Their Ages.

Grant was fifty-seven last April. Blaine is fifty. Sherman was fifty-six last May. Washburne was sixty-three in September. Conkling was fifty in October. Garfield is in his forty-ninth year. Bayard was fifty-one in October. Thurman reached his sixty-sixth birthday in November. Hendricks was sixty in September. Tilden was sixtysix in February, and in the same month General Hancock was fifty-five. Seymour will be seventy in May. Washington was in his fifty-seventh year when he was first elected, and had just entered his sixty-sixth year when he left office. John Adams was sixty-one dying. A person intently engaged in when he was elected, Jefferson fittyseven, Madison in his fifty-eighth year, Monroe, in his fifty-ninth, and John Quincy Adams in his fifty-eighth. Jackson was sixty-one when chosen the first time, and therefore sixty-five when re-elected, while he had reached his seventieth year when he quitted office. Van Buren was fifty-four, and Harrison sixty-seven, when they were elected, while Tyler, when he took office had just passed his fifty-first birthday. Polk was elected on almost precisely his forty-ninth birthday. Taylor was not quite fifty-eight, when elected, and Fillmore was in his fifty-first year when he succeeded him. Pierce had not yet completed his forty-eighth year when he was elected, and he was the junior of all who have taken the presidential chair, except General Grant. Mr. Buchanan was elected in his sixty-sixth year, Lincoln in his fifty-second and fifty-sixth, while Johnson succeeded in his fifty-seventh.

A Futur Feminine Diary.

household work for the day, I v called away to serve on a jury, and to remain in the law courts until -e evening.

Tuesday.-Some riots having taken place in our neighborhood, was forced to act as special constable. Paraded the streets all day long in a state of constant alarm.

Wednesday .- Received a letter from my friend Susie, who has heard that the militia are to be called out. Visited her, and discovered that the women, as citizens, are now liable to military ser-

Thursday .- Had to attend an inquest as a coroner's juryman. A very unpleasant duty indeed, as it was held upon a man who had committed a most horrible suicide.

Friday.-Having failed to obey the orders of a county court judge, was locked up in prison for contempt. I owe this scrape to the extravagance of she had finished it she burst into tears. my husband-a man who will buy hats | She had been intently watching the and coats, and will not work for ou living.

Saturday .- In deep tribulation. The governor of the jail is a female, and as matter of course, favors the male prison-Asked for a book, and was furnished with a work upon Roman law. Cried myself to sleep over a passage which told me that no one could obtain the privileges of a citizen without accepting a citizen's duties and responsibilities. Oh, why did I give up the privileges of a real woman for the miseries of a mock man?

An Oriental Mesmerizer. Strange stories come from India the feats performed by a native mesmerizer named Buni, whose magnetic power would appear to be found quite irresistible by the lower animals, upon which he exclusively exerts it. He gives seances, to which the public are invited to bring all manner of ferocious and untamable wild beasts, and holds them with his glittering eye. In a few seconds they subside into a condition of cataleptic stiffness, from which they can only be revived by certain passes which he solemnly executes with his right hand. A snake in a state of virulent irritation was brought to Buni by a menagerie proprietor, enclosed in a wooden cage. When deposited on the platform it was writhing and hissing fiercely. Buni bent over the cage and fixed his eye upon its occupant, gently waving his hand over the serpent's restless head. In less than a minute the snake stretched itself out, stiffened, and lay apparently dead. Buni took it up and thrust several needles into its body, but it gave no sign of life. A few passes then restored it to its former angry activity. Subsequently a savage dog, held in a leash by its owner, was brought in, and, at Buni's command, let loose upon him. As it was rushing toward him, bristling with fury, he raised his hand, and in a second the fierce brute dropped upon its belly as though stricken by lightning. It seemed absolutely paralyzed by some unknown agency, and was unable to move a muscle until released from the magnetizer's spell by a majestic wave of his hand.

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Somnambulism and Absence of Mind.

It has been maintained that somnanbulism is a condition closely allied to reverie or absence of mind. When we are strongly pre-occupied with any subject, the objects around us make no impression on our senses or on our mind. Archimedes, while meditating on a discovery, was an entire stranger to all that was going on around him. On one occasion while so engaged Syracuse was taken by the enemy, but he was not diverted from his thought either by the chant of victory of the conqueror, or by the cries and groans of the wounded and reading will often answer questions without suffering his train of thought to be interrupted. When he has ceased his study, he is surprised when told that he has been conversing. When we are walking in the street and thinking of some engrossing circumstance, we turn the right corners and find ourselves where we intended to go without being able to recall any events connected with the act of getting there. During a state of reverie the mind pursues a train of reasoning often of the most fanciful character, but still so abstract and intense, that though actions may be performed by the body, they have no relation with the current of thought, but are essentially automatic. Thus a person in this condition will answer question, obey commands involving a good deal of muscular exercise, and perform other complex actions without disturbing the connection of his ideas. When the state of mental pre-occupation has disappeard there may be no recollection Monday .- Just as I had settled my of the acts that have been performed. an the case of a person playing the piano and at the same time carrying on a conversation we have a striking illustration of the simultaneous performance of a mental and an automatic act. The mind is engaged with ideas, and the spinal cord directs the manipulations necessary to the proper rendering of the musical composition. A person who is not proficient in the use of the instrument cannot at the same time play and converse with ease, because the spinal cord has not acquired a sufficient degree of automatism, and the mind cannot be divided in its action. Darwin has recorded a striking example of the independentaction of the brain and the spinal cord. A young lady was playing on the piano a very difficult musical composition, which she performed with great skill and care, though she was observed to be agitated and pre-occupied. When death-struggles of a favorite bird. Though her brain was thus absorbed, the spinal cord had not been diverted from the office of carrying on the muscular and automatic actions required for her musical performance.—I madelphia Times.

A New and Economical Method of In-

toxication. A New York lady has discovered why men drink, and come home fuddled and silly, and invented a means whereby the same results may be secured without losing their delightful society and companionship. The secret she imparts to all women who may be sufferers in body or mind from the inebriate habits of their lords. In the evening, she says, after we have sat together for some time, and he says, "My dear, I have some business to attend to and will be back in an hour or two," I say, "John, get up in the middle of the floor and turn round and round for fifty times, and it will do you just as much good as going out to see about that business." When he has turned round about thirty times I say, "Stop, John; brace up; take another," and as soon as he stops he tumbles headfirst into a corner, or stands bowing to me and the furniture quite in his old way and to as good a purpose. In a short time he comes to himself with a flushed face, and perhaps a slight headache, but with his money all safe in his pocket. It is ridiculous to see him act in such a way, but not more absurd than to find him trying to come upstairs on the wrong side of the baluster, or engaged in conversation with the hat-rack. If my weary-hearted sisters will coax their male relatives, friends and acquaintances with proper arguments, doubtless they will find their account in so doing, and all will be well. Dizziness is what men are after when they drink, and turning around in the way I speak of is the easiest and cheapest way of becoming dizzy. If our society shall receive encouragement from the public it will soon put lecturers in the field and carry the war into

The Armed Forces of Europe.

Africa.

In Germany, Austria, France, Russia and Italy every male adult capable of bearing arms is liable to military service. In Germany the liability extends over twenty-five years, from seventeen to forty-two, and includes three years' active service in the standing army, four years in the first reserve, five years in the second reserve and thirteen years in the third reserve. In France and Russia the liability extends over twenty years, in Italy over nineteen, and in Austria over twelve years. Russia exacts six years active service from her recruits, Italy eight years and Austria three. The following is a statement of the standing armies of the several countries at the close of 1879, exclusive of the last classes of reserve:

Germany-Peace footing, 420,000 men; war footing, 1,300,000 men.

France-Peace footing, 502,000 men; war footing, 1,340,000 men.

Russia-Peace footing, 502,000 men;

war footing, 2,190,000 men. Italy—Peace footing, 189,000 men; war footing, 335,000 men.

Muskrat Catching. Muskrat trapping is an industry of much local importance in southwest New Jersey. The time occupied in capquring these animals extends from October to March, embracing a period of about five months. They are trapped principally, if not entirely, for their hides, although their flesh is very highly esteemed by the trapping fraternity. The muskrat generally inhabits the banks of ditches and creeks. They pick out a portion of the bank overgrown with elders, these supplying them with food and also helping to support their burrow. The rat, after selecting a suitable s'te for his home, begins operations in this way: Starting at the water's edge he bores inland to a distance of several feet in a winding manner, when he abruptly starts in a downward direction to a distance of two or three feet, where he begins to excavate and form a basin, in the middle of which he raises a mound four or five feet in circumference. It is here the rats rest during the day. After finishing this cavern they return to the water's edge by a different route, thereby providing three means of escape-two at the water's edge and one inland. These burrows, in their uniform con struction, afford a striking illustration of bout architecture. The muskrats inhabitating a single burrow often number as high as twenty-five or thirty, and the size of a burrow depends entirely on the number of inmates. His ratship's diet consists of roots and grass, although he holds corn and potatoes in high esteem; but it is not always that he can tickle his palate with the last-named articles. They are scrupulously clean; in fact proverbially so in this section. And it is no uncommon thing on a moonlight night for persons traveling in the vicinity of ditches and canals to see a rat sitting on the bank busily engaged in washing an elder root or an ear of corn. They are, however, very retiring as regards visitors, but if a person should, by chance or otherwise, place himself in such a position as to be between the rat and his hole he would not hesitate on an attack. And, by way of illustrating his ratship's pugnacious disposition, I will relate the experience of a gentleman residing in Salem. On a recent evening he was passing along one of our rural thoroughfares, which was bordered on each side by a ditch. It being a rather late hour of the evening he was hurrying on at a rapid pace, when he was suddenly set upon by what he supposed to be a dog. After several futile efforts to drive the animal away he betook himself to a club, and after a sharp struggle, in which he was twice bitten, he succeeded in killing the animal, which proved to be a large muskrat. The mode of trapping these animals is as diversified as it is ingenious. The manner most in vogue is by the common steel traps. Besides this there is what is known as the box-trap, a contrivance about five feet long by eight inches in height and breadth, with doors at each end, working so that when the luckless rat once enters he cannot open the door from the inside. As many as a half dozen rats are sometimes caught at once in this style of trap. "Snoods" and snares, resembling those employed in trapping birds, are also much used. As muskrats are very wary animals great care has to be taken in trapping them, and no amount of trap setting by the uninitiated would result in the capture of a rate Great care has also to be taken to insure the rats being caught else-

where than by the leg, for, if he should

be caught in this manner, he would im-

mediately turn and gnaw his leg off.

This is no uncommon occurrence. The

rat, after being killed, is carefully

skinned and his hide stretched and dried.

It is then ready for market. The size

of a skin taken from a full-grown rat is

about seventeen inches long by ten

inches wide, and the price obtained for

it from local dealers ten and fifteen

cents, according to size, color, etc., al-

though a few years ago they brought as

high as thirty-five and forty cents. The

number of rats captured in one season is

very large. One trapper had caught 450

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