### Notes and Comments.

Reports of the famine in India grow steadily worse. The destitute now employed on relief works number more than 5,500,000, with a weekly rise in the total; hundreds of thousands are on missionary relief, while in some districts cholera is completing the work of destruction begun by starvation. The area of scarcity greatly exceeds that of the famine of three years ago, and includes over 90,000,000 of people, a mass which cannot be adequately relieved by any human agency. The Indian government is doing everything in its power to prevent loss of life, is pouring out money like water, and in the British territories has per fected and set agoing a relief system better and on a larger scale than the world has ever seen. But even this is unequal to the need, for owing to the extent of many of the affected districts and the dense population, there are not enough white officials to supervise its working, though every Brit. ish civil and military officer that can be spared is utilized, and native agents cannot be trusted.

weakening of the population, the tendency of the whole mass of the destitute toward death must as the weeks go by be sharply accentuated. even if food is secured, the fever and diseases which follow famine, and for which there can be no relief, must kill off a great population. To increase the gloominess of the outlook. the mortality among the cattle, which with a race of farmers and herdsmen dependent upon the soil for a livelihood, are indispensable, has been frightful, in some districts eighty to ninety per cent, having died, while in a few all have disappeared.

a view to keeping alive those that survive, for without them there can be little cultivation of the soil when the rains do fall, and none on for crops, and \$2,667,000 have been and seeds. But the government canowing to their religious beliefs, to sickness or improvidence, will not take ity organization on a vast scale-and this work must largely be done by private charity distributed through the missionaries, hospitals and benevolent societies.

# RAILROAD COLLISIONS.

# Russia.

ersburg and Warsaw Road, with an this world offers of praise, he exclaims, invention of Mr. Nikolaieff, designed "No rest! No rest!" both to give warning and to lessen the deadly effects of railroad colli- waters, "no rest here-we plunge to sions. Two wrecking railroads were the sea." "Aha!" cry the mountains, provided-on the first, the sleepers "no rest here-we crumble to the were displaced. In both cases the stop- | plain." "Aha!" cry the towers, "no page was immediate by the aid of this rest here-we follow Babylon, and device, without outside assistance and Thebes, and Nineveh into the dust." without injury to the moving trains. No rest for the flowers; they fade. No The essential feature of the invention rest for the stars; they die. No rest is an iron tube of usual construction, for man; he must work, toil, suffer, connected with the general system of and slave. brakes and placed in front of the wheels. At the least irregularity in Just to prepare you for the text the movement of the train the tube, "Arise ye, and depart; for this is not in consequence of certain cuts made your rest." I am going to make you on it at intervals, breaks, and thus a grand offer. Some of you rememproduces an immediate stoppage of ber that when gold was discovered in the train, locomotive as well. The Ex- California, large companies were amining Committee found that the made up and started off to get their tube fully accomplished its purpose. fortune. To-day I want to make up Such an invention is of the greatest Importance in Russia, where railroad accidents are a common occurrence. According to the official statistics. published by the Department of Railways, the number of fatal railway accidents in 1893, was 4,548; in 1895, 5,763; in 1896, 6,017.

# RUBBER HEELS.

India rubber heels on shoes, de- them went off to conquer the Holy creasing the fatigue of marching, will soon be adopted by the French army.

BIRTHS IN THE WORLD.

792,000 every year, 100,800 every day, When an army is to be made up, the Christ. One of them went out of the O'Rourke-No; Costigan got the seen the miracle that Jesus did. It and Stripes, the fact that they make one and a fraction every second.

# THE GREAT WANT OF REST.

# Dr. Talmage Speaks of This World and the Next.

Rev. Dr. Talmage preached from the their stature; they must be just following text: "Arise ye, and de- right, or they are rejected. But there part; for this is not your rest."-Mi- shall be no partiality in making up

This was the drum-beat of a prophet who wanted to arouse his people from their oppressed and sinful condition; but it may just as properly be uttered now as then. Bells by long exposure and much ringing lose their clearness of tone; but this rousing bell of the gospel strikes in as clear a tone as when it first rang on the air.

You and I have seen men who tried to rest here. They builded themselves great stores. They gathered around them the patronage of merchant princes. The voice of their bid shook the money-markets. They had stock in the most successful railroads, and In the native states the situation is in "safety depostsi" great rolls of much worse, no adequate organiza- government securities. They had emtion for relief existing, and though blazoned carriages, high-mettled the Calcutta government has lent steeds, footmen, plate that confoundthem experienced British officials to ed lords and senators, who sat at wall, exquisiteness of music rising and drunk it to the dregs, and still out, "This is Heaven?" the embroidered curtain, and shake valley, by every stream, amid every ward the place where our loved ones up the pillow of down. Turn out the brightness, and under every shadow; dwell, but be ourselves thrown out! Let slumber drop upon the eyelids, were all ready to put your hand upon the heart break of that last parting! and the air float through the half- the rosy, laughing sylph of the wood, By the thrones of your departed kinopened lattice drowsy with midsum- she turned upon you with the glare dred, by their gentle hearts, and the mer perfume. Stand back, all care, of a fiend and the eye of a satyr, tenderness and love with which they anxiety, and trouble! But no! they her locks adders, and her breath the now call you from the skies, I beg will not stand back. They rattle the chill damp of the grave. Out of you to start on the high-road to lattice. They look under the canopy. Jesus Christ no rest. No voice to sil-With rough touch they startle his pulses. They cry out at twelve o'clock at night, "Awake, man! How can you sleep when things are so uncertain? Cattle camps have been formed with. What about those stocks? Hark to the tap of that fire-bell; it is your district! How if you should die soon? Awake, man! think of it! Who will get your property when you are gone? where irrigation by wells is depended What will they do with it? Wake up! RICHES SOMETIMES TAKE WINGS. expended for the purchase of cattle How if you should get poor? Wake up!" Rising on one elbow the man not replace the whole loss of cattle, of fortune looks out into the darkness and private charity is needed to aid of the room, and wipes the dampness its efforts in this direction, as well as from his forehead, and says, "Alas! for the relief of the multitudes who For all this scene of wealth and mag-

nificence-no rest!" "Wake up!" says a rough voice. themselves to relief works. Among Political sentiment is changing. How these classes are those who are pro- if you should lose this place of honour? hibited by caste from such labor and Wake up! The morning papers are to herding as are unavoidable in relief be full of denunciation. Hearken to the works, and who die rather than sub- execrations of those who once caressed mit to it, the women who are never you. By to-morrow night there will seen save by their near relations; the be multitudes sneering at the words sick, and those who live in remote which last night you expected would districts, and who cling to their homes be universally admired. How can you till all food is gone, and then wander sleep when everything depends upon forth only to die by the roadside. To the next turn of the great tragedy? these food must be taken or money Up, man! Off of this pillow!" The supplied-the caste system of India man, with head yet hot from his last when given the means acts as a char- oration, starts up suddenly, looks out upon the night, but sees nothing except the flowers that lie on his stand, or the scroll from which he read his speech, or the books from which he quoted his authorities, and goes to his desk to finish his neglected correspondence, or to gen an indignant line to some reporter, or sketch the plan for a public defence against the assaults Experiments to Lesson Accidents in of the people. Happy when he got his first lawyer's brief; exultant when he Experiments have been made at triumphed over his first political rival; Vershbolovo Station, on the St. Pet- vet, sitting on the very top of all that

This world for rest? "Ah!" cry the

Now, for what have I said all this? a party for

THE LAND OF GOLD.

I hold in my hand a deed from the Proprietor of the estate, in which he offers to all who will join the comvalue, in a city whose streets are gold whose harps are gold, whose crowns are gold. You have read of the Crusaders-how that many thousands of Sepulchre. I ask you to join a grand-

A despatch from Washington says: he sounds their lungs; the measures this army of Christ. Whatever your moral or physical stature, whatever your dissipations, whatever your crimes, whatever your weaknesses, have a commission from the Lord Al mighty to make up this regiment of redeemed souls and I cry, "Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest." Many of you have larely joined this company, and my desire is that you may all join it. Why not? You know in your own hearts' experience that what I have said about this world is true-that it is no place to rest in. There are hundreds here weary-oh, how weary-weary with sin; weary with trouble; weary with bereavement. Some of you have lights? It is eleven o'clock at night. but just at the moment when you Oh the bitterness, and the agony, and ence the storm. No light to kindle the darkness. No dry dock to repair the split bulwark.

Thank God, I can tell you something better. If there is no rest on earth, there is rest in heaven. Oh ye who are worn out with work, your hands calloused, your backs bent, your eyes half put out, your fingers worn with the needle, that in this world you may never lay down; ye discouraged ones, who have been waging a hand-to-hand fight for bread: ye to whom the night brings little rest and the morning more drudgery -oh ye of the weary hand, and the weary side, and the weary foot,

HEAR ME TALK ABOUT REST. But there are some of you who and no graves are dug. Where is your and there another, and yonder anothno sound but the tire of the hearsewheel, or the tap of the belk at the temper should England gate as the long processions come in assumed to intervene on

known footsteps sound no more at rest! There is David triumphant; but Abraham enthroned; but once wept for Sarsh. There is Paul exultant; but he once sat with his feet in the stocks. There is Payson radiant with immortal health; but on earth he was always sick. No toil, no tears no partings, no strife, no agonizing cough, no night. No storm to ruffle the crystal sea. No alarm to strike from the cathedral towers. No dirge pany ten thousand shares of infinite throbbing from seraphic harps. No tremor in the everlasting song; but rest-perfect rest-

UNENDIN REST. Into that rest how many of our loved ones have gone! The land is in mourning for the dead. Never in one er crusade-not for the purpose of summer of my ministry have so many Christ, but for the purpose of reach- by disease. The little children have Cassey won? Thin Oi suppose Casey got The world's births amount to 36,- ing the throne of a living Jesus. been gathered up into the bosom of her? 4,300 every hour, 70 every minute, or recruiting officer examines the vol- arms of a widowed mother, following prize! She said she wanted the mon reminded them of the giving of manna hardy and excellent soldiers does not

fore. In its last moment it seemed to see the departed father, for it said, looking upward with brightened coutenance, "Papa, take me up!"

Others put down the work of midlife, feeling they could hardly be spared from the store or shop for a day, but are to be spared from if for ever. Two of our people went in old age. One came tottering on his staff, and used to sit at the foot of the pulpit, his wrinkled face radiant with the light that falls from the throne of God. Another that was nearer to me than them all; from my own circle she went up. Having lived a life of Christian consistency here, ever busy with kindnesses for her children, her heart full of that meek and quiet spirit that is, in the sight of God: of great price, suddenly her countenance was transfigured, and the gate was opened, and she took her place amid that great cloud of witnesses that hover

about the throne! Glorious consolation! They are not dead. You cannot make me believe

### THE BOER WAR.

#### United States Financier's Argument Favor of British. Henry Clews, of Henry Clews, & Co.,

New York, comments as follows upon

the Transvaal war :- "While many

Americans have sympathized with the Dutch, chiefly because they have fought valiantly for a losing cause, pelled to be neutral by all legal prewant to hear about the land where the English fought for equal rights two such fishes, to feed five thousand General Coke. they never have any heartbreaks, for all men and not for the privileged people! What are they among so A Boer prisoner on board a transfew of a single nationality. Under Bri- many? father and mother? The most of you tish domination the Dutch will have are orphans. I look around, and where the same rights as the English; un-I see one man who has parents living der Dutch rule other nationalities had I see ten who are orphans. Where been made desperate by the petty tyare your children? Where I see one ranny of rulers whose ulterior purfamily circle that is unbroken, I see pose was the utter exclusion of all three or four that have been desolat- foreigners, if possible. The issue may ed. One lamb gone out of this fold; be clouded by discussing the minor erone flower plucked from that garland; rors of both sides; but on the larger one golden link broken from that view of the question which must conchain; here a bright light put out, trol-that of equal rights for all men -there is but one side for Americans er. With such griefs how are you to to take, and that is the side of justice rest? Will there ever be a power that and equality before the law. As for can attune that silent voice, or kindle American interference we have no lethe lustre of that closed eye, or put gal standing there. It is purely an spring and dance into that little African question; and even from the foot? When we bank up the dust over humanitarian point of view it would the dead, is the sod never to be be supreme folly to shed more blood; broken? Is the cemetery to hear no for Britain would never submit to American interference. Imagine our with their awful burdens of grief? half of Spain during the late Is the bottom of the grave gravel, war; or even to support Aguinaldo and the top dust? No! no! no! The at present. Besides, it would be untomb is only a place where we wrap generous of us to forget so soon the our robes about us for a pleasant nap attitude of friendship which England on our way home. The swellings of preserved during the Spanish war, and Jordan will only wash off the dust her refusal to join the other great of the way. From the top of the powers in a remonstrance against our grave we catch a glimpse of the interference in behalf of Cuba. What towers glinted with the sun that ever criticisms we may wish to make regarding the British policy in Sout Oh ye whose locks are wet with the Africa, it cannot be overlooked that dews of the night of grief; ye whose her success stands for advancing civ hearts are heavy, because those well- ilization; and the least we can do for our best friend and our best cus the doorway, yonder is your rest! tomer is to control our emotions an maintain an attitude of friendly neu once he bemoaned Absolom. There is trality, until this unfortunate strughe gle is brought to a finish."

#### NOT BROKEN. So you quarreled with George, said one young woman.

Yes, answered the other with much Is your engagement broken?

Oh, no. I told him I never wanted to see his face again, and he said that he would leave me forever. But we didn't go so far as to break our en-

# HER PREFERENCE.

O'Brien-So Cassey and Costigan 13. Twelve baskets. Wicker bask-

unteers; he tests their eyesight; he its father, who died a few weeks be- she could lick aisiest, begorrah!

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, JUNE 17.

'The Feeding of Five Thousand." John 6. 5-14. Golden Text. Matt. 6. 11. PRACTICAL NOTES.

Verse 5, 6. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes. On a hill overlooking the plain of Butaiha Jesus and his disciples are seated, conversing holy things. Looking up, he sees great company which had come foot around the lake. He saith unto feeble. Why not hurl the old tyrant Philip, who was a native of this region, and would know who kept food Nazareth, the one true Galilean who for sale. Whence shall we buy bread, was a descendant of David, in his that these may eat? This question is asked to prove Philip, to test his faith and good training, for Jesus knew what he would do. 7, 8. Philip answered him, and his

answer reveals his character. It will

be found not unprofitable to guess what Peter or Thomas or John or thay are dead. They have only mov- Judas would have said if this quesed on. With more love than that tion had been asked of one of them. with which they greeted us on earth, Philip was neither an enthusiast nor they watch us from their high place, a doubter nor a man of spiritual inand their voices cheer us in our strug- sight nor a traitor. He was a plain, gle for the sky. Hail, spirits blessed, practical man, whose point of view been pierced through and through. now that ye have passed the flood and was not unlike that of a modern You carry the scars of a thousand won the crown! With weary feet business man. We can imagine him conflicts, in which you have bled at | we press up the shining way, until in | carefully observing the crowd and esery pore; and you sigh, "Oh that I everlasting reunion we shall meet timating its numbers. He knew the supervise the work, the mortality their table, tapestry on which float- had the wings of a dove, that I might again. Oh! won't it be grand when, price of food, and replied that two men down with enteric fever were from sheer starvation is reported as ed the richest designs of foreign fly away and be at rest!" You have our conflicts done and our partings hundred pennyworth (\$34) would be a given boiled starch to eat, for want very heavy. Indeed, with the steady, looms, splendour of canvas on the taken the cup of this world's pleasure over, we shall clasp hands, and cry comparatively small amount of bread, of anything better. hardly enough so that every one of among pedestals of bronze, and drop- the thirst claws at your tongue, and It is sad to say farewell on earth, them may take a little. This in spite inating throughout Cape Colony an ping, soft as light, on snow of sculp- the fever strikes to your brain. You but how sad to say farewell in the of the fact that money had much appeal to the colonial Afrikanders to ture. Here let them rest. Put back have chased Pleasure through every judgment-to gaze eternally up to- greater purchasing power then than rise and join them in fighting against now. Luke and Mark together give the "tyrant." us here an interesting passage of conversation which John omits. The states that the 10th Hussars had only apostles said, "Send the multitude three horses left of those the regiment away, that they may go into the took to the Cape. Another cavalry towns and country roundabout, and regiment had only fifteen. lodge, and get victuals." Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat." The apostles not but feel proud to take off our hats applied when the sun is hot, injures said, "Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give our work. They can have Australia in the morning or evening, wetting them to eat?" Jesus said, "How many loaves have ye? Go and see." horse." Andrew Simon Peter's brother, was, with John, the first of the twelve to follow Jesus. He had probably gone at once to see how many loaves there were, and his suggestion was made because of the manifest meagerness of the disciples' supply to meet so

> large a demand. yet as a nation we were not only com- five barley loaves and two small fish- got some water at night refused 5s. When this is done, watering need be es. The loaves were thin flat cakes to allow a man to wet his lips. cedent, but on the merits of the cause or crackers like our pilot biscuit; and

includes all the people; but in the mandeered last October not one of East men, as the lords of creation, them has had his clothes off or a would take their places first, while wash. The guard remarks that they the women and children, at respect- still scorn the last-named luxury. ful distance, would wait their turn. Dr. Moulton guesses that there were captured at Sanna's Post, feigned comparatively few women and chil- utter exhaustion, and was allowed to dren present. To us there is a path- lie by the side of the road and wait etic symbolism in our Lord's words for the ambulance. Naturally he did that he may not have intended. Look- not wait for it, and after travelling ing about us, we plainly see that for four days without food he reached this command is what the men of Bloemfontein. our time should heed. Our Lord would Mr. Ronnie MacLean, of East Lonfeed them with spiritual bread-the don, the cartain of the Kaffrarian bread of life-but how can he till they Rifles, has a great reputation in 'sit down?" Calm reflection is the South Africa for his wonderful first step which most people have to achievements in swimming off with take on their way to becoming Chris- lines to shipwrecked vessels, for which

11. Given thanks. Thanksgiving Medal the first won at the Cape. before meals was habitual with Christ, and we should follow his example. 'May God bless what he has given us!' is the usual Eastern formula. Dis- other side of the river, and were too tributed to the disciples. Herein bad to be carried over, so several of was a parable of the Gospel which Christ gives to his people, and they in turn give to their fellow-men. Our mouths to them." Master greatly honors us by making us his co-workers. As much as they would. God's gifts are abundant; there is enough for all at his heavenly feast. "It is hardly worth while, says Dr. Mouiton, "to mention the lines of attack on the credibility of the miracle. We are asked nowadays heavy hailstorm in progress." to believe that the people had to a considerable extent brought private stores which the generosity of the disciples induced them to bring out. When such able and, in everything but doctrine, Christian writers as Dr. Edwin Abbott can put their names to explanations of this sort, we may be forgiven for thinking the oidfashioned miracle much the easiest

theory to believe." 12. Gather up the fragments. No what was left by the people, but the pieces remaining in the disciples hands at the close of the meal. That nothing be lost. From this we may fairly assume that the food afterward was used by the twelve. Our Lord did not maintain apostles by miraculous intervention.

by Moses. That prophet. The pro- come as a great surprise.

phet foretold by Meses in Deut. 18. 15, often identified with the Messiah, See Acts 3. 22, 23; 7. 37. That should come into the world. One of the most popular names of the promised Messiah was the Coming One. Here was young man directly descended from David, pure in character, kind to his fellows, speaking as never man spoke, and doing deeds that made all the world wonder. Up in Tiberias, or in some other capital if Tiberias was not a yet rebuilt, was old Herod of Antipas, licentious, murderous, tyrannous, and from his throne and crown Jesus of stead? So ready were the twelve to second this misdirected enthusiasm that Jesus had to "compel" them to return by water while he calmed the excited crowd.

ITEMS THAT WILL INTEREST YOU AT THIS TIME.

The Boys on the Battlefield and Those on Their Way to the Cape-All Britain

Looks to Deeds of Br. very. The Orange Free State's area about 72,000 square miles, and the number of farms in over 7,000.

A letter from Ladysmith states that

The Boer Governments are dissem.

A recent letter from the Cape

A Queenslander writes:-"We canto the humblest Tommy who is doing the foliage. If the watering is done at the Cape to the last man and the ground only an inch or two, the

Mail says that he was charged £2 the roots are drawn to the surface. 9s. 6d. for cabling £5 to his son, a member of the Royal Canadian contin- leaving a basin-shaped space about gent, lying severely wounded in Wyn- the stalk. Pour in a quantity of waberg Hospital.

A sergeant of the Yorkshire Regiment, describing the terrible thirst it to soak into the ground. Repeat endured on the march to relieve Kim-9. There is a lad here, which hath berley, says that several men who then replace the dry soil drawn away.

Captain Phillips, of the Welsh Regiour judgment could not sanction the barley was the cheapest and poorest ment, who was praised by Lord Robposition of the Dutch. Both Dutch and cereal food of Palestine, The fishes erts in the Spion Kop despatches, held English have fought for liberty as were smoked or pickled, like the her- a staff appointment at Portsmouth pulling weeds is not pleasant work. each understood it, But to the Dutch rings of Holland, or preserved in oil, at the outbreak of hostilities, when Weeds must not be allowed to gain liberty was for the Dutch only; while like sardines. Five such crackers and he became brigade-major to Major-

port at Simonstown told one of his 10. Make the men sit down. "Men" guards that since they were com-

Corporal Lloyd, one of the prisoners

he has been awarded the Albert

"After the battle of Paardeberg." writes one of the Army Medical Corps. "our wounded were lying on the our chaps stripped and swam across. carrying water and biscuits in their

A City Imperial Volunteer writes from near the Orange River :- "Yesterday we thought the hills all round | ed. us were on fire and throwing up dense clouds of smoke, but it turned out to be immense clouds of locusts. Their wings made a noise as if there was a

Two Germans, who arrived at Cape | slight cut in the part to be buried; Town recently, hired four horses fasten down securely with a forked shortly after their arrival and then disappeared. Some days later they and leave until rooted; then cut loose were found a hundred miles distant, from the branch and transplant. with rifles and 600 cordte cartridges. They have now been sentenced to a year's imprisonment at the Criminal Sessions.

When our troops occupied Colesberg Junction, they found scribbled on the wall of a house:-"Good old Tommy Atkins! We are not going away now because we are afraid, but we are going to get more food and ammunition, and will wait for you at Orange River to give you a hearty

It is surprising what a large number of Americans are serving with British Irregular Horse in Natal. In one company, consisting of 450 men, Christ but for the nurpose of reach of my congregation been swept off fought for Miss Kelly's hand, and ets, such as ancient Jews carried there are seventy-five Americans. death of the Baron Hirsch advanced while traveling, one for each apostle. Seeing that most of them are settlers both members of the imperial family 14. Those men. "The people." Had and miners from the land of Stars

# Floriculture.

PANSIES.

Pansies, with your human faces, You are queens and lovers loyal Queens, indeed, with tender graces, High-born kings in colors royal. Maids of gold and shades of umber, With your tawny yellow tresses, Are you dreaming when you slumber

Princes, gayly dressed in yellows, Smiling, sun-kissed happy faces-Oh, you are such loving fellows! Must you die with all your graces!

Of a lover's sweet caresses?

Carmine pansies, in your tinting Did you catch the happy story Of the rainbow's merry glinting, Or the Autumn's sunset glory?

Nuns in black with sunny traces, Tell me why you are not singing? Tear-drops glisten on your faces-Are the tea-drops prayers you're bringing?

Are the melodies you're singing Of the land that knows no sorrow? Will the "thoughts" that you are bringing Bless us in some glad to-morrow?

#### FLORAL HINTS.

Perennials, after blossoming, may be divided and reset. If well shaded for a few days, until new root growth takes place, they are more certain to winter well than if transplanting is deferred until autumn. Amateur florists will find perennials more satisfactory than annuals.

White clover, if left undisturbed, will spread and overrun the lawn. The only way to exterminate it is to use a sharp spud and cut each plant just below the crown; then it will not start.

In hot, dry weather the earth around flowers, should be often stirred, in a protracted drouth this is imperative. Plants are often injured by injudicious watering. Water, if sun parches and bakes it, and if the A correspondent of the London Daily | shallow watering is long continued,

Draw the soil away from the plant, ter from which the chill has been removed; pass to another plant, leaving until the ground is well saturated, done only once a week, save in a pro-

longed drouth. When the thermometer is in the a footh old; it is never so hot or dry but they will thrive at the expense of the flowers. Dahlia stalks are very brittle; keep them tied to strong stakes. Mulching has like value in warm and cold weather. In hot weather it keeps the ground cool and moist, rendering the necessity for wa-

tering less frequent. The water on wash day, if judiciousty applied, is one of the best of fertilizers for flowers. It should never be allowed to form a coating over the surface of the ground. As soon after each application as the ground is dry enough to be worked, use the hoe. Care must be taken not to use wash-water too frequently, or the soil will become

heavy and will not be porous. Roses should be pruned when they are done blooming. If cut back and the growth of new wood stimulated with a fertilizer dug into the soil about the roots, several varieties will bloom at intervals during the sea-

For rapid growth and early blooming, no climber excels the clematis. Plants bought this spring, scarcely ahowing even a bit of green, have grown surprisingly. Jackmanit alba has grown over six feet. Mad. Ed. Andre and Jackmanii bave made a fine growth, and have both blossom-

The golden elder, with its variegated green and yellow foliage, is beautiful for the lawn. It is quite easily propagated by bending over branches growing near the ground. Make a stick; press the earth over it firmly

# FABULOUS FORTUNES.

An incident that recently occurred in Austria, in which the principal parties are the Archduke Frederic and a Hngarian Colonel, has had the effect of attracting general attention to the question of the enormous fortunes that exist in Austria. One thing that became evident by the episode was that the Archduke Frederic, heir of the old Archduke Albert, is richer than the Emperor. In fact, in point of worldly possessions, Francis Joseph ranks only third in his empire. The Archduke Frederic is the second. The one grade. The illustrious philanthropost was not so rich as the head of the Austrian Rothschilds, but he. was far in advance of both imperial millionaires