-The average height of the British Guards sent to Egypt is stated to be 5 feet 10½ inches, as against 5 feet 10 inches in 1854.

-Mountstuart, the new palace of the Marquis of Bute, which will cost at least \$1,250,-000, is to be ready for habitation next sum

-Two Indiana men built a skiff in a cellar where the air was comfortably cool, and then worked three days in the broiling sun digging -The precocity of Massachusetts children

has taken on a poinful form. For we read of a little girl of four years who is prostrated by a shock of paralysis.

-- The village of Lachen, in Switzerland, has been almost destroyed by a waterspout, which washed down stones from the mountains of several tons each. -A man of 20 and a girl of 17 endeavored

to commit suicide by tying themselves to-gether with a handkerchief and jumping into the Frays, in England. - A boy of six and a girl of two at Ballard

ville, Neb., are mated for marriage by their parents, who have signed an agreement that he wedding shall occur in 1897. -A man has been arrested in New York for counterfeiting theater tickets.

liany has put him in "a box," but he sight for the family circle. - Steubenville Herald. -A girl slept seventy three days at Boanjon, France, and then awoke very slowly, the use of the faculties as well as the limbs re turning only by gradual steps. Speech was

... The scribe who so persistently writes of "funeral obsequies" and "old vetorans" has now discovered an "insensate idiot." He

must have stood before a mirror draped with synonymous adjectives. -Baron William Rothschilds of Frankfor returned his last year's income at \$1 192,000, while his brother, Baron Meyer Carl, con-

income tax exceeded \$70,000. -Emma Voller of Red Bluff, Dal., was so

mortified by her sweethearts appearance as an eathete at an entertainment that her mind became disordered, and she died after suffering intense mental agony. -Prince Henry of Prussia will start on a

voyage around the world next October. He will probably be away a year and a half, and spend most of the time cruising in the West Indies and round the South American coast. -The population of France, according to the new census, numbers 37,672,000, against 36 905 000 in 1875. The 47 towns of upward

of 30,000 inhabitants show an incress of 562,000 and contain nearly one-sixth of the -Prince Coffee Jutch, the son of King Coffee Calcalli of the Ashantees, is being educated under the tutelage of England, but the climate of that country being though too severe for him he has been sent to Timi-dad.

- In Austria, some Ruthenians convicted of high treason in plotting for the dismember-ment of the empire, were sentenced to im-prisonment for terms varying from three to

ht months, with one day's fast overy fort-

Bartley Campbell, the well known play wright, while walking with his wife on one of the streets of Chiton, S. I., last Sunday evening, was knecked down and badly beaten by two drunken roughs. They were arrested and fined \$10 each.

-King Louis has given to Wagner two well trained swans, which have drawn the small boat containing his highness, habited as Lohengria, on the bine and moonlit waters of the lake in the neighborhood of the royal castle of Hohenswargard.

-King Alfonso has made mignificent presents to the commissioners who conveyed to him the Garter from England. The Prince of Wales received tapestries worth more than \$30,000. To the others are sent specimens of Toledo arms oncrusted with gold.

-At a bull fight in Nimes, France, the visitors, need in that the beasts displayed a ness of the exhibition by hurning men chairs down from the galleries. Finally they set fire to the properties, and committed damages to the amount of \$1,000.

-Some boys at Tucson, Texas, undertook to make a statue, and their plans for getting a mould was to cover their playmate's face thickly with mud. They tried it, giving the subject no breathing holes, and he was suffocated so nearly to death that the dostors had great difficulty in saving him.

A four year old boy traveled his coat said : "This is the only son of a widow, whose circumstances compel her to part with him. His name is Nathan, and is on his way to his grandfather. Jacob Shemp, Chester, Delaware county, Pa.

-Women clerks at Washington have formed a secret society, the object of which is partly the collection of information concerning politicians who use their influence to get improper persons into the departments. The movers in this society say that they intend to publish these politicians to the

-A bronze statuette recently found at Beyrout is a female figure, entirely naked, and crowned with a croscent. One hand rests upon an oar, with an inscription, "To the Sidoniaus," in Phonician characters. The figure is supposed to represent the god-Ress Astarte, and to be of the time of the

-Some man who has no sense -of smellsays that "a lump of Limburger cheese tied up in a rag and placed under the pillow will prevent mosquitoes from disturbing your We should say so. We should have a very poor opinion of a mosquito that machine was concealed.

-Lyman B. Goodhue, a St. Louis druggist, is white, and his wife is black. suing for a divorce, not on account of the difference in color, but because she treats him eruelly. He bore with her lovingly, he says, as long as the struck him only with her oper hand, but when she threatened his life he moved for a separation.

-George Bennett bought a dying heree for \$5, and drove into Maysville, Va., at a slashing pace. After telling several persons that he paid \$200 for the boast, which did not show its condition to casual observer, he manhe sued the company for \$200. The scheme failed and its projector is now in jail.

-According to a native Japanese paper the picturesque old junks which have so often figured in stories and pictures of maritime life in the far East are rapidly disappearing, at least as far as Japan is concerned. Shipbuilding in Japanese style is so far giving place to foreign construction that by and by there will be no such thing as a junk except in paintings.

-On an express train running between Victoria and Brighton, England, are four Pullman cars lighted with incandescent lamps supplied with electricity from Fauro accumu-The cara have electic bells also, by which the conductor or page boy may be summoned. The "covered gangway," by which the conductor may pass from car to mentioned as another feature of the train.

-A band of brigands, only fifteen in num are unhindered in the neighborhood of Adrianople. They appeared at the village of Izarlikieni in broad daylight, and after inspecting the villagers, selected the Primate as being the fittest object for their attentions, as he was the wealthiest men in the place. They tortured him until they had extorted \$1,000 and he was subsequently turned with petro

-Pollok Castle, lately burned, was one of

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courtyard were very quaint; everywhere were of the Crawford Pollok families.

-Another famous English collection is coming into the market, for among the numerous private bills that have been quietly smuggled through Parliament is one giving power to the trustees of Sir Henry Hear's settled estates to sell the heirlooms at Stour-head, most of which were collected by the well known Sir Richard Colt Hoare, who died in 1838. Some years ago the collection was valued at \$250,000.

-A girl at Long Branch has hair so stiff nd coarse that it does not mat when drenched. Its utility is apparent when she bathes, for others come up from a plunge with their tresses in an insignificant pigtail, while her head is as attractive as when dry. A correspondent calculates that her peculiar hair will oring her half a million dollars, because it seems to have charmed an heir to that amount, and he is likely to marry her.

-At the last Prince's garden party in London the caprice of fashion was the parasol. Some specimens were of great value. There was a plague of jewels on the top of one white one which dazzled the eyes of the beholder. The Queen, whose sight had been caught by the topazes and amethysts, encircled by rows fessed to \$1,140.000. The amount of their of seed pearls, with which it was adorned, turned away with manifest disapprobation, and, like the angel in Moore's poem, "never looked again."

-An exclesiastical inquiry has been made in England into misconduct on the part of the rector of Chastleton. The Bishop said that the defendant's course has been such as to lead almost every one to think that there was some ground for the charges of immorality, but the Court, after considerable hesitation, said at the conclusion that they did not think the proof conclusive. At the same time the rector's conscience would tell him that he had acted foolishly.

-A dwarf 17 years old and hardly twentyfive inches in height was sold in France to Jean Lemeau by his father, to be exhibited in booth. His purchaser conceived the idea of establishing a ministure menagerie, with the dwarf as a tamer. He caused a number of cate to be painted so as to look like tigers, and giving the dwarf a whip, compelled him by cicks and threats to good the cats into a urious attack. The poor little fellow was literally torn to pieces by the infuriated

-The second of the four sitting statues that are to commemorate the landing at Plymouth 1620 is completed. The one already in place represents Morality, and this second one, which is the gift of Roland Mather, of Hartford, is symbolical of Education, being a woman's figure of large size seated on a pedestal. The statute is cut from a single block of granite, at a cost, including a marble panel with various designs, of \$20,000. The other two statues will represent Liberty and Law.

-The Paris police have made a raid on the milkmen. The cans are all unloaded in a large warehouse on arrival in the city, and twenty-five policemen were posted outside, loopholes having been made in the wall to cuable them to peep. Just when the milk-men had brought in the water and were beginning to make their customary mixture, the police rushed in and caught them. They were found to have a large quantity of bicarbonate of lime, together with a contrivance for removing the sealed covers.

- A years, man with one end met a peorly clad and woe begone girl on a what in Baltimore. He kindly asked her what was the matter. She hesitated, and then, being urged to speak out, said that a clairvoyant had told her to go to that spot at that time, to meet a one oyed stranger, who would ask her hands until the death of that person, and a ged to speak out, said that a clairvoyant had to marry him, which she would consent to do and long happiness would ensue for both.
Of course he could not doubt her story, for he was there with his single eye? He made the proposal of marriage, and next day the Positivist society is authorized to receive and wedding was held.

-Judge Edward A. Thomas discusses, in the North American Review, the value of cashs in courts. In his judgement the oath should be entirely dispensed with, as doing more harm than good. He declares that the conscientious man will tell the truth, when legally called upon to do so, as thoroughly vishout the oath as with it, and that dis honest persons are seldom restrained by the utmost solmenity of form. In short, he berestraint, and is merely the formula of an exploded superstition.

-That the youthful wives of the Hindoos their mothers-in law is a peculiar fact. Appailing consequences have been brought to light in a case of suicide in Bombay. The wife, a child in age, who committed self destruction, was driven to it by the persecu-The coroner said that by far the largest numher of female Hindoo suicides are those of women between the ages of twelve and twenty; and that the cause is, in nearly every case, the despotism of a mother-in-law.

-A great change has been decided upor in the Russian army. With the exception of the Curassiers, Life Guards, and Coseacks, would enter a room where such an infernal the whole force of the regular cavalry is to be transformed into dragoons, carrying small bayonet rifles for the performance of infantry service. The existing regiments of Hussars, Lancers, Mounted Grenadiers, and others will retain their present titles, but as regiments of dragoons. The reasons for this change are chiefly economical, and seem to be directed which is entailed in a national army like that of Russia by too great a variety of uniform

and equipment. -Among the most recent additions to the London Z pological society's collection of living animals is a young male African elephant, which now occupies the stall in the elephant house lately vacated by Jumbo. Jingo, as he has been named, is at present young in years and small in stature, being only 4 feet 2 inches in height, and weighing about 700 pounds He is, however, without blemish or defect of any kind, and perfectly tame and gentle. course of time it is hoped that he may attain the full dimensions of his predecessor. Jingo was captured by Arabs in Upper Nubia about eighteen months ago, and is believed to be about three or four years of age.

-Much annoyance has been caused in France to the authorized bearers of the insignia of the Legion of Honor by the wearers of foreign orders who imitate the French decor-The matter has been brought under the consideration of the council of the Legion who, with the sanction of President Grevv. have issued a new code of regulations, with a warning that any infraction may deprive the offender of permission for wearing foreign decorations, besides involving certain penalties under the code. A list is published of seventeen decorations which must not hence forth be displayed without the appropriate cross suspended to the ribbon, which must be of a prescribed diameter.

—Just before the death of Councillor Scharf, 101 years ago, he became a bankrupt, and the Royal Great Britannic Electorial Brunswickian-Luneburghish Chancery of Justice, in Hanover, publish an official an-

Second District Court at Goettingden, which to be seen carved stone representations of the elephant and the greyhound, the supporters that the heirs of Councillor Schaif's creditors that the heirs of Councillor Schaif's creditors will do well to prefer their claims to his estate, inarmuch as the assets thereof amount to \$4,000. This sum the court holds at the disposition of the estate creditors. As a legal transaction this liquidation in bankruptcy

commenced in 1781 and terminated in 1882. -A physician calls attention to the fact that if tobacco smoke is instantly ejected from the mouth and throat before descending into the chest and be made to pass through a cambric handkerchief drawn tightly across the open lips, a permanent deep yellow stain corresponding in size and shape to the opening between the lips, and having numerous dats of a darker hue pervading it, will be left on the handkerchief; but that the pro-longed put from the chest after inhalation from a cigarette fails, under similar circumstances, to produce any but a scarcely perceptible and speedily evanescent mark. What in the laster case becomes of the substance which stains? This physician thinks it remains in the lungs, and he therefore con-demns the common manner of smoking

cigarettes as dangerous. -The Vicomte de la Panouse, hueband of Mme Heilbron, the actress, has adroitly managed to get the better of his Bourse creditors. When the late crash tock place, the couple were supposed to be utterly ruined. The Viscount had lost \$500,000 and owed 200,000 to two stockholders. He at once gave out his departure for the Cape, while the Viscountess was to return to the stage during his absence. But she had no sooner sold their hotel to pay off some of their debts than a rat was smeit, and the Viscount, who had made over everything to his wife, was found to be living like a fighting cock in a quiet little village in Auvergne. The stock brokers forthwith sued him. His counsel, however, took advantage of the code, which admits certain Bourse speculations to be illegal, and the court has non suited the plaintiffs on that ground.

-The father of a thousand children has just died in Vienna. Ferdinand Reidt was a man of considerable wealth and was happily married, but the great regret of himself and wife was that they had no children, and they concluded to act as parents of the fatherless and motherless. For nearly a quarter of a century he was known as the father of the orphans. He commenced by taking charge of a couple of orphans, but his zeal and re-pute increased to such an extent that at the ime of his death he was the legal guardian of more than a thousand fatherless children. Those whom he adopted in this manner were not fitfully picked up and then let drop, but he kept conscientious watch and ward over them, from their carly education until marriage, or their start in adult life at the close of their apprenticeship. He never sought fame or publicity, and took no credit to himself for his devotion to those who had no natural claim upon him.

-The Postivists have been quarreling a title among themselves in Paris. When Auguste Conte died he bequeathed all his works manuscripts and the objects which had been his especial personal property to his little band of disciples. The disposition in his will did not please his widow, who disputed it in 1870, and lost her suit. But Pierre Lassite, the chief of the Positivist school, was gallant enough to give up to Mme. Comte a portrait of her husband, which was the only one in existence, on the understanding that it should come back to the Post-ivist Society on her death. The lady forgot this agreement, for before her death in 1877 she gave the portrait to Wyronboff. Then Lastitte forbade the administration of few days ago the two Positivists, Lafayette and Wyronboff, had a legal wrangle for the possession of the covoted object. The court has sustained the judgment of 1870, and the keep the portrait of the founder of its school of thought. During the trial a constantly growing adherence to the principles in France was clearly shown.

-The Prefect of the Seine has drawn up a scheme by which associations of workmen will be admitted to compete for public works in Paris. The workmen's delegates have maintained that, if the Administration would consent to make regular payments on account, they would undertake to leave as a guarantee until completion a deposit of from 20 to 30 per cent. The Administration has agreed to this arrangement, but exacts other guarantees and conditions on the part of the are much under the personal jurisdiction of their mothers-in law is a peculiar fact. Apin aid of those of the associated workmen execution of the work, and for the widows and children of the deceased partners; se-condly, the establishment of an arbitration board of three members charged to regulate all disputes between the men, without preju-dice to the authority conferred by the regulations upon the official architects and engineers; thirdly, the nomination of one or more syndics, furnished with full legal powers o act on behalf of the association and with certificates of capacity and good conduct : these syndics will draw up the tenders, and, in case of their being accepted, will superintend their execution as clerks of the works, under the supervision of the architects and engineers. -A depution of Maori chiefs from New

Zealand are in London trying to lay before the Queen a narrative of the wrongs under which they are perishing. The Government will not receive or recognize them, will not allow them to see the Queer, nor offer their petition. To their bewildered questioning, the reply of the Foreign Office is: "We have a Colonial office in New Zealand and cannot receive complaints or communications except through that office." But that office is the very thing they have to complain about, for it imprisons them in order to confiscate their lands. and outrages them in many ways. The chiefs attended a bulliant reception, and their leader, an old man, with his face all tattoo, was invited to make an address. After speaking awhile through interpreter, he began a low chant, much like the recitative of a priest before an altar. Some of the company laughed, but soon perceived that hilarity was inappropriate. Then there was a hush, and the pathos of the old man's tones made its impression. nterpreter said that it was an improvisation in which he said that he felt grateful for this sympathy, but still he could only think of his ooer country, and though he would carry pack with him memories of kindness received ne would have to carry them back in a broken heart.

-Arabi is kept "standing "-in type and

at Bey. -At every station on the Russian railroads is a griovance book, in which the traveller may inscribe his wrongs in any language he likes, and which is periodically read by the

authoriti s. —Italian papers announce the discovery at Dorgali, in the island of Sardinia, of a great he tried to tie himself down to telling a story stalactite cave. Fifteen galleries have already in dialogue, he became either poor, feeble In one of them there is a row of nillars like white marble, and the floor is melodramatic. It is said that as an actor smooth, resembling the finest basait. When lit up with torches the combinations and of course, that he threw his whole mind into

HOW AMERICANS EAT.

I saw a performance that filled me with as-

ing his dinner. And let me here remark, with

all possible courtery, that the American is

the most reprehensible eater I have ever seen.

An Englishman Criticizes the Way We Eat in the Far West.

In the first place the knives are purposely made blunt—the back and front of the blade being often the same sharpness to enable him to eat gravy with it. The result is that the fork (which ought to be used simply to hold the meat steady on the plate while being cut with the knife) has to be used with great force to wrenen off fragments of food. The object of the two instruments is thus materially abused, for he holds the meat down with the knife and tears it into bits with his fork! Now, reader, don't say no. For I have been carefully studying Americans and their food (all over the West at any rate,) and what I say is strictly correct. Time abuse of knife and fork, then, necessitates an extraordinary amount of elbow room, for in forcing apart a tough picco of beef the elbows have to stick out as square as possible, and the consequence is, as the proprietor of a hotel told me, only four Amer cans can eat in a space in which six English men will dine comfortably. The latter when feeding keep their elbows on their sides; the former square them out on the line of the shoulders and at right angles to their sides The American orders a dozen portions of as many catables, and the whole of his meal after the filthy fashion of the eating houses at which travelers are fed, is put before him at once. To eat the dozen or so different things he has ordered he has only one knife and fork and one teaspoon. Bending ove the table, he sticks his fork into a pickled gherkin, and while munching this casts on rapid, hawk like glance over the spread of viands, and then proceeds to eat. Meherculel what a sight it is! He daha his knife into the gravy of the steak and picks up with hi fork a piece of bacon, while the one is going up to his mouth the other is reaching for something else. He never apparently chewi his food, but dabs and pecks at the dishes one after another with the rapidity which merely as a juggling trick might be per formed in London to crowded houses ever day, and an impartiality that, considered a dining, is as savage as any meal of red Iudi ans or of Basutos. Dab-dab, peck-peck, grunt growl and snort! The spoon strikes in every now and then, and a quick, sucking up noise announces the disappearance of mouthful of huckleberries on the top of a bit of bacon, or a spoonful of custard pie on the heels of a radish. It is perfectly prodigious. It defies coherent description. But how on earth does he swallow it? Every now and then he shuts his eyes and strains his throat. This I suppose is when he swallows, for I have seen children getting rid of cake with the same sort of spasm. Yet the rapidity with which he skovels in his food is a wonder to me, seeing that he has not got any 'pouch' like the monkey or the pelican. Does he keep his miscellaneous food in a "crop" like the pigeon, or a preliminary stomach like the cow, and "chew the cud" afterwards at his leisure? I comess I am beaten by it. The mixture of his food, if it pleases him, does not annoy me, for if a man likes to eat monthfuls of huckleberries, bacon, apple pie, pickled mackerel. case, mutton, gherkins, oy ders, radiched expanded, a testard and posched eggs (this is a bons fide meal, copied from note book on the spot) in indiscriminate confusion, it has nothing to do with me.

THE VIRGINI = CCENT. The Virginia accent is made fine sport of

by most Northern pens writing of the habits and manners of that class which frequent reeorts like the White Sulphur and Old Point. It does seem absurd and unmelodic as written. But you cannot write it phonetically. We attempt it with suh for sir, and with an elision of the final letter, as in do for door. They and the like give really no idea of his Southern pronunciation. I have never met a person who, having an acquaintance with a Virginia lady or gentleman of cultivation has not been charmed with the quaint and sweet fashion of speech that prevails from the James to the Shenandoah. Listen to it on the piazzas and in the parlors of the hotel, where are gathered representatives of the best people in the State. their voices are low and well attuned, the a is always broad, and the r, following a vowel, is rarely sounded. It is provincial, but doubtless no candid observer had not rather have even this provincialism try his ears who may fall ill or may be wounded in the than the high pitched, incisive tones that one hears at any given resort in the North. But it sounds queerly enough as it salutes you when you enter the hotel doors, and amuses you whenever you may pass two or three Virginians talking together. It is as if you were among another people-rather as if von had fallen among a company of foreigners who have learned to speak English very perfectly, but cannot rid themselves of a strong remembrance of the mother tongue. Then there are the two shibboleths of the Southern man or woman-I recken and the oh that seldom fails to prefix an address. Oh, John!" calls the wife to the husband.
Oh, Annie!" calls out the young girl to her companion in the water. Some one has said that it is as impossible for a Southerner ever to unlearn this habit, as it is for a Frenchman to thoroughly master the English th, He who was born south of Mason and Dixon's line, though he spends his youth at northern schools and his mature life in northern cities, must betray his birth at one time or another by this one fashion of speech. But if he of Provence can never be thoroughly Parisian, what matters it? Prorence is a very good country indeed and there s that in Paris, outside of its accent, which s neither pure nor can be imitated in Pro-

> DICKENS' FAILURE AS A DRAMA-TIST.

The best dialogues of Charles Dickens are altogether non-essential to the story, and are enjoyed on their own account, not in the least cause they promote the action of the piece. Directly Dickens sat down to write comedy or arce, he failed, because he felt fetters of the drama. He had to make a story tell itself in dialogue, and to this his genius was really not The nearest things be produced to effects of this kind were melodramatic effects. uch as the final "explanations" in " The Battle of Life," and others of the Christmas tales. And we do not hesitate to say that all these melodramatic effects, even though in a sense highly wrought, are utterly untrue to nature, and extremely disagreeable in their artistic effect. Dickens, as we think, was quite at his best when he was freely inventing humorous variations and caricatures of the effects which were not in the least dramatic, but rather imaginative extensions the most interesting country houses in the west of Scotland. It was built in the pictur esque old Scotlish baronial style, about 200 That process is now being closed by the years ago. The walls and entrances of the substitute of the effect that his estate in the effect that his estate lit up with torches the combinations and would undergo liquidation in due course. That process is now being closed by the full.

unreal and affected attitude that this is no evidence at all of dramatic capacity as an author. When, for instance, he makes Florence Dombey, throughout a whole conversa-It was in the Ogden refreshment room, waiting for the train for San Francisco, that Uncle, the reader is positively outraged by the intolerable sentimentality of this melodramic have acted a girl's part, he would have insisted on this odious conceit with supreme earnestness. Dickens was doubtless a very effective actor, for he could take up in this way a totally false attitude of mind with as much zeal and earnestness as a true attitude. But he was no dramatist. He described the effects of character far better than he impersonates action in speech. His dramas are as poor as his poetry, and much more vulgar; and though he could write melodrama, that only means that he could spoil very good conceptions by stimulating his imaginary characters into attitudes of passion and con flict, and self vindication, in which every sentiment became artificial, and every note was uttered in a falsetto key.—London Spec-

ROMANCE OF THE GOLDEN LEDGE

Las Cruces Republican

A story about which there is a fascination which it is impossible to resist when you hear men tell of it is that of the Home Gold. Somewhere in southwestern New Mexico, in the Sierra Madre, it is said there is a wonderful valley. Small, inclosed in high, rock walls and accessible only by a scoret passage, which is known to but few, is this extraordinary place. It is about ten acres in extent, has running through it a stream, which waters it thoroughly and makes it a perfect paradise, with its exquisite flowers and beautiful trees. In it are thousands of birds of the most beautiful plumage Running across it is a ledge of pure gold shout thicty feet wide, which glistens in the sualight like a great golden belt. The stream cro-ses the ledge and, as it runs, murmurs around blocks of yellow metal as other streams do around pebbles. The ledge of gold is supposed to be solid gold and to run down into the center of the carth. The legend is of Indian origin and around it clusters a number of Indian stories, in which the name of the ill fated Montezuma occurs frequently. The descendants of the Aztees believe firmly that the day will come when Montezuma will return and free them from the domittion of the descendants of the Conquestodores. They believe that the money necessary for this work will be taken from the Madre d'Oro. The secret of the entrance into the valley is carefully guarded by a tribe of Indians living near it, and among them it is only companied to the oldest them it is only communicated to the oldes man, amid the solemn coremonies of the medicine lodge. Having such a story to work upon there is little wonder that the vivid im-agination of the Mexicans should have built pon it tales of men who have found this wonderful place. One is that a certain Jose Al variz, while wandering through the mountains in search of game. saw the valley from the top of the wall. Finding that he could not hope to enter by climbing down, he took up his abode with the Indians who guarded the canon leading into it. The daughter of the chief fell in love with him and betrayed the secret to him. Exactly how she found it out they do not tell. Having been shown the en trance, Jose went in and would possibly have gotten away with some of the gold had he not weighed himself down to such an extent that he could not get up the declivity at the lower end of the passage. He was discovered and the Indians sacrificed him on the golden ledge with all the terrible ceremonies of the old Aztec religion. She, in despair at lesing him, threw herself from the high wall into the valley below. Hundreds of prospectors have spent months of toil trying to find the Madre d'Oro, but it is scarcely necessary to say without result.

A MIXED TRAIN.

On some of the Western roads they attach a passenger car to a freight train, and call i mixed." It isn't in the order of things that such trains should travel very rapidly, and sometimes there is considerable growling among the "traffic."

"Are we most there, conductor?" asked nervous man for the hundredth time. " Re member, my wife is sick, and I am anxious. "We'll get there on time," replied the con ductor, stolidly.

Half an hour later the nervous man aproached him again.
"I guess she's dead now," said he, mourn

fully, "but I'd give you a little something extra, if you could manage to catch up with the funeral. Maybe she won't be so decom posed but what I would recognize her!" The conductor growled at him, and the

man subsided.
"Conductor," said he after an hour's silence, "conductor, if the wind isn't dead shead. I wish you would nut on some steam I'd like to see where my wife's buried before the tombstone crumbles to pieces. Put your self in my place for a moment. The conductor shook him off, and the man

relapsed into profound melancholy.
"I say conductor," said he after a long pause. "I've got a note coming due in three onths. Can't you fix it so as to rattle alon a little?"

"If you come near me again, I'll knock you down!" snorted the conductor say agely.

Tue nervous man regarded him sadly and went to his seat. Two bours later the con-

uctor saw him chatting gayly, and laughing heartily with a brother victim, and approach "Don't feel so badly about your wife's

death's ?" " Time heals all wounds," sighed the nervous man.

" And you are not so particular about the note?" snecred the conductor.
"Not now. That's all right. Don't worry. I've been figuring up, and I find that the note has outlawed since I spoke to

CHINESE INFANTICIDE We have all heard the Chinese charged

with infanticide. We believe that crime to be less prevalent with them than it is with us. If children are ever exposed, as has been seen on a wayside altar near Honam, believe that bitter want, and a hope that barity would provide for the child better than the mother could, have been the moving caus-As a general rule, self-interest acts as the strongest bar to this vice. That the life of the male children should be preserved is most important, as the Chinese law will com pel the sons to maintain their parents, and would be able to offer that worship at the tomb of the father and mother on which their happiness in another state is supposed to depend. With the girls, preservation is almost as important, and they are a marketable commodity either as wives or as servants. Indeed, it is no very rare thing to see a backetfull of babies sent down from Canton to Hong Kong for sale at prices ranging from \$2 to \$5. These are all girls; and the purchase of one or more is generally the first investment that a Chinese Aspasia makes of her earnings, a speculation sure ultimely to pay a very large interest on the money sunk.—Temple Bar. THE LIME KILN CLUB.

WHOLE NO. 1,261 -NO. 14.

After the thermometer had got settled down to mark ninety-three degrees, and the door of the ante-room had been locked, the old man arose and asked:
"Brudder Shin, how am de sacred b'ar

traps?"
"Dey bang on de wall, sah." "Brudder Bebee, what of de sacred bust of Andrew Jackson?"

"It sits on de shelf, sah."

"Librarian, what of de library?"
"De 1,700 almanaxs am well preserved, sah.

"Janitor, what of de stove?"
"De stove has seben cracks in it, and boaf

hinges am burned off de doah." "It am well. I now announce dis lodge open fur bizness on de 146th degree. Secretary, am dar petishuns in red ink?" THERE WAS.

The secretary announced the applications of Judge Suspender Taylor, of Macon, Ga., and the Rev. Callforth Davis, of Bristoe Station, Va. Both are eminent members of high colored society, and have been known to put on four clean shirts per week. ELECTION.

"Am dar any candidates fur de 146th des gree?" asked the President as a shiver of awe ran down one side of the hall and up the other and set Giveadam Jones to feeling for quinine pill.

The Secretary announced the names of Commodore Stiff and Hon. Holdback Johnson, and added that they were waiting in the ante-room to be initiated. The officers donned their regalia, the Most High Reception Committee proceeded to the ante room, and the candidates were brought in and put through the usual exercises. Although warned in advance by the janitor that they need not fear for their lives, the Judge fainted dead away during the tolling of the funeral bell, and the Rev. Davis became so excited while in the hands of the Junior Warden that the rattle of his teeth was heard on the street below and was supposed by the police to be a trial of some sort of wart removing machinery run by hand power.

THE HIGHEST DEGREE.

The 146th degree is the highest on which the Lime Kiln Club works, and the meeting opens on that degree only four times a year During the last three years only twelve can didates have presented themselves to travel the dangerous road, and out of this number three were rejected on account of a squint in the eye. The successful candidate for the 146th must have a record as pure as snow and a character which would make him scorn a Congressional nomination.

REPRIMANDED. During the most solemn part of the ceremony, and while Pickles Smith was as pale as death and Samuel Shin was sipping peppermint essence to drown his emotion and sweeten his breath, Tunkahannock Hastings drew a muskmelon belonging to Prof. Flowers from under a bench and deliberately began devouring it by sections. As soon as the ceremony was concluded Brother Hastings was called to the desk and fined \$5,000 in each and ordered to sit under a leak in the roof until the last meeting in January. The President said that a member who would seize upon such a solemn moment to gobble a melon belonging to a brother member and to smack his lips over the fruit until the at-tention of the entire club was attracted from the business on hand, deserved to be escorted home by a club, but he would condone the offense this once on account of Mrs. Hastings having a sprained ankle.

IT WAS CARRIED. When the President asked if there were any resolutions for the good of the order the

secretary read the following:
"Wharas, Owin' to de peculiar construckshun of dis American kentry de weather am in de habit of changin' about thirty-six times

per day; an'
"Wharas, A majority of de members of dis club am allus mo' or less afflickted wid hard colds in de head an' chilblains on de feet (much coughing and moving of feet); now larfore

Resolved, dat from an arter dis oceashun dar shall be an intermishon of two minits at dis stage of de meetin' to gin all afflickted members an opportunity to alleviate deir

afflickshuns."

The resolution being supported by twentynine members in chorus, it was put to a vote and carried by a unanimous majority. Elder Toots being the only member voting in the negative. The President thereupon announsed that the chilblein members could retire to the ante-room, and those afflicted with colds could remain and cough and sneeze to their hearts content. There was a heart-breaking time for a couple of minutes, and when order was restored the routine business

was continued by a call for reports. THE WEATHER.

The Committee on the Weather, through their Chairman, Shirbone Scott, submitted a report in which they admitted that the weath er for the last few weeks had defied all control.
One of the committee thought that the spots on the sun had something to do with it Another argued that the earth was gradually tipping up on one side, while the Chairman was inclined to believe that the 250 bushels of onions stored in one warehouse in Detroit cessioned much of the tribulation. The committee were ordered to predict fine,

dry weather for September, and cautioned that if they made any more failures they would be discharged from any further meteor ological work.

MATRIMONIAL.

The Committee on Internal Moonomy re ported a slight accline in the price of waternelons, but advised all purchasers to insist on having melons plugged according to Hoyle before paying over any cash. They further reported that the fee usually charged by ministers for performing the marriage cere mony was altogether too high. One clergy man had said that as long as nails and bar iron continued firm he should to his scale. Another charged \$10 because oil of vitriol had advanced. Another would not cut his prices until a Greeley hat could be bough for a dollar. The committee would recom mend that no colored man fork over than one dollar as a marriage fee, and pay half of that in whitewashing the back fence if possible. ACCRPTED.

The Secretary then announced in a tremu ous voice that an invitation had been reeived by the club to attend the comedy drama of "Brother Gardner and His Lim Kiln Club." to be given at the Detroit Opera House on the 21st, 22d and 23d, and appear on the stage in the second act. Pickles Smith supported the motion, in case there was any motion. If not, he would support any move eent to get into the Opera House on the lead head plan.

The Rev. Penstock objected. From his stand point of morality the stage was calculated to debase. He once lost a wallet containing \$64 in a public hall, and had never heard who found it.

Trustee Pullback, Sundown Smith and others favored the idea, and the president inally arose and said:

"Gem'lem, dis club decepts de invitaehun an' we shall be seen at de place at de proper time. Sich of you as find you will be debased in the corresp kin remain at home an' liek de chill'en 'an ada had eight.

jaw de ole woman 'bout de size of her feet. We will now disqualify de meetin'. Remember, as we percolate homewards, dat while a pusson may have a woice like a tornady an' a mouth like a woodshed, de man who winks wid his left eye allus gets de bes' glass of sodywater. Let the tri angle sound and de Glee

A WOMAN WITH A WHIM

In hunting up the battle field of Jonesboro I came across the usual score of blind roads leading no one knew where, and in following one through the woods I came to a poin where a fence blocked further progress. On the other side of the fence was a farmer howing core, and after the usual talk about the weather I asked:

"Say, colonel, is this the end of this read?"
"This is the end."

"Don't go any further?"
"Not a rod."

"And I've got to ride back?"
"I reckon so, but you'd better come ever to the house and have a bite first."

" Won't it put you to any trouble?"
"Not a bit. Ride down into the scrub and you'll find a low spot where you can jump the

When I had followed directions and reached

his side he continued: "Stranger, I want to post you in advance,

When the Yankees came down here they ripped open our feather beds, broke open our chests, smashed our crockery and stole our chickens. I never laid it up agin 'cm, but my chickens. I never laid tip agin 'cm, but my wife can't forget it. When you reach the house she'll take a squint at ye and ask if you are from the North. You'll say yes, and then she'll ask if you was in the Yankee army. You'll say yes, and then she'll open on you and call you all sorts of hard names. You won't pretend to hear a word, and she'll heave chairs and bott jests and flexirons at heave chairs and boot jacks and flat-irons at ye and yell at our four dogs to chaw ye up.

ye and yell at our four dogs to chaw ye up. That's a whim of hers, you see, but she can't hit ye if you are a good at dodging, and the dogs dasn't bite anybody."

"But I don't wait to be greeted that way."

"You never mind. It's only a whim, and after she has tirod herself out jawing and throwing and tearing around she'il set to and cook the best dinner in the State of Georgia. There was a chap here from Chicago only last week, and after he had dodged three chairs, a dozen sticks of wood and six milk-pans the old woman pulled him off the hoss and made him feel so much at bome that I eckon he may marry our oldest gal this

I positively declined to take dinner with him, and I think I hear him calling yet as I galloped away:
"Stranger, if you can't face one old woman with a whim now, I don't reckon you bothered our folks very much during the war."—De-

BIS JUVENILE DAYS.

Unpublished page from the life of George Washington. It is the merry summer time. To him, the mother of the father of his coun-

ry:
"George, dear, where have you been since school was dismissed ?"
"Hain't been nowhere, ma."

"Did you come straight home from school.

"Yes, ma'am !"
"But school is dismissed at three o'clock and it is now half-past gix. How does that some ?"

" Got kep' in." " What for ?"

troit Free Press.

" Missed m' joggrafy less'n."

"But your teacher was hear only an hour ago and said you hadn't been at

" Got kep' in yestiddy, then." George, why were you not at school to-

day?"
"Forgot. Thought all the time it was Sat-

"Don't stand on one side of your foot in that manner. Come here to me. George,

you have been swimming." No'me.'

"Yes you have, George. Havent' you?" "Noap."

"Tell your mother, George?" Then what makes your hair so wet, my

"Sweat. I run so fast coming from school." "But your shirt is wrong side out." "Put it on that way when I got up this morning for luck. Always win when you

play for keeps if your shirt's on hindside " And you haven't the right sleeve of your shirt on your arm at all, George, and there is a hard knot tied in it. How did that come

there? "Bill Fairfax tied it in when I wasn't lookin .'

" But what were you doing with your shirt

" Didn't have it off. He jes took n tied that knot in there when it was on me.

"George!"
"That's honest truth, he did." About that time the noble Bushrod came ong with a skate strap, and we draw a veil over the dreadful scene, merely remarking that boys do not seem to change so much as

men. - Burdette.

WATCHED BY A WOMAN.

Boston Post, Two of a party of young gentlemen at Marblehead went in swimming, and while rollicking in the breakers they were startled to see a young lady deliberately take her seat on the bluff and watch them. The first of the gentlemen to discover the fair visitor was a young yatchsman who was standing in a small boat preparing to dive into the water. Glancing over his left shou'der he saw her sitting on the rocks fanning herself, and, as if struck by a bolt of chain lightning, settled imself back into the boat and stared at the apparition. The other, who was about to wade ashere to dress, caught sight of the lady and at once dashed for deep water. Then ensued a scries of pantomime between the swimmers. One thought it would be a good idea to swim about an eighth of a mile away and gain the shore from that point. The other was willing, but remembered that they would have no clothes to put on if they did. Finally, as a last resort, one of them yelled out: "D-n it, ma'am, can't you see that we are in swimming!" Still the maiden moved not. Then the other chimed in. "Please go away, we want to come ashore and dress." But she was deaf to all cotreatics. At length, in a fit of desperation, and concluding that she could not be much, one of the young men swam to the shore, and wrapping himself in cel grass and sea weed, crawled out cautiously along the rocks until he reached the spot where his clothing had been left. The shouts of laughter which cent the air at that mement divulged the whole plot, and the swimmers found that they had been made the victims of a first class practical joke, the intrusive and over bold vonng lady being no other than one of their gentlemen friends, who, with the aid of several lady acquaintances had gotten himself up

BRADSTREETS REPORT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 .- Telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's Journal to day from leading centers report continued improvement in the crop situation northwest and west. There is no change to record as to damage to cotton crops from rains. General trade continues to expand in volume and points to a heavy fall trade. The industrial situation has visibly improved. The great coal strikes in Mary-land and Pennsylvania and the labor troubles at Cohoes, Now York, have been formally broken. . The situation at Pittsburgh is more in favor of the employes than ever The failures reported throughout the United States during the week were 103, or sixteen less than last week, and fifty three more than in the corresponding week of last year. Can-