NOTES AND COMMENTS

The English newspapers have of late been giving a good deal of space to discussion of the extent to which premature burials possibly may occur, and of the methods of averting them. Attention has been directed to the subject by the publication of a book, one of the authors of which was himself buried alive, while the other had a ghastly experience of the kind in his produced the deeper impression, because of Lewiston, Me. At an early age this authenticate them, and because they remarkable strength for an infant. are distinguished carefully from the When three months old his weight was phenomena of disturbance, sometimes twenty pounds, and his parents comobserved on opening a coffin, which may menced to notice his unusual develop- chise. have been due to the generation of ment. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Ward are gases.

persons who have discoursed lately upcontrary, it is admitted universally to one case in ten thousand interments, ed a gentle system of exercise, through the one case would be attended with which he put young Henry every day. circumstances of horror, the mere thought of which appals the imagination, and suggests the misgiving that few weeks was delighted to notice a our semi-civilized forefathers may have been wiser than we in respect of their prolonged and assiduous watching of the dead. To this day the Parsees, as we tuition of his father he soon manipu- pose the Board of Public Works. know, expose the corpses of their friends | lated them surprisingly well. Young on the so-called Towers of Silence, Henry's weight was so great for a where the flesh is picked from the bones by vultures; and instances have been verified of bodies thus exposed being restored to animation by the onslaught of the birds. One of the objects of the slow mode of cremation practised by Romans of the certain rank in pre-Christian times was to afford a chance of rescue in the cvent of suspended animation; a chance which would have

At the present day in civilized countries, it is, or should be, customary to wait several days after the fact of death has been certified by the medical attendant before the body is committed to the grave, and even before recourse is made to the freezing and embalming process. But can the certificate of a well-qualified physician, as to the fact of death always be accepted as absolutely trustworthy? That is one in the London journals has turned principally. There seem to be grave doubt whether any of the usual tests can be looked upon as entirely unerring. For instance, can a person be pronounced dead because he has ceased to breathe? On the contrary there are hundreds of recorded cases where no sign of breath could be detected, yet the patients have lived. Is the complete stoppage of the heart's action a decisive criterion? There are cases where the hearts of men supposed to be dead have given no indication of movement to the trained ear or touch or even to the stethoscope, and yet it has been proved eventually that life was not extinct. Is the state of the blood a faultless index? Not so. blood congealed, and yet you may discover by and by that you have been operating upon a living subject. Neither reduction of the body's temperature nor the stiffening of the frame is an infallible verification. Galvanism may fail to produce a muscular reaction, and boy himself is not surprised at any- eral scheme. But if one who has been a bright steel blade, plunged into the thing, and takes his training as tissues, may, when withdrawn, show no signs of oxidation, and yet death may not have been present, Nor, finally, is putrefaction and decomposition an absolutely unmistakable proof of death, for it is well known that portions of the human frame may mortify in the living. What, then is the scientific definition of death? It is the destruction of the body. That is to say, death is a condition in which animation is not present; which does not admit of reanimation; which is followed by the dissolution of the tissues.

The authors of the book which started the discussion contend that, infrequent as are the cases of premature interment, there are enough of them to call for some changes in the law regading death certification and the treatment of bodies before burial. They advocate the establishment of public mortuaries, where bodies could be kept | conferred upon her for her boundless | animals. They are rather dark, full without inconvenience or injury to health till the proofs of deaths become indisputable. We believe that an experiment of the kind has been tried in Europe, but that, out of many hunderds of bodies committed, to the mortuary hall, not one came to life, The advocates of the institution would reply that the proportion of premature interments is not one in hundreds but one in many thousands. In the absence of such precautionary establishments, which could only be constructed and maintained at considerable cost, Elizabeth's nephew embodied the spir-it of Rothwell and the two taking all Star," and the production includes two cured them after other means failed, it is old custom of watching the dead incessantly before burial, and of not bury- called in. ing until signs of decomposition had appeared, not sporadically, but over a large part of the surface of the body.

HE IS AN INFANT SANDOW

A BABY NINE MONTHS OLD WHO IS A VERITABLE WONDER.

When Nine Months Old Could Lift a Dumbbell Weighing Twenty-five Pounds-Mis Father Puts Him Through a Regular Course of Training, and His Mother Attends to His Diet.

Here is a nine-months-old Sandow. family. The examples of premature He is Henry Edward William Ward, interment collected by the writers have | the child of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ward, particular pains have been taken to miniature giant began to show signs of road. of large proportions, and the rapid way in which their young son took on Of course, none of the many sensible flesh surprised them.

Mr. Ward, who was something of an on the matter assumes that premature athlete in his younger days, thought burial is a frequent occurrence; on the he saw the foundation for a remarkably strong man in his son, and when be rare. Yet even if there were only he was about three months old adopt-He also put his little son on a diet that was muscle producing, and in a great improvement.

Then some light dumbbells were secured for the boy, and under the careful that experienced mechanics should comyouth of his age that he did not develop much speed as a sprinter, and his main strength, brought about dumbbell and Indian club practice, is Mass. in his arms and chest. When only nine months old he was able to lift a dumbbell weighing twenty-five pounds 800 cows. clear of the floor.

THE FATHER'S STORY. Mr. Ward, who has full charge of

Sandow, says: "My boy is a wonder, and I am will- concern. ing to back him against all comers of his age. When I first started him chinery will do well to take note of in using the dumbbells I was afraid the fact that the appalling ravages of he might hurt himself, but he really the rinderpast in Africa are leading to seemed to like the exercise, and he the substitution on a very large scale was ready to cry when I called time of machinery in lieu of oxen for agrion him. My wife agreed not to med- cultural labor. The Transvaal Govdle with his athletic instructions if I ernment is considering the advisability would keep away from his dieting, so of introducing at State expense steam she manages that part. After he had ploughs, mowers, sowers, reapers, etc., been using the bells about a month for the use of such of its Boer citizens and I saw the effect was good, I was as may not be able to incur the exwilling to experiment a little, and I pense of buying them. of the points upon which the discussion gave him some tests to show his strength.

"When he was five months old I put a bandage around him and held him suspended over a fifteen-pound dumbbell. He grasped it and lifted it clear of the floor, holding it so nearly a minute. This test never tired him in the least. He now, at nine months of age, lifts a twenty-five pound dumbbell, and keeps it in the air a minute, and would do so longer, but I don't want to be too hard on the boy. don't mean to brag about my son, but as they do when hustling down for a I believe he is the coming strong man without any doubt."

THE MOTHER TELLS OF HIS DIET "When he was three months old," says Mrs. Ward, who attends to his dieting, "I commenced to feed him on commonplace use of the sliding pole graham crackers soaked in milk. This seems at first strange. He has seen not only put on flesh rapidly, but also it usually, perhaps only, from below; built up his bones and muscles. I am now giving him solid foods of different and the use of it is associated in his You may open a vein, and find the kinds, and he wants to eat most of the mind with the sound of the gong, the time. Sometimes I have to take him pounding of the horses' hoofs, the snapaway from the table for fear he will eat too much, and then he is sure to

iature gymnasium for his boy, and he is putting all sorts of appliances to develop muscles of the young wonder. The matter of course. He is learning to talk rapidly, and is as bright as a new dollar. Every muscle in the little fellow's body stands out prominently, and be on an upper floor, and instead of his flesh is as hard and firm as a professional boxer's. His biceps are developed in an astonishing manner and feel like iron.

A WOMAN'S MILITARY FUNERAL. tary display takes place at the funeral of any womain who does not happen to for any duty in the house. He goes be the member of some reigning fam- down the pole habitually, because that ily. The honors accorded by the French is the simplest and easiest way to go Government to the late Mme. Charles Heine, whose obsequies at Paris the be mighty hard work to shin up it, other day were attended by a battalion When the fireman goes up, then, like of infantry with the regimental colors everybody else, he climbs the stairs. and band, are sufficiently exceptional from dogs on their trails, as foxes are to merit record. The troops were pre- said to have gone to Thoreau. Now sent at the funeral ceremonies in con- seven persons have seen foxes seek shelsequence of the dead lady having been | ter with Breek, and there are no skepone of the only two women of-ficers of the National Order of It is believed that Breek's eyes are the Legion of Honor, which had been largely responsible for his power over the Legion of Honor now surviving is While not exactly fierce, they are raththe celebrated artist, Rosa Bonheur, so er menacing. A dog, angry at a child who received the cross of an ordinary store porch one day, started to snap knight from Napoleon III. and the cross at it. Breek said something quickly of officer of the order from the Govern- and the dog, giving one glance at the ment of the republic.

PLAYING IT TO A FINISH.

Two Paris women were recently persuaded by a Spiritualistic medium that their bodies enveloped the spirits of Mary Stuart and Queen Elizabeth. Unthe Virgin Queen's money, eloped, making it necessary for the police to be

CHURCH CATS.

In Naples there exists a race of cats which live in the churches. They are carried phonographs, with which the congregation, or sitting gravely beward, irrespective of the work of his war songs of the natives were recorded. Fore the altar during time of mass.

PITHY PARAGRAPHS.

Labor.

An artificial ear costs \$100. Chinese can make horseshoes. 'Frisco has a Japanese physician. Whale beef is a Bermuda delicacy. Japan has one leather sole mill. Panama canal employes 3,000 men. Arizona Indians are buying bicycles. Europe has 560 miles of electric road.

Woodmakers have subscribed \$5,000 for a co-operative factory at Detroit. A new railway company at Cincinnati offers a 4-cent fare for a fran-

Venetian glass-blowing has been revived at the Royal Prussian Museum of Arts. The Chicago Federation of Labor has

begun an earnest fight for postal savings banks.

have wide tires. The raising of cucumbers is becoming one of the great industries of Northern Indiana.

Almost all the farmers of Wheatland, Wyo., have the ground prepared for spring seeding.

Visalia, Cal., recently carried ten helps to keep the young Viennese of trunks filled with Japanese goods.

Omaha horseshoers have prepared a bill requiring the examination of people wishing to enter that occupation. Lowell, Lawrence or New Bedford, to a key than the ephemeral lodger.

A San Francisco, Cal., cattle firm has bought hundreds of tons of hay in Nevada for \$2 per ton, and is feeding

A despatch from New York says that it is understood that the Merritt Wrecking Company and the Chapman been destroyed by premature interment. the athletic training of this youthful Wrecking Company are about to consolidate and continue business as one

Manufacturers of agricultural ma-

THE SLIDING POLE.

Very Handy to Use Going Down, but the Stairs Still Used Going Up.

City firemen use the sliding poles in the engine houses when descending from the dormitory floors to the street I floor about their ordinary affairs, just fire. It is the quickest and easiest way to go, and naturally they go that way always. To a man not a fireman, however, and so unaccustomed to it, the ping of harness, and the general bustle of preparation. To see the firemen Mr. Ward is fitting up a model min- come dropping down the sliding poles into this scene of activity seems all right. It seems like a part of the genaccustomed only to seeing them come down the poles in this way should happen at a time of quiet in the house to seeing firemen shoot into view should see one suddenly and silently disappear, that sight propably would at first be surprising to him.

At first it seems strange to see any man, fireman or not, slide down a pole It is very seldom, indeed, that a mili- to start for his dinner, for instance, but that is what the fireman does, and it is just the same if he is going below But he doesn't go back that way; easy as it is to slide down the pole, it would

charities. The sole feminine officer of of lustre, and direct in their gaze, renowned for her paintings of animals, for having stepped on its tail on the no headaches, those who have escaped man's eyes, slunk away with its tail be. Kidney tween its legs.

NEW CIRCUS ACT.

A new number on the programme of are the ones whose opinion is valuable. a Berlin circus is attracting widespread When scores of such people come forward fortunately Mary Stuart discovered that attention. It is called the "Mysterious and tell publicly that Doan's Kidney Pills male artists. A large disk is fastened evident that the only to the ceiling of the circus, leaving but a small space for a track on top of the disk, which is invisible to the audience. On the lower surface of that disk a bicycle rider rides upside down, and holding a trapeze suspended from for Kidney Disease, Bladder and Urinary his mouth, a partner goes through a difficulties, Lame Back, and the number NEW USE FOR THE PHONOGRAPH.

The exploring expedition under Lieut.
Hourst, which recently returned from old buildings there. The animals may lieuted from the pose to catch the mice which infest all conditions, for the rider continues rider conditions. the upper reaches of the River Niger, often be seen walking about among the ing around his track forward and back-

FLOUR FOR AUSTRALIA.

About What is Going on in the World of Big Contract Made With the Lake of the Woods Milling Company.

Sir Roderick Cameron, who has been at Rat Portage for some time, has made a big contract with the Lake of the Woods Milling Company. Sir Roderick's farm has contracted for all the flour manufactured over their regular North Carolina has 1,824 distilleries. | trade. They are to get a thousand England has 85,818 available seamen. barrels in the four months following Dec. 1 last. Fifty cars, each containing two hundred barrels, left the Keewatin Mills during December, and sev-Berlin is to have an electric elevated enty-five cars was expected to be shipped last month. Sir Roderick's firm, R. W. Cameron & Co., has offices in London, Eng., New York, and Sydney, Australia. They are large shippers of merchandise, both by their own vessels and by others. They have contracted for all the available space for carrying flour on the C. P. R. steamships sailing to Australia to forward the flour contracted for with the Lake of the Woods Milling Company. This Australian market is a grand thing for the wheat growers of our The Vermont Legislature has adopt- western prairie. It gives them getter ed a law requiring heavy waggons to prices and keeps the flour mills running full capacity.

QUEER VIENNESE CUSTOM.

The Viennese take their pleasures as regularly as they do their meals; but they do not neglect business, or keep A Japanese drummer who was in late hours. One thing, perhaps, which moderate means and economical mind Detroit Builders' Exchange declares regular in his evening hours, is the fact that he must pay to get into his own rooms after 10 o'clock. Vienna is one vast system of apartment houses and a housemaster is in charge of each one. At 10 o'clock he locks the front door, and any one desiring to get in No immediate curtailment of produc- after the hour must pay for admittance, tion of cotton goods is looked for at and the old resident has no more right

ONE FAILING AT LAST. Slyly may be a model citizen, but they say he has his failings. To be sure he has. It was his firm that failed last week.



Fifty Years Ago.

President Polk in the White House chair, While in Lowell was Doctor Ayer; Both were busy for human weal One to govern and one to heal. And, as a president's power of will Sometimes depends on a liver-pill, Mr. Polk took Ayer's Pills I trow For his liver, 50 years ago.

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