and sharp. The great cat quivered

convulsively and then sprang forward

I slipped down from my perch,

plunged through the water, and

climbed up where the cat had lain.

Below me yawned a gulf forty feet

deep, into which the flood thundered

in a yellow, yeasty mass. The bridge

had struck a dam, and the forward

end, sliding up over its slimy verge,

hung suspended in mid-air. At this

point banks of the river were steep

and high, with huge boulders scat-

tered over them. On one bank,

clinging to it like a swallow's nest, was

a sawmill. The greater part of it was

under water, but a man stood at one

of the upper windows, with a smok-ing rifle in his hand. He saw the

look of intense inquiry on my face,

though he could not hear the shout I

raised, amid the thunder of the waters.

In reply he pointed to the swirling,

foaming gulf beneath me. Then

understood how the wounded panther

had leaped to his death.—Detroit Free

and disappeared.

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A French engineer who has been on by the big things in this country. "I shall report to my government," says he, "that the biggest things in America are the little things. The French people are experts in domestic economy and live comfortably by saving what average families in the United States throw away. But Americans are, or the other hand, experts in industrial economy. They make money by saving wastage in business, and lose some of it by wastage in domestic economy. The attention paid to small details in big works is amazing to me. I visited some establishments where I believe that the profits are made not in the manufacture proper, but in the saving of materials and labor by close attention to details that are looked upon as trifles by us. For example, I saw a kee notions"-are legion, and each contributes its mite toward the general sum of the country's business prosperity. It is certainly wise to give full attention to all details.

A rooster once pursued a worm
That lingered not to brave him;
To see his wretched victim squirm
A pleasant thrill it gave him. He summoned all his kith and kin; They hastened up by legions, With quaint, expressive gurgles in

Just then a kind of glimmering Attracting his attention,
The worm became too small a thing
For more than passing mention; The throng of hungry hens and rude
He skilfully evaded.
Said he: "I' faith, if this be food,
I saw the prize ere they did."

It was a large and costly pearl, belonging in a necklace. And dropped by some neglectful girl— Some people are so reckless! The cock assumed an air forlors,

He turned again to where his clan, In one astending tangle.

To slay the helpless angle,
And sighed: "He was of massive size!
I should have used discretion.
Too late! Around the toothsome prize

Have never been recorded, But any one will know how slight Diversion it afforded. For worms and human beings are

The Moral: When your dinner comes
Don't leave it for your neighbors
Decays you hear the sound of drums And see the gleam of sabres; Or. like the cock, you'll find too late That ornaments external Do not for certain indicate



suddenly loomed,

outlines gradually resolved themselves sionally uttering a slight wheezing or into the shape of a covered bridge, congling sound, as if to free its throat volvers.' And when he had his pisraised high above the road on its stone and nostrils from water. piers. With an exclamation of joy, I By and by the animal, whatever it dragged my wheel up the sharp pitch was, began to sniff suspiciously, and I Then he said: I am going to count was then found that the house conof the roadbed and out of the icy knew that its quick sense of smell had three; if you are not out here with tained an Irish terrier and a litter of water, into the welcome dryness and detected my presence. Then, for the your hands held up on the third count six pups that were apparently not more

pouring heavily and steadily down upon that deep valley in the backwoods which I had chosen for my bicycle KEYSTONE HOUSE into the wilderness. The road, in mount as a boy's popular. Suppose by their fright an spite of increasing mud, had proved the beast should be hungry enough to Dewey's glauce. "One of them fair for wheeling, and not until the crave even a meal of soaked and afternoon of the second day of rain gristly bicycler? Shut up in that cage lismount and wade. I had not passed to eat me? a house since early in the morning, ere the night fell. The valley kept side, something occurred that was cal- was writing."—Philadelphia Press. sinking in level, however, and I soon | culated to divert the thoughts of each realized that I must be approaching its lowest point, where there would be Without the slightest preliminary jar little likelihood of finding a habitation. One always shrinks from turn- off its pier and swung down stream. ing back, however, while there is a Then followed a grinding noise, as the possibility of going forward, so I kept other end was dragged from its bed of was, at least, solid satisfaction in hav- ing motion our unwieldly craft got uning a roof over my head and dry der way down stream! boards under my feet, though the I had sprung to my feet, as I felt doors of my house stood somewhat too | the water rushing up through the

> elements of adventure in it; and a bi- fellow passenger would keep his discycle trip lacks its chief charm if not tance. So I sat down again, unmind-

could review the situation and make mine. I thanked fortune then for

fifty feet long; an old fashioned cheap-ly constructed affair, such as one al-save when it whirled in the current ing so large a section as it did, it was cluded to follow the example of my doubtless deep and carried a large brute companion and climb up on one

A bona file kernel.

Dewey as a Disciplinarian. "I was with Commodore Dewey when he was executive officer of the Colorado," said a financier, "and 1 remember one incident which shows UT from the stygian | come, I saw what looked like two dim- | the manner of man he is. We had shadows of the ly burning candles, set close together, fine crew, some of them as powerful

> It was positively a relief when I irons, and it was found impossible to heard a scratching sound on the floor carry out the order, for the men were

tols he again called upon the men to house lashed to a piece of ice. A boat come out, and they did not move. was launched to investigate, and it

"He counted one, then he cocked the revolvers, and he counted two. escent eye-balls, and the distance be- We all expected to hear the reports, of Maine, through which lay the route | tween them, showed that the animal | for we knew that Dewey meant what | was one of considerable size. I was he said. The men knew it, too. unarmed, save for a light 22-caliber They stepped out just in time to save soon wear itself out, I had kept on my revolver that would prove about as their lives and held up their hands, uring about three feet each way, and way, penetrating deeper and deeper effective against a boar, wolf or catainto the wilderness. The road, in mount as a boy's popgun. Suppose by their fright and the moral effect of

did I encounter sufficient standing of a bridge, what could I do to balk that he would either be a dead Jacky water to make it necessary for me to him of his purpose, should he decide in a moment or he would have to yield, and when the irons were put woman's hand: While I was debating one side of upon him he was as sober as he ever but kept hoping I should yet chance upon some isolated backwoods farm was, doubtless, debating the other his room and finished the letter he

> In Diplomatic Disgrace. minister from France, during Washington's second term. He was recalled in 1794 at the request of this country for endeavoring to stir up trouble between the United States and Great Britain. During Jefferson's administration, Vrojo, the Spanish minister, was sent home on account diplomat, but even in an honest man and a gentleman. Jackson, the British minister, during Madison's first term, was recalled on a request from Washington because of offensive criticism of this government. In 1849 General Taylor, then President, sent the French minister, M. Poussin, his first term, the Russian minister. Catacazy, was recalled at our request. term a like fate happened to Lord and one Russian.

Under Sealed Orders. 'under scaled orders" has arisen from the desire of maritime powers to prevent their plans from becoming known to the enemy.

livered to a commander of a ship or squadron by a confidential messenger,

By this precaution the newspapers are prevented from disclosing prematurely movements which may be of the greatest importance, and the spics of the enemy are rendered useless so far as their ability to discover the secret of such movements is concerned. Sailing under sealed orders is now

Mendacious Man. Mr. Sparkle-"What an admirer of you Joe Pumpling is. I never see

low Joe always was!" Mr. Sparkle-"By the way, I prom ised to meet him at the club this a question of time before the bridge of it shot up several feet in the air, evening, if you don't object to my go

of the flood, and yet I dared not leave panther was clinging, until the water it, for I realized by this time the water surged over the head and shoulders of want to run over to the Johnstons on the flat must be over my head. | the startled beast. I saw it shrink anyway, and I know you wouldn't en-

A year ago, when a glass company

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Righteousness is victory. True men are the diamonds of his

Some guns kick; revenge is one of It is not cowardice to fear to di

No abilities are independent of in

He is far from home that has non to go to. The sweetest flower of the gospel is

A little sin has as much death in it as a big one. If you can't swim, never wade in un-

Few wear their characters like their cloaks-outside. Potluck may be poor luck if taken

with a stranger. A poor picture is not helped by being put in a good light. In religious controversy ferocity

not the only sign of fidelity. The man is usually in the right who owns himself in the wrong. The confession of past folly may

be only the profession of present wis The thing that makes pessimism is failure to find in men what angels pos

He who always complains of the clouds receives little of life's sunshine, and deserves less.—Ram's Horn.

of the house, which was half filled with canned meats, while in another corner

was a vessel of fresh water. The piece of ice to which the house was lashed was a perfect cube, measdiscernible, the Latin phrase, "Esto by three, upon which was written in a and rigidity.

The fittest place for man to die Is where he dies for man. There was nothing whatever to indicate how the dog got there, nor was there anything to show how long she had been adrift. Captain Bennet. The United States has been a nation | :hinks, however, that the animal must with foreign relations for about a cen- have been at least three weeks on her

Farm Work For Imbeclies. The State of Ohio has decided to naugurate a new experiment in the reatment of imbeciles. Hitherto these weakminded unfortunates have been housed in great asylums, where under the constant care of trained attendants coom instruction. While this system developed the intellectual resources of the imbecile, weak and wavering as to build up the physical energies. Gymnasium exercises failed to meet the requirements.

The State Legislature has recently appropriated \$150,000 for the purchase and during President Cleveland's first Instead of a great asylum there will be a great number of cottages, each in room work and their bodies by out- Ledger. loor exercise in practical farming. stimulus as before and will also have the advantage of pure air, physical exercise, and the healthful incentive of watched with interest .-- Pathfinder.

Corn Cob Maple Sugar. A farmer is accredited with the discovery of maple sugar substitute. In mixture is boiled a little while to thoroughly incorporate the two ingredients, and the resultant is said to be a fine quality of sirup hardly distinguishable from the maple product. -Atlanta Constitution.

The Cincinnati Enquirer states that while John W. Baughman, of Willisdays ago, "he exhibited his latest invention in electricity, that is, the art of using telegraph instruments and electeries whatever." The Enquirer says lamps.

The Singing Shells of Ceylon. A remarkable phenomenon con- Record. nected with the Batticaloa Lake is that of the singing shells, which on a The Times, of Ceylon.

POPULAR SCIENCE. TOHN G. ROGBES,

The eyeball is white because the blood vessels that feed its substance are so small that they do not admit the red corpuscles.

that in building a railway, laborers could work only one-third as long at a height of 10,000 feet as a mile lower. Great differences exist between the Arctic and Antarctic regions, and while there is a polar sea at the north, it is believed that a continent exists at the South Pole.

liable to acute mania.

Will practice in Baltimore City. Baltimore and Howard counties. Special attention paid to all business placed in my hands. The new lighthouse at Eckmuhl is of 40,000,000 candle power. During the last decade France has constructed eleven lighthouses with the average power of 8,200,000 candle. England has eighty-six first-class lighthouses, which average only 20,680 candle

The so-called "liver," or pyloric cæca of the common starfish, has been found by Miss Ellen Stone to be closely related in function to the pancreas of the vertebrates. The work was done in the laboratory of A strange story is told by Captain Brown University under the direction

don recently. Captain Bennet says that if the sea were emptied of its stretched across the road, that I the sea were emptied of its stopped involuntarily, my heart beating thick and fast. Then, as I strained my eyes to make out the nature of the object in my path, its black out the page where the board bow. The steamer bore down the page where these giants were and he told them to come out and submit to the irons. They did not stir. Then Dewey said quisiples greatest the contains a significant many self, in the bridge, I could hear it the sea were emptied of its that when in midocean on one morning an object resembling a boat was sighted about two points off the star board bow. The steamer bore down evaporation, 40,000 years would be submit to the contain meaning and the Centerin means and all the rivers of the earth waters and all the rivers of the earth waters and all the rivers of the earth out and submit to the in midocean on one morning an object resembling a boat was sighted about two points off the star board bow. The steamer bore down evaporation, 40,000 years would be submit to the contain means and all the rivers of the earth waters and all the rivers

Scientific men have calculated the number of hairs on a square inch of heads of different colors, and by estimating the total area covered have arrived at aggregate numbers. A head water, into the welcome dryness and detected my presence. Then, for the your mands need up on the third count than forty-eight hours old. In a corner of fair hair consists of 143,000 hairs. Dark hair is coarser and consists of fresh hay, there was found a wooden only 105,000, while those who boast a vessel containing a large quantity of poll of red must be content with total of 29,200.

WALTER H. HARRISON, Jr., Professor S. P. Laugley has now ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT-LAW carried his delicate heat-measuring apparatus, the bolometer, to such degree of perfection that it will register a ten-millionth of a degree, centigrade. In a recent description of this device he says that for a certain part TOWARD T. JONES, "One of them said afterward that dotted a tiny American flag, and the galvanometer, he uses a dragon galvanometer, he uses a drage nailed to the roof was a card, six inches fly's wing, on account of its lightness

The product of the silk worn has for many years been the basis of the favorite fabric of woman kind. Many efforts have been made to produce artificial silk, but until recently with most indifferent results. Within the past few years, however, a fiber has been spun from wood pulp or cotton, which equals in appearance the very best product of the cocoons. The pulp is saturated with nitric and sulphuric acid, and transformed into gun cotton. Alcohol is then added, which they were, there was no opportunity fine thread, which is wound and treat-

charge of a competent attendant. It however, makes it susceptible to is proposed to develop the minds of colors and effects that cannot be prothe members of the colony by class- duced in the natural fiber. - New York Lettuce as a Sedative.

common, or garden, lettuce were known in the earliest ages. Galen sustained work along practical lines. used to eat the lettuce in the evening The result of the experiment will be as a remedy for wakefulness at night and most persons find it induces sleep. Lactucarium is the inspissated juice of the garden lettuce, and has the color, and in some measure the taste and odor of opium; but no ais endeavors to utilize corncobs for morphia has yet been obtained from odder, he found that continued boil- it, and its narcotic principle is thereing developed a sweetish taste in flavor fore still undiscovered. Its analysis similar to maple sugar, and by certain is said to prove it to contain a large idmixtures of other foreign matters, proportion of caoutehoue, as much as he now produces a fictitious article in twenty-two parts in fifty. Its medithe following manner: Twelve clean | cinal effects are very nearly the same cobs are put into a gallon of water and as those of opium, but it is undoubtpoiled until soft. Then the juice is edly much milder in its operation, strained off and added to a gallon of and may consequently be used in dark-brown sugar solution. This cough and consumption and in other cases where opium from its stimulating effect cannot be borne.

Michael Mallia, gun-captain of the United States steamship Nashville, has the honor of being the first to fire a gun in the war with Spain. The shot was delivered twenty miles south of Key West, April 22, and it ton, Ohio, was in Cincinnati, a few resulted in the capture of the Bucno Ventura, the first prize of the war. Mallia is a round and jolly little Irishman, thirty years old. He had tric bells without the use of any bat- served nine years with the United States Navy and has been a gun-cap-Mr. Baughman uses the earth for bat. tain for seven years. He is so short tery and expects to be able to light up that he has to stand on a stool to aim houses with his new invention, as it his gun. He had served on the has been also tested on miniature Swatara, the Lancaster, the Castine, the Yantic and the monitor Terror. Mallia says that he likes his work and will stay with the navy. - Chicago A Banquet in a Morgue.

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THE COCK AND THE PEARL

Their osophageal regions.

And cried: "It's really cruel, I thought it was a grain of corn; It's nothing but a jewel."



However, I was disposed to make make a rush for the free end of the the best of a situation which might, bridge and leap into the water, to surely, be worse, and leaning my save myself from going to the bottom wheel against one of the stringers of with my leaky craft. Then I reflected the bridge, I sat down and proceeded, that, from the time of Noah's ark unfirst of all, to remove my soaked shoes | til the present, all wooden structures and stockings and replace the latter tossed upon floods-no matter how with a dry pair from my luggage bag. leaky—have invariably floated until When I had changed my shirt also, they found some resting place on dry and wrung about a quart of water land again. Undoubtedly, I was from my coat, I felt so much better safer, and would be more comfortable that I began to whistle. "Every where I was than anywhere else in pickle," said I to myself, "has the that flooded wilderness—provided my

spiced with adventure." Fortunately, I had the remnants of my feet, and listened. a lunch in my bag, and having de- I could hear nothing of the unvoured the cold bread and ment and known animal whose company I so lit my pipe, I was still further disposed much desired to part with. But, to take a philosophical view of the situa- presently, I located his blazing eyes tion. I was, at least, sheltered for the half way up the side of the bridge, night, and might be able to snatch and perceived that the beast, when some sleep by lying close to the string- the water rushed into the bridge, had ers of the bridge, at its center, where leaped on one of the slanting beams, I would be comparatively out of the and was now crouching there, in more wind. As soon as daylight came, I unreasoning terror, doubtless, than

up my mind whether to go forward or the floating off of the bridge and the When my pipe was smoked out, I bly, act as an effectual barrier belook a walk the whole length of the tween what I now realized must be a bridge, using matches to light my way. | caramount or wildcat and myself. The structure proved to be only about most always finds in sparsely populated and struck some tree on the river sary to bridge a stream of any size. The river, now overflowing its banks free and start upon its course again. so widely, was evidently, in ordinary | The floor was about two feet under weather, quite narrow; though, drain- water all the time, and I soon con-

As I lay down to sleep, with my myself as best I could, and spent a head resting against one of the trans- miserable two hours, until the first verse stringers, I heard the rain still gray light of morning began to steal beating fiercely against the side of the into my prison. bridge; and, during my fitful slumbers, this was always the sound that distinct I made out at last the tawny greeted my ears on rousing to con- body of a panther, stretched, head sciousness. At about 3 o'clock in the downward, along a beam opposite me. morning I became so chilly I could The fierce, fixed eyes were still sleep no longer, and so got up and turned toward me, and although the beat my arms until the blood began to body of the beast was perfectly still, circulate more freely. Then I went to a constant vibration and slight lashthe end of the bridge to see if the ing of the tail betokened its intense water had risen any higher. I was alertness. Never once did it turn its him that he doesn't congratulate me amazed and startled to find that it was blazing eyes away from mine, but for on having such a beautiful or such a nearly on a level with the floor of the over an hour watched me as a cat young-looking wife." bridge, and was surging by with a dis- watches some bird that it is intent to tinct gurgling and lapping sound, that | catch. showed there was considerable force Then there came a sudden tremento the current. It was, I knew, only done shock to the bridge, and one end must yield to the undermining power submerging the other end where the ing out."

Returning to my wheel, as if for backward up the beam, but its hind- joy it there."--Chicago News. silent companionship, I sat down, quarters were blocked by the framelighted another pipeful of tobacco, and work of the roof ere its head got above waited. It might have been half an water. Then it launched from the hour later—my pipe was not yet beam with a mad plunge, and swam in St. Louis failed and the works shut burned out when I heard a sound heavily past me, till it reached the down, the "pot" was left full of moltlike heavy breathing from the end of shallowing water at the other end of en glass. Recently the property was the bridge I had lately visited, and the bridge, and climbed, half drowned, purchased, and now it is found that then a distinct splashing, over and up into the morning light.

In eager haste together ran

The worm's remarks upon his plight

Unanimous that, when pecked, To be the prey of men they far Prefer to being hen-pecked.

By PAUL PASTNOR.

flooded forest rise over the edge of the floor and men as I ever saw. Four or five of through which I slowly enter the bridge. At the un- them went ashore one day and came had been pushing canny sight I felt as if a stream of ice back fighting drunk. and carrying my cold water were running down my "Three of them were men who wheel ever since back; my hands involuntarily clutched would singly have been more than a the early night de-scended, something prickling sensation all over my body. The order was given to put them in and unexpectedly did the huge, black of the bridge, and knew then, at all dangerous. Dewey was notified of Bennet, of the British steamer Sweet of Mr. R. W. Tower. bulk confront me, like some monster events, there was nothing ghostly the situation. He was writing a let. Alice, which reached here from Lonstretched across the road, that I about my mysterious visitor. Evident ter in his room at the time.

genuine alarm. I could see the eyes alive.' For two days the rain had been of the beast glaring through the darkness; and the size of the phosphor-

or lurch, one end of the bridge floated

widely open to the chill night air for cracks in the floor. There was an insane idea in my mind that I must

ful of the cold water swirling about

Shiveringly, I waited for the dawn. bank. Then it would tremble all through its timbers, but soon swing of the beams. Here I ensconced

inrush of water, which would, proba-

As objects gradually became more

the bridge I had lately visited, and the bridge, and chimbed, had the brid

tury and a quarter. During that time, iceboat. The dog and her pups are seven representatives of foreign gove still alive and great pets of the Sweet ernments have been dismissed. The Alice ship's company .- New York on until I came to the bridge. There masonry, and with a rolling and tossof conduct not only unbecoming a they have received elementary classpassports. During General Grant's

> Sackville West, the British minister. Then follows the De Lome affair of recent date. In all, the recall of seven ministers has been demanded, two British, two French, two Spanish and The custom of having warships sail

In the American Navy such orders come from the President, and are dewho knows nothing of their contents. Sometimes they are in cipher, but they are always sealed with the official seal of the Navy Department, and the

package cannot be opened until the

time marked on it, which is usually several hours after the hour of leaving

the common naval practice in time of These instructions are found in the packet of "sealed orders," which is opened when well out to sea. - Chicago Times-Herald.

Mrs. Sparkle—"What a foolish fel-

It has been found in Switzerland

By the use of malleable steel casting for buffers and frame work castings, the Erie has reduced the weight, added to the durability and improved the appearance of its freight equip-

Race has a marked effect in determining forms of insanity. The Teutonic and Scandinavian races are more subject to the morbid and melancholy forms of mental disease, while the excitable Celts are more

It has been computed by geographers

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converts the mass into very thick collodion. This is put into a receptacle supplied with pipes, which are carried to a spinning room. At the end of the pipes are the tiniest imaginable apertures through which the collodion is drawn in threads. They pass for some little distance through the air, the alcohol evaporates and leaves a ed in the same way as an ordinary silk. A bath of ammonium sulphide is necessary in order to destroy the nitric acid which forms a part of the original material. This artificial silk of a farm and the establishment of an costs less than half as much as silk imbecile village in connection with it. worn fabric. While it is quite as handsome, it is sensibly defective in wearing qualities. Its fluid state.

The soporitic properties of the

Fired the First Shot of the War.

the shells was heard to advantage.—
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