ravenous ap-This unexpected act of cruelty drew hisses from the spectators, but they were soon observed in watching the behaviour of of the dog. When the lion saw the prey that had been thrown to him, he stood motionless for a moment, ceased to beat his flanks with bride, carry her prayer book and bouquet, sons of any other occupation. ground, stretched out, and his eyes fixed upon the

feet, and in a second launched himself into sent a postal card back to his friends dated the air! But the dog that same instant the 8th of July, 1880. bounded in an opposite direction, so that the where the lion had been.

surprised at the loss of his prev: with the dog the instinct of self-preservation developed a coolness that soon overcame his terror. The body of the poor animal was all in a shiver, but his head was firm, his eyes were watchful. Without losing sight of his enemy,

he slowly retreated into the corner behind him.

Then the lion, scanning his victim from the corner of his eyes, walked sidewise a few steps, and turning suddenly, tried again to pounce with one bound upon the dog; but he latter seemed to anticipate this move-

lion in the air. At this the lion became furious, and lost victory, while the courage of the unfortunate dog won for him the sympathy of all the spectators.

As the lion, excited and terrible, was preparing a new plan of attack, a rope ending in a loop was lowered to the dog. The brave little animal, whose imploring looks had been pitable to behold, saw the help sent to him, and fastening his teeth and claws into the rope, was immediately drawn up. The lion, perceiving this made a prodigious leap; but the Abuse of Tobacco and Alcohol.' prize of two hundred francs and a meda but the dog was happily beyond his reach. The poor creature, drawn in safety to the terrace, at once took to flight, and was soon lost to view.

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—Very cheap straw Chinese hats have this

self on the ground of the pit, roaring with rage at the escape of his prey, the Sicilian entered, calm and firm, superb in his brilliant costume, and with his club in his hand. At his appearance in the pit a silence like not yet perceived his entrance. The waiting to the world. was of short duration, for the lion, in turning, espied him, and the fire that flashed from the eyes of the terrible beast told of savage precede the group of the Pleiades. A

Here, however, the animal showed for a moment a feeling of anxiety; slowly, as if conscious that he was in the presence of a powerful adversary, he retreated some steps, keeping his fiery eyes all the time on the man. lions, and, with his body slightly inclined forward, marked every alteration of position. Between the two adversaries it was easy to see that the fear was on the side of the beast: but in comparing the feeble means of the man—a rude club—with the powerful structure of the lion, whose boundings made the such as Liverpool and Manchester it is 240 hard for the spectators to believe that courage, and, not strength, would win the victory. The lion was too excited and famished to remain long undecided. After more backward steps, which he made as if gaining time for effection, he suddenly advanced in a sidelong consist of a group of thirteen figures, in the direction in order to charge upon his adver-

with his fixed gaze the motions of the lion. Greatly irritated, the beast gave a mighty spring, uttering a terrible roar; the man, at the same moment, leaped aside, and the lion had barely touched the ground when the club carre down upon his head with a dull, shocking thud. The king of the desert rolled heavily under the stroke, and fell headlong stunned and senseless, but not dead.

The spectators, overcome with admiration and awed at the exhibition of so much calmness, address and strength, were hushed into profound silence. The next moment the Bey arose, and, with a gesture of his hand, asked mercy for his favorite lion. 'A thousand ducate the more if you will

not kill him !" he cried to the Sicilian. "Agreed !" was the instant reply. The lion lay panting on the ground. The Hercules bowed at the word of the Bey, and slowly withdrew, still keeping his eyes on the conquered brute. The two thousand ducats kill his wife, and then he'll get locked up for a mouth were counted out and paid. The lion shortly a month.

With a universal shout of relief, followed With a universal shout of relief, followed German discover?—that 29 per cent. of men by deafening shouts and cheers, the spectators withdrew from the terrace, having with But that German should remember that a nessed a scene they could never forget, and woman's back hair always wants fixing just which, as I said at the beginning, is still at the critical moment, while the men genertalked of in Tunis.

THE POPULATION OF AFRICA.

Data Furnished by M. A. Raband to the

Geographical Society, (From the London Times.) We cannot hope for many years yet to have anything like accurate statistics on the population of Africa. Several regions, the popu lation of which is certainly great, will probably long escape anything like a thorough examination. There are, for example, in the regions of the Great Lakes, countries quite as thickly peopled as many of the States of Europe. Stanley tells us of countries of re-

lively small extent, and which yet possess 27 committed suicide. There are efficial allions of inhabitants. When we shall have en te production making an approximate census of all the populations, we shall probably reach which was said, half a century ago, to be the digure considerably higher than the present estimate. Some authorities accord Africa not of its noble owner (Earl Ducie) and the boast 000,000, which for an area of 11.500,000 square miles, gives an average of sixteen inhabitants per square mile, or a specific population eleven and one half times that of France. population very rapid and very great. It figures of the specific population, applied to the whole of the African Continent, will not hereditary Grand Duckes. Prince Nanoteon give a just idea of the compact character of the population of the interior. According to Behna, the negro regions are by far the most they are very dense in other regions. Thus, group of celebrities. Soudan the population is estimated at one moment he would madly roar, and, in the next, rub himself against the wall, vainly trying to find a chinck between the stones in which to insert his claws.

Precisely at the appointed hour the prince, and the stone in the Soudan the population is estimated at 80,000,000, or about fifty-three per square mile; the town of Bida, on the Niger, has a population of 80,000 inhabitants. The population of East Africa is estimated at about 30,000,000, and that of Equatorial Africa at lation of East Africa is estimated at about 30,000,000, and that of Equatorial Africa at held high festival in St. Paul's Cathedral and y Bey and his court took the places that had been reserved for them on one side of the divides the population of Africa as follows among the great families into which ethnological gists have divided the peoples: Nekroes, 130,-000,000; Hamites, 20,000,000; Bantus, 13,-With his accustomed easy and regular step, and a natural elegant and dignified bearing, out the step of the step o and a natural elegant and dignified bearing, he advanced in front of the royal party, and made a low obeisance to the Bey. The prince made a low obeisance to the Bey. The prince have a low obeisance have a low total population of 172,550,000. These figures made some remark to him, to which he responded with a fresh salute; then he withdrew, and descended the steps which led to the hon's pit.

The prime are, of course, only approximate, and may be much modified by new and more precise information. The Bantus, for example, who, according to F. M. Muller, form at least one quarter of the population of Africa, might be the lion's pit.

The growd was silent. At the end of some found to number 50,000,000. These data

dressed alike, mostly in red or blue velvet or satin, with silk stockings and gold buckles, and, for their business, have to attend on the and stronger among them than among pergrowled deeply, and crouched on the with his paws extended, his neck it out, and his eyes fixed upon the trail and veil, and generally be at her bidding all the day. Young brothers, or least of the bidding all the day. Young brothers, or relatives under 12 years of age, are usually residence in St. James's square, London, to selected for the office.

AROUND THE WORLD.

-Englishmen acknowledge that in wood ngraving America excels the world. -The new "cats" approved by the British

dmiralty are being made by naval prisoners -The lottery rage is so great in Burmah, under the wise and beneficient rule of King Theebaw, that daughters are sold for a few rupees to buy tickets.

-A Washoe jury was called on to try a man for stealing milk, by drawing it at night from ment also, and in the same second jumped in the opposite direction, as before, crossing the "guilty of stealing in the first degree."

-The greatest taxpayer in the United At this the lion became furious, and lost the calmness that might have insured him tobacco manufacturer, who pays a tax of \$520, without the common of the uncontracturer. 000 a year, \$10,000 a week or over \$1,428 per -Erasmus Wilson, the great English au-

thority on skin diseases, who paid the cost of

erecting Cleopatra's Needle in London, is about to spend \$100,000 on a sea-bathing infirmary for the scrofulous. -In Paris there is an "Association to Proprize of two hundred francs and a medal for the best work showing the evil effects, moral

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wearing the same article as dairy maids; "bat," exclaimed one great lady, none of those dreadful middle class people wear them."

-The Marquis of Bute has recently dedeath came over the crowd of spectators. The voted himself to the study of the Eastern Hercules walked rapidly towards a corner, and, leaning upon his club, awaited the onslaught of the hion, who, blinded by fury, had ability of the result of his studies being given -During December the planet Mars will

come to the meridian during the evening and telescope will show peculiar markings on the planet, but a very large telescope is required

-The red clay soil of Harford County, Md., produces the sugar beet in great perfection. Of three lots recently subjected to a chemical analysis, two showed a percentage of 9.27 per cent. of sugar each and one of 10.27 per cent. This is equal to the best yield. -Dr. Drysdale said lately, that whereas

very ground beneath him tremble, it was per 1,000, in some places even 300, and in Berlin it actually reaches 500. Indigence is the main cause, he thinks. -A colossal monument to Beethoven, upon which high praises are lavished, is soon to be added to the ornaments at Vienna. It will

centre of which stands the composer. The material is bronze, and after three years labor ary.
The Sicilian did not move, but followed the last figure has just been cast. -Don Gelose was lately elected parish priest by the citizens of Aqi, Piedmont, whereapon he drew up a constitution for the city which placed himself and flock outside of th jurisdiction of the Bishop and of the Holy See,

for all administrative purposes, and constituted King Humbert his protector. -Vera Sassulitch will not be able to collect he legacy of \$300,000 recently left her by a Russian merchant because in order to do so she would have to go to Russia, where she would arrested, and either imprismmediately be oned, expatriated, or pronounced an alien, and so not receive it at all.

-An Edinburgh woman, whose husband

had benten her 920 times in four years, had him arrested, and he was sent to jail for three -A German has discovered-what won't a

ally have very little, if any, hair to trouble -Italian journals report that the famous "Madonna del Sacco," of Andrea del Sarto is seriously imperilled by infiltration of damp through the wall on which it is painted. As no steps have been taken to protect this noble picture, one of the masterpieces of the world, from further damage, its complete destruc-

ion may soon be expected. -The occupation of Bosnia and Herzergovinia cost Austria, to the end of 1878, 50 officers killed and 126 wounded; 1,157 privates killed, 3,838 wounded; 335 missing, 1,-879 rendered unfit for service otherwise

more than 100,000,000 of inhabitants; others of the district. Its present dimensions are less still. German geographers suppose that as follows: Circumference, three feet from less still. German geographers suppose that Africa contains somewhat more than 200,- o00,000 of inhabitants. The latest English publications estimate the population at 186,- 88 feet. -Another ruined gambler's suicide is an-

nounced from Monte Carlo. It was a Russian

who lost \$280,000 at roulette. The proprie-Africa, which has fifty seven times the area of France, the return to his home, but the Russian of France, has probably scarcely many them. Africa, which has nity-seven times the area of France, has probably scarcely more than eight times the population. The suppression of the slave trade, and the influence of European civilization, may lead to an increase of pean civilization, may lead to an increase of the slave trade, and there has been civilization. population very rapid and very great. It eshould be observed that the approximative the theatres on one Saturday night, the Prince hereditary Grand Duchess, Prince Napoleon.

the Count of Paris, Queen Isabella of Spain, Don Carlos, the Duke d'Aumaie, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, Adelina Patti, and half a dozen populous parts of the Continent. If the Gladstone, Adelina Patti, and half a dozen populations are sparse in the desert parts Russian Grand Dukes—a rather brilliant One of the latest Ritualist developments England has been the formation of whatis called the Guild of St. Luke. This society, which seeks to band together medical men of

in various ways is thrusting itself upon the notice of the public. The London Lancet observes the movement, it says, with unfeigned apprehension. -Emperor William was petitioned by a synod of Prussian clergymen not to permit a military review on Sunday. His reply was : "The Sabbath has been created for man, not man for the Sabbath. The Puritanical and Calvinistic conception of the Sabbath as a day of mortification and penance is entirely foreign to the feeling as well as the taste of German people." Emperor William is, however, a religious man.

-According to the investigation of a Russian professor, Dr. Monassein, singing is an excellent means of preventing consumption, -it is becoming the fashion, at distin. and for the development and strengthening guished weddings in Paris, for page boys to of the chest it is more efficient than even be substituted for bridesmaids. They are all gymnastic exercises. The Professor has ex-

meet three illustrious guests-Cardinal Man-

-Here's a good joke. The Times last bounded in an opposite direction, so that the lion fell in the corner while the dog alighted you want your boots half-soled. Then riches where the lion had been.

—Contentment is better than the sole with the power of the powe -Contentment is better than riches until night, in alluding to the engine test, said: As we have repeatedly stated, we are absoperary is growing witty.