SHOCKING LOSS OF LIFE.

MIN 30 JUNCTION, O., July 4 .- The steamer Siroto, with about 500 passengers, collided with the John Lomas in the middle of the iver to night, sinking the Siroto in fifteen eet of water, only the pilot louse being isible. The excursionists are arriving but hey are so excited that no definite informaiou as to the number lost can yet be ob-

A survivor says the Siroto was coming up he river under a full head of steam and then about half a mile from Mingo junction he John Lomas was sighted coming down. The Siroto whistled for the channel, but owing to some misunderstanding, both boats took the same side, the Lomas striking the Sirote and sinking her in three minutes. The scenes on the Siroto were heartrending and the struggle for life The Lomas was only slightly disabled and went to work saving those on the Siroto. This task was rendered easier by the bright moonlight, and no doubt many lives were saved for this reason. It is now believed the first reports were exagger. ated, and the loss of life will not exceed twenty.

Mingo Junction, Onio, July 5 .- It is imssible to ascertain the number of lives loss by the steamboat disaster last night. Capt. Thomas' son Dan is missing. A deck hand whose name is unknown, was also drowned from the Scioto. The rest of the crew are safe. The first man taken out of the water was a witchman, Charles McCoy. The Lomas struck the Scioto on the port side, fifteen feet from the bow, and made a large hole, through which the hull filled rapidly and sank at once. The beat is now lying on the bottom of the river, the water being two feet deep in the cabin. Charles Pace, assistant engineer of the Scioto, said: We started from Essi of the Sciolo, said: We started from Essil Liverpool at 6.30 yesterday morning, with a large excursion party off for a Fourth of July frolic. We went as far down the river as Moundsville, arriving about 1.30 p.m. After lying there two hours we started for home, stopping at Wheeling & Martin's ferry. People hailed us all along the river but the contains and we all along the river, but the captain said we had enough on board and refused to take any more except at Steubenville, where he took on several. When we collided with the Lomas, as near as I can judge from what I Louise, as near as I can judge from what I heard the people saying, we had on board four hundred at least, probably five hundred. I was on watch at the time of the accident, and when the boats whistled for passing I noticed there was something wrong, but thought nothing of it and stepped out on dock for a second when I saw the Louise view I was heard to be a second when I saw the Louise view I was heard as well when I saw the Lomas right on us. I rushed back to my engine and obeyed the bell to go back, which was immediately followed by the bell to stop, and then seeing that the boat was fast sinking, the engineer and I threw the skiff into the river and I then ran after my coat. When I got back the skiff was so full of panic stricken people that I knew it would sink. I jumped into the river and struck out for the West Virginia shore. In looking around me as I swam I saw a sight woman one-third of a man's wages for that fairly took the life cut of me. The a man's work, is abolished, we may conwater was black with struggling humanity and ourselves on a high road to civilization. the expression on their faces was the most terri-ble you can imagine. Men, we men and children were crying pitcously for help, and some of the screams so unnerved me that I could scarcely swim, but the current was strong, and as I struck out with all my might I soon got out of sight of the crowd in the water, there being but two boys near me who managed to reach the shore safely with a little help from me. We swam about a mile altogether, and when we rached the shore it was almost impossible for any of us to stand up. As to how many were lost I can form no idea, nor do I know what caused the acci

people are attracted to the scene of the wreek Seict) Some in search of missing loved ones, others from curiosity. One body was recovered on the Ohio side of the river, and the bodies of two boys were reported near Wellsburg. Two boys were picked up on the Virginia side, who swam a nile and a half below the place of the accident. They say that fifty persons were in the lower deck with them when the bout sunk, and many of these are probably drowned. Capt. Thomas, of the Scioto, is nearly crazed with grief at the loss of his son and benumbed with cold from searching in the watery cabin for the body The deaths will probably exceed fifty. There are more than this number missing.

Twolve additional bodies have been recov

ered from the wreck of the Scioto. Search for the other booles is being vigorously prose-cuted. When the boat is raised it is believed that many of the bodies will be found. The party on the Scioto was about equally divided between gentlemen and ladies, but the bodies of only three women have been recovered. Forty persons are known to be missing and fourteen bodies have been recovered. inquest begins to-morrow.

MR. WORTS' WILL.

How a Fortune of Nearly Two Million is Bequeathed

The will of the late Mr. J. G. Worts has been filed in the surrogate court office. The schedules show the total value of the personalty to be \$1,784,000. Lindenwold house and contents are bequeathed to his son J. G. Worts for life, who shall leave it to his heir Should Mr. J. G. Worts die without issue the property goes to Frederick T. Worts, a son of the deceased, for life, with remainder over to his eldest son; and should both die without issue, the property goes with the rest of the estate. The following bequests are made: To testator's sisters, Mildred Leary, Sarah Sylvestor, and Louise McKellar, each \$2,000; to the widow and children of deceased's late brother George, \$2,000; to Mary Stegmann sister of deceased's late wife, \$1,200 per an num; to each of his children upon marrying or attaining the ago of 21 years, \$5,000 a year for ten years. The remainder of the income from the estate is to be accumulated for ten years and then divided as below: One seventh less one-half of each seventh share to each of his sons, the income from principle to their sons. Each of the testator's five daughters—Mrs. Beaty, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Myles, Mrs. Smart, and Mrs. Cosby-to receive the income arising from one seventh of the property, the principal to be divided as directed by the beneficiaries. In case any married cuild dies, the surviving husband or wife shall receive \$4,000 a year for life. The Toronto Hunt club are to have the use of deceased's share of the kennels, and is to receive a sum not exceeding \$50, to cease the club falls into disrepure. The pew i The pew in Trinity church is to be retained as long a any of the family reside in Lindenwold. A codicil, of which there are four devises house and lot in Cannington to his sister. Mildread Leary, for life, then to her husband if he survives her, and lastly to her children a house and lot on Selby street to his sister Sarah Sylvester, in like manner. Several other small bequests are made. The executors named are J. G. Worts, W. H. Beaty, A. M. Cosby. David Smart, E. S. Cox. F. T Worts, and R. Myles. They are authorized to continue the deceased's business for a

-An only child is a single heir occurrence -Household hints-Pokers and broom

-This weather may be called Indian Sum

mer because it is red bot. -Crushed strawberry color is the popular

shade for Summer dresses. -Too many of the would be funny scribes

are guilty of merry triciousness. -We have a soup-erstitious awe of "mock turtle" and its possible contents.

-An obituary notice in Utah closes touch ingly-" he leaves thirteen widows and fifty

Hit er coolin', hit er sweet!

Hit or painless ter de stummick—
Yo' kin eat, an' eat, an' eat!

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Comic Budget.

-The extraordinary crop of suicides is what nobody knows how to account for. -The common council of Albany, Ga., has icensed the killing of English sparrows.

-There are seven different specils of birds which get up half an hour ahead of the lark. -" Is Mrs. Brown a literary woman?" astronomers. Their business is always look-

-No one ever believed beef could get up so high. It was quite poor when it commenced to go up.

—"I am a broken man," said a poet 'Well," said his friend, "I inferred that from your pieces."

-Beecher has come out for the strikers : striking fact that he usually strikes in on the winning side.

-Long, pointed finger nails are fashionable ong women, but they will never be popular with married men.

-A young married man, whose house rent paid by his mother-in-law, alludes to her as his darling pay rent. -Jinks hasn't been at home since his wife

asked him for a new bonnet. He calls him-self a Ruche-ian refugee. -A tailor requires a number of yards to

cover a man, but a burglar will cover him with only a small revolver. -As between the cheese press and the

printing press the former is the strongest, but the latter is the most rapid. -The poet who sweetly referred to the 'sighing of the winds" should go out west

-- We should think if any tree would be worth planting along the western streams, on the treeless prairies, the cottonwood.

"Mean!" she cried, "my husband is the meanest wretch in the world. He won't give me the least excuse for complaining." -Britishers are rejoicing over the asses of 5,000 sheep brought from New

Zealand in refrigerators, as good as new.
"Isn't this shirred bonnet just too sweet
for anything?" asked Mrs. Smith of her husband. "I shirred think it was," answered Mr. Smith, as he inspected the bill.

When that relic of barbarism, paying woman one-third of a man's wages for doing a man's work, is abolished, we may consider -" What have you been doing since I last

saw you?" "I've been attending a course of free lectures." "A course of free lectures?" "Yes, I was married a week after we parted." When you see a man looking as if h idn't care how soon he was struck by light-

ning you can sit him down as one who feels that he must take a summer trip or lose his place in society. -"Yes," eaid Fogg, "I used to believe

everything; was the most credulous fellow alive. But," he added, "since I have had this confounded sore throat, it is hard for me —St. Louis has two pretty femala homeo-pathic physicians. Such unst patient was a man who said he had the neuralgia from too

much kissing, and wanted to be treated on homeopathic principles. -An amateur autograph collector, who an

counced his intention of writing to Shake pears for his signature, was greatly chagrined to learn that William had been dead 266 years. He is going to get Goethe's now. -A dispatch from Alexandria, Egypt, says

The situation is absolutely demoralizing. Carriages, the fare for which is usually one franc, now bring \$25." To Americans, Egypt must seem like Niagara Falls. An Iowa woman refused a

orce which she wanted because her husband cissed the pretty servant. He said she ught to be thankful that her husband had ound a way to keep a servant girl. -It is nice to read of the "merry whistle

of the plow boy," but, in the first place, boys don't plow, and in the next, the strapping young men who do are so mad about it that they can't get the right pucker for a whistle. -We undertook to say in these columns the other day that Mrs. Garfield's income was \$21,000 a year; but the compositor cut it down to \$21. As the latter sum represents a

- 'Avoid contradicting your wife," said a ecent writer. A very good idea, and it would be well for wives to avoid contradicting their a bouse, where a man and his servant kept s husbands, also. There is altogether too much of this sort of thing going on, and every married man knows it.

-"Yes, judge," said a prisoner, "I admit that the back of my trousers were tangled in the dog's teeth, and that I dragged the animal away, but if you call that stealing a dog no man on earth is safe from committing a

-A nice judge, when asked why he had allowed a totally unnecessary female witness to take the stand and testify, said: ". mew that it was not necessary, but I saw tkat she had a new bonnet and was striving to show it.'

- My son," said a father, " whenever ou start to do a thing never half do it."
Must I always do both halves?" asked the gobbled the other half.

-A journey around the world can now be accomplished in ninety days at a cost of \$800. It is not the fare that prevents newspaper men from taking the trip. It is the time consumed. When the journey can be made n forty-eight hours journalists will frequently

indulge in the voyage.

—"One word more," said a speaker, "and I am done." And the reporter found, when the word was written down, that it contained fifteen hundred syllables. The famous word of Aristophanes was outdone. That same speaker is the fellow who often says "a single emark," and then talks for fifteen minutes

"Her foot is a poem." the lover said: "A melodious rhythm is her trend "Yes," said his friend (a sort of beat), "Spondaic the measure, two long feet

DE KING OB DE FRUIT. me er pa'shel to de apple, oddahs clamor fo de plumb; iome fin' joyment in de cherry, oddahs make de peaches hum; iome git fas'ned ter de onion, oddahs lub de a'tichoke: But my taste an' watahmellon er boun' by a

ome fin' pleasha in de orunge, oddahs choose de cantaloupe ; lome er fon' ob de banana, some de huckleberry scoop; Oar er timber in de punkin fo' de riches' kin' ob

pies; But dat speck'led watch mellon! Oh! how full hit fills my eyes! Yo' mus' climb ter git de apple, er de cherry, er de peach, An' mus' allus, w'en yo' eat dem, keep a doctah widin' reach ; But de lubly watahmellon makes his bed upon do groun',
An' de darkey, not de doctah, in de moonlight
makes de roun'.

Hit er meller, hit er juicy,

Fearful Experience of a Young Bride and Her Friends.

A Vienna correspondent gives an interesting account of the adventures of four persons who endeavored to climb the Rax-Alp in a snow storm resuttly, and were believed to be lost during four days. They were two brothers Friendrich, the bride of the younger very soon some tourists came in and told of a large party who were climbing upward and were now on their way to the Gaisloch, a deep fissure on the mountian in the afternoon by this time, and the party hoped to get as far as the Karl Ludwig house of shelter, where they could have spent the night. Novak, who was the nimblest, jumped across the gap, and called to them that they should not attempt to fol-low him at that place, the gap being too wids for the girl to pass. He continued to speak, tolling them to find some track to ad-vance upon, but a dense fog settled upon the mountain at this moment, and after a very few minutes they could neither see no hear each other. The three imagined Novak must have slipped and fallen

INTO THE ABYSS.

and they attempted a descent to look for him. But atter an hour's climbing over snow and ice they saw that they had reached the other side of the fissure by a long detour. The fog prevented them from seeing more than a square of three feet at a time, and the snow uniformly covered the ground at their feet Creeping along with hands and feet, they made slow progress upward, and late on Sun day evening they reached a shepherd's hut, the door of which was locked. The men burst it open, and all three stretched themselves upon the straw to rest from their fa-tigning journey. They had only one piece of bread and a since of ham, which they divided among the three—the last nourishment af-forded to them until Thursday morning. The whole of the next day they wandered about in all directions, when toward evening they found another but they; were glad to seek shelter in it without attempting to go further. That was Monday night. Hunger made them all weak and miserable, and fear-ing not to have the force to rise and walk on the morrow, they made up their mind to eat what they could. They boiled some of the straw, cut into small bits, in snow, and this was all their dinner, on Monday. In the mid-dle of the night one of the brothers remembered that he had some tallow candles in his pocket. These were cut into small pieces and swallowed. Their wanderings on Tuesday were of as little avail as those of Sunday and abonds y had been, only that all got tire's so much sooner, and were forced to return to their port of safety before the night set in. On Wednesday morning the young girl declared that she felt unable to walk and the prothers decided that they must set out alone in search of help and nourishment for their companion. But the fog had grown worse and the snow storm was so violent that after half an hour they turned back. They

FOUND THE GIRL IN A TRANCE

brought about by hunger and frost, and they rubbed her with ice and snow to revive her.
During her trance she sometimes spoke, and -'O, how delicious after such a long fast !' She was happy in her dreamsshe was eating. When the day changed to night on Wednesday, the three un-When the day changed happy creatures gave up all hope, and they decided to shoot themselves with a revolver one of the brothers had brought him, in hopes of firing from the top of the mountain. They all three agreed that they perferring dying in this manner to being slowly starved to death. On Thursday mornng at 4 o'clock one of the young men opened the door of the hut to look out, and with a cry of delight he welcomed the clear sky and the stars that shone upon it. Their courage fortune to a comp. we hadn't the heart to revived wonderfully when they saw the ountain before them, and after a breakfast of straw soup and tallow candles they set out. At 9 o'clock they reached the shelter of small inn. Here they refreshed themselv after having spent four days and four nights in the ice and snow of the Rax Alp. Their hands and feet were so frost bitten that they walked only so far as they were compelled and long before they got to Payerback great numbers were following in their rear, cheering them and shaking hands with them. A lagram to Vienna not only summoned nunerous friends, but also several newspaper eporters, who came back with them in train, and took note of their wonderful adventures.

A Very Talented Dog

There is quite a wonderful dog at the Rich-"Must I always do both halves?" asked the hopeful son. "Yes." was the reply. And then the lad who had stealthily devoured half black and white coach dog, and is fond of the \$50,000 to be paid to them also, and the a pie sucaked back into the pantry and making trips over the line with favorite conductors. He never gets into any other a green car and frequently follows one of the cars over the whole route. Spot, however, is most at home in the stable, where he keeps watch over the horses and stalls with untiring patience and unerring sagacity. There are nearly 500 horses in the stable, but Spot knows them all except the very new ones, and what is quite as singular, all the horses know Spot. If one of them breaks his halter and ets away from his stall Spot will follow him up, and, if the halter strap is long enough, ne will lead the herse back to the stall by sking the end in his mouth. If there is no pendent halter the dog will bark at the horse, rom side to side, until he has driven him to empty stall. Spot knew that in a short time one of the horses attached to an incoming car would be driven to the stall where the barking, which attracted immediate attention. The watchman supposing that something was wrong, followed Spot to the stall just in time to rescue the drunken man from the feet of a recently arrived horse. This is but one of the hundred stories told of Spot's wonderful intelligence. So much has he become accur tomed to horse life that he eats corn with as much relish as he devours the most savery morsel of fat beef at twenty-nine cents pound. He will even beg in a mute way for rn supper when the horses are fed at night. -Philadelphia Record.

-A Detroit bride, aged 58, died a few ours after the marriage.

-" Dear me!" said Mrs. Partington, the are sufferers from nervous presperation!"

AN ALPINE ADVENTURE. END OF RUSSO-JEWISH PERSECU-TION.

> The Instructions the Czar is Reported to have given to his New Minister.

St. Petersburg, June 18.—The retirement of Gen. Ignaticff from the post of Minister of the Interior and the appointment of Count Tolstoy in his stead are welcomed here by the Judophiles as the end of Jewish persecu tion in Russia. It is reported here that the -"Is Mrs. Brown a literary woman?"
Decidedly. She makes beautiful penwipers."

-You never hear of a strike among the listronomers. Their business is always looking up.

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Thus it appears that the volume of the roother and a friend named Novak. The courself cour for the Jewish traubles is ascribed to Gen. Ignatieff, and the Judophie journals have already expressed themselves in that sense. The late Minister, however, can be rightly the fashion to climb this mountain without a guide. The four young people hoped to find a their way by following in the steps of those who had gone before. After several hours' difficult walking they reached the neighborhood of the fissure, and found that it would be utterly impossible to advance without the help of a guide. peasant revolution. The Russian peasantry are believed to have been in a state of great exasperation. They needed some vent for their wrath, and the Jews, who had been instrumental in their oppression, suffered from Had the Government decidedly sided with the Jews, then, according to this view, there would have been a bloody conflict between the peasantry and the Czar's 'tovern-ment, and the Nibilists would have taken full advantage of the situation. By this

> averted that danger.
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> Count Tolstoy wishes, and is believed to be able, to prevent any further anti-Jewish riots. This task is a great deal easier now than be-fore. In the first place, the exodus of the Russian Jews is fully begun; tens of thoussands of them are gone, and hundreds of thousands are ready to go. Then the Government has issued a number of orders which, if duly enforced, will save the Jaws from a dangerous conflict with the peasantry But, above all, the riots have taught the Jews a salutary lesson, namely, that in their dealings with the peasants, it is better for themselves to pursue the policy of moderation. The smart Jews knew well that they could on legal grounds exact the last kopeck from the peasants, and even turn them into serfs. Now they have learned another thing—that there is a limit to the patience aud endurance even of a Russian peasant and that it is dangerous to overstep that

towards the rioters, Gen. Ignatieff

limit. There are two opposite plans advanced here for the purpose of finally settling the Jewish troubles in Russia. The Judophiles demand that all the laws restricting the rights of the Jewish population be abolished. Then they say, the 3,000,000 Bussian Jews will be diffused among 100,000,000 Russians, and, being dispersed over the vast area of the Russian empire, they will lose all their ob noxious traits; for it is impossible to admit that three Jews will not be influenced and, so to speak, absorbed by 100 Russiaus. Then the Russian peasants could be accefully banish any Jew who might be course to them, just as they do not a low members, and so there would be no necessity for mobile

The Judophobes, on the contrary, insist upon even further restriction of the rights of the Jews. Particularly, they demand that all the Jews who do not work personally on farms shall be strictly forbidden to live among illagers. The village whickey shops kept by the Jews are the greatest evil, for it is in these shops that the Jews manage to buy both sou and bady from the peasants. It is there that the peasant sells his property, his crops, and his labor. It is there that money is lent on illegal interest and that stolen goods are re ceived. It is much to be preferred that Russia rather than leave that work in the hand of the mob.

Which of these two views will be endorsed and to what extent by the commission for a general review of the laws concerning Jews, remains to be seen.

The news received here by the Jews from their compatriots who have emigrated to the United States is not particularly encouraging There are no ready forms, the emigrants say and no money is given. The American work ingmen are skilful, their trades are shrewd and no light and profitable businesses are to be got. There are Jews here who have already returned from the United States. the question why they came back, they reply "We are accustomed to light work, and America is a country of very hard work."

WOMEN WHO ADMIRE CRIM

" Before I became a jailer," said a retired official to a San Francisco reporter, "I often read with some doubt the statement that seemingly respectable women were accustom. ed to coddle condemned murderers and cover them with caresses and bouquets." "You became convinced of the shameful

truth, I suppose," said the reporter. " I should say so -more than convinced. was disgusted, sir. Why, if any man had sworn to me on a stack of Bibles as high as Telegraph Hill that decent looking married women were accustomed to fawn on convicted cut-throats as I have seen them, I wouldn't

When I went into the jail," said the exofficer, as soon as he had sufficiently mastered his disgust to speak without endanger-

after service used sometimes to talk to the prisoners in murderers' row through the soon. Through her influence Gottung was allowed the liberty of the ward two hours a his regular stall. Recently a drunken man day, and was told just how far he should wandered into the stable and fell asleep in an walk. I began to suspect that she was takwalk. I began to suspect that she was taking a lively interest in him. One day when they took Gottung down to be tried I met man was sleeping. The dog at once ran to the watchman's office and set up a furious day, and with that she turned away and cried. I felt sorry for her folks as well, on Mr. Scott amd call it square, general principles, for I'm a family man my- man, of course, did not think of this. you, for any father to see a girl like that weeping over a red handed assassin, who had de-

receiving the attention of women?" asked the

ed or thoroughly corrupt and vicious females. I used to watch them closely, and I came to the conclusion that it was not picty that

was a constant visitor, and took a great fancy ABOUT PREACHERS, CHURCHES AND to Wheeler, the strangler. She was speedily cut out, however, by a good looking married woman, whose husband lives on Powell street. A big policeman, who is not unknown to Kearney street, brought this married woman up one day to see the jail, and after that are locked as soon as he begins preaching, she spent the most of her time on the out- and the only way a heathen can get in and the spent the most of her time on the outside of the strangeler's wicket. She brought him bouquets and books, and, between her and the other woman that wanted to win a

smile from him, the villain's cell became like a conservatory.
"You may think I'm exaggerating, but, sir, it's a fact that this cold blooded, unnatural ruffian, who has outraged every principle of decency, has received so many boquets in a day that he could make a present of one to every cell in Murderers' Row. The more the papers described the revolting details of his Catholic priest, Mr. Moran, whose unblem horrible crime, the greater interest these sehed, etrong sense, tact, and urbanity, have morbid-minded women took in him. The other ruflians, who had died their hands only in some drunken wife's blood or killed some person in a brawl, were entirely overlooked in the anxiety to minister to the comfort of the strangler. The charm of illicit love seemed to have imbued his brutal crime with a romantic interest that none of these prurientminded women could resist. There were if his knowledge was at all in proportion to three sisters—at least they said they were his zeal. sisters - who did everything in their power to make things pleasant for Wheeler. One of them used to keep a lodging house near Portsmouth square, and the other two live in Oakland and are married. I have been told, on good authority, that these three women subscribed \$10,900 to help Wheeler make his defence, and you can say with truth that but for them he would be to-day-well, I would not like to say where he would be. The Score. Scriptures say, you know, 'Judge not,' etc. A Phila The gallows, however, would have found one the circus. of the finest subjects that was ever offered to

THE STRAIGHT FLUSH.

Confidence of the Christian Behind Four Aces Scientifically Considered. If there is any game that Mr. Weed can play better than he can play poker, he would do well to confine himself to such game and to abstain from poker forever. Nothing can be clearer than that be was never meant for a poker player. The purpose of his creation is undoubtedly a mystery, and is universally recognized as such by all his acquaintances;

but though he may not be able to imagine what he was made for, he must by this time know that he was not made to play poker. These are two aspects in which Mr. Weed's now celebrated game of poker with Dr. Hedges and Mr. Scott may be regarded. The first of these is what may be called the scientific view. Mr. Weed had a hand of four nees, Mr. Scott held a "straight flush," and Dr. Hedges had a "full" which he had dealt himself. Mr. Weed, full of faith in the efficaey of his aces, proceeded to bet as long as Mr. Scott would "raise" him, and thus the game went on until a call was made and Mr. Scott secured the nice pot of \$450,000 - of which \$150,000 represented the loss of Mr.

It is not many years since the " straight flush" was introduced into the game of poker and given power to beat the four aces. The amory or the development of the "straight flush" since the date of its introduction affords a curious instance of he way in which nature supplies every degrand that is more upon her. In 1856 a "straight flush" occured once in every 167,000 hands, "four aces" occurring at the same date once in every 9,027 hands, With the demend for "straight flushes" the frequency of their appearance increased, until at the time of the famous transit of Venus, when scientific parties were not sent out by our government to the end of the earth, the "straight flush," according to association last August, it was asserted that the "straight flush" had so greatly increased in frequency that it was commonly met once in every 1,147 hands, thus being very nearly as common as four aces.

These facts Mr. Weed ought to have known for to sit down to a game without knowing them would have been an incredible act of felly. Now, when he began to bet heavily on his four aces, and found that, no matter how much he might bet, Mr. Scott was always ready to raise him, he ought to have comrehended that the latter gentleman held a straight flush." The argument was a simple one. Evidently Mr. Scott had full confi bluff when \$10,000 or \$20,000 is at stake. and his adversary is ready to bet to any The only hand which could give amount. him his full confidence was straight flush. for Mr. Weed had four aces, and as the game did not take place on the Mississippi River. there was no reason to believe that Mr. Scott was relying upon a hand of five more In these circumstances, even a faring player, though he might be a proectionist, would have known the character of Mr. Scott's hand just as well as if his Weed, with a fatuity rerely equaled in the regularly every year. He said, "I think it's annals of Democratic conventions, went on betting on his miserably inadequate aces until he lost \$150,000.

In its practical aspect the game gives no possible excuse to Mr. Weed. The deal, which was made by Dr. Hedges reflected great credit ing his soul, "there were twenty-three red-handed murderers in the institution, and deavoring to earn an honest living by poker there was hardly a man of them that ought | would have dealt much more suspicious hards. not to have dangled from the gailows. That Dr. Hedges dealt Mr. Scott a straight flush, was more than a year ago, and not one of the with king high. This was an act of great gang has yet stretched hemp.

"I saw this woman, Mary Willis, the first place would have given Mr. Scott a straight time that she came to the jail, and I noticed her particularly because I knew her parents. She came around with the praying band, and last dollar on his hand. But Dr. Hedges knew better. With the instinct of a thorough wiekets. She appeared to me to be a girl that artist he would not overdo the matter in was very anxious to get a beau, and this fellow Gottung and she got acquainted very knew would be good enough without the gaudy ornamentation of an ace, and he gave buildings might be regulated accordingly. An Mr. Weed a poorer, but yet an eminently seductive, hand.
What Mr. Weed ought to have done, on

discovering that he had lost the pot, was to claim that he was not playing straightsthe girl on the street and stopped to talk with that straights should not be counted except by special agreement, but that, with a view to harmony, he would accept \$10,000 from The wrotched self; and it wasn't a pleasant sight, I assure was as ignorant of the way of Hedges and Scott as he was of the cardinal principles of poker. He actually paid \$85,000 to his antagonists before suspicious about the game, and that Dr. Hedges was too bold and coved his miserable wife into a beer saloon to What other murderer was in the habit of original a dealer for any discreet man to play

Mr. Weed ought to study mumble te peg. "Oh, several of them. It seemed to me It is a beautiful game, and just suited to his to be only necessary for a man to have com- abilities. It is is also an economical game, mitted a particularly heinous crime to and, even if he were to play it with Mr. Scott become the hero and idol of a lot of addlepatand Dr. Hedges, he could not lose anything except one or two front teeth.

_A New York doctor save there is an un--" Dear me!" said Mrs. Partington, the other day, "young girls nowadays are not attracted some of these women. One wowhat their mothers used to be. Half of them are sufferers from nervous presperation!"

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RELIGION.

Prof. Swing is going to Europe to recuperate.
The doors of Dr. Hall's church, New York save his soul is to smash a window.

When an English visitor to Rome asked Garibaldi what religion he professed, the General replied: "The religion of Humani ty-the religion Christ taught by precept and example."

Eighty six out of 102 converts made durng a religious excitement in Leavenworth last March are listed as having gone back to

the bad. Princeton, N. J., is fortunate in a Roman secured him the highest esteem of men of all creeds, even in that hotbet of extreme Presbyterianism.

It seems an agent of the Bible Society i Brazil gives a guaranty that its Bibles and Testaments contain all the books that were recognized as canonical by Christ and His anostles. He would be a valuable witness

A missionary in Jamaica was once qu tioning some little black children on the fifth chapter of St. Matthew's gospel, and he asked "Who are the meek?" A little fellow an swered. "Those who give soft answers to ough questions."

A clergyman at St. Joe, Mo., tells his poople that he would as soon see them playing poker as base ball. He says that Satan keeps

A Philadelphia clergyman finds no good in the circus. Yet the lemonade is on the regua. Sunday school picnic style, and the show isn t up to the programme. It must be the introduction of animals that he objects to.— Now York Advertiser.

Henry Ward Beecher, who not so long ago declared that bread and water was good enough for working men, has changed his tune and now asserts from the pulpit that the freight strikers should be granted their demand. Beecher is all things to all men.
The Rev. Philip Herbert preached betero

dox sermons in the Lutherian church at Columbus, Ohio, and the trustees obtained a temporary injunction forbidding him to officiate as pastor until the question involved -snat of the right of a church to receive from its minister the kind of deetrines, which its reed authorizes—shall be settled in court. Miss Jesse Green, of New Orleans, La. daughter of Protestant Episcopal parents, embraced the Jewish faith, and was married

to Mr. Isaac Feitel, a Hebrew, in that city on

the 14th inst. Shortly before her public declaration of her change of faith they were married by a civil magistrate; after it they were united by the Jewish rabbi. Talmage says that nine out of ten business neu do not scruple to lie for a sixpence. The lying sixpence is better than the slow shilling. According to the reports presented to the Old Catholic Synod of Switzerland the Church is supported by the State in nine cantons, and has an official existence in 42

there were 1,428 confirmations and 805 baptilms. The clergy of Iowa have taken the field on the temperance question, and are making a combined effort of the most determined haracter to get a popular majority in favor of a prohibition amendment to the State

parishes. It has 57 ecclesiastics. Last year

Constitution The Kev. Edwin Lawe was accured of burnng his parsonage at Deerfield, Mich. His Methodist congregation believed him inno-cent, and contributed the money to pay the expenses of his trial, which resulted in ac-quital. Although Mr. Dawe has come through the excellent authority of Prof. Harkness, of the Naval Observatory, could be expected to that he has had enough of a country in which appear in every 32,000 hands—in round numbers. In the very able paper on poker, read at the meeting of the American Scientific England.

A curious petition has just been presented to the General Assembly of the Established Church in Scotland. It seems that the Rev. John Campbell, Minister at Iona, uses his church for strange and unusual purposes. At one time pigs were kept in it, at another cat-tle were housed in the sacred precincts; while every winter, for some time past, it has been converted into a stack yard. On one occasion the church was so full of corn and straw that service had to be held outside. During the past six months the church has been closed altogether.

The following clause was found in the will of a Yorkshire rector: "Seeing that my daughter Anne has not availed herself of advice touching the objectionable practice of going about with her arms bare up to the bows: my will is that, should she continue after my death in this violation of the modesty of her sex, all the goods, chattels, money, lands, and all other things that I have devised to her for the maintenance of her future life shall pass to the eldest son of my sister Caraces. The chances that Mr. Scott held a straight flush were greatly strengthened by the fact that he had drawn only one the dress of a woman is a mark of a depraved

mind." The Bishop of Peterborough, England, met at dinner the other day a rich, benevolent, but somewhat brainless millionaire, who regularly every year. He said, "I think it's right, you know; a sort of duty in my posi tion. I can't say what becomes of it, but it's given away in charity, that's all I know, and that's all I care about £2,000 every year !" What," said the bishep, "do you mean to say that you pay away £2,000 to the poor every year a religious duty?" "I assure you, my and, that is so," replied the wealthy man, with careless complacency. "Well," said the witty bishop, "that's the largest insurance against fire I ever heard

It is an important point to see that our churches and other public buildings are procorly ventilated. In England 63 degrees Fahrenheit is found to be the most favorable temperature in the public offices. It might well be that in our country, with its different and variable climate, some other degree would be better suited. What that degree is could be ascertained by experiment, and our publiill ventilated church may have as much to do with the falling off of the congregation as an ill digested sermon.

The doctrine of sinless perfection was discussed in the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, lately held at Huntzville, Ala. Some congregations of this denomination have gone as far as the Free Methodists in professions of perfect living. A revision committee advised that liberty conscience be allowed on that subject, but by a large vote the following was adopted: "Th doctrine of sinless perfection is not authorized by the Scriptures, and is a dogma of dangerous tendency."

Every year the Queen deputes a high com missioner, always a Scotch nobleman, to pre-side at the general assembly of the church of Scotland. This year the commissioner was the young Earl of Aberdeen, grandson of the Prime Minister Earl, and brother of the young earl who was drowned, while under the name of Osborne, acting as mate of an American merchantman. The high commis

Every reader of the Presbyterian has heard the proverb about "all work and no play." That kind of treatment makes dull ministers and dull sermons as well as dull hovs. Congregations that give their ministers no holiday are in their own light. A minister or any other brain worker can do more and better work in eleven months than twelve if he recreates on the twelfth. Besides minis-ters are forced to work seven days per week, while most other men work only six. No constitution can long stand seven days' work. each week. Mind or body, or both, will break down. It is easy to say that the mini-ster may take his Sabbath rest on a week day. Does he? Can he? Each day brings its duties. Rest is an impossibility while a man is looking at undone work. Change is needed as well as rest. Change of scene takes a minister out of a rut, freshens him up, brightens him, and gives him a new start. A fresh start is a good thing. A cheque for a nice sum, when the minister is leaving for his vacation, is also a good thing. It helps a minister mightily to enjoy his holidays if he knows his expenses are not coming out of his ordinary income.—Canada Presbyterian.

The vacancy in the Congregational church

pulpit, Georgetown, has been filled by the Rev. G. B. Robinson, M. A., who entered upon his pastoral duties two weeks ago. The Rev. Wm. Bryers is the new Metho-The Rev. Wm. Bryers is the new Methodist minister at Acton. If there is anything in a name his association among the flock ought to have an enlivening effect.—Halton

News. AN INTERESTING INCIDENT Louisville, Ky., June 24.—A special to the Courier Journal from Frankfort says: At Brother Barnes' meeting last night there was an episode in which a colored brother and the highest judicial officer of the State gave a public exhibition of fraternal relations existpublic exhibition of Internal relations exist-ing between the white and colored races, in Kentucky. While the evangelist stood with outstretched hands asking: "Who will trust the Lord?" Judge Thomas F. Hergis, of the court of appeals, was moved to confession, and took his seat in the front row of chairs. Shortly after there passed down the sisle a penitent blacker than the midnight eyes of the sable goddess. Then came others who Brother Baines observed were careful to choose seats as far away as possible from the dusky brother. Stopping right in the midst

of the singing Brother Barnes said:
"My dear friends, you see that this colored brother has come forward to confess Christ, and you are staying away simply because you don't want to sit beside him. Here he sits alone on this front row, and all that have come forward have been careful not to seat themselves near bim. Any man coming forward despite the prejudice against color and taking a seat beside this colored brother, will be a brave, noble man. I know in the eyes of society there is a difference between you and him; but, dear friends, before God this difference does not exist. 'He was born this way; he can't help his color, still he has a soul to save. If you stay away now it will prove the success of the devil's device. The davil knows Frankfort people and has taken this advantage of their projudices. Oh, my friends, the same devil is a sharp, old fellow, but I'm going to get shead of him. He does not think any one will have courage to sit next to this colored man. Friends, will you let the devil triumph? A brave man remember is he who takes a seat alongside my colored friend who comes forward to con-fess Christ and save his soul from the peril of ternal damnation."

At this Judge Hargis arose, and taking the sable penitent by the hand sat down in a chair next to him. Brother Barnes in the meantime looking on approvingly and with a quiet smile of happy satisfaction, exclaiming,
"The recording augel will note this in the
Bock of Life; praise the Lord." Yesterday
afternoon and lest night the confessions numbered forty-five for the soul, forty-two for the body, making a total of 918 for the soul and 286 for the body. The meetings of to-morrow will be the last hold in this city, for on Monday Brother Barnes says he must go to Day-ton, O., whither the Lord has called him.

TAKING POISON TOGETHER.

The Unintelligible Act of Three Young Girls of an Illinois Town. A brief telegram from Danville, Ill., the other day, announced the suicide of two young girls and the narrow escape from death from poisoning of one of their companions. They had all taken arsenic and suf-fered terrible agony. Mrs. Brown keeps a boarding house at the corner of Jackson and Van Euren streets, Danville. She employed several girls in the house as domestics, and three of them employed in that capacity were Ella Mills, daughter of a Danville wagon maker : Mary Ogle who has a sister. Mary Jones, the daughter of respectable parents. These girls bore the reputation of being lively, cheerful and well behaved, and attended to their duties in a manner which gave rise to no suspicion that they would take their own lives. It seems, however, that they were discouraged. Perhaps their work was too hard, and they talked the matter over

mitting suicide in the following letter to he sister : "DEAR LITTLE SISTER: I have resolved to put myself out of the world. I have to work out all the time, and if I didn't I would have to go home. Then people would talk because my father lives with a fancy woman so people say."

Mattie Ogle was an orphan, but] why Mary

and concluded that it would be better for them to die. Ella Mills aat down on Wed-

nesday and announced her intention of com

Jones should consent to the scheme cannot be accounted for. Ella Mills was seventeen years of age, Mary Jones twelve, and Mattie Ozle fourteen. They borrowed twenty-five cents of Mrs. Brown on Wednesday night, bought some arsenic, divided it into three doses, and swal-lowed it. About nine o'clock Mary Jones was taken with violent nurging and vomising but no one outside of the trio suspected its cause. The sick girl was supplied with stimulants. During the night Mrs. Brown found Ella Milis lying upon the porch in great pain and vomiting at short intervals a mucous slimy substance mixed with blood. She was carried into the house and placed upon a bed and all possible relief afforded her. A little later Mattie Ogle was found out doors enduring the same pains and vomiting in the same manners. Drs. Clark and Balsey were called but two of the girls were beyond all relief. Emma Mills was already dying. Her pulse was already still, her eyes were dilated and the air from her lungs was cold. She was dead at 4 o'clock. Mattie Ogle died about twenty minutes after. Just before she died Ella Mills was entreated to tell what she had taken, and she with great difficulty managed to say that she had taken nothing only some Mattie Ogle never rallied from the state of collapse in which she was found by doctors Clark and Balsoy, but died without uttering a single word. Mary Jones was very reticent about the whole matter and aimou refused to speak at all. She said that between seven and eight o'clock they all took a tablespoonful of a white powder which Ells mills had procured somewhere in Tincher town. It has developed sines that it was procured as the drug store of Oakwood & Bennett. They diluted the powder with water and it had the taste of a copper piece held in the mouth, Dr. Clark thinks that Miss Jones will recover. He attributes her escape to the fact that the poison took effect on her sooner than muon the others and before it had been so shoroughly disseminated throughout her evstem.

-As Mr. Browning's house at Warwick Crescent, in London, is soon to be pulled down by a railway company for a new line, and as he has written in it almost all of his works, the Browning society has ordered photographs to be taken of the house and the view over the canal basin from it, the poet's study and drawing room. The house at Cam-berwell where Mr. Browning was born, and where he wrote Paracelsus, is also to be photographed for the Browning society.