"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad." Prince Tuan's challenge to the combined might of Western civilization illustrates that ancient saying.

Mrs. Muggins—"Isn't it terrible the trouble we are having with China!" Mrs. Buggins—"What's the matter? Has your servant girl been breaking things again?"

It's queer how some deaf men can hear an invitation to take a drink.   So. 32.

The man who is lacking in principle can not hope to take much interest in life.

If you want "good digestion to wait upon your appetite" you should always chew a bar of Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti.

If other people didn't put up the pawnbroker would have to shut up.

Is the person who never wins anything ungainly.

Each package of PUTNAM FADELESS DYE colors more goods than any other dye and colors them better too. Sold by all druggists.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

Nell—"He is such a tiresome storyteller! And then he tells such risque things." Belle—"Yes; his stories are about as broad as they are long."

An actress can't very well elevate the stage by going on a roof garden.

Profane history is the kind the student usually swears by.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

A Fad From Far Japan.

"Ko-Kwai" is quite the fad of the hour for afternoon parties. Sir Edwin Arnold tells that the Japanese have a pretty way of entertaining, the hostess giving her guests a number of dainty bottles, containing different perfumes, and the lucky ladies who can guess the proper names of the scents receive prizes. All that comes to us from the Orient has a charm of its own. What could be more lovely than perfumes called "Dew From the Mountain," "Breath of Spring," and "Dream of the Garden," if the names give any hint of the odors. At a party given Thursday only standard perfumes were given to the guests, and a young American lady from the Pacific slope made the greatest number of correct guesses. When she returns to her western home she will wear a unique brooch, set with diamonds and inscribed with the word "Ko-Kwai."—Detroit Free Press.

A THREAT FROM CHINA.

Free Communication With the Ministers in Pekin Refused by Li.

MENACE OF DEATH TO ENVOYS.

An Official Statement That the Ministers Were Held as Hostages—Threat That If the Allies March to Pekin They Will Be Killed—War Councils Prevail—Peace Supporters Executed.

Shanghai, China (By Cable).—Liu Kun Yi, Viceroy of Nanking, and Sheng, Administer of Telegraphs and Railways and Taotai of Shanghai, have both declared officially that the foreign Ministers are held by the Chinese Government as hostages, and that if the allies march to Pekin the envoys will be killed.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—According to United States Consul-General Goodnow at Shanghai, Li Hung Chang told the French Consul that because the foreigners were advancing on Pekin no messages would be sent to the envoys.

The rabidly anti-foreign Li Ping-Hang, who ordered the massacre of missionaries at Pao-ting-Foo, is said to be commanding the troops in Pekin.

Mr. Goodnow reports that two pro-foreign members of the Tsung-li-Yamen have been beheaded for urging the preservation of the envoys. One of those executed was Hsu, former Minister to Russia.

Li Hung Chang has been informed that the only prominent supporters of China's peace policy are Yung-Lu and Wang-Wen Shao.

The reports of a massacre of native Christians near Pekin are confirmed. The number killed is given as between 10,000 and 15,000.

Major-General Chaffee, through Rear Admiral Remey, sends word that 800 Japanese, scouting ten miles from Tien Tsin, lost three killed and twenty-five wounded. This is regarded as proof that the international troops will meet with determined resistance.

PREACHES WAR UPON CHINA.

Emperor William's Bellicose Sermon on Board the Imperial Yacht.

Berlin (By Cable).—The papers print a sermon preached by Emperor William on board the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern from Exodus xvii, 11: "And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed, and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed."

The reports show that the discourse was bellicose toward China. Of the soldiers going thither the imperial preacher said:

"They shall be the strong arm which punishes assassins. They shall be the mailed fist which smites that chaotic mass. They shall defend, sword in hand, our holiest possessions." Their prayers can still cast the banner of the dragon into the dust and plant the banner of the cross upon the walls."

Amnesty For Boxers.

Shanghai, China (By Cable).—Li Hung Chang is preparing a proclamation granting virtual amnesty to the Boxers on condition that they cease creating disturbances.

NORTH CAROLINA ELECTION.

Constitutional Amendment and Democratic Ticket Win by Large Majority.

Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—Returns of the election indicate that the State is Democratic by a majority of 55,000 to 60,000. The Legislature, which will elect a successor to Senator Marion Butler, will be Democratic in both branches. The Democrats will have at least thirty-eight out of fifty Senators and eighty-nine out of 120 Representatives. The vote polled is one of the heaviest ever known in the history of the State. The vote for the Constitutional amendment and for Aycock for Governor ran well together. There was little scratching of tickets.

The election was for the Governor and State officers, members of the Legislature and county officers, and for an amendment to the State Constitution looking to a practical elimination of the negro from politics, as the adoption of the amendment would disfranchise the bulk of the negro vote. By far the greatest interest centered in the fight over the amendment.

ELOPED AND WERE DROWNED.

Young Sweethearts Lost Their Lives Trying to Escape Irate Father.

Poplar Bluff, Mo. (Special).—Martha Kendricks, seventeen years old, and Paul Varner, an eloping couple, lost their lives by drowning in the Courant River, while attempting to escape from the angry father of the girl.

The elopers thought to outwit their pursuer by crossing the river. They embarked in a skiff, which struck a snag half way across and overturned. They were swept away in the swift current and drowned.

PLAGUE CASES IN LONDON.

Two Sailors Dead and Others Are Sick With the Disease.

London (By Cable).—The Peninsular and Oriental steamer Rome with a crew numbering 111 has been quarantined at Albert Docks. Two Lascars aboard of her died of the plague and two others are sick with the same disease at the Denton Hospital.

Dr. Collingridge, the port physician, assures the local government that there is no danger of the disease spreading. She had thirty passengers aboard.

Heat Wave Drying Up South Dakota.

Intense heat has prevailed over South Dakota for five days. The temperature has ranged from 96 to 104 degrees. Work in harvest fields has been interrupted. Pasturage is being dried up by hot winds.

Cut Worm Pest in British Columbia.

The cut worm pest has attacked the farms of British Columbia and many acres of potatoes, peas, hops and green stuff have been eaten up. No remedy can be found.

A Traveler's Tip.

The current number of Watts' Official Railway Guide, published at Atlanta, Ga., is one of the most complete numbers of this valuable publication yet received, containing the local and through condensed time tables of railroads in the Southeastern States, with an up-to-date Railway map covering the territory. It is an indispensable publication in the hands of the traveler, while the hotel information and other items of reference are of much importance to the tourist and in the business office. Forwarded postpaid on receipt of price, 25 cents.

The sea of matrimony is usually navigated by courtships.

Against Her Principles.

"It is all over between us," said Miss Dinsmore, firmly, to Mr. Dolley. "Take your ring." "Keep it," replied Mr. Dolley, mournfully. "I couldn't think of such a thing. It is my invariable rule to return the ring when I break an engagement." "Why?" asked Miss Dinsmore.

A physician vindicates matrimony. He has investigated 300 cases of baldness in men, and finds that the trouble prevails to a greater extent with bachelors than married men.

Tommy—"Pop, are summer girls naughty?" Tommy's Pop—"Why do you ask, my son?" Tommy—"Oh, they're always getting tanned."

The dentist who makes a specialty of extracting teeth usually has a well filled drawing room.

No Time to Break Down.

"There's one fine thing about a political career, after all." "What is that?" "It keeps all candidates in such excellent health."