All's well with the country, good people. The winters are weary an long; But the May comes to meet us, With flowers she'll greet us, An' the sigh will be drowned in the song

All's well with the country, good people—At least, it is lookin' that way!

More harvests for reapin'—

More love for the keepin',

More light in the dawn o' the day.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"You say she is a business woman.

What business is she interested in?

It's ten to one that the chap wind must have rich food has to be satisfied

"Oh, everybody'n."

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The science of politics and the art of campaigning make less progress than almost any other public interest or public industry in the United

! The automobile has rolled in to stay. It is constantly being both improved and made cheaper, and will soon come into a far more general use than it has nowadays.

/ Mr. Andrew Carnegio insists that poverty is a blessing to young men. Possibly he is correct, but if he could only give assurance of plenty in old age he would relieve many a young fellow of uneasy hours.

Any theory, practice, or science which should make human beings insensible to pain and incapable of fear would probably, being universally adopted, bring human life upon the earth to a conclusion within the limits of a generation, observes the Christian Register.

A crusade against profanity has been begun in Albany, N.-Y. At a largely attended meeting resolutions were adopted demanding that the ordinauces prohibiting the use of profane language in public places be onforced, and every possible influence is to be brought to bear on the municipality to secure the passage of more comprehensive ordinances than now exist and the strict enforcement of

Iconoclasm is a growing passion among our people. Each generation seems to have less reverence and more skepticism than the generation which preceded. The children of to-day, if not really wiser than their fathers and mothers were at their age, are at least less ready to take things on faith, and more ready to challenge the truth of theories and axioms that have been generally accepted, reflects the Atlanta Journal.

Congressional life must be very wearing. We are told that an absent. minded Western Representative was seen to hurry up to a parcel mail box in Washington the other day and carefully deposit therein a scrap of paper which he carried in one hand. In the other was a bundle of papers ready for mailing, and those he hastily threw into a garbage barrel which happened to be standing on the curb near the parcel box.

By the will of the late Dorman B. Eaton, noted as a leader of civil service reform, endowments of \$100,000 each go to Harvard for professorships in the "science of government," and to Columbia for a chair in municipal science. The giver does not presume to circumscribe narrowly the instruction to be given, but said the chairs were endowed in the hope of garner ing the best wisdom and experience and teaching the same

Science and invention have some new marvel for us almost every day. The time has passed when we are surprised at anything. Wireless telegraphy was on first reports considered a wild impracticality, but its success has been demonstrated. Now comes printing without ink. This art is in practical use in England. The printing is done by means of electricity which acts from the face of type upor damp paper containing chemical qualities which the electricity decomposes.

Official Setistics from twenty-one leading cities in the United States show a healthy revival of building operations throughout the country during 1899, according to the Construction News. The total for twentyone cities was \$229,970,000 in 1899 and \$163,500,000 in 1898, an increase make him feel more of a man than of over \$66,000,000. Fifteen cities show gains varying from twenty to seventy-four per cent., and it nearly every city in which a loss is slown it is the result of unusual conditions, such as strikes and other local troubles.

A system of free school transportation is in operation in several counties about Canton, Ohio. Central township high schools have been provided, and now wagons transport the children from the remote parts to and from school. Recently additions have been made to the "kid wagons," as they are called, in the way of a covering of cnameled cloth. Windows and doors are previded, and also stoves to keep the girls and boys warra. The driver has resolved himself into a mail carrier for residents along the route, and in this way a system of rural free delivery is maintained.

"Our Generals will give only one order-namely, 'Advance!' " said the mighty Buller in his graudiloquent address to the British troops before crossing the Tugela. And the troops, whom Buller rightly called "splendid," rushed a tall hill called Spion Kop in fine style; but certain other Generals whom Buller had not thought of (because they were mere Boers, perhaps) ordered the British to "Retreat!" and enforced the de mand by a most persuasive gunpow der argument. There is no particular moral to this incident, but it takes two sides to make a fight, and victories cannot be won by a mere ipse

QUEENSTOWN, MARYLAND, SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1900.

LAFAYETTE AT WASHINGTON'S TOMB. In the blue of the sky, o'er the blue of the river.
Like a banner of love sailed the eagle's white wing
When the bero, in peace, laid his honors forever
At the grave of the chief who was more than a king He had done with his wars; but a nation victorious

And his heart was a pilgrim where millions made glorious His welcome return to the land of his fame.

The band-bugles sang at his coming, and yonder From the shore, as he bowed o'er the patriot's bed. The deep-rolling voice of the guns' muffled thunder Gave solemu all ball to the living and dead.

Unasked were the plaudits, the homage unsought for With the sun of Mt. Vernon above him ngate. He prayed at the strine of the people he fought for. And the hope of all races breathed freedom's amen.

October had mellowed the caks at the portal, Lafayettel like the ripencel renown of the years, But fresh as the faith in its beauty immortal Were the laurels of Washington, wet with the tears, And calm, as if love into vision and borne her With the soul he had cheristed in friendship and trust The eagle, from heaven, watched over the mourner As he knell in the chamber of Washington's dust.

All a country's proud story soared light on the pinions Of the sentinel bird, in that consummate hour, And halled, at the door of the Mystic Dominions, A future unmeasured in splender and power.

O dream of the ages that died not in dreaming!
The pomp and the music are joys that have been.
But the sun of that day lights the world with its heami
And the names it wrote dearest in triumph are twin.

And well if the eagle's white wing apreading wider Heralds peace, truth and freedom in covenant bloom Till the Union's last children shall rally beside her, Sincere as the pligrim to Washington's tomb.

*An uncontradicted tradition of the event here celebrated asserts that a large earl collowed the course of the steamboat that here Lafayette to Mt. Vernon, and remained overlag in the air over the temb of Washington, till the famous visitor went away.

The Captain of the Maintop.

Midshipman Jarvis on the Constellation.

By George Gibbs.



"Young gentle-men" was what the midshipmen were called in the old naval service, and Jarvis was the youngest of them all, being just thireen at the time of the action with the Vengoance.

He was the smallest officer aboard,

and his most important duties were those of passing the word from the quarter-deck forward, and taking his station aloft in the maintop, where he was learning the mysteries of the maze of gear which went through the lubber's hole or belayed in the top Ho also stood at quarters with his diminutive sword drawn, a smaller edition of the Lieutenants who were allowed to wear one epaulet and who could make a louder noise through the speaking trumpet than Jarvis could hope to for years.

Down in the midshipmen's mess, by virt of his diminutive stature and tender years, he was not much interfered with by Wederstraudt, Henry, Vandyke and the bigger men. But he fought one or two of the young gentle-men nearer his age, and though fre quently defeated, stood up as strongly as possible for what he deemed his rights. He was a manly little reefer, and up in the maintop, where he was stationed in time of action, the men swore by him. He was sensible enough not to give any orders without the professional opinion of one of the old jackies, who always ventured it with a touch of the cap, a respectful "Sir," and perhaps a half-concealed smile which was more of interest that amusement. Thirteen was rather a tender age at which to command men of fifty, but the midshipmen of those days were not ordinary boys; they went out from their comfortable homes aboard ships where men were even rougher and less well disciplined that

they are to-day, and they had either to sink or swim. It was Spartar treatment, but a year of it made mer and sailors of them.

The greatest, and probably the only regret of Midshipman Jarvis' shorllife was that he had not joined the great frigate before she had met and defeated the Insurgente the year before. He wanted to be in a great action. Nothing seemed when the long eighteen-pounders were fired in broadside at target practice. If he had been but a boy, instead of an officer with a gold-laced cap and a dirk and all the dignities pertaining to those habiliments, he would have clapped his hands and shouted for sheer joy. But the eyer of his men were upon him, and so he

stood watching the flight of the shots, biting hard on his lips to keep his Captain Truxton, ever mindful o his medshipmon, had disposed them in the different parts of the ship with egard to their size and usefulness The older ones had been given gun divisions, while the youngsters were placed on the fo'castle or in the tops, here they might be of assistance but would more certainly be out of harm's way. Such a thought was not suggested on the Constellation. If it had been, little Jarvis would probably have resigned immediately, or at the very least have burst into unmanly tears. As it was, he felt that his post aloft was as important as any on the ship, and he promised himself that if another Fronchman were sighted he

would stay there, whether the mast were up or down.
So, on the first day of February, 1800, just about a year after the capture of the Insurgente, while they were bowling along under easy sail, about fifteen miles of Basse-Terro, a large sail which appeared to be a French frigate was sighted to the southward. Jarvis went aloft two rattines at a time, his heart bounding with joy at the prospect of the chance

On assuring himself that she was a largo ship, Captain Truxton immediately not all sail and took a course which soon br ship of war

AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER Truxton bore on his course until th gun streaks of the other vessel could be plainly seen. Instead of showing

the same desire to speak, the stranger held on, pointing a little off his course, as though to avoid an encounter. But the breeze, which had been light, now died away altogether, and the sea became calm. There were the two great vessels, drifted in sight of acade the rell with the sea became calm. each other, all night and part of the following day awaiting the wind which would enable them to close. Jarvin was in a fever of impatience. A half dozen times he get permission from the officer of the deck, and with a telescope almost as long as himsel clambered up to the main royal to re port. There was but one opinior among the midshipmen who went aloft—it was a Frenchman; she couldn't be anything else.

About 2 o'clock in the afternoon of

the next day, up to the northward, they saw the ripple on the water of the wind they had been waiting for. The sail-loosers flew aloft and ever sail was spread. Soon the Constella-tion was pushing her way through the water, the floam flying from the wave tops here and there.

The chase had caught the breeze a about the same time, and the Americaus could see by the line of white under her how that she was beginning to leg it at a handsome rate. the Constellation was in excellent c dition for a race, and by degrees drew up on the other ship, which as they reached her was seen to lie very low the water, as though deep laden. They were sure to discover who she was before nightfall, so Truxton

cleared for action. Jarvis went aloft to his top and san the backstays lashed and the pre-venter braces securely hooked and rove. Extra muskets were carried m into the top for the use of the jackie and marines when they should com-into close quarters, for then the fire of the sharpshooters would be almoas valuable as the shots of the grea

Their work had been over an hou and the sun had set in a clear sky be fore the Constellation drew up gunshot distance. It was effective range. The battle lan terns were lit, and the long row of lights on the Frenchman showed that he, too, was prepared for fight. The was nearly at the full, made the out lines of the vessels perfectly visible to

the men at the guns. Truxton had given his men thei orders. There was to be no cheering until there was something to chee for. They were to await the order fire until the enemy was close abroad, and then, and not until then, was the broadside to be delivered. Soon a gun from the after battery of the Frenchman was fired. This was

followed shortly by all the guns that would bear. Some of the shots crashed into the hull of the Constellation, and one of them killed several men. The division officers glanced appealingly at Truxton in the hope of the order to fire, but he merely held up his hand. Again the broadside came, and men seemed to be falling everywhere. The strain below and aloft was terrific. But the officers stood steadily with a word of encouragement here and there, and the men did not flinch.

At last the Constellation came abreast the after ports of the Frenchman, and Truxton, throwing her off : little so that all his broadside would bear in a diagonal direction, loudly shouted the order to fire.

The telling broadside was delivered and the battle was on in earnest. To those aloft the crash of the long eight cens into the enemy at every other downward roll of the Constellation showed how well the American gunners had learned to shoot, white the short bark of the cannonades and the shricks in the brief pauses from the decks of the Frenchman told of the terrible effects of the fire among the enemy. The guns of the Frenchman were well sorged and rapidly fired, but they were aiming on the upward roll of the sea, and their shots went high. Several balls from the smaller piece had lodged in the foremast and the mainmast, and one had struck just below the futtock band of the mainton where Jarvis was, and sent the splin ters flying up and about him. Yardyardarm they sailed for three

bloody hours, until the firing of enchman gradually slackened.

the decks than aloft, and Jarvis' top-men were employed most of the time in splicing and re-reeving gear. The discharge of the Constellation's guns did not diminish for a moment, and sv fast was the firing that many of the guns became overheated, and the men had to crawl out of the exposed ports to draw up buckets of water to

cool them.

At about midnight Truxton managed to draw ahead of his adversary in the smoke, and, taking a raking position, sent in such a broadside that the Frenchman was silenced completely. Jarvis and the men in the maintop had little time to use their muskets. Several long shots struck the mast, and almost every shroud and backstay had been carried away. As the Constellation bore down upon her adversary to deal her the death-blow, the mast began to sway frightfully. There was a cry from the men at Jarvis' side, and

down. "The Frenchman, not so badly injured sloft, took advantage of the condition of the Constellation, and slowly making sail before the wreck was cleared away, faded into the night. It was afterward discovered that she was the Vengenuce, of lifty two guns. She succeeded in reaching Curacao in a sinking condition. When the news of the light reached home, Congress gave Truxton a medal and a sword, and prize money to the officers and crew. For little Jarvis, the midshipman who preferred to die at his post, Con-gress passed a special resolution praising him warmly. History does not show an instance of nobler self-sacrifice, and no such honor as this speccial act of Congress was received by a boy before or since .- Saturday Even-

PARSON, FOX AND HOUND. The Man Who Was Shert a Hound Made

The politician told me this story deer we had concluded the interview. after we had concluded the interview.
He told it to illustrate a point in his
interview. No matter what the point
was—the story will apply to a great

many points. "Our minister," said he, "supplies for a church over in the back part of the town and drives over there every forencon. The other day in the course of his sermon in the back part of the town he used his illustration; 'As I was driving here this morn. ing, brethren, he said. I heard the deep bay of a hound on the hillside near, and looking up I beheld a little

But though the for was running hard and fast the hound was making great plunges through the snow and was gaining with every leap. And at last the hound overtook the little fox and that was the end.

back to Seattle.

imited courage.

Faced Four Mountain Lions.

ran plump against as pretty a sight

reaking out with a rash.

His actions were followed by another, and ten seconds later the four made a

sneak down the ravine, growling and

move about Then I found my hat on

ago, I have felt my hair crawl.'

'Thus, brethren, does sin with horrid bayings pursue mankind, ready to slay and devour and destroy, etc.'
"At the conclusion of the sermon "At the conclusion of the sermon there came one to the pulpit and twirled his hat in his hand and asked if he might have a few moments' conversation with the parson. So they retreated to one side

'You spoke of seeing a hound this morning, elder,' said the man. Would you mind telling me how that ound was marked? 'I can't say that I noticed.' re-

olied the minister, bemming and haw-

ng. '''You see, elder, I have lost a ound,' continued the man, 'and I hought you might be able to help me a little in finding him.'
"'My dear man,' said the elder, straightening himself and patting the other's shoulder, 'that was an imaginary hound for the purpose of illustra-

"And," concluded the politician, "I know something about these imaginary hounds in politics. I've pulled my old wallet many times to uy meat for 'em."-Lewiston Journal.

Following the American Example. In provisions designed to save life and limb Americans are commonly accustomed to look to Europe as a leader. There is one respect, however, in which the United States furnishes a model for imitation by the English.

aw requiring automatic couplings on all railroad cars in the United States The milroads protested at first, but they i on realized that their opposi-tion we of no avail, and they made provision for gradual compliance with the law in good faith. The cars are not yet all equipped, the interstate commerce commission having twice extended the time, but presumably all soon will be provided with auto natic couplings.

A British royal commission apcointed to inquire into the causes of railway accidents has recently made its report, recommending the comulsory use of automatic couplings The railroads protest considerably at the prospect before them, for they object to the expense, but the example of the American railroads is being cited with much effect. According to the reports of the interstate commerce ommission, the use of automatic commission, the use of automate couplings has very materially reduced the number of accidents on American railroads.—Chicago Record.

whining as they went. They have been gone a minute before I felt my blood circulating again, and perhaps it was another minute before I could be a contained by the contained may be a contained m

present war is over. While they are sighting against the British troops heir farms are becoming ruine through lack of attention. Most of the Boers have had to let their crops go to waste and sell what few cattle they possessed in order to make pro-vision for their wives and families while they were fighting.

TALES OF PLUCK AND ADVENTURE,

listed man to be entitled to a mede of honor his act of distinguished gallantry must come under the personal observation of an officer. That is why Private Ora Platt, of the Hospital on a Burning Ship.

HEN I was in Seattle in December," said a traveler just returned from Alaska, "themost talked-of young woman on the coast was Miss Mabel Shirk, a pretty girl of nineteon or twenty, who had been saved from a burning ship. Miss Shirk's father had taken her with him on the schooner Hera, sailing from Seattle for Honolulu, with a general cargo, including 1000 barrels of lime, which he was advised not to take at that season of the year. The schooner the death-blow, the mast began to sway frightfully. There was a cry strong the men at Jarvis' side, and the marines and topmen began dropping through the Inbber's hole, swinging themselves down the sides of the swaying mast by whatever gears they could lay their hands to.

Jarvis did not move. One of the older seaman took him by the shoulder and urged him to go below. The mast was going, he said, and it meant certain death to stay aloft.

Little Jarvis smiled at him. "This is my post of duty," he replied, "and I am going to stay here until ordered below." At this moment a terrific crackling was heard and the old menof-war's man went over the side. Jarvis had kept his promise to stay by his mast whether it was up or down.

"The Frenchman, not so badly injured aloft, took advantage of the con-

than to meet death on the ship's deck tend to the shooting part of the busi-in the face of the waves and the flames. in the face of the waves and the flames.

"For twenty-five hours the crew battled with flood and fire, when land was sighted. Then Miss. Shirk was told to get all the warm underclothing she had, for they could not tell what cold and privations might be encountered on the unknown shore. As quickly as she could she came from her stateroom with a handbag containing a supply of woolen underwear. She was informed that she could not take the bag, and that she must put on all she could take with her. She went back to her stateroom to dress, but the fumes of the lime were so strong now that she could not remain in the cabin, and she was driven to the deck, where she was compelled to dress throughout with the storm raging frace in the died. Then he picked about her all the men turning their was riffe and helped ketal of the fire was lead. The picked in the died. Then he picked about her all the men turning their was riffe and helped ketal of the fire was and made a dash for it to where the two men lay. He picked up one of them, swung him on his back and taggered back to the ditch, unhurt by all the bullets that the cowardly rebels, shot at him. This man was badly wounded. An artery in his badly wounded. An artery in his tollets that the cowardly rebels, shot at him. This man was badly wounded. An artery in his taggered back to the ditch, unhurt the two men lay. He picked up one of them, swoun

about a pint of coat the camp fire."

Private Ora Platt a Hero.

The law provides that fer an en

where she was compelled to dress throughout with the storm raging about her, all the men turning their backs until her toilet was completed.

"There was but one boat left, and but one chance in a thousand that it could be launched, and still less that it would ever reach the shore, but it was sure death to remain on the ship, and the boat took the risk and got away to traverse the mile between the ship and the land. There was not room

ship and the land. There was not room Near Lakeland, Florida, where United States troops were encamped

anily and the land. There was not room for all the crew, and several of the brave fellows agreed to take the chances of the boat coming back for them, but another boat put off from the land, and they not into that should lake called Lake Gibson. in the summer of 1898, there is a fine the land, and they got into that short-ly after their own boat had started. the fact that it contains alligators, diers often bathed in it regardless of Thirty minutes later the Hera was a sheet of flame from how to stern, and she burned to the water's edge, going down in fourteen fathous. The landing was safely made on Vancouver a young girl who recently went bathland. Clayognot Sound, and the resting in Lake Gibson. This girl, who Island, Clayoquot Sound, and the res-

cued persons were kindly cared for is fourteen years old and whose until a passing steamer brought them mother. Mrs. Fields, lives near the "Miss Shirk has not entirely recov-red from her experience at last aclake, could not resist the temptation ered from her experience at last ac-counts, and she had given up going to Honolulu. The one thought, she She had scarcely touched the water said, that was uppermost in her mind during the storm was that her friends in Seattle would say, if she were her between the knee and her between the knee and her putter the storm was that her between the knee and her putter the storm of the s

drowned: 'Well, she oughtn't to have and instantly pulled her under the drowned: 'Weil, she oughth's sailed on Friday. Al Miss Shirk ex-sailed on Friday. Al Miss Shirk ex-meets to go with her father to Cape The girl thought herself gone, but Nome as soon as navigation opens, and I fancy she a young woman of unshe did not give up. On the contrary, she struggled with such activity that the alligator was unable to hold her

"Twice in my life, up to five years only a few yards distant.

The alligator returned to the charge surface and struck out for the shore the prospector, but as to its standing this time seizing the girl by the fleshy on end I didn't believe such a thing part of the side, between the right in an in possible. I was knocking about the the hip. But she struggled again aountains of Idaho with a partner, and once more managed to free her when I went out alone one day to pop self, at the same time springing towover some game for the dinner pot. I and the shore. This time the alligator had gone amile or more from camp did not get its jaws upon her, although and had descended to the bottom of it followed her until she was safe on a ravine to get a drink of water, when dry land.

Although the girl had two ugly land.

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her hurts are not of a mortal charac-"On a grassy spot in the full blaze ter. She describes the alligator as not being of the largest size, but only

of the sun lay four mountain lions fast asleep. For half a minute I thought them dead, but as I stood staring with my mouth open every one Chased by an Army of Baboon Ralph Waldo, formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., has written home a let-ter from Bulawayo, Rhodesia, in which he says ho is a Lieutenant in a of the four sprang up with a growl. I had a Winchester in my hands, but I could no more have lifted it to my face than I could have uprooted the face than I could have uprooted the the mountain. The first sensation I had caught me in the ankles. It was a numbness, as if my feet were asleep, and it traveled upward until I stood there like a block of ice. Only my brain was left clear. On top of the numbness came a feeling that I was breaking out with a rash. Then the Then the spring some distance from camp air at the back of my neck began to morning. Continuing, he says: curl and twist and crackle, and a "The baboon never made a c minute later every hair in my head fell with a thud full 100 feet "The baboon never made a cry, bu was on end. I had on a soft felt hat, bottom of the ledge. Immediately anind I am sure that hat was lifted an other came, and, looking over the edge, saw its counade below. Then, seeing "As to the liens, they stood there, me, gave a most hideous yell. As if "As to the liens, they stood there, nead on to me and snifling and growling and switching their tails, and had but moved a finger they would have been on me. I didn't move, because I ing and switching their tails, and had the first shot on account of a dirty carcouldn't; I don't believe I moved an couldn't; I don't believe I moved an oyelash for three minutes. By and by one of the beasts dropped his tail and whined. My unexpected presence and queer appearance mystified him. His actions were followed by another; they followed me for two or three hungal they seconds later the four made a later than the four made

whining as they went. They had been gone a minute before I felt my remained." From the field of party strife and military criticism it is a relief to tuy A goodly number of the poorer the ground at my feet. There wasn't military criticism it is a reliof to tuyn Boers will be in a sad plight when the a breath of wind down there, and if to an extract from a letter of an officer my hair didn't lift that hat off my at the front, who writes:
head how did it leave it? I know the "An orderly was bringing some hat was pushed off. I know it, be water to a wounded man lying on the cause when I got back to camp my ground near me, shot through the hair hadn't yet flattened down, and abdomen. He could hardly speak,

dred yards, but I outstripped then

when my chum rubbed his hand over owing to the days.

my head there was a crackling as of a rabbit running through the dry brush.

""Take it to my pal first. He's worse hit than me.?"—Liquiden Cordays, and the way I finally got the respondence New York Times,

scare out of my hair was to rub on puzzle DEPARTMENT KKOKKKOKKKOKK HOROGOGO CONTRACTOR The solutions to these puzzles will apear in a succeeding issue

> 61 .- Metagram. y head and I successively become t whip, a resting place, food, exploi and warmth.

62.-Word Square. 1. A flower. 2. Uncommon. metal. 4. To transmit. 63.-Rhombold.

song. 4. A whirlpool. Down—I. A letter. 2. A preposition. 3. A bulky piece of wood. A measure of length. 5. Guided. 6. A boy's name. 7. A letter.

61.-Burled Poets. 1. She has entertained her beat nonth after month at the mause.

2. Shall old acquaintance be forgot: 3. We shall call and order what w

finished with it.
5. No matter how arduous the task he always accomplishes it.

6. We found a crab beneath the sand

57. -Rhomboid-RULE

EDEN SLOW 58 .- Metagram-Five, Dive, Give, 59. - Diamond-

RÜE BUILD

-Charade-Grass-hoppers.

CRIM LEGEND OF SABLE ISLAND. Woman in White, a Bleeding Forefin-

One of the grimmest legends of Sable Island, off Nova Scotia, dates rom the wreck of the Amelia; and there is enough evidence of truth con-nected with it to show what bloody deeds were added on that occasion to the terrors of shipwreek. Captain Torrens, who commanded the gunboat which was dispatched to Sable Island after the wreck of the Amelia, was one of the survivors of the second disaster. A passenger on the lost transport was her husband. The captain of the gunboat had been told that she wore on her forefinger a ring of peculiar

artifice. The story leas it that Captain Torrence, wandering over the island one night in search of possible survivors, was attracted by the piteous whiming of his dog in front of a small, open shelter, known to have existed at that time, but long since toppled to pieces.
Approaching the shelter, he was
startled to see the figure of a woman all in white and holding toward him the bleeding stump of a foreinger. While he was gazing at the apparation, it rose, silently glided past him and dove into the sea. But time and dove into the sea. But time and their house. Now can I eat all the

ng over the sandhills. It is probably only part of the weird legend that Captain Torrens, feeling sure that a shocking crime had been committed, tracked the guilty pirate until he discovered his family on the coast of Labrador, and learned that the ring had been sold in Halifax. It is a fact, however, that many years after the disaster, Lady Copeland's ing was discovered in a jewelry store in Halifax and was returned to her amily. From that hour her ghost has ceased to haunt the island.—

Justav Kobbe, in Ainslee's Magazinc.

Madern Methods of Promotion While the telegraph and the telephone can prevent speculations like he South Sea Bubble in a great seasure, for such schemes were greatly measure, for such schemes were greatly aided by a lack of a general dissemination of intelligence, a his lack is supplied by their quick interchange of knowledge, they bring their own peculiar peril, for they are examples of what profit may be reaped from discovery in the world of science. The commercial enterprises of the vorld have been brought within reach of the many by the telegraph and telephone. They no longer belong to the few, while the successful working of the field of science is still confined to a minority and the general public; even the cultivated people are greatly ignorant of the approaches to the New El Dorado. No bogus land scheme or salted mining enterpriso can be kept in existence to-day for a long eriod; but the Keeley motor, with its etheric vibrations and its pseudomolecular motions, was limited in activity only by the life of the promotor. Instead of the alchemists we have the seekers after power, which costs nothing, and in the train of the honest inventor there are unscrupulous promoters ready to capitalize any remarkable new fact or discovery which attracts public attention.— Popular Science Monthly.

The Lord's Prayer the Universal Prayer One of the most marvellous achievements of the Parliament of Religions at the Chicago World's Fair was the readiness with which all the religions of the world united in the devout re cital of the Lord's Prayer, happily designated by President Bonney as "The Universal Prayer." When at the opening of the Parliament Car-dinal Gibbons used it, the vast audience of about four thousand people joined in it; and having been repeated on each of the seventeen days of the great convocation, the Parliament of Religions was closed with it by Rabbi Hirsch. Thus it became a deliberate expression of the world's religious unity .- Open Court.

Small Diamonds More Perfect. There are more perfect small dia- for privates from \$120 to \$140 monds than there are perfect large annum, for corporals from \$125 to ones; and where a man gets together a collection of perfect diamonds he is not likely to have a collection of mum is \$236. The limit for officers small ones. Thus, the diamonds is \$600 for ceptain \$300 for chefs de owned by Americans are not, as a battalion, \$1000 for colorels and from rule, so large as the ones owned in Europe. Artificial light enables the But no onlisted mo European diamond wearer to wear a pension as of rigit big stones that are not altogether per-

All's well with the country, g

Whole I am trim and spruce. Change

All's well with the beautiful country!
There's hope in the light of her eyes;
Let all the birds sing it—
Let all the bells ring it,
And wait it along to the skies!
—Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution. Across-1. Screne. 2. Labor.

with poor digestion. Fax—"The diamond is the hardest known substance." De Witto—"Yes—to get."—Collier's Weekly. 4. The thread broke just as we had

She—"Tell me, when you were in the army, were you cool in the hour of danger?" "Cool. Why I shivered." ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLES. "Mrs. Padderly insulted our Culture Club." "In what way?" "She sug-

Club." "In what way?" "She suggested that this year we take up the study of 'manners.""—Chicago Rec-Little Johnny thinks that a bed is a curious thing. He says he is sent to it for punishment, and it is punish-

ment when he is made to get out of it.—Boston Transcript.

"Are you pleased, darling, with the nice present that daddie has brought you?" "Oh, yes, mammie deat! It's a lovely doll, but I'd been hoping it would be twins!"--Scraps. "If a woman loves her h Ethel, she will give up exhim." "That is a nob my dear, which George ors will appreciate, I'm

Hero's Ao the man so wonderous.
That he will stand with smiling ever bright.
And listen to the nacedotes which bore
And never say, "I've heard that yarn before."
Washington the

"It is no fun being married. My wife is coming to me all the time and asking for money!" "You're lucky! I have to ask my wife alway for money when I want any."—I Welt. Tommy-"Papa, my new w stopped." His Father-"Y wound it?" Tommy-"No

Mamma says it's wrong to we even the tiniest creature." - Jewelc Weekly. "Can you trace the resemblance of a baby to anything under the sun but another baby?" "Oh. yes, indeed." replied the social diplomat. "To what?" "To whichever parent asks me about it." All the masters of

diplomacy are not in public life. Detroit Journal. bleeding forefinger was seen wander- I'm going to be sick, anyway."-Chi-

Any one who left Manila a year ago, returning to it to-day, would almost saucy himself a Rip Van Winkle. To day one may well rub one's eyes t the change effected. The streets. dusty and somewhat muddy, are at east clear of garbage—the gutters are copt cleared. Houses have been repaired and painted. Innumerable ew stores have been opened, rigs have been much improved, though still leaving much to be desired Pariahs are growing conspicuous by their absence, especially cauine ones, and the beggars are gradually disap pearing from the street. Sickness and disease are considerably on the decrease, and the city generally is in a more sanitary condition than it has ever been since its foundation. And all these changes and improvements have been brought about by the bringing to bear, upon the existing conditions, American ideas in place of the aforetime laiser aller us existing under late Spanish rule. The wonderful improvements achieved so other year will bring forth, and those here then will see how extremely beneficial to the city generally and the welfare of its inhabitants has been

The First Teacups. Even after tea was introduced into Europe and had come into general use teacups were scarce. At the same time coffee was introduced, but apart from Constantinople the first coffee cups date back only as far as 1645 in Venico, 1659 in Paris. 16; London and 1694 in Loipsic. Fre the first, however, the convention oriental coffee one, without stem, handle, was little used, and in G.

the new regime. - Manila American.

The Chinese teacup was used for Specimens of norce ain were undoubt edly introduced in Europe in the middle ages, yet not till the sixteenth century were caps imported from China in any great quantities, and even then it was as articles of verta. Most of these found their way back to China again, as collecting porcelnia is a lasting fad there, and high prices are paid for good specimens. The collection of Chinese porcelain, lit only the genuine specimens are desired, requires immense study and knowledge, as the Chineso are skillfui imitators and put numerous falsifica. tions on the market.

In France pensions are granted only for wounds or disease contracted in the service. Their amounts range