HUNCHBACKS.

hich a French Doctor y Tried Many Times.

are to be no more least there need be e if children afflicted spinal curvature are treatment which the lot, has so successfully arse of his practice in lospital at Berk-sur-

cess, in broad general mply in pressing down of the backbone until sume their normal nce to each other. It to do this and assistusly at the shoulders ubject while the doc-Is bears down heavily The sound of the bones come into place is disat the patient is under chloroform and is not

ths, or until the verin their places, the plaster of Paris mould d to go abroad after the support of a tightbout ten months are plete cure. Dr. Calthirty-seven operaall of them without resulting in the OBLITERATION

eaving the back as

ave been changed had nent been known in hbacks have wielded one time and anothbeing a notable insvery frequently vicin disposition, as the over their deformity. t much evil in the ard been subjected to ment in childhood a t have been omitted ory. He would have man but for his deremorseless cruelty much of its origin in thropy, the result of

cess becomes general of hunchbacks, the future will have to duct of the past and for a supply of this monster.

exander Pope, might e peevish, querulous a fine handsome felrather than a waspeforming hunch been by a skilled surgeon

Y AND INSANITY

ous Life Is the Cause of Farmers' Wives.

e in a scientific jourthree-fourths of he state asylums for the ers' wives. If this is is no reason to doubt interesting to know

ity some time ago delarge number of male insane through an exm, while the princicy among women were ction or the "dreadhard, monotonous, sol-

ement bears out the an be more wearing an the constant strain routine, coupled with ation which farmers' y had to endure. No e more endlessly reinflexible round of and late, which the a few years ago had

the dark and cold of saw her digging her use, through the snow, e. Breakfast for the n. Breakfast for the ist also be måde ready to be looked after. hed, milk to be skimbe baked, beds to be o be done, vegetables dinner to be cooked, poked after, baby alidered, ironing three week. Other days making pies and her's famous dough-

at no relief, or release e always some gaping or trousers, the piled ket, and, lastly, the and the buckwheat pre the wearied woman aching body upon her too "beat out" to

Always faced by some uty, no wonder the arved brain found re-/

ter all, what it meant es-years ago; this is r some women to-day; tion between the menal forces—a want of oth the gathering and ower. An overworked ed brain. An eager ledge; for all that n the living, and feet ary machine, like a

IC PEAR-TREE.

-tree, which had lived ries, near Toulon, was ly by a violent windnk was nearly twelve rence. Monsieur Ghaetor of the ground on tood, after correspondall the botanical socicould learn of no peare and age to this one.

O WEALTH. y saved whose

ing. sun y purse no

the run.

TWIXT EARTH AND HEAVEN

"Good evening, George!" "Good evenin', sir; but I reckon it's rayther late on for evenin'. Eh?"

twelve."

what, sir. I never hear th' Town Ha' th' back o' my fustian jacket, an' there that the gardener has a "let up" dur- ed where no foul odors would be likely clock strike twelve mednight, but I have I swung at th' end of a rope a huna queer, creepy feelin' down th' spine o' my back."

"Not ghosts, surely, George? A man pieces." who works among furnaces as you do and is accustomed to these wierd, dancing lights and shadows, and those un- looped up, somehow, above, for when early now to prepare seeds for next culture in the kitchen garden, the earthly-looking beings flitting about, my weight came on it, it swung a clear season's crops, and the gardener who market garden, and on the farm, writes should be past that."

shut o' that sort o' nonsense."

"Then what in the world can there be about twelve midnight to upset a casehardened man like you?"

"It was summat a sight more real than ony ghost I e'er see or heard on, that gave my narves a shock they've ne'er got o'er."

to deny me the story. Let me have it, feel their heat up there. by all means. I can answer for my nerves."

less I'm like, obliged, an' that's not ed for Jim, but, whether he was still thing else of a similar nature, to be spring you get all your manure on top, offen, but I'll tell yo' as we walk round. You've come specially to see th' big jacket rend a bit, an' I prayed, as I a small majority of them germinate After going a small majority of them germinate roots of onions are all near the surface. at Sofia. At first she refused. She

naces of Messrs. Marsden's great struggle, but I'd no help for myself from year to year from excellent plants, moulds prepared for it.

rods and heavy shovels feeding the phur. breakfast roll.

think of George's story, but as we stood spoke:-

tellin' yo' about." "Why, George, you've never men-

knowledge." "Well, well: I thought I told yo'

set my narves."

down."

foreman then-'l mean to climb to th' rope, yet it saved your life!" I said. top o' th' shaft, Jim, afore th' ladders! are ta'en down.' 'Right you are,' says by the rope after all. When Jim sumhe let's go to-night.

we've middlin' o' time to spare; we couple of 'em went to th' top, slued the them for sale to late gardeners. There work like demons for a spell, an' then tackle round so as to miss the furnace, are those who buy their plants when it's o'er for a bit-between th' heats, an' they made a noose an' lowered me, started in the hotbeds, and they pay for we knew it 'ud be cold up there, very spot we're standin' on. went off quietly behind this row of furnaces, and began to mount th' lad- ing twelve give you cold shivers?"

I dar'n't look down for, though I've a pretty good head for height, I'm not exactly a born steeple-jact, as could turn a somersault on a weathercock. Well, we kep' on, Jim an' me, past platth' cornice as runs round the top. It looks narrow enough down here, but it's plenty wide enough to stand on comas took considerably fro' th' feelin' o'

height. "Jim picked up a grappling-hook as was lying on th' top, to use as a sort of alpenstock to steady himself. I believe the hook had been used to draw th' rope in as was danglin' from a set beam. Th' hoistin' tackle was fastened to a windlass on the top platform, an' was used for hoistin' up th' new copin' stones an' other things the workmen needed. It was mighty cold up there, I can tell yo', an' our hands grew numb; but we enjoyed it for all that.

"The lights of the town twinkled by thousands down below, an' the big dome of the Town Ha' looked like a giant's good .- W. E. Gladstone. pepper-caster with a light inside. Our works, 'at look so 'ig down here, seemed like a good-sized back-yard, an', except for th' bit o' noise as came fro' er-not wi' cold-pass through me, an' I says: 'Let's go down, Jim; I've had

straight down. We couldn't do it for' and a long cloak, wearing an additional in. Therefore, if the user is not ready provided with spectacles. th' top. We can stick to a post. It's cloak in unusually cold weather. our last chance!' So when we reached th' next stage we went to th' edge, an' charily peeped o'er. My! what a depth it looked! Well, sir, it's no kind o' use askin' how it happened. I never the one just opened across the Dan- be kept scrupulously clean. This can away he had borrowed \$50 from me. could tell. Things happen all of a ube at Ozernaveda, where there is a minute-because they've got to hap- | whole region of annual inundation. It | every time they are emptied and the explain how. Perhaps I grew dizzy, proaches.

but I think I slipped-it was a bit frosty-because I went feet first." "What!" I exclaimed, gazing at the man in horrified astonishment, "you

fell off the chimney?" "I did that. An' it's a merical an' a mercy I'm here to tell yo'. Yo' see, "Well, yes, either too late or too th' tackie for hoistin' was hangin' from should loiter by the way much, if he early. There's the first stroke of th' pulleys and windlass at th' top, an' would succeed. Gardening, when rightth' big hooks were danglin' just below where we stood, an' by the mercy of ly conducted, is generally an occupaevery moment as my owd jacket would ful, if not careful, and may possibly is especially true when applied to dairygive way, an' I should be dashed to lie down and take a nap, only to awake, ing.

"Terrible!" I groaned. "'Dashed to pieces,' did I say? Worse | find that the tortoise has won the race. than that! Th' rope must ha' been Properly speaking, it is none too n't see Jim. I hung face downwards ards an' for'ards, an' great 'flames

nace, an' began to shovel in fuel, an' course the safest and surest method to afraid of sowing your rye too early in the way the 'fire gobbled it up was follow. Cheap seeds from untried the fall. Don't plow too early in the "It's a thing I ne'er speak about on- enough to turn my hair white. I shout- places generally turn out, like any- start. By plowing it again in the answer. I swung round, an' heard my the most expensive in the end. Only just where you want it for onions. The assassins, which has just taken place on th' platform above or not, I got no forge by night, an' it 'ud be a pity to ne'er prayed afore, as that bit of owd and accordingly one is a loser. It is ing harrow the ground is ready for the pearance in court was dramatic in the grimy fustian would hold. Then I perfectly appropriate, to be sure, to use seed. So in and out among the roaring fur- spit, right over the tire. I wanted to our own seeds which we have saved

tion from their brows with bundles of had been scotched, but not tight enough, start in again. As a rule, we are too tow as black as their own begrimed an' my weight was enough to set it faces, or guiding the molten iron, white faster. I should ha' been glad enough done good service in the past and behot, like a river of quicksilver flowing to be gently lowered, but for one thing, come forgetful of the fact that they from the heart of the fire, into the I should be slowly but surely lowered may have been gradually deteriorating right into the furnace mouth. I could until they are pernaps practically feel th' heat now strong, and was worthless. Look to it that this does not We saw the stokers with their long nearly chocked with the smell o' sul- apply to you.

the doors, lanes of light streamed across dropped like rain from my face. A but- For the reason that a man has been mass of iron would be taken on a trol- hide the seethin' flames below. But so hereafter. they seemed to burn red an' horrid In February and March it is very im-

part of the story afterwards, when I at the foot of the great smoke-shaft, was gettin' round from brain fever. He which shot up to the height of 130 ft. nearly fell after me from sheer horabove our heads, George suddenly ror, but he wasn't the man to waste time when his mate's life hung by a "This is the very chimney, sir, I was thread, even if it was a thick 'un. He first tried to reach the rope with his hand, but it was of no use, an' every tioned the chimney to-night, to my moment it settled farther an' farther

"Then he bethought himself, all in that it was this very chimney that up- a flash, of the grapplin'-hook at th' top, an' up he went again as fast as his

"Aye, so it did, but I was to go down so?

MEASURE THE RESULTS.

If we fail to measure the results that form after platform, th' wind gettin' are hourly wrought on shingle and on bors, at the stores, or anywhere else stronger every minute, till we stood on sand, it is not because these results are unreal, but because our vision is too limited in its powers to decern them. fortable like; an' then, of course, there | When instead of comparing day with was a platform o' -planks beneath us, day we compare century with century, little things, and it can be said that Lippertons?" "No, we don't know come sea and sea has become land. Even so we perceive, at least in our wards ourselves, that under the steady o' pulleys at th' end of a projectin' pressure and experience of life, human characters are continually being determined, modified, altered or undermined. It is the office of good sense no less than of faith to realize this great truth before we see it, and to live under the conviction that our life especially. from day to day is a true, powerful and searching discipline, molding and making us whether it be for evil or for

A HIMALAYAN SETTLEMENT. from 3,000 to 5,000 feet higher, has a or seams, if any there be! enough.' So Jim lays his crook down permanent population of 500 persons, year round. Water freezes there ev- has been rinsed with water of a lower "We'd got about a third of the way ery night, but no snow falls on account temperature the strainer will be about

LONGEST BRIDGES.

The longest bridge in the world is pen. I suppose-an' it's no use tryin' to is 13,325 feet long, without the ap- rules above mentioned observed.

THE FARM.

WINTER WORK FOR GARDENERS.

however, like the hare in the fable and

Jim tells me it was as many feet be- begins this in time is pretty sure to a specialist. In the market garden the "Oh, aye, sir, a man don't work half low where he stood, an' two feet clear have his products in the market before first thing under consideration is the his time on night shifts 'bout gettin' of the scaffoldin'! Of course., I couldan'saw, right under me, th' top o' this We depend to a large extent on our a dry, sandyloam, not wet, or soggy, nearest furnace, an' I could see, when seedsmen nowadays for our seeds, and for if it is you will have nothing but hide the seethin' flames below. But it often requires much time and study scullions at the end of the season. Take th' rope settled, that, if I fell I should to select from their long list the prop- a piece of land that has had early ponace to which Nebuchadnezzar's must er seeds for our exact use. Consequent- tatoes, and as soon as these are dug, his hands, which he had raised to shield ha' been a frost. I could see th' white ly it is advisable to begin in time, and haul on plenty well-rotted barnyard his head from the blows rained upon heat chasin' itself like lightnin', back'- spend weeks, if needs be, in deciding manure, spread evenly; plow, not too leapin' up as if they were tryin' wi' upon what are the best and most prop- deep, but just deep enough to cover the "Well, George, you've gone too far might an main to get at me. I could er seeds. Getting seeds from houses manure. Then sow rye on it at the which can most be relied upon is of rate of six bushel per acre. Don't be The doctors completed the amputation. seeds that do not stand the test

mighty furnaces, and as they opened "I shouted again, but my voice seem- should be discarded, no matter what ed to stick in my throat. The sweat their virtues in the past may have been.

ley to the puddlers, who kneaded the through my eyelids. 'Jim! Jim!! portant that we should have the seeds should be started.

spring hotbeds, which can be started so ed, for a few years I don't know that they can get several weeks, and anything better for young trees. tremblin' legs an' numb fingers could atory as the hare that lay down in the healthy growth is the one from which "Height? Yo' should see it from the help him. The hook was a good race and went to sleep. He cannot, in we can expect fine fruit. top. Yc' don't see height till yo' look | weight, an' hindered him a lot, an' reality expect to reap the just rewards when he reached the stage below the of his labor. As it is the early bird "I can believe you George. Well?" one he started from, I had disappeared. that finds the worm, so it is in the early "It's five ye'r sin', come next fourth Fearin' the worst, he scrambled down markets that the highest prices for vego' Feb'uary. They were pointin' th' an' down until be overtook me, an' it etables are obtained. Therefore we chimney, an' repairin' th' copin' stones; was then I heard his voice. The rest should be ready to assume the work last? Oh, I am so glad!" Her—"You which, in costliness if not in importin fact, they were puttin' some new was easy. He went down still anoth- of supplying the world with green veg- ought to be." ans on. The whole shaft was sur- er platform, reached upwards an' out- etables just as soon as the southern rounded fro' top to bottom wi' scaffold- wards with the hook, pulled upon it, gardeners have completed their seas- my poem?" Concilliatory editor—"I previously undertaken, and will conin', an' there were ladders fro' plat and, drawin' the rope gently inwards, on's work. Otherwise there is pretty can't, really; but I should like to print vert Devonport—with the exception of form to platform, fro' ground to crown.

I said to my mate, Jim Edge—I wasn't well, you were rid of that horrible the demand will be universal and no "I've discover one to meet it with goods. Isn't this

Outside of growing plants for our moned the chaps from below they could- own gardens in the early hotbeds, there "So between th' heats-for yo' know 'nt carry me down the ladders, so a is often money in growing many of I say, Jim an' me put on our jackets, as unconscious as a dead man, to the good prices for them, too. In order to meet this demand, gardeners can often "But why does the Town Hall strik- do well to make a specialty of onions, lettuce, or other vegetables, which they "Well, sir, it struck twelve while I grow in perfection, and dispose of "Up an' up we went. I could hear was danglin' 'twixt earth an' heaven, them by the dozen when a few inches Jim takin' step an' step wi' me, but an' I thought it was my death-knell." high. One can frequently more than pay for all the expense of the hotbeds by growing an extra amount of each vegetable under glass, in that, after The gay fool-killer now may shirk selecting all he needs for his own use, he can sell the remainder to his neighthat an opportunity presents itself.

CLEANLINESS IN DAIRY WORK.

Life it has been said, is made up of we may often find that land has be- dairying is made up the same wayin fact any business is made up of neighbors, towards whom the eye is little things and details, and if these more discerning and impartial than to- are not properly attended to, failure re- Yet I suppose she has the right

One of the most important details of dairying is cleanliness. This should be observed from the milking of the cows to the packing of the product-butter

is one of the important factors in promoting cleanliness. All the milk in or on a dairy utensil should first be rinsed off with water far below the scalding point before any water up to that Rupshu, a district on the north slope point is used. If scalding water is used our chaps below, all th' town seemed of the Himalayas, 15,000 feet above sea at the start the milk is cooked and then it is almost impossible to remove it fast asleep. I felt a bit of a queer shiv- level and surrounded by mountains form the article-especially the creases

> If scalding water is used on a milk to rinse off the milk as soon as through using let the strainer be put into water and left there till it can be properly cleaned.

> be easily accomplished if attended to

creamery should be carefully looked after. In the first place care should be taken to thoroughly rinse off all the saw dust that may stick to the ice before the latter is placed in the tank. Next, be sure when straining In this age of competition no one the milk not to spill any of it into the water. But if any gets into it then change the water at once-especi-

ally during warm weather. Every dairyman should have a dairy "Aye, sure enough! I'll tell you God; as I fell, one on 'em caught in tion that pays; but owing to the fact room or house, and it should be locat-

That cleanliness is next to Godliness

RAISING ONIONS FOR MARKET.

Onion growing may be divided into

Make the rows 18 in. apart,-they might be nearer, but I think this near oners in the dock, who were the mere enough, because it gives a better chance | tools in her husband's assassination, "forge" we went, my guide and I, and an' I dar'n't for fear o' tearin' loose, but if the variety is inclined to run to work them with a double wheel hoe.

"Again I twisted round towards the grien workers have to the grien workers have the grien workers have the grien workers have the grien workers have to the grien workers have th saw the grim workers, bare to the stack, an' this time I shricked with fear. out we should drop the seeds at once. When the onions are about 4 in. high gators. These waist, wiping the streaming perspira- I was slowly descending. The windless Secure new ones from the seedsmen and bushels wood ashes at the rate of 100 bushels per acre broadcast, I never thin my onions but leave them as the drill goin'. Every moment it went a bit apt to cling to the things which have sows them. Harvest as soon as the tops die, and sow rye as in the fall previous ready for another year's crop. If these directions are followed I promise you a fine crop of onions.

YOUNG ORCHARDS.

tion; when there is any spare time go ments, seldom wore it, and was withover the trees, cutting away weak, usethe alley and made darkness visible, ton gave way. I clutched my jacket strong, both mentally and physically, less wood. When the trees are young of its existence. For, although his while, every now and then, a great wi' both hands, an' shut my eyes to it does not hold that we will always be is the time to give them good attention, head, face and wrists were literally and a well kept orchard will respond hacked to pieces, nearly forty separate to the extra labor laid out, says Amer- geons, yet not a single scratch was red-hot metal as a baker kneads a Jim!!! I shrieked, an' I could hear now in our possession, since in these months ican Gardening. If young trees be left found on the trunk of his body. It is the sound of clatterin' clogs below, as some of them will require being started to themselves they will not be long beof men hurryin' down the concrete under glass. Therefore by the first of fore they grow out of shape. Strong It was a weird sight for the small alleys. 'Jim! Jim!!' I shrieked again. repruary we should be overhauling the shoots, which give the trees a straghours of the morning, and, for the time, "All right, old chap I'm here.' And hotbeds, improving upon them, or mak- gling appearance, should be shortened tion of Stephen Stambuloff. I was too much interested in the new then I knew no more. I fainted with ing new ones. Onion plants can be back; one should always aim to have and strange sights of the place to Joy.

"Jim-good old Jim!-told me his started under glass by the middle of compact, well balanced trees, and also, february, and by the end of the lifting fruit be the chieft beauty the February, and by the end of the if fine fruit be the object, keep the month all of them, as a usual thing, growth thinned out, as when there is much wood in a tree sunshine cannot Some do not approve of growing veg- get at the fruit, and under these ciretables under grass in winter, yet these cumstances poor fruit results. Young invariably have faith in the early orchards should be thoroughly cultivatsometimes months, ahead of those who one half of an orchard be cultivated the wait for pleasant outdoor weather. In- other left in grass, that which was deed, that gardener who does not em- cultivated would grow just as fast of 145 acres, exclusive of the victualing ploy hotbeds in his work is woefully again and much cleaner and healthibehind the times. He is almost as dit- er. A tree that makes a clean,

SOME SMILES.

Fair poetess-"Won't you please print

such a happy people." "Why was it? efficiently defended arsenal in the 'They didn't have their clothes made "Brownjones is the hardest man to

take in shorthand that I ever struck." 'Does he talk so fast as that?" "No -so confoundedly slow." Frizby-"Is it not much more expen- as a preliminary to 'the extension of

sive crusing in a yacht than travelling Devonport as a naval port, and the on the cars?" Vanwart-"The reverse | means of access to the dockyard at all There are no porters on yachts." "I like to cook enough to last," re-

marked the young bride. "You do, do] you," groaned the devoted hubby, "no matter how little you cook," At ease, as wintry sluch he views, His victims kindly do the work

By leaving off their overshoes, "They worked like a charm. They have lock sufficiently large to permit the such a horrible taste that the children passage through of vessels larger than

have all stopped coughing." "Do you know your neighbors, the them at all; they merely used to lend us their lawn mower last summer." The way my neighbor's daughter sings

Would make one tear his hair; Because she rents the air. "Scientists say that the secret of all life is vibration." "Pooh! I've had lots Plymouth's geographical position ren-

wasn't anything secret about it." me a lift, sir," he said as he entered the and nine or ten years hence, when this The daily cleaning of dairy utensils office. "You will find the elevator in scheme has been completed, the Devonthe front of the building," replied the port group of docks will be without a

bookkeeper." THE NEW WOMAN.

Wouldn't you feel helpless, Emeline, if you heard the wolf at your door? Not much; I'd pull him in by the ears and make a lovely rug out of him.

A LONDON CHARITY.

A useful charity called the London where he'd found it, an' we began to who live in goat-hair tents all the strainer of fine meshes before the milk Spectacle Mission, provides spetacles for needlewomen and other deserving perdown, when Jim says; 'Let's stop on th' of the dryness of the air. The people as good as ruined and the same will sons depending upon their eyesight for next platform a minute, an' tak' a look are shepherds, and dress in pajamas result if the milk is allowed to dry a living. Last year 726 applicants were

A REAL SPELLBINDER.

Dobbins is a good talker, isn't he? Good talker? I went to his office The cans of portable creameries should once to borrow \$50, and before I got

Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick is improving daily. The surgical operapeace now. The water and ice tank of a portable | tion was entirely successful.

GRIM RELICS.

The Murdered Stambuloff's Hands Kept in a Glass Case By His Widow.

Although over a year has elapsed since the dastardly murder of Stephen Stambuloff, the Bismarck and political creator of Bulgaria, his house at Sofia, scarcely a stone's throw from the palace of the Prince, who owed to him not only his throne but his life, still remains draped with crape.

The most extraordinary feature of the Stambuloff house is an ornament in the drawing-room. It hangs just below a portrait of the murdered patriot. On a background of black velvet, inclosed in a frame and covered with glass, are what appear at first sight to be a pair of fencing gauntlets, or small boxing gloves. They are not. They are he embalmed hands of the former dictator of Bulgaria.

When Stambuloff was carried dying to the house which he had left for the Union Club two minutes before, him by the murderous knives and swords of his fifteen assassins, were hanging to the arm by shreds of skin. Every day the widow opens the little glass fram.

Madame Stambuloff was requested to appear at the trial of her husband's extreme. Addressing the judges, she demanded that they acquit the prisand call instead to justice the insti-

These are well known, chief among them being the former colleague and Minister of State, Natchevitch, who now is Mayor of Sofia. Natchevitch, whom Stambuloff regarded as his most intimate and loyal friend, was the only person in the country, except Madame Stambuloff, who knew that the ex-dictator had received a finely woven shirt of steel. Stambuloff, however, who was a stout man, and loved Young orchards should have atten- to be free and easy in all his moveout it on the day of his assassination. Yet his assassins manifestly were aware wounds being counted by the sur-Natchevitch, therefore, whom the widow regards as being, with Prince Ferdinand, responsible for the assassina-

MONSTER ARSENAL.

The Largest in the World Will be That of Devonport, England.

The importance of Devonport as a naval base has been repeatedly demonstrated. Today the dockyard and the Keyham steam factory cover an area yard, and the naval barracks, the Royal Engineering College and the many other Government buildings located on the banks of the Tamar and occupying 200 additional acres.

The present Board of Admirality have She-"So you are really engaged at now commenced a scheme of extension ance, will eclipse any work of the kind Pembroke, the youngest of the royal "I've discovered why the Greeks were | dockyards-into the largest and most world. The authorities in Whitehall have set their hand to a scheme of naval expansion at the western port which will entail an expenditure of about £6,000,000. A million sterrling has been spent in docking operations tides has been rendered safe and easy. The scheme includes the creation of a tidal basin with an area of 351-2 acres being 41-2 times as large as the biggest basin which Devonport now possesses. It will be 1,550 feet long and 1,000 feet broad, with a depth of 55 ft. below the coping stone. Leading from this basin, which will be entered from the Hamoaze by a tidal caisson, will "Were those cough-drops beneficial '?' | be three graving docks and an entrance any yet designed. This lock will be an important addition to the accommodation, for it is to be constructed that it can be closed with a caisson and utilized as a dock. The scheme thus aims at providing a large tidal basin which can be used at any state of the tide and five docks so commodious as to reduce to a minimum the possibility of accident in the docking or undocking of the largest vessels. of people give me the shake, but there ders these additional facilities for the accommodation of the largest war ves-"I thought perhaps you would give sels of the greatest national importance,

rival in the world. A PRESENT FOR A HUSBAND.

Furniture Dealer-Yes, madam, there is no nicer present for a man than a handsome writing desk. Look at this one, for example.

Customer-It's very pretty; but what are all those square things? Drawers, madam. That desk has one hundred and sixty separate drawers. thing he'll expect me to find it. Show me a desk with one drawer.

Huh! And every time he mislays any-A MODERN ENOCH ARDEN. Old neighbor-My goodness, Mr. Arden, you back, after all these years? Don't you know your wife has married

again? Mr. Arden-Yes, I heard of it afore I started. Guess I kin live here in