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The St. John, N. B., Glo'e now openly advocates immediate annexation of Canada to the United States.

The largest amount of land held in the United States by an alien corporation is that owned by the Holland Com; any, in New Mexico. It embraces 4,500,000

Captain Al' ert S. Fillsbury, of Rock land, Me., who was recently grante! a certificate by the United States Board of Inspectors to comman I a steamboat, is the youngest Captain in the service, being only twenty-three years of age.

There are whole towns in Germany that do little else but make dolls for American children. They are mostly simple country folk. England's children spend almost \$1,000,000 for French and German dolls, and America's children almost double that,

There is a touch of pathos in the case of Margaret Caine, who has been con victed of drunkenness 231 times in various London police courts. The woman's latest exploit was to turn up very drunk at a police station, and to begin singing "Home, Sweet Home."

There are fourteen thousand acres of vineyards along the Hudson river valley, and the average yield is four tons to the acre. At 3 cents per pound th's means \$240 per atre to the grower. Some grow larger crops than this average, and realize \$300 per acre in sales.

The United States Postal Improvement Association, which has just been formed, desires the reissue of fractional currency for use in the mails, the abolition of postal notes, the issue of postal orders for small sums at reduced rates, and the pasand fruit-growers.

the Omaha road between, St. Paul and Stillwater is known among railroad men fall. as the hospital train, from the fact that exery engineer who has run on the train for several years past has either had a you are a lot of coyotes—a cussed bad learned, the storm had driven a couple woolen garments, and only sandals or stroke of paralysis whi'e at the trottle or been injured in some way.

The extension of the oyster trade in France during the last ten years is regarded as one of the most extraordinary gastronomic features of the times. During the last year the beds have produced their oysters daily, and every wine shop, even in the poorest quarters, has its oyster stand outside.

but I little over 10. They belong in San Francisco and own C. H. Todd, the horse. which won the American Derlin at Chicago last spring and brought nearly and in rags. It was bitter cold, and yet co fee Cown our throats. That do biless animal, and ethnological data must yet \$14,000 into the pockets of the senior his clothing was of the thinnest kind, helped us to pull through, or at least be furnished to convince me that he is member by so doing.

The United States has been, without doubt, the mo t prolific of all countries in the world in the issue of postage stamps, having put forth over 500 different varieties altogethe . The number of distinct varieties issued by the various Governments throughout the world is variously estimated, but 5,00) would probably cover the whole. Quite a number of new issues have appeared the past

Advices from the gold mining regions of Georgia indicate a marked revival in gold mining enterprises. A syndicate of English capitalists has just bought 2,000 acres of gold mining property near a blizzard raging, and the thermometer volved upon the boy, and no one could Gainesville, and will construct a 10 mile canal and erect stamp mills. New Orteans capitalists have also purcha ed an extensive tract near Canton, and will engage in gold mining on an extensive | he lad than he called out: rca'e.

There are more than \$1,000,000 in the savings banks of Massachusetts for which there are no known owners. A law passed by the last Legislature requires ais throat. every bank to print annually a list of deposits which have remained unto ched for twenty years. One Boston bank, the Provincial Institution for Savings, has leadly weapons were drawn, and would and Charley cried with him, and I might \$148,000 of such deposits, divided among 285 depositors. The Five Cent Saving Bank has \$39,000 credited to 367 depositors, from whom no hing has been heard for over two decades.

In rough, mountainous districts of New York, Pennsylvania and some of the Eastern States, bears have never been Big Ben, as we lowered our weapons, bed feeling pretty strong again, Charley entirely exterminated. Lately they have | and he growled: greatly increased in numbers. Either the presence of winter, or, more likely, aome before New Year's. What is it to his delirium: scarcity of water in their mountain as whether he lives or dies." in altogether too lively a fashion for manner, and the wind was rising to a trip down and back. The doctor could

THE WINGING HOUR. "It is better to do the most trifling thing in

the world than to consider a half hour a trifle."-Goethe's Sprueche in Prosa. Stav not! Pause not! The moon is near: The sun has climbed the height.

Stay not nor fear! Follow till thy work be done! On, ever on! No summer beam shall scorch thee.

Nor sudden wave o'erwhelm thee, Till thy task be ended. On, ever on! Through the mist and through the night, Through the blinding morning light, By elements befriended, Till thy work be done.

Thou wouldst sail the sea, The mountain wouldst thou scale. Upon the starry worlds Exhaust thy vision frail. Stay not for the storm And stay not for the hour, A greater master yet

Holds thee in his power. The moon is here, Thy work undens. The end draws near Ere thou hast won.

Conquer Death, for he is weak And the gathering days are strong! Time to struggle, time to seek While the untired moments throng Close about thee; seize the first; Then to thee the second turns, And the third is all thine own; Thine the light and thine the strength, Thing the throne!

-Mrs. Fields, in Century.

BIG DEN AND CHARLEY.

Were we afraid of Big Ben? the silver country, and Big Ben was tooretreat when one of the men shouted a boss of the ranch for several reasons. else as boss we should have scattered at and he bent down and whispered once, for the winter was coming on and "You have all been terribly sick, and I if possible, to regain consciousness, we had been down on our luck all the think one man is dead. Can you est

600,000,000 oysters, ten times more he was a practical miner, the hardest knows. Indeed, hea en, preserved him. which in America are killed by Autumn than in 1876. The working classes have | worker in the lot, and we leaved on him It froze our water pail solid when stand- frosts here live and bloom in the midst | racing syndicate in the his bosom, and the hand which clutched minds, and the fire about gone out. Had 12 years o'd, the junior member work in the tunnel or shaft, a stranger long, and it went down to almost forty hours up to his waist in cold, mountain entered. He had come up from the degrees.

been knocking around the silver camps the great tyrant whispered : for six months, sometimes meeting ""Aye! The corpse of the lad t was a cruel thing to do-had to'd him it!"

narked ten degrees below zero. going, and no sooner did he see and hear broth went down his own throat.

"Ill work. I'll work as hard as ever

o move on to the camp above." The four of us protested in chorus, session of me."

"You are his murderer," we said to

"If we took in every straggler we should be crowded out of house and to hear him cry out every few minutes in

homes, has emboldened them to I think he felt conscience stricken work as hard as I can!" come down and invade the settle- within the hour, however, as he went to Every cry went through the big fellow put and worthy of recollection: A wounded bear is a daugerous customer realized what his going meant, and then carried him about in his arms as a father for one man to deal with. Though they wo of rs went out with the lantern and would his ailing babe. There was a docseem to move clumsily, they get around searched and called for him. The snow tor at the Forks, and after dinner Big was being whirled about in a furious Ben braved the blizzand and made the safety, if one meets them a one. But | gale, and the bitter cold drove us back not be induced to return with him, owing wherever bears show themselves old guns | ifter a quarter of an hour. It was true to the cold, but he sent some medicine. will be ournished up and a general hunt | that we had I ttle enough to eat, and Poor Charley was beyond human aid,

QUEENSTOWN, MARYLAND, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1888.

Ben right and left. We had two or in heaven, and perhaps Brother James is three rows before bedtime, and all there, to."

turned in sulky and indignant. Whew! But what a night that was! threatened to topple over at every blast. feel the bitterness of an act as he did. At midnight Big Ben crept carefully out Conscience had been at work, and his heart was touched. He hoped to find men. the boy crouched on the threshold, and I "But I can't see any of you any more. heard him sigh and mutter to himself as Good-by. Let me take your hand, he shut the door and returned to his for-' blankets. The strongest man in our And with that he breathed his last, party, clad as we were for the winter, and there were two to rest in the snow could not have stood against the blizzard until spring came. Did you ever hear of half an h.ur, and I fell asleep to dream "Charley's Gulch?" Yes, of course you of finding poor Charley's frozen corps on have, and if you have passed that way the trail leading down to the Forks, and you have seen the boy's grave. The of his big blue eyes being wide open and head board contains only the name cut staring as me in a reproachful way.

the point of starting out to search for York Sun, the boy when one of the men was taken ill. Inside of half an hour ail of us were down with rains and cramps, and it was evident that we had been poisoned by the meat. We had no antidote of any to suffer the most agonizing pains and head, affords relief. senses, I was all the time dimly con- less than \$1.50 a month for food. scious of everything going on. The mometer was marking a still lower degree when the door opened and Charley walked in. I saw him, but I was flighty, and it seemed to me that he was dead. I Well, yes, to a certain limit. There remember his looking down upon each of were five of us in a bit of cab'n out in us in a strange, scaled way, and starting

londer curse. First and foremost, he was too much I was the first to come back to life, as for any one of us single handed, and, it were, and that was twenty four hours secondly, he had many good points after being first taken. The pains were about h.m. While he was overbearing gone as I opened my eyes, but I was sage of laws of special interest to farmers and brutal at times, he was the best weak and wretched, like one just over a and brutal at times, he was the best weak and wretched, like one just over a ing out how much more reasonable and expend ture of electric energy is but miner in the party, and no bad luck terrible fever. The boy Charley was sound it is to keep such persons in the slight, and the train is said to be thorough the said to be the said to could discourage him. With any one standing before meas I opened my eyes,

> something?" "Break up? Hunt for luck?" sneered I did feel a bit hungry, and I had no When one rejects that there is never Big Ben whenever anything was said sooner signified it than he came to me a fire which would fill a half-bushel about abandoning our claim. "Well, with a bowl of btoth. As I afterward measure; that the Japanese west no lot. You haven't got the pluck of a of hares to se k shelter at the door, and clogs on their feet; that the Winters are gives us music at miduight. sick wolf. I'd like to see some of you he had secured both of thom. He did cold enough to make ice two or three walk off and leave me in the lurch, yes, I not know the cause of our sickness, but inches thick, and the ground is often would. I'll turn to and lick the hull suspe ted some calamity, and was pre- white with snow, one wonders how they be hart right-cously. crowd out of your boots if I hear another pared to feed us as soon as we could eat. live, writes a correspondent from Japan Big Ben insulted us a dozen times a out he tumbled into the ravine a quarter something pe uliar in the physical makeday, and on three or four occasions he of a mile away, and he found shelter up of the Japanese, as well as in their laid hands on us in a voilent way, but under a ledge. How he kept from freez-somehow we stuck there. As I told you, ing to death that night heaven only safely great cold. I am told that plants in spite of the fact that we hated him, ing within six feet of the fire, and there of snow, and when the thermometer has the science of mann rs is an absolute We could have shot him down in some he was, out in the cold in a threadbare gone much below the freezing point, silence in regard to you self. of the quarrels, and the verdict would suit. When morning came he returned Certainly the prople have wonderful! have been: "Served him r ght!" but we to the cabin to make one more appeal. powers of endurance if their sensations fall into an affliction to preserve them knew that he had a good heart down in He found us suffering and out of our knife or pistol was always restraime !. it not been for him we should have fro en hot bath every night. He jumps into a One afternoon, while I was minding as stiff as pokers, for on that day it was vat of water heated from 100 to 115 de-

Forks, three miles away. He was a boy The boy kept up a rousing fire, dressed in Winter and work up to his neck in of sixteen or thereabouts, with a girl's his rabbits for the soup, and all day and immersion, and seems to feel no ill effects and he had hungered so long that he was four of us. The other man, whose name not indigenous to the soil he lives on. hardly more than a shadow. I welcomed was Hale, had his teeth firmly cleuched, and fed and warmed him, and then he and from the way his features were diswhom he had received no word for two and assist Charley in caring for the nois. Both had been ill used, and sensible manner. It was Big Ren, and

that James was at our came, and he had! While out of danger we were yet weak periled his life to come up there and see, and almost helpless, and none o us could on that day, as I shall never forget, attend the fire or do a bit of cooking for there was a foot of snow on the ground, nearly a week. The whole thing dehave done better. He was cook, nur-e, The boy was a deep when the men re- doctor and protector all is one. He got surned from the shaft. Big Ben was three more hares and a couple of birds,"

"He can't stay here another hour. We Big Ben to see what he would do. The ion't run a poor-house, and we let no first moment he was able to sit up he baby-faced swindler cat our hard-carned called Charley and pulled the frail little fellow down on his breast, saving:

"If you'll only forgive me I'll pray to can," protested the boy with a sob in the Lord to do the same. I'm rough and wieked, but to turn a lad like you out o' "There's no work for you. You've got doors on such a night as that wasn't me at all. Old Sa'au must have had pos-

and we took such a firm stand that That great big fellow cried like a child, have been used but for the action of the as well own up that we all cried. What boy. He was terribly frightened over made it the more solemo was the fact he row he had been the innocent cause that we had a corpse at the door. When of, and as the four of us had our pistols it was known that Hale was dead, none eveled at Big Ben, and meant to shoot if of the other four of us could lift a hand. se movel a foot, the boy opened the How the boy got the body out of doors I cabin door and glided out into the dark never could understand, but get it out he and bitter night with the silence and did, and it was three long months before we could give it Christian burial.

On the morning when we all got out of went to bed with a fever, and before noon was raving crazy. I te'l you it was awful

"Oh, Ben, don't drive me out. I'll that we were cramped in our cabin, but however. He raved through the afternoon the idea of diving that pale faced and night, and next merning was struck get or otherwise use archan boy out to freeze was something with death. His mind came back to him less half-pay generals,

we could not get over. It was just the at the last, and as we stood over him he thing needed to set us up in rebellion calmiy said:.
against our boss, and that night we "I know I'm going to die, but I'm threw off the yoke and gave it to Big not afraid. I'll see father and mother

While we all felt bad enough, Big Ber was completely broken down. He got The cold increased until the rocks were down on his knees and begged Charley split, and the wind roared until our cabin to forgive him, and I never saw a man

"Yes, I'll forgive you, replied the boy, of his bed and opened the door, and then 'and if you pray to God, He'll forgive, I almost forgave him for his brutality. too. Has it come night so soon again?" "No, my child," answered one of the

deep by Rig Pen's knife-but the story For breakfast next morning we had of the boy's heroism has been told in all the summer long, while the other half some canned meat-opened a new can every mining camp in Nevada, and it hat from our slim store. We thawed it out, never been told without bringing moistand all ate our full shares, and were on ure to the eyes of all listeners. -New

# HEALTH HINTS.

In some forms of headache a towel a napkin, wrung out in hot water, as hot sort, and one after another went to bed as can be borne, and wound around the

to lose consciousness. Big Fen was the Ex-Secretary Holcomb, of the Ameriharde t hit of all, while I, perhaps, suf- can Legation at Pekin, says that out of fered the least. That is, while all the the 400,000,000 inhabitants of the others raved and shouted and lost their Chinese Empire fully 200,000,000 speed

"Granny," the famous sea anemone of blizzard was still raging, and the ther- the Edinburg Botanical Gardens, is dropped once a fortnight into the membraneous a sophagal tube which did duty

> prone position while restoratives and oughly under control of the host. ins are adopted to enable them,

#### Endurance of the Japanese.

It seemed that when Big Ben drove him to the Chicago Mul. There seems to be

are as ours are. Every Japane e, high or low, takes his the cabin and the other men were at thirty-one degrees below zero all day grees and enjoys the boil, and stands for torreots, and it is said will break the ice

Chinese Panishment, told me that his name was Charley to ted and his timbs drawn up it was The Chinese penal Code provides that Bland, and that he had wandered out evident that he died in great agony. In when an unskillful physic au, in administhere to look for his brother amis from a couple of h urs I was able to be up tering medicines or using the acupuncture needle, proceeds contrary to the or three years. They were orphans, and others, but it was far into the night before established forms and thereby causes the both had been bound to farmers in Illi- the last man could use his tongue in a death of a patient, the magistrate shall Charley had finally followed Jame 's ex- when consciousness returne I and he saw medicine of the wound. If it appear call in other physic ans to examine the imple in running away. This boy had the white faced boy bending over him that the injury done was unintentional, the practitioner shall then be trea ed acfriends and sometimes treated like a dog, risen up to confront and accuse me! It homicides, and shall not be allowed any and he had found no trace of his was a ruel thing I did to drive him out, longer to practice medicine. But if he o other. Some one down at the glich- and the Lord will never forgive me for have designed y departed from the established forms, and has practiced deceit in his attempts to cure the malady in order to gain property, then according to its amount, he shall be treated as a thief and if death ensues from his malpractice, then for having thus used medicine with intent to kid, he shall be behended. There appears to be nothing in the 'celestial" code answering to the laws of out of so:ts at the way things had been and I don't believe a spoonful of the "barbarian" nations concerning civil damages recoverable by parties made to Well, I for one had been watching suffer by "unintentional" malpractice.

Ale was the sole title of malt liquor until the reign of Henry VIII., up to which time the employment of hors as an ing edient in the beverage was unknows in England. In the year 1524, or thereabouts, the use of hops was introduced from Germany, and to distinguish the new kind of malt liquor from the old, the German name bier was adopted, and, with an infinitesimal change of spelling, became part of our language. Cermany, in truth, is the native land of beer, and nowhere in the world is it treated with such special honor. In Germany the drinking of beer is not, as with us, a mere means of carnal refreshment, but, particularly among the students of the universities, is elevated to the dignity of a cult, familiarity with whose ritual is decined an essential branch of a liberal education, - Co. nhil.

Two Great Foreign Armies, A gentleman publishes the following

400 broken-winded,

210 lieutenant-colo 906 majors.

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117 major-generals.

lished by Robert Raikes in England in A kind of ant in Honduras will prey

SELECT SIFTINGS.

The first Sunday-school was estab-

upon houses and, when once started, will eat one down. A Russian Prince once sent to Rosa Bonheur three magnificent white bears as

a philopena present. "",ernmantfakturbolagsforsjalningsmagagin" in Swedish means in English: The iron manufacturing company's sale

A trout in a pond at St. Paul appears at the call of its master, eats from his hand and manifests thanks for favors by flopping up into the air.

Blackfish used to be caught in great quantities in the harber of Charleston, C., but since the earthquake very few of the fish are found there. on the premises of T. T. Hilburns, Vernon,

Ala, is that half of the foliage is yellow is the natural dark green. The first apple orchard in Kansas, consisting of 150 trees, was brought all the way from Illinois on a wagon and planted in Douglass County in 1855. To day

the State has 3),000.000 fruit trees. The first President's message telegraphed West was delivered by James K. Polk. It required forty-eight hours to perform the task. Now a message of equal length is transmitted in three

A Captain of a merchant vessel, while lying at ancher off one of the small islands of the West Indies, discovered a lump of ambergris as large as his two fists in the possession of a negro. He gave the owner a flannel shift and an old pair of dead. It was fed with half a mus el, pants for the precious stuff, and sold it n the United States for \$500.

An electric railway for the dinnertable is one of the recent achievements to make all secure. The common practice of raising faint of French ingendity. It makes the ing persons to a sitting or upright posi- presence of servants annecessary. The tion is often sufficient to de troy the train, which runs on a line slong either spark of life which remains. The death side of the table be ore the diners, conof an eminent English Statesman a short sists of a platform pivoted on two boxes, time ago gave opportunity to the Coroner one of which carries the motor, while the for emphasizing this fact, and of point other is merely a supporting truck. The

#### WISE WORDS.

We are no longer happy so soon as we wish to be happier.

Every temptation is great or small acording as the man is. The consciousness of duty performed

If we're right we can't be hurt by the truth, and if we ain't right we ought to It is better to ha e thorm in the fiesh with grace to endure them, than to have

True popularity is not popularity which is followed after, but the popularity which follows after. One of the most important rules of

no thorns and no grace.

The spirits are sometimes allowed to from falling in with a temptation.

No human being can come into this world without increasing or diminishing out separate channels to the great gorge, the sum total of human happiness, not only of the present, but of every sabsequent age of humanity.

The pleasures of the world are very deceitful. They promise more than they voice and shyness, and he was hungry all right long be kept forcing strong from it. He is certainly a wonderful give; they trouble us in seeking them; they do not satisfy us when possessing them, and they make us despair when

# A Night in a Tree.

C. H. Wilkins and Edward Somers lived in the White camp, San Antonia canyon. Returning to their home about of last month, they were very disagree. before it reaches the main fall." ably surprised to see by the light of their lanterns a mountain hon in the act of going under the building. Having no gently accompanies danger. Comforts next station. ably ensconced among the boughs, they spent the night waiting for daylight. the tree in even a more dangerous pre- is standing are a signal that the train d'cament than before. The lion still will back. Three short blasts of the ing eaten bodily. At about noon Colonel | call the attention of trains they meet or Hopkins, Lave Wixom, Mrs. Van Clive pass to the signals. Four long blasts of and Miss Eva Goodrich appeared on the the whistle are a signal to call in the scene in a carriage. When informed by flagman. the dwellers among the branches of the state of affairs, Mr. Wixom killed the engineer's call for signals from the lion with a ball from a rifle and an switchman, watchesen and trainmen. nounced that the gentlemen might de- Two long, followed by two short, blasts scend in safety. Ed. Huch is now tan- of the whistle are a signal for approachning the hide of the animal, which will ingroad crossings at grade. Five short be presented to a gentleman well known | blasts of the whistle are a signal to the in this city .- San Bernardino Courier.

# The Medicine Minia.

lower, middle and working classes, are confirmed medicine takers. They read the advertisements of "patent" nostrums, which profess to cure every ill under the sun from agues to ulcers, and implicitly believe the statements which they contain. The ignorant medicine-taker never pauses to consider that if a tithe of the pretensions so blatantly procla med had any foundation in fact, the existence of cultivated and learned bodies, such as the College of Physicians and the College of ehurch it fluttered slowly and noiseless-Eurgeons, would be no longer necessary. comparative statement in a S uthampton | Not only does he believe everything journal, says London Truth. It is clearly | which the advertisers tell him, but he becomes an advocate of the remedies to were the names, Paul and Laura. Curiments. Several such cases have lately been reported in central Pennsylvania.

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It Was the Doctor Sick. Then a doctor I'll be to find out what is

Of course, your're expected to give me your But zim, how she showed him her tongue! -Detvoit Free Press.

# SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL

It is noted that timber that has been floated down rivers is not subject to dryrot. The water dissolves the salts and

By keeping mushrooms until too old or stale an alkaloid called muscarine is developed. Mushroom poisoning is believed to be due in many cases to faulty methods in cooking.

Manufacturers of fire-brick say that the only reliable way to distinguish good clay is by tasting. If it tastes salty, it is genuine fire clay; if flat and dull, it is worthless for fire-brick.

the bacillus that produces cancer. He has inoculated dogs with the germ, and is reported to have developed in them tumors of a cancerous nature. A remarkable case of "substitution" was recently found in a Georgia iron

A peculiarity of a large white oak tree mine. Workmen digging came upon a pine stump, now converted into brown iron ore. The stump showed all the fibers and bark of the original pine tree, and resin streaks were plainly seen in

The various yellow cotoring matters used for macaroni, butters, liquors, etc., have been examined by Dr. Weyl, of Berlin. He reports that dinotrocresol, sold as saffron yellow, is highly poisonous, while the so-called "Martin's yellow" and "butter yellow" are quite

harmless. It has been proposed to utilize bicycles as ambulances, by removing the tra lingwheels from two machines and connecting them at that point by a pole fixed to the curved bars which carried the trailing-wheels. This keeps the two remaining wheels spart, and unites them into one vehicle. A hammock is then slung from the seats of the bicycles by means of proper cross-pieces with hooks; a a bamboo is also fastened longitudinally. above the seats, and straps are employed

When water once begins to boil it is mpossible to raise its temperature any higher; all excess of heat is absorbed by the escaping steam as so-called latent heat, and is given out again when it cond ases. We often speak of seeing the steam escaping from the spout of a kettle, but this is incorrect; steam is an invisible vapor, and we can no more see it than we can air. What we do see are the minute drops of water into which the steam condense; on coming into the cool air. If we boil water in a glas flack, we shall notice that nothing can be seen in the interior; and by observing the steam escaping from a kettle, we shall notice that there is quite a distance between the end of the spout and the point where the cloud becomes visible. This cloud of steam is of exactly the same nature as the clouds which float in the sky, and are formed by the condensation in the cool upper regions of the steam or aqueous vapor present in the air.

Mr. G. A. Farini, who has recently made a journey across the Kalabari desert in South Africa, succeeded in seeing and photographing the fals of the Orange river, which he was told could not be done. "We had," he says, "to swim rapids, climb rocks, and descend precipices by ropes in order to take the views. The river is broken up into many streams by huge rocks and bowlders, some of them rejoining to form the main waterfall, and others cutting some four hundred feet deep and sixteen miles long, worn in the solid granite. These streams form many rapids, and, when the river is half full, rise and form over a hundred separate cascades, unsurpassed for beauty and pi turesque grandeur. When the river is full, many of them join to make one mighty sheet of water, rivaling the great Ningara, as it pours into the abyss nearly four hundred feet below. At low water, the only time it can be approached, the Hercules Fall | tral Europe. is one hundred and sixty-five feet high. with several smaller falls at the sides, which are three hundred and fifty feet d viding line between the 11th and 20th high, and are caused by the same water fo i of this ellipse; the earth's summer

One long blast of the whistle is a arms with them, and knowing that the signal for approaching stations, railroad floor of their domicile was a flimsy crossings and junctions. One short blast affair, and could easily be torn to pieces of the whistle is to apply the brakes by the dangerous animal, they conside stop. Two long blasts of the whistle ered a tree near by their only refuge, and | are a signal to throw off the brakes. Two upon such consideration they climbed short blasts of the whistle are an answer the tree with that dexterity which free to the conductor's signal to stop at the

Three long blasts of the whistle are a signal that the train has parted. Three It came, but it placed the occupants of short thats of the whistle when the train possessed the premises, and to descend when the train is running are a signal to rould place those who might mjudi- be given by passenger trains, when disciousiyattempt descent in danger of be- playing signals for a following train, to

Four short blasts of the whistleare the flagman to go back and protect the rear of the train. A succession of short blasts of the whiatle is an alarm for per-Some people, especially among the sons or cattle on the track, and calls the attention of trainmen to danger ahead.

# Writing On a Leaf.

"I saw a curiosity the other day of a kind that is rare, I think," said an old gent'eman in the course of a conversaion with a Philadelphia Cill man. "It lay pressed between two leaves of a young lady's prayer-book, and as she tendered the sacred volume to me that I might join in the devotions of her ly to the floor. I stooped and picked it up, and the e written by nature's own hand across the face of a preserved leaf cuse the curiosity, I asked how it had had harpooned the wha been done, when she blushingly said: them firmly upon the leaf, thus exclud- crew of the Wanderer then captured ing the light and producing a tracing of the same animal, and, in order to give a "Sick, Kitty, said Jinks, "and you don't un- the names. He is in the army, a lieutenant, and we are shortly to be married. I harpoon for that of defendant. It is am superstitions, and would be very loth to lose this leaf out of my life."

> It is never too late, and never impossible, for a human falester

# NO. 3.

"I LOVE THEE, LIFE," I love thee, love thee, life! I fain would dwell with thee thy much-leved

Oh fold me nearer to thy pulsing breast; That I may feel thy heart-beats throb in

So holding it in unison with thine,

I love thee, love thee, life! Oh, hold me closer in thy strong embrace, Uplift me, bear me onward in thy race, Impart to me thy soul's exulting power To be mine heritage, mine earthly dower.

I love thee, love thee, life! A Berlin doctor is said to have caught I fain would wear thy brightness in my face, Ob, give to me thine animating grace, Inspire me, thrill me, love me in return,

It is thy noblest gifts for which I yearn. I love thee, love thee, life! Bear not so swiftly toward my journey's end; For oh, I dread to part with thee, my friend! Surround me with thy warm, entrancing

breath, And leave me not too soon alone with death

### -Inter-Ocean.

HUMOR OF THE DAY. Don't count your chickens before the

A man may be opposed to capital punishment and yet in favor of hanging

up his greeer. - Baton Courier. An oculist doesn't want an eye for an eye, and a dentist doesn't want a tooth for a tooth. They want \$--.-Life. Did you ever see a doctor kick a banana peel off the sidewalk or tell an acquaintance that he was sitting in a

About the most miserable man in the world is the one who is expected to laugh at the joke of a story he has heard

before. -N. raska State Journal. "We've won your suit," the lawyer said, And gleefully rubbed his pate, "And what are your charges, sir?" they said; "Oh, merely the saved estate!"

-Oil City Derrick. They tell of a young Lincoln man that he is so able a contortionist that he can see without difficulty the bald spot on the back of his head .- Lincoln (Neb.)

Some musicians are fond of speaking of the "colors" of the tones of various musical instruments. We wonder if they have noticed that the cornet is always

"blew?" - Burlingion Free Press. A violinist says that it is not the bow arm that gets tired, but the tips of the fingers. We always supposed that it was the man who was compelled to listen to the violin playing .- Naristown Herald. "What is the cause of that red spot on the end of your nose, Blobson." asked lopin ay, slyly. "That, sir," replied B.obson, 'is a solar spot. I was out in the hot sun all the summer." -- Burlington

A New York firm left a 1,600-pound poiler out of doors over night and in the morning it was gone. The only thing that can safely be left out over night in

New York is a six-story building .-Omaha World. Wife-"What under the sun are you doing?" Husband-"Trying to tie this string around my finger." Wife-"Why, I did not ask you to do any errand. Husband-"No: this string is to remind me that I have nothing to remember

# to-day." - Omaha World.

The Cause of the Glacial Period. The ocean equalizes the earth's temperature. How delicately balanced the forces of nature are as to glaciers may be seen in the fact that there have been five periods of advance and Vetrentinin Switzerland since 1200. Were the Sahara desert to be inundated, it might disastrously change the climate of cen-

The orbit of the earth is an elliose: Its longer diameter being 3,000,000 miles more than its shorter. The sun is in one soldice is fully seven days longer than the winter. The present is favorable to glaciation in the southern hemisphere. There should be an increase of glaciers

each 21,000 years, due to the earth's changing relations to the sun. Special epochs have been 200,000, 750,000 and 850,000 years ago, and similar epochs are expected 500,000, 800,000 and 900,000 years to come. Croll's theory rests on hypotheses and assumptions. He takes the winds and ocean currents for stable quantities. But the Gulf Stream-fifty miles wide, 1,000 feet deep, and which moves four miles an hour-and the trade winds need be to accounted for. The southeast trade winds predominate. Why? Because the southern hemisphere is cooler, But why is it cooler? The extent and depth of southern oceans add power to the winds in that hemisphere. While the trade winds are steady but not strong, they are sometimes interrupted by terrible monsoons. Not all cold seas are favorable to glaciation; those in

the far North lack moisture. The weak point in Mr. Croll's theory his failure to satisfactorily account for the absorption, retention and distribution of heat received from the sun. Why do clouds prevent frost? Why does heat pass into glass easily (as into a gresanouse) and not so easily escape? The equator is not so hot, no; the arctic region so cold as they ought to be according to the heat received from the sun. The difference between the equator and the coldest point on parallel 67 (where the mean temperature in January is 56 degress below zero), which ought to be 72 degree , is but about 75 degrees. do not know what caused the glaciers but glacialists are more: concerned with the facts of glaciation .- Prof. Wright of

The Value of a What The owners of the bark Stat coul have prought suit in the United States District Court against the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, owner of the bark of a whale. Plaintiffs claim that they upon swam under a field of ice and came We cut the letters from paper and pasted | to the surface a mile away, and that the shadow of claim, substituted their own claimed that for forty years it had been the recognized custom that when a crew had once harpooned a whale it was entitled to the full ownership of the animal .- San Francisco Ecaminer.