She Got Pledges to Save the Song Birds.

and Made Promissory Notes of Them. A Seneca Falls, N.Y., despatch says Two weeks ago a little woman, about 35 years of age, arrived in Seneca Falls. She was in mourning. She had an unusually fair complexion, dark blue eyes and brown hair, and her face was attractive and expressive of modesty and refinement. She said she was Mrs. Ruth Armstrong, of New York, and was one of twelve agents whom the Society for the Prevention of Killing Song Birds in New York had sent out into the rural districts of this State for the pur pose of getting pledges from influential people that they would do all in their power to suppress the slaying of the birds. She obtained several pledges from people in Seneca Falls, and on the next day drove over to the hamlet of East Varick, Seneca county, where she went to Elder Colton,

rillar in the church there, and the richest farmer in the town. She stated her errand to the elder, and was invited to his house to spend the night. The Colton family were delighted with her, and Elder Colton not only signed a pledge, which Mrs. Armstrong presented, but pre-sented the lady with three \$10 bills for the treasury of the society in New York. Deacon Skinner, of Lodi, was also visited and moved by the fair lady's words to sign a pledge for checking the slaughter of song birds. Hezekiah Bishop, Justice of the Peace in West Varick, and Daniel Simpson and Peter Henson, of Tyre, also gladly signed. Next day the pretty widow re-ceived a telegram from Albany, and with tears in her eyes she hastily packed her trunk at her boarding house in Seneca Falls. Her only brother was dying in Albany, she said, and she took the first train for that city. Several days later there were some pretty mad men in Seneca county. The pretty little widow's bird pledges all turned up as promissory notes. Albert Hall, a banker and merchant at Sheldrake, bought the notes to the amount of \$940, which purported to have been given by Elder Colton and Hezekiah Bishop Mr. Hall bought them of a middle aged man, who pretended to have sold farm machinery in this region, and thus to have obtained the notes. They had been ingeniobtained the notes. They had been ingeniously constructed from the pledges to protect the birds. Similar notes, varying in amount from \$1.50 to \$300 each, have been sold by the man in other parts of the county during the past five days, and it is reckoned that the total amount of notes constructed from the song-bird pledges and sold in this region is \$1,500 or \$1,600.

To-day it has been learned that a woman exactly answering the description of Mrs. Armstrong, worked the song bird-pledge swindle in Genesee and Livingston counties several months ago. The result of the work at that time was over \$2,700. An old gray-haired man negotiated the promis-

TWO REMARKABLE JUSTICES.

One Awards Himself Damages, the Othe Believes a Witch story.

A Vincennes (Ind.) despatch says: At Murphreysboro', in Jackson county, Ill., William Bonner, a justice of the peace brought a suit against his son-in-law, Samuel Derrington, for slander. Bonner and his regular constable served the papers and brought the case into his own court. At the trial Bonner heard all the evidence, and then called Constable Woolsey to the chair. The latter administered the oath and the justice took the witness stand to testify in his own behalf before his own He then resumed his judicial chair and heard with patience the arguments of the attorneys on both sides. He finally summed up the evidence and rendered a decision against Derrington, his son-in-law, allowing himself damages in the sum of \$5.000.

A Vincennes (Ind.) despatch says: A most remarkable case occurred in a justice's court in Mifflin township, which is attracting very general attention. Mrs. Seiler sued John Wahl for assault and battery, claiming that he knocked her down. The defendant set up as his de-fence that the woman was a witch, and by her machinations had caused sickness and death in his family. In order to keep her away from his premises he had, in the name of the Holy Trinity, hung a cross on the gate through which she was to enter, and the holy power thus exerted had knocked her down when she attempted to pass the gate. No other witnesses were though the plaintiff was badly hurt.

A PHYSICIAN'S FATAL BLUNDER He Introduces Diphtheria Germs in His

Family-Three Deaths Result. A Wellsville (O.) despatch savs: Diph theria is epidemic here. After a post mortem examination on one of the victims Dr. C. N. Kale took a portion of the diseased membrane of the throat to his home for microscopic investigation. His research was conducted with the utmost carelessness, even some of his children died on Monday, and yesterday the doctor

himself succumbed to the disease, while five remaining children are at the point of death. To add to the misery of the situ ation, some time ago Kale became insanely icalous of his wife and drove her from hi home. She sought refuge in Pittsburg, and is entirely ignorant of her loss.

The Canadian Northwest. Over one hundred excursionists left for Ontario to-day to spend the Christmas

At a meeting of the officers of the Centra Congregational Church this evening Rev. J. B. Silcox tendered his resignation, taking

effect at the end of January. He will pro-bably accept a call to a California church. The buildings of the Winnipeg Gas Works Company were entirely destroyed by fire at 9 o'clock to-night. The blaze was started by an explosion of gas near the fur nace in the centre of the main building and the large structure was soon a mass of flames. By hard work the firemen managed to save the large gasometer fifty feet away, in which the supply is stored. This will last but a few hours, when the city will be in darkness. Harry Avery, the engineer, is missing and, it is supposed, perished in the flames. The loss is \$60,000; no insurance. Guelph parties are heavily interested

The exodus of pastors continues. lowing up on the announcement of Rev. Mr. Silcox's call to California comes the news that Rev. Mr. Pitblado, of St. Andrew's Church, has received an offer to accept the pastorate of a prominent Pres byterian congregation in San Francisco Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Cobourg, is spoken of as Mr. Silcox's successor.

John Lee, a Chinaman, who had bee running a laundry here, and who was killed by being struck by a hand car, was buried to day by the Presbyterian ladies of this city, whose class he had been attending for religious instruction. The other China-men in the city were all present.

Coal is being mined at Edmonton for \$1 The first through train for four day

arrived from the coast last night. Land-slides have been the cause of delay. An Indian just in from 100 miles west o Battleford reports having seen four buffalo and tracked fourteen others in

neighborhood: The city carpenters have resolved to demand thirty cents per hour and nine hours per day after February 1st.

The Shadow of Coming Care.

Mary to Alice-Your doll looks very What ails it? -It frets a good deal. Alfred knocked out one of its eyes last week, and it lost a great deal of sawdust, and hasn't

been the same doll since.—Boston Herald,

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A CHINESE FLOOD.

The Yellow River Overflows and Inun-Terrible Loss of Life and Property and Great Suffering.

A San Francisco despatch says: The steamship City of Sydney arrived to-day from Hong Kong and Yokohama. Chinese papers give details of a disaster occasioned by the Yellow River overflowing its banks in the Province of Honan and describe it as one of the most appelling occurrences. one of the most appalling occurrences in loss of life and property recorded in recent times. The river broke its banks on the evening of September 28th, southwest of the city of Ching Chow, and not only completely inundated that city, but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a raging sea, ten to thirty feet deep, which was once a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow River is now dry, and the present lake was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is incalcuable and the

statement is made by missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving. Thos. Paton, one of the American missionaries, writing from Honan Province under date of October 28th, says "The newly gathered crops, houses and trees are all swept away, involving a fearful loss of life. The country was covered with a fine winter braidy, which is gone and implies complete destruction of next year's crop. "Bread, bread," is the cry of thousands who are on the river bank. Benevolent people go in boats and throw bread among the masses here and there, but it is nothing compared with the requirement. The mass of people is still being increased by continual arrivals even more hungry than the last. There they sit stunned, hungry and Idejected, without a rag to wear or a morsel of food. Huts are being erected for them. What it will be in two months I cannot conceive. misery is increased owing to the bitter cold

Y low River has long been known as China's sorrow, and the present disaster has served to reassert its right to the terrible title. As yet details of the disaster are very meagre. It has occurred in a district where but few foreigners are, and the reports furnished by the officials and published in the Pekin Gazette convey a very inadequate account of the extent of the loss of life and property and the sufferings of the survivors. The Governor in Honan reports to the throne that "nearly all the people have been drowned in the district reached by the water, the survivors being those who escaped to the high ground or ook refuge in the trees, where they remained till they were rescued." This gives but little impression as to what the extent

of the disaster really is.

The Chinese Times, in the Province of Chihli, where disastrous inundations have also occurred, says there are 270 people homeless, representing those whose lives were destroyed, and adds that the misery in that Province is trifling as compared with that caused by Huango-Ho, or the Yellow River. The extent of ground swept over by the overwhelming flood given in English figures is over 7,000 square miles, and the land thus submerged formed a part of one of the richest and most densely populated plains in Northern China.

The necessity for liberal aid may there-fore be imagined. Already considerable sums have been contributed towards the relief of the sufferers. The Emperor of China has given two millions of taels and the Chinese have started subscription lists in Shangai, to which foreigners have liberally contributed. Millions have been rendered houseless and entirely deprived of all chances of earning their livelihood, for their fields will either become permanent lakes or uninhabitable swamps. It is feared that the distress which will be felt during the coming winter will equal in intensit the famine of ten years ago, when charitable donations contributed from all parts of the world were utterly inadequate. stated that owing to the action taken by the Yellow River, it no longer flows to verting Eastern Honan and Northerr Nganwhui into a lake. It may ultimately low into the sea through the Kiangon, or t may even possibly join the Yangtse.

AN HEIRESS STRANGELY DISAPPEARS. After Twenty Years' Absence She Returns and Claims Her Estate.

A Sharon (Pa.) despatch says: Dr. Edgar and his wife were among the wealthiest people of the county twenty years ago and lavished great affection or an only daughter, about 18 years old Suddenly, to the astonishment of the fashionable circle in which she moved, the girl left the parental mansion, saying her father or mother would never see her again. True to her word, they did not. The parents succumbed to their great blow without ever permitting the community to know the nature of the family skeletor which caused the myterious separation Death soon removed from trouble the grief stricken couple, and after months of adver-tising for the lost heiress the estate was put up at administrator's sale and con verted into cash, which, in the absence o the daughter, supposedly dead, drifted into the hands of distant relatives. The latter were astonished recently by the reappearance, after twenty years' absence, of a portly, middle-aged woman, who, with lega assistance, established her identity as the assistance, established for identity as the doctor's daughter. Her identification was placed beyond doubt by a peculiarly crippled hand. Judge Blandin, of Cleveland, with several local attorneys, will to morrow comnence the trial of the plaintiff's case for the recovery of the estate.

An Enterprise, Fla., despatch says: At Titusville, Aug. 26th, C.R. . Cook walked up to a man on the street and asked him if his name was G. R. Hoyt. On receiving an affirmative reply, Cook told him that Mrs. Hoyt kept him awake the night before by playing on the piano at her house until ar inseasonable hour. He finished his com plaint by telling Hoyt that he would kill him if the occurrence was repeated. Hoy replied that the piano was the property of his wife's sister and that he could not con trol it. Cook flew into a rage, said he could not have any more piano playing and sho Hoyt dead. He barely escaped lynching A change of venue was obtained and he was tried here to-day and convicted, with a re commendation to mercy. A plea of alcoholism was his only defence. The people of Titusville are indignant that he should have been recommended to mercy.

Rev. Daniel P. Pike, whose death ha lately been announced at Newburyport Mass., is credited with preaching 5,000 sermons, marrying more than 2,000 persons conducting more than 2,000 funerals, and baptising (by immersion) nearly

A PECULIAR STORY.

An Old Soldier and His Three Wives. A Detroit special to the Cincinnati Enquirer says: The Pension Department has unearthed the following singular story: A veteran in Pennsylvania applied for a pension as Daniel Tenney, of the 83rd Pennyslvania volunteers, company F. A woman in Stanton, Mich., applied at about the same time as the widow of the same soldier. An investigation was instituted and resulted in showing that the woman was acting in perfect good faith and believed that she was a widow, and that, further-more, she was a good and honest person. Her husband was a worthless man, who one day started out for a hunt and never came back. The neighbors at Stanton concluded that he had perished in the woods. When the snow went off the next spring they found the mangled body of a man, a black bear and a cap, lying in the woods near Farwell. It was supposed Tenney had been killed by the bear. It is now found that Tenney was not killed by the bear, but had gone to Pennsylvania, where he took up life with another woman, who was his first and lawful wife, of whose existence, it is presumed, the Michigan woman knew not. Finally the Pennsylvania wife went to Nebraska to get rid of him. Then he married another woman. Now the question arises, "Who killed that bear and the man who was found dead by the bear?" The man certainly had on Tenney's clothes. Suspicion looks toward Tenney, and the natural conclusion is that he may know more about the matter than any one else. Meanwhile no one has got pension, and there are three women who think they have an undivided interest in the husbandship of Daniel Tenney. Mr. Tenney is in Pennsylvania and saying

THE GERMAN MILITARY BILL, Germany's Preparations for War and Wish for Peace.

A Berlin cable says: According to the Reichsanzeiger's version of General Von Schellenderff's speech on the Military Bill scholenderit's speech on the Military Bill yesterday, the Minister of War said that the object of the Bill could be perfectly summed up in the words of the Emperor on the opening of Parliament—that the Empire, by God's help, should become so strong that it could meet every danger with calmass from whatever quarter it might calmness, from whatever quarter it might be attacked. The Minister, continuing, said that danger threatened, not from the said that danger threatened, not from the warlike disposition of the allied Powers, for the German people always leaned towards peace, but from attacks by other people. The Empire was strong and it had allies, but in war its might depended only upon its own strength. The Bill aimed to increase considerably the numerical aimed to increase considerably the numerical strength of the army through the ex-tension of the term of service in the Landstrum. The additional strength given would be of great value, and with the physical hardiness of the Germans no difficulty will be experienced in giving effect to the provisions of the Bill. The Ger mons, he felt sure, would not be sparing of their powers when the time came for beat-ing off the enemy. After referring to the technical military arrangements required under the Bill, the speaker concluded by expressing the wish that the day when it would become necessary to put the measure to practical use was far off. Still, he said, everything must be ready, if an attack were made, for the German army to enter upon the war path armed in the most perfect

the German people to victory. Musical and Dramatic Note

Faure, the baritone, is going to Vienna to sing in opera and concerts. Anton Rubinstein has endeavored to fuse the operatic and oratorio styles in a new work entitled " Moses."

Cowen, the composer, has taken the place of Sir Arthur Sullivan as conductor of the London Philharmonic concerts.

A posthumous opera of Flotow's, entitled
"The Musician," has been applied, with
fair success, to the patient people of Han-

Rev. Dr. Warren claims that if there

were no women on the stage no men would go to the theatre. How does he account for the time-honored popularity of minstre Mme. Patti sends word to her American

friends that she loves them all and longs to return to them—"they are so enthusiastic." This is the first authoritative announce ment that Patti contemplated another fare well tour in this country.

In order to try the extent to which

tragic actress is moved by the whirl of stage passion, Sarah Bernhardt's pulse was once tested at the wings immediately after a scene of great intensity. It ticked as regularly and normally as an eight-day

Wilson Barrett proposes to revive the Princess successes from "Lights of London" and "Romany Rye" onward. In the same way Grace Hawthorne talks of reviving all of Boucicault's dramas on scale of magnificence not yet attempted here. It is reported that Boucicault himself will appear in well known characters Mr. Joseph Murphy, the comedian, is about to take a long rest from the stage, and will travel in Europe and otherwise court leisure for a year at the close of this season. During fifteen years of continued work the actor has accumulated a large fortune, one of the largest among men of his profession, and now he will rest awhile content with both fame and fortune.

Patti is going on a South American tou in the spring. She says the birth of child-ren has spoiled Gerster's voice, as it will any woman's. Patti has no children. "Mme. Nilsson's voice is as good as ever," added Patti, "only she prefers not to sing Arnoldson, who is young and pretty, has a remarkably sweet voice; but what is this I hear about her engagement to Robert Strakosch? Is it " I think not," the correspondent replied; "I heard M. Strakosch

deny it to-day. Little Josef Hofmann a few months ago was asked by an English lady of high de gree to spend a week at her country seat. He was too well bred and too knowing to decline the invitation. To his father, how-ever, he whispered: "I don't want to go, and I won't go!" "Why not?" asked his father, not a little dismayed. Because there are too many ladies in those ing in a loud voice. English places. And they cut off my hair and they ask me to write in their albums all day long, and—they kiss me and hug me from morning till night—and I don't Just you wait ten years, little Master Josef, and then-

N. K. Fairbank, the big soap and lard manufacturer of Chicago, is a New Yorker by birth. He began life as a bricklayer's apprentice at the age of 15. He is now that the dogs become very expert at the in Afghanistan, where he recently worth several millions, and is considered work after a little training and in many fixed up the mouths of three of His Ma one of the handsomest men in Chicago.

TWO ABYSSINIAN CHIEFS

King John and Ras Alulu—Interesting Reflections After a Visit to the Inmates of

Orientals who Always go Barefooted. Except the king himself, the most noteworthy Abyssinian is the commander of the army, who this summer has defied the Ras Alulu is described by Europeans who have seen him as one of the best-bred and handsomest of his race. "Are you a Christian?" is the first question this impetuous warrior addresses to his white visitors, all of whom he would willingly consign to perdition if he mistrusted the of coveting an acre or his native land. Less than 50 years of age, he has long been one of the chief agents of the king's absoone of the case agents of the Ring's asso-lute will. Last week's despatches indicate that Ras Alulu is up and doing, determined to maintain his fame as a hard fighter, everywhere at once, and very difficult to catch. The coast tribes promised Italy 10,000 warriors, many of whom are now in camp near Massowah. The dashing Abvasinian improved the opportunity early Abyssinian improved the opportunity early this month to swoop down upon the coast, knocking to pieces all the native forces brought against him and advancing to Assaorta, about fifty miles south of Massowah. It has been Italy's policy to make no aggressive movement until prepared to take the field in earnest and settle the quarrel once for all. For five months, therefore, Ras Alulu's cavalry has amused itself so frequently by charging through the environs of Massowah that no soldier has been permitted beyond the protection of the guns.

Barefooted like his sovereign, Ras Alulu

is noted for the elegance of his attire and the richness of his belongings, both at home and in camp. His cheerful and home and in camp. His cheerful and lively manner is in striking contrast to the proved himself. His big toes alone rest in The meal is soon over. proved nimself. His big toes alone rest in the stirrups. Perhaps it was this picture that induced Queen Victoria upon a certain occasion to send a pair of scarlet-topped boots to the barefooted king. By way of compliment to his distinguished friend, the king with great difficulty pulled them on. He had never enjoyed the civilized layary.

The Man With Safety Match. Who Can He had never enjoyed the civilized luxury of tight before, and as his attendants could need them off again his majesty went to gith his boots on. It was not long before the king's discomfort became nsupportable, and, with all due respect to Queen Victoria, her present was removed from his feet in pieces .- New York Sun.

A Novel Substitute for Morphine. Pretty near time to to home, ain't it?"

said one Ninth Warder to mother, as the two stood at the rour of nos waiting for "Well, I guess it is, though I have already been to bed to-night," replied

"How is that, do you say?"
"Well, for years I have been troubled with insomnia, and I used to take quantithe war-path armed in the most perfect ties of morphine to invite sleep, but that manner, so that their flags would again lead lost its virtue. Then I tried dumb-bells and Indian clubs and other violent exercise, but as I had Aldermanic ambition I was one night I hit upon a substitute that never fails—riding on the street cars. Before I can get to sleep at night I ride a bob-tail to the four corners and back as regularly as I used to take morphine. Sometimes find it necessary to take two, and I have taken as many as three trips, but usually 10 cents' worth of street car puts me in such a condition that I fall asleep as soon as I strike the bed. The only time it has failed me was the Saturday night before it was announced street cars would be ordered off Sunday to comply with Sun day laws. Then I suppose I worried at the thought of returning to Indian clubs.

"No, sir; for suicidal purposes I sup-pose morphine has itsfriends, but as a cure for insomnia give me the bob-tail car."-

Girls Had Dolls in Pharach's Time. Dolls have amused the girls for ages and eem to have been well known in the days of the Pharaohs; for, in the tombs of ancient Egypt, figures of painted wood, of terra-cotta, of ivory and of rags have been found whose limbs were made moveable for the delight of children. It is quite probable that Pharaoh's daughter threw aside a mimic child for the real baby which she In the tombs of Etruria-by the way. where was Etruria?—similar toys have been discovered; they were spread in the East, and in China, as well as in India, moveable figures were made to act from time immemorial by hand and on strings, or as shadows behind a curtain. The ancient Greeks were experts in the manufacture of puppets, including wax dolls, and several of their poets allude to offerings of dolls to Artemis and Aphrodite made by

Two Faith Cures,

maidens before their marriage. - Philade

Mr. Eli Forsythe, one of the most promi ennt citizens of Hannibal, Mo., hobbled into a faith cure meeting in that city recently on a cane and knelt at the altar to be cured For forty years, as his neighbors could testify, a stiff knee had made walking a most painful thing for him. After remain ing in prayer a few minutes Mr. Forsythe arose, declared himself cared, threw away his cane and walked around the church like a young athlete. wonderful case of faith cure is re-

A wonderful case of faith cure is re ported from Toledo, where the Christian Science Convention was recently in session. Miss Edna Coffin lost her voice last January, and from that time until last week she ould not speak a word, although the best physicians treated her. On Monday, De cember 5th, she was converted to the faith cure doctrine, and on the following morn ing she walked into the convention hall at edo and astonished everybody by speak

Wans naker, the great Philadelphia clothier, was employed for years in his father's brickyard at scant wages, and his first work away from home brought him only \$1.50 a week. He now has 3,000 clerks to do his business.

Many of the farmers and lumbermen in Northern Michigan are making use of dogs this winter to draw their pleds. It is said ways equal to the Esquimau dogs.

LIFE IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Sing Sing. Think what it is to enter those walls and face that clock, whose slow pendulum shall beat out-not seconds, minutes, hours, days weeks or months-but years of your precious youth and manhood before you again see the world which has discarded you! Think of the unrelieved round of toil, succeeded by the solitary cell and miserable hours of thinking what might have been and what is ! How slow the hours to him with-out hope, without profit in his bitter toil, without respect in his solitude, without honor, without comfort, without liberty! How slow the days make the week, and the weeks the month, where each is drearily the same, season in and season out, till the

doleful year is told ! To be the companion of the vilest, cheek by jowl; to wear the garb of infamy; to be driven from the cell to labor, and from the driven from the cell to labor, and from the labor to the cell; to see on all sides the high walls and the redoubts, where gleam the rifles ready to kill the insurgent; to know that however skilfully the escape is planned, however bravely executed, there are keen scented and lynx-eyed pursuers to track and the contour of ner nower-lake face. She does not look over 20, and though very slender her form is beautifully rounded. Her complexion is as smooth and pale as white marble, eyes very large and of a violet color, hair softly curling and pale brown, golden when kine strong arm of the law to recover: to scented and lynx-eyed pursuers to track and the strong arm of the law to recover; to feel that by no power can relief come until the long distant day appointed, save the long distant day appointed, save the power which can bless an unhappy life by

What a record of hopelessness, despair, remorse and gnawing misery the pitiless stone of those cells could tell! Small wonder that after years of confinement every kindly trait of nature is withdesperation and hatred of society remain.

Look at their faces to read their story. demeanor of the gloomy, morbid and fanatical king. Scarcely older than his general-in-chief, and himself a noted demeanor of the gloomy, morbid and fanatical king. Scarcely older than his general-in-chief, and himselt a noted fighter, King John has all the fears for his personal safety that usually torture a despot. A king who denies tobacco to his pipe-loving subjects because the smell of it offends him is probably justified in fearing that internal plots may some day prove his overthrow. The best suited in tearing that internal plots may some day prove his overthrow. The best picture of King John tepresents him on a spirited charger, carrying a lance, the chief weapon of his army, and looking like the brave soldier and the leader of men he has proved himself. His his togs along root in The meal is son over the selection. Not a word, not a whisper, all wants expressed by signs. Long lines of keepers, each coldly and keenly watchful, each ready with pistol to suppress the slightest token of revolt, for this is the time of danger in a State prison.

The Man With Safety Match, Who Can Light it Anywhere.

General W. F. Walsh, of Arkansas, who is now at the Hoffman House, New York, has recently made an extensive tour in the West, and he says that the safety match says that on his way East from California two weeks ago a typical looking frontierman

got on the train at a station in Wyoming. The man seemed utterly uncivilized and the other passengers began to comment upon his strange appearance.

Finally the man took a safety match from box attached to the side of the car and tried to light it upon the sole of his boot. He scraped away for some time without the match showing any sign of igniting, and then attempted to light it against the woodwork of the car. In the meantime every one was laughing at the fellow's apparent ignorance. Finally a passenger, whose egotism had made him conspicuous, told the man that the matches were of a kind that could only be lighted upon the box.

"I bet you \$10 I can light one without "I'll go'you," said the egotistical passen-

ger, as he selected a ten-dollar bill from a The strange-looking man covered it, and then, taking a match, lighted it against a groove in the car window. Of course most "An answer is desired." groove in the car window. Of course most of the other passengers knew this was oossible. General Walsh afterwards learned hat the man was a regular bunco man.

Living After Decapitation.

A very peculiar argument was once urged against the guillotine. It was said that a man could feel after his head was off. The instant the head fell the trunk ceased to feel, because cut off from the brain, the seat of sensation; but it did not follow that the head immediately lost all feeling or even consciousness. Ridiculous as it may seem, it is asserted that the lips of the illfated Mary Queen of Scots moved for a full half hour after she was beheaded. Guillo tine himself was present at an execution. and attests the fact that a criminal's decapitated head being addressed by name the eyelids were raised and the eyes turned from side to side. Another case occurred at Coblentz, when the half-closed eves opened wide and looked with reproach at those standing around. These instances are hardly to be classed with the cases of the Irish knight beheaded by Saladin in the holy war, whose head got up and avowed that it was never cut off by so sweet a cimeter before; or the case of Legaro, the assassin, whose decapitated head swore roundly at the executioneer for not keeping a snarper axe.—Pittsburg Dis-

Ferry Boat Collision. A Jersey City despatch says: A collision occurred in the North River last night between the steamship Breakwater and the ferry boat Pavonia. The guards and a portion of the stern cabin on the gentlemen's side of the Pavonia were demolished Three men were caught in the wreck and seriously injured. Frank Moriarty, 30 years old, of Medford, Mass., was hurt bout the hips and chest; ex-Assemblyman David Henry, aged 50, was crushed about knees and abdomen; Richard Coughlin, 75 years old, was hurt about the side and head and both of his ankles were broken. The excitement among the uninjured pasengers on the ferry boat quickly subsided when it was ascertained that sh danger of sinking. Several of those who were slightly hurt left the boat at Jersey City with improvised bandages of handker

> THE PHILOSOPHY OF IT. A man must follow his heart, my dear, And I must follow mine, Until it's parcel and part, my dear, Of thine.

A man must follow his heart, my love, When it leaps from his breast, And seeks, with passion and art, my love, For rest.

man must follow his heart, sweetheart, Night and day; for, in short. Man without heart is a part, sweetheart, Of naught. Mr. O'Meara, the Irish dentist,

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

Aunt Kate's Weekly Budget of Fashion and Other Gossip.

A Family of Blondes.

An enthusiastic young lady, writing from London, says:
The Queen's grandchildren are nearly all remarkably pretty blondes, and she ca be proud of her sons and sons-in-law splendid men, all of them. The daughters Princesses Christian, Louise and Beatrice and the Crown Princess of Germany, are all very large, fine women, and Beatrice has a charming face. The Princess of Wales is a snowflake, or a white lily leaf, and there is a combination of statelines and gentleness in the poise of her dainty head and the contour of her flower-like

very handsome, only a little too stout, and is so graceful. His wonderful persona magnetism extends even to a great multi tude, and when the crowds roar, as they do the moment they spy him, he lifts his hat and bows and makes every one feel as if he or she had been personally thanked. Prince ered, root and branch, and only sullen desperation and hatred of society remain. promise of a handsome man when matured. The Queen is not good looking, and is very stout, but there is something regal in her presence and in her stern, grave face, with its sad lips, and the cold blue eyes of her

> procession she smiled a little to the old pensioners when they bared their grey heads to her, whom they had so nobly served when her life was young. Origin of Ugly Fashions.

family. She bows sweetly and graciously but seldom smiles, although in the jubile

Charles VII. of France wore long coats to hide his ill-made legs. Queen Elizabeth patronized immense ruffs because her neck was not handsome. It was to hide the short stature of Louis XIV. that high heels and towering per-

uques were introduced. Henry Plantagenet, Duke of Anjou, had his shoes made with long points to screen from observation an excrescence on one

Short hair became fashionable in France when an accident to the king's head during a snowball fight necessitated the removal of

his flowing locks. has become a substitute for the three-card monte game as a swindling device upon railroad trains in the West. General Walsh the fact that one shoulder of the dauphin was higher than the other.

The Latest Fashion Fads. Gray in every shade is considered in Paris just now the most stylish of all colors.

A pretty bonnet called the "Florentine" s entirely covered with real applique lace. The holiday dolls may be said to capture he Charlotte Russe, for they are exquisite. Emeralds are sought after more and more every day, the finer grade being very

Young matrons have re-adopted fanciful breakfast caps for home wear in the morn-

India embroideries in metal trim evening wraps made of the new changeable velvets and plushes.

Coronet fronts will appear on most fash ionable bonnets. They will be of beads feathers or velvet On invitation cards the initials R.S.V.P.

Fairy lamps, placed in the centre of a

large dish of flowers is a table ornamenta tion now on the occasion of a fashionable A present style consists in wearing four gold-wire rings on the same finger, each being set with a single small stone, as a

sapphire, emerald and ruby. Long black cloth ulsters trimmed with astrachan on collar and cuffs and lined with fur are shown for men, "to be worn

over the dress suit only.' Champagne pitchers of glass in the form of a tulip are new, and, if not always useful in prohibition families, are certainly ornamental. They come from Vienna.

Large breastpins, containing a picture of some ancestor, are more or less fashionable among "pedigree people," who, if they've no ancestor of their own, use some-

Black velvet basques, with long skirts and almost completely covered with jet of the most costly kind, are already seen on ladies who do not buy their finery at the pargain stores. Some of the women of Vanity Fair ar

vearing button shoes with tops of the same material as their dress, which, of do we get our exclusive footwear. Plain plush wraps are to be exception

flat beaded trimming and with rich ornaments at the front of the collar, on the sleeves and at the lower ends of the fronts. A Capital Recipe for Cheese Fritters.

The following is a capital recipe for cheese fritters: Grate very finely three ounces of cheese. Beat the whites of three eggs to a very stiff froth: throw the cheese into this, adding a little salt and pepper.

Mix well and lightly by beating with a fork.

Take up dessert spoonfuls of the mixture and fry them in boiling lard until they become a nice brown complexion. fritters must be sent to a table immediately they are cooked, and eaten at once. For Young Housekeepers.

A much worn broom is very hard on the

If possible, keep one utensil sacred to nions alone. Breathing the fumes of turpentine or

Clam broth is said to be excellent for weak stomach, and ginger ale for stomach cramps. Do not allow the spice boxes to become

disorderly. Have each division carefully labelled and permit no mixing of the con-To take grease spots out of clothing wet

them thoroughly in ammonia water, then lay white soft paper over them and iron with a hot iron. Galvanized iron pails for drinking water

Honey sometimes has an onion flavor, from the bees gathering from fields of onion seeds. If allowed to set a few weeks the unpleasant flavor will soon pass off.

readily acted upon by water, forming a

A remedy for catarrh is to gather hops when perfectly dry and sift the pollen or "flour" through Swiss muslin. Use as a snuff early in the morning or on retiring at

If the stove is cracked, take wood ashes and salt, equal proportions, reduced to a paste with cold water, and fill in the cracks when the stove is cool. It will soon harden

It is said that in canning fruit, after the jar is filled, if the fruit is stirred with a spoon that reaches the bottom of the jar, until air bubbles rise to the top, the contents will never mould on top.

For bunions get 5 cents worth of salt-petre and put it into a bottle with sufficient olive oil to nearly dissolve it; shake up well and rub the inflamed joints night and morning, and more frequently if painful. A starch superior to gloss starch for

wetting the flour up with very warm water a day before you need the starch; add boil-ing water and cook when you want to To keep moths out of closets, clothes

and carpets, take green tansy. It is better before it goes to seed. Put it around the edges of carpets and hang it up in closets where woollen clothes are hung, and no moth will ever come where it is. To prevent pie juice from running out in

the oven, make a little opening in the upper crust and insert a little roll of brown paper perpendicularly. The steam will escape from it as from a chimney, and all the juice will be retained in the pie.

A carpet, particularly a dark carpet, often looks dusty when it does not need sweeping. Wring out a sponge quite dry in water (a few drops of ammonia help brighten the color) and wipe off the dust from the carpet. This saves much labor in sweeping. n sweeping.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Mme. Adam said the other day that since Oscar Wilde had cut off his hair and become a father London was no longer picturesque or amusing. He is a proud parent of a baby who is less like him, happily, than its beautiful mother, who has lost none of her girlish loveliness in matron-hood. She was at a swell reception the other day in a gown designed by her husband. It was a thick brocade of dull, delicate pink, made in the empire fashion, with the waist under the arms and long, loose sleeves hanging from the shoulder, lined with that soft, quiet shade known as old blue. There was a Medici collar lined with the same blue and edged with pink pearls. Her dark curling hair was heaped high on her head, with little Recamier curls on the brow. In her hand she carried a big fan of pink feathers with silver sticks.

It is a favorite phrase of the Irish land lord, remarks the London Truth this week, that the Irish peasant is impoverished because he is idle and dishonest. No more effective repudiation could be desired than was given at the private view of the exhi-bition and Christmas sale of Irish hand work in embroideries, laces and home-spuns at the Donegal Industrial Fund, 43 Wigmore street, on Saturday. It is only four years since Mrs. Hart, finding the Gweedmore peasants starving, set herself to improve their skill in spinning and weaving, and to teach them the arts of vegetable dyeing. Within that time she has developed what was a private charity into an important public enterprise, and now the embroideries, homespuns and all-wool underwear of the fund make their own way into the wholesale markets. The own way into the wholesale markets. The Irish peasants have shown themselves deft, skjiful, laborious and honest. Eight hundred persons now find a living in these delightful hand-wrought stuffs, among whom some eighty distressed Irish ladies are em-

Koran of the Mohammedans, the Eddas of the Scandinavians, the Try Pitikes of the Buddhists, the Five Kings of the Chinese, the three Vedas of the Hindoes, the Zenda-vesta and the Scriptures of the Christians The Koran is the most recent of the seven Bibles, and not older than the seventh century of our era. It is a compound of quo-tations from the Old and New Testaments, the Talmud and the gospel of St. Barna-bas. The Eddas of the Scandinavians were first published in the fourteenth century. The Pitikes of the Buddhist's contain sublime morals and pure aspirations, but their author died in the sixth century before There is nothing of excellence in these sacred books not found in the Bible. The sacred writings of the Chinese are called the Five Kings, king meaning web of cloth, or the warp that keeps the threads in place. These sayings cannot be traced to a period higher than the eleventh cen-tury before Christ. The three Vedas are the most ancient books of the Hindoos. The Zendavesta of the Persians is the

Pentateuch fifteen centuries before Christ. REMARKABLE CASE.

grandest of all the sacred books next to our

Bible. Zoroaster, whose sayings it contains, was born in the twelfth century be-

fore Christ. Moses lived and wrote

A Lady Sues a Dead Man for Breach of Promise of Marriage.

In the Appeal Court at London the other day was heard the suit of Finlay vs. Chirney and another. The action was brought by plaintiff, Mrs. Isabella Finlay, a widow, living at Hepscott, near Morpeth. against the executors of the late Alderman George Beaumont Chirney, of Morpeth, for an alleged breach of promise of marriage. The deceased, who was formerly an alderman and mayor of Morpeth, had carried on the pusiness of a butcher in that town and had realized a considerable fortune. The plaintiff had had three children by her late hus band, who died in 1880, and a fourth by the deceased, who had been an elder in the Presbyterian Church. In the beginning of 1881 the deceased purchased a small farm at Stob Hill, two or three miles from Morpeth, and engaged the plaintiff as superintendent and manageress of his dairy. According to the plaintiff's case, shortly afterwards he, being then about 60 years of age, and she 40, made her a promise of marriage, under which it was alleged he had seduced her. The deceased subsequently broke off the engagement, and he died in April, 1886. After his death the plaintiff brought the present action against the executors of the deceased. When the trial came on at Durham, before Mr. Justice Cave, his lordship nonsuited the plaintiff on the ground that there was not sufficient corroborative evidence of the promise of marriage. On an application for a new trial before Mr. Justice Field and Mr Justice Wills, sitting as a divisional court, their lordships held that the learned judge had improperly nonsuited the plaintiff, and ordered a new trial. The matter now came before this court on appeal from their de cision. Their lordships reserved judgment

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