ALL IN THE "A."

of Imitation,

When the pilgrim fathers landed at

pronounced "pahss," "grahss," "hahf,"

bly pronounced "pahstur" by American

- confined to a few words, like "cahn't."

"ahat," "hahf pahst" and perhaps 20

others. One of the test words of this af-

fected system is "gas," which must be

have made themselves letter perfect on

"cahn't" fail on "gas. The rules are

the usage of a fashionable coterie, who

try to imitate, rather unsuccessfully, the

pronunciation of second class English-

men. You may say "dahdo" and "dahnce"

and "Frahnce," but you must not say

"cahrful" or "dahrsent," both of which

last are good Mayflower "a's," "Fahn-

cy" is good form, and "gahs" is quite el-

egant, but as yet you are not expected to

do, which run from the merest sketches

retreating forehead of the baboon. The

the overtones or quality of the voice.

The broad a is a pleasant sound, but it

high pitched voice. We have known

young women who could utter the "aon"

sound, the most disagreeable in human

speech, because nearest the wriginal snarl

of our respected ancester, the anthropoid

ape, in such a tone as to be irresistibly

attractive, and the broad a, combined

with a defective articulation, is some-

times the very cariculare of human

speech. The broad a is apt to become

still further flattened into aw, so that

dahuce and Frahnce become "dawnce"

Englishmen is thus degenerated into a

and nothing becomes "nawthing" at the

same time that past becomes "pawst,"

We are informed, however, that in hunt-

you wish to show that you belong to the

bag of odoriferous seed in Long Island,

you must say "fawks hunting." Our in-

formation on this point is explicit, but we

do not youch for its accuracy, as there is

Saw Possible Trouble Ahead.

and constructed through a wild part

lives was when the first train came

along. Some of them were afraid of the

track was finally laid as far as the Cum-

One day a tall, rawboned Tennesseean

stood watching the work. There was

suzzled look on his face, and he finally

The man actually believed that n

bridge would be built and the trains

Pretty Hot Stuff.

The colonel delights in offering one -

to an acquaintance and watching fur-

tively to see the tears come. He tried

three on me. I bolted them and smiled,

hour, after they had scorehed the walls

crept up my esophugus to the roof of my

mouth, I was crying as a baby. Quan-

tion. The throat was a crematory. Wa-

ter cold as ice scalded. My sufferings

lasted a night, and I prayed that the

colonel might never go to as hot a place

And James Collapsed.

James Purdon was a master joiner and

strongly objected to his men smoking in

working hours. He had a very keen

scent, as his men all knew, and on one

of his workmen was employed who a

been smoking here. I fin' the smell o'

"Hello, my man!" he said. "You have

"I doot you're wrang," answered the

"I'm sure I'm 'no wrang," answered

Jamie. "I could fin' the smell o' tobacco !

that you mention it, I did see a plumber

chappie smoking in here about a week

Jamie went out suddenly .- Pearson's.

His Dinlect.

pany with an Irish dialect story, and the

Czar's Birthday.

Jones had just been boring the com-

out a Scotchman. But the dialect

short time before had been smoking.

tobacco reek!"

been smoking in it."

tities of milk but increased the torriti-

side.-Hermann Advertiser-Courier.

berland river, and, owing to the delay i

the arrival of the bridge material, t

construction of a tunnel.

be the mischief to lay."

man is made of it.

engine and gave it a wide berth. The

nunciation.

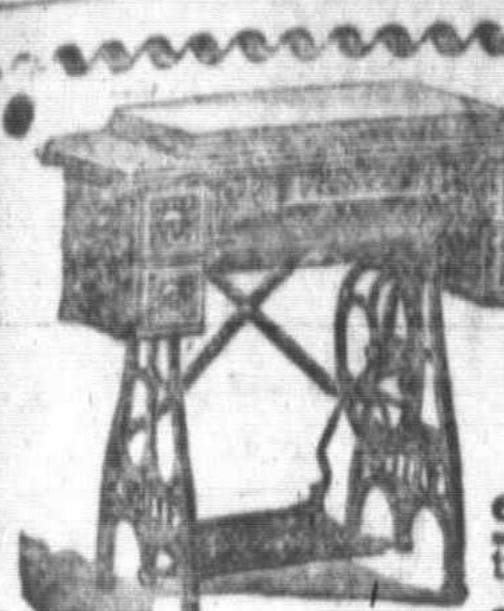
ing circles a fox is never alluded to. I

succession of unintelligible throaty "aw"

call a rat a "raht" or a cat a "caht."

entirely arbitrary and are determined by

prenounced "gahs." Even persons who



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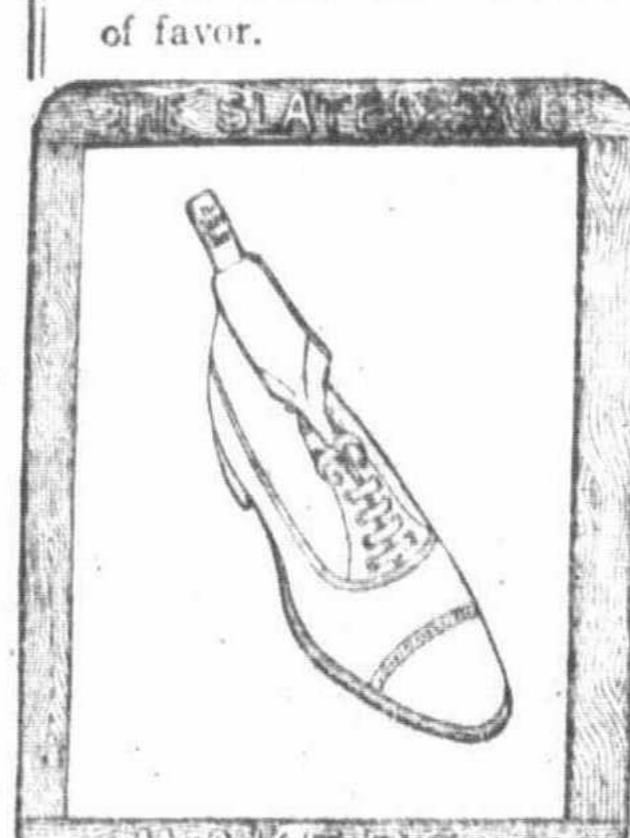
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#### METEORIC.

The pages of philosophical writers of all times contain references to mysteri-. ous stones and irons which have fallen from the beavens from time to time. On April 4, 1095, a star shower during | markable thing about the kauri is the which several aerolites fell was witnessed in England. This was considered a sign of God's anger with William Il's

The Chinese have a record of a star | Longman's. fall as far back as 644 B. C. and they western Ching.

Not In Their Line.

PERFECT FITTING telephoning to the grocer's for an order of supplies. A girl had taken her order INCr of supplies. A girl had taken her order and had just said goodby. Suddenly the

"Hello!" she called hurriedly.

"I want you to send up two loaves of stale bread," said the Y. M. W.

Guess It Meant Molecule.

pieces which cannot be split up further Arthur, surely you can tell me what a

About His Own Name-Experiences Related by Lawyers-Unsafe | north of England, their original home. For Witnesses to Swear as to Their Own Signatures. .

The general opinion is that it is an easy matter to identify a signature, and there | and has been resenforced by imitation in are few people who would not say with | New York of a similar pronunciation in positiveness that they would identify their | modern England. Except in a few words, | turity will pass the 1,400 mark. own signatures under almost any condi- like "pasture," which is almost invaria- France maintains her horse breeding tions. "A discussion by some lawyers the other day makes it appear that a person cannot at all times be sure of his signature, because of the nicety to which the forger has brought his art.

One of the lawyers said that no man could safely go upon the witness stand and swear that a signature shown him was his signature. He claimed that in the identification of a signature a person was largely influenced in his decision by the quality of the paper upon which the signature was written and by what pre ceded or followed the signature. If the name was written on a blank piece of paper, like that in common use, the lawyer claimed that a witness' could not swear with any degree of positiveness that the signature was or was not his own.

In support of his argument the lawyer said that handwriting experts claim that no person can write his name twice exactly alike, and that in any litigation where signatures are in dispute and two signatures appear that are exactly alike, the experts will pronounce one of them a forgery. It may be true that in general conformation two signatures may be ke, but in saying that no two signares were ever made alike, the experts mean that the loops of the letters and the distances between them will not be the same, distinctions which can be determents. In support of this theory the exports take the case of a farmer who is in the habit of going from his house to his barn at about the usual time every morning. They say that not once in a hundred times will be walk in exactly the

same tracks.

Another lawyer told of an experience had in the trial of a case in Tolland county 25 or 30 years ago. A note was in contest, and a question was raised as to the genuineness of the signature. George P. Bissell was called as a handwriting expert. He testified that the signature on the note was a genuine signature. For the purpose of testing his ability as a handwriting expert while on the witness stand he was given a piece of paper and asked to write his name three times. "A blank space was left between the signatures. Mr. Bissell did not know for what purpose he was asked to write his name, and after the paper had been handed to the lawyer who examined him it was given by the lawyer to an expert with the pen. The expert wrote the name of Mr. Bissell on the paper three times, and after this was done Mr. Bissell was reca" I to the witness stand, and the paper containing the six signatures was handed to him. He was asked to point out the signatures that he had written. He endeavored to do so, but not one of the signatures he picked out as having been written by himself was his writing. The three selected were written by the pen expert.

Reference was made during the conversation to a trial which occurred in Washington, where a will was in contest. Several experts on handwriting who testified at the trial claimed that the will was in the handwriting of the testator. It was proved, however, that the entire will had been traced. One of the relatives of the deceased had found many of the letters of the deceased. Words to lifferent letters and by a chemical process reproduced in the document which made the will. John Sherman's name was signed as one of the witnesses of the will, and it was also proved that the signature had been taken from a signature which Mr. Sherman had placed to an article in General Grant's "Memoirs of the

The conclusion which the lawyers came to when the discussion ended was that it is not such an easy matter to identify signatures as many people imagine .-Hartford Courant.

Kauri Gam. New Zealand is a country rich in the great variety of its forest trees-most of them useful, all beautiful, but none to compare with kauri pine either for stately beauty or commercial value. This noble tree attains a height of nearly 200 feet and a diameter of 15 or more. Its. stem, or barrel, as the bushmen call it rises from 30 to 70 feet without knot or limb and then branches into an even head of dark green folinge. At the place where it forks, the stem is almost the same in circumference us it is six feet from the ground, and as it has a bark colored in various shades of red or brown it ] gives one the impression of a beautiful pillar at the entrance to some woodland

Every tree is surfounded by a mound | for there was no present heat. In an of fibrous soil consisting of decayed leaves, bark, etc., the accumulation of of my stomach and their fierce fire had centuries, for the kauri is extremely slow in its growth. These mounds rise from two to six feet in height, according to the age of the tree. But the most requantity of resinous gum which is shed. from every part of it. This gum hardens rapidly on exposure to the air, eventually as I was .- New York Press. becoming clear and almost transparent .--

Like a Miracle.

A writer says: "I happen to know a case which illustrates forcibly how easy an accident might have affected the whole course of history. A few engineers, of whom Sir Bevans Edwards is the only survivor, composed the party which blew up the docks at Sevastopol. There was a shaft 30 feet deep, with a gallery running horizontally from it.

"At the bottom of this shaft, just inside the gallery, stood one Gordon, afterward of China and Khartum, with a lighted candle in his hand. The powder was lowered in flour barrels, and one of these slipped from the slings, fell to the bottom of the shaft and broke up, so that Gordon was left standing up to his knees in gunpowder with a lighted candle

"That there was no premature explosion was a miracle, and if that miracle had not been worked the odds are that a different dynasty would be ruling in China and that Lord Kitchener would never becomes a have had the opportunity of making his in famous march to Khartum."

Mother's Last Words, Sunday School Teacher-Come now. Four mother asks when she goes to bed

dialect of it had been execrable.

MAINTAINS HORSE BREEDING STUDS.

they brought with them in the Mayflow-Entries For Kentucky Futurity .... Parade of Speed Horses-Reto the south of New England in such duction in California Horses. words as "pass," "grass" and "half."

Beechwood paced a mile in 2:15 at Los Angeles recently.

Entries for the Kentucky \$20,000 Fustuds at an annual cost of \$1,350,000.

farmers, the broad "a" is natural to Praytell, 2:09%, and the pacer Maxine, 2:09½, have been matched for \$2,500. Flying Fox's exact price was \$191,-625.50, the largest ever paid for a horse. Professionals will be barred at future

exhibitions of the Philadelphia Horse Show association. The famous war horse Old Kate, Gen-

eral McKenzie's charger during the civil

war, is in foal. She is 38 years old.

In 1896 California owners paid taxes on 9,602 standard bred horses. In 1899 the number had been reduced to 1,833. The famous Kentucky saddle gelding Dominor was shipped to Europe the other day. He will be exhibited at the Paris

Dr. Kane, president of the New York. Road Drivers' association, has offered to Vowels vary as much as human faces donate a cup valued at \$500 for team -racing. The Fasig-Tipton company will of features to the pronounced jaw and also give a cup for the same purpose.

Ed Corrigan, the Chicago horseman, agreeableness of the sound depends on will send his horses to England on the Minneapolis, which is due to sail on May 26. He will take over eight or nine will not disguise the defect of a thin and horses, including several 2-year-olds that have never faced the flag.

A parade of road horses will be held on the New York speedway the first Saturday in May. It is intended to make it one of the great features of the light harness horse world, and gentlemen from other cities will be invited to participate.

#### CURTAIN RAISERS.

Quite a number of vaudeville players are stranded in Havana.

and "Frawnce." The speech of many The authorities of Dresden refused to allow the production of "The Girl From sounds, in which John becomes "Jawhn," Maxim's" there.

The last villain of melodrama carries a deadly reptile in his pocket and gives it to his victims in the neck.

Gertrude Elliott, sister to Mrs. Nat Goodwin, is a member of the Criterion inner ling of fashionables who hunt the theater company in London.

Mansfield speaks six languages, exclusive of that he uses when the rattling of steam pipes irritates him and leading wemen are an aggravation.

nothing in which people are more apt to Julia Arthur's real name is Ida Lewis. deceive themselves than in the sound of She is a Canadian, was born in 1869 and Except in a few words, where it be- made her first stage appearance as an longs, the broad or Italian sound of a is amateur at the age of 12 years.

It is claimed that even at a moderate not American. Its use is an imitation of estimate there are in the United States English or Scotch pronunciation, and the person who imitates foreigners indicates | more than 5,000 theaters, of which fully | that he or she is ashamed of his or her 2,000 may be classed as legitimate. parents. There may be reason for this, Lord Rosslyn, who was reported to but it is bad taste to make it evident. have gone to South Africa to fight the

Let 'our speech be yea, yea, and nay, Boers, has turned up in Cape Town, nay," and not "yaw, yaw," and "naw, where he is not fighting, but acting. naw." There are plenty of good points As a bit of stage history it is said that ! in the English for us to imitate without | the ...nelight was first used in theatrical picking up the degeneracies in their pro-

productions in the season of 1837-8 in 1 London and was greatly improved in The scene of the lying in state of the

In the mountain district of Tennessee body of Rudolph in "Rupert of Hentzau" there are many people who never saw a has been eliminated at the St. James, train, and when a railroad was surveyed London. After the first night the queen's proclamation was cut on account of its the state but little work was done by the harrowing propensities, but that did not natives for a year. They put in the suffice, and the company deferred to pubgreater part of their time watching the lic opinion and withdrew the whole scene. workmen, but the greatest event of their

#### WRITERS AND PAINTERS.

Phillip Laszle, the Hungarian artist, has been commissioned to paint a full length portrait of Pope Leo as he appears seated on the papal throne.

workmen crossed the river and began the Sienkiewicz, the Polish novelist, when asked to sign an appeal for intervention in the South African war, declined on the ground that Russia's treatment of the Poles called more loudly for intervention. aid, "They may be able to hit that hole A picture by Sisley, "The Flood," every time, but if they miss it there will which was sold by the artist in 1876 for \$8 and resold at a public sale in Bordenux in 1550 for \$18, was sold once more in Paris recently for \$8,600. It is needless would make a flying leap across the river

and dash into the tunnel on the other to say that Sisley is dead. Emile Fouget, the new member of the French academy, is rather a Bohemian, with little of an immortal's dignity. Colonel Bob Simmons manages to keep | Daily he walks down the Boulevard St. his eyes open by consuming a plentiful Michel, balancing his cane and whistling

supply of birdseye peppers, which a su- loudly the latest popular song. perintendent of one of his numerous Lou- Holme Lee is dead at the age of 72. isinna plantations sends him weekly. Did How many novel readers remember her you ever eat birdseye? It is a quarter | name? Few or none, we imagine, and inch in diameter, shaped like a double yet there was a time when "everybody" convex lens, with a black pupil and dark was reading "Sylvan Holt's Daughter." Parr, and she lived in the Isle of Wight.

#### PERT PERSONALS.

Kipling will have to add a verse to "Bobs." He has begun to advertise, Aven't yer, Bobs?"-New York World. "Depew awn Choate may be jokers," said the jamitor philosopher, "but it's lucky fer thim that they don't have to irn thor livin at joke wroitin."-Chicago

Still, if Mr. Harrison should become president again, he might by shoveling ginger into our foreign policy manage to collect that fee from Venezuela,-Kansas City Journal.

Old "Pop" Anson, formerly the hero of occasion he entered a room in which one

#### ANIMAL ODDITIES.

Horses in their wild state live to the age of 36 normally, being still fairly fresh and bearty at that age in the desert. The rats caught in the sewers of Paris are said by the well known catcher, M. reek in a room a week after any one had Davye, to act like ostriches burying their heads in holes and forgetting that they "Weel," said the man, "I believe, noo | can be pulled out by their tails. The sheep possesses a less degree of

nervous energy than the horse, ox and ous digestion than those animals.

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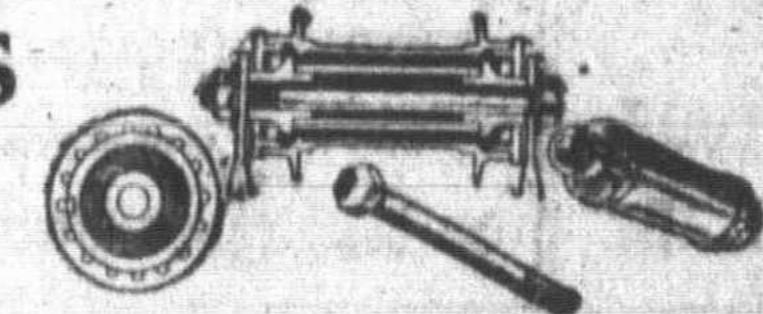
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