[From the Lexington Dispatch.] I voted and worked for Governor Tillman two years ago. I did it because I thought he was a friend to the poor, but I can't vote for any man to pay \$3 poll tax or eight day's work on the public road if he can't pay \$1.50. That is putting the poor man's labor too cheap for me. I pay my poll tax and I work the public road and every poor man ought to raise his voice against them both. I but little means and he must work four days and take the bread from ter incurable. his children's mouths and \$1 poll tax and now they want to make it \$3. He has no horse or waggon, but a poor wife and children depending on

him for bread, whether they are white or black. God made us all and we are compelled by law to pay as much road duty as the richest man in the State, and the rich man will make his \$1 in five minutes. No equality there. I urge you to work the road, pay your poll tax just as long as it is a law, but you can't make anything equal but so much out of the dollar, and if the poor man has but one dollar and he returns it and pays his part out of it for his taxes he has done his part and should not be made to do any more.

Run the free schools all the year. but take so much out of the dollar and the poor man will pay as much out of the dollar as the rich. God bless the poor of our land and open the eyes of our law makers to take the poll tax and the road tax off our men, and defeat every man that wants to heap a three dollar poll tax on them, or eight days' work for \$1.50. Some one said that a man was a 'raitor that left the reform party. I say as far as my judgment goes every one that is a friend to the poor man will leave, for the reform party can't ty of the people. show one place where they have given done anything for them. On the other hand they have cut the wages Cheap labor don't help the poor man

open your eyes and think for your- and charge only for the materials. self. You can't live on promises, and that is all you have got from the reform party and you will ever get from them outside of low wages, hard times and low prices for what you have to sell. Yours,

P. J. RUCKER. P. S .- The poor man don't pay any poll tax in Columbia to send his children to school all the year. He don't work the streets and our streets can't be beat. The same plan ought

# A True Story.

P. J. R.

to be in the whole State.

"Papa, will you please give me 50 the academy girls have theirs." "No May, I can't spare the money."

The above request was persuasively made by a 16-year-old maiden as she was preparing for school, one fine spring morning. The refusal came ally true of the American people, who from the parent in a curt, indifferent scarcely know how to enjoy life." tone. The disappointed girl went to school. The father started for his place of business. On his way thither he met a friend, and being a hail fellow well met, he invited him into Moc's for a drink.

As usual, there were others there, and the man who could not spare his daughter 50 cents for a hat treated the crowd. When about to leave he laid 50 cents on the counter which just paid for the drinks. Just then the saloonkeeper's daughter entered, and going behind the bar, said: "Papa, I want 50 cents for my new spring

"All right," said the dealer, and taking up the half-dollar from the counter, he handed it over to the girl, who departed smilingly. May's fath- half the murders in the world are in qustion may not be long deterred secure for life the companionsh er seemed dazed, walked out alone. and said to himself: "I had to bring my 50 cents here for the rumseller's who ever entertained, could afterward Frankfort (Ky.) Capital. daughter to buy a hat with, after reget rid of. Institutes should be openfusing it to my own. I'll never drink ed to cure those afflicted with it, for

The exact geographical center of the United States is marked by a grave—the last resting place of one Major Ogden, who is buried on a little knoll a short distance northheast death and dollars. of Fort Riley, Kas.

### A Saloon Keeper's Advertisement.

A saloon keeper of Linia, Ohio, not desiring to deceive any body as to the quality of the goods he handles, put When the deepest, fullest signifiout the following card as an advertisement of his business:

"FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS: "Greatful for your past patronage, and having a new stock of choice wines, spirits and lager beer, I continue to make drunkards and beggars out of sober, industrious people. My liquors excite riot, robbery and bloodshed, diminish comforts, increase expenses, shorten lives, are to multiply fatal accidents and distressing diseases, and liable to render these lat-

"They will cost some of you life. some of you reason, many of you character and all of your peace; will make fathers and mothers, friends, wives, widows, children, orphans and all poor. I train the young to ignorance, infidelity, dissipation, lewdness and every vice; corrupt the ministers of the religion and members of the church, hinder the gospel and send tling the authority or dignity of truth. hundreds to temporal and spiritual It never seeks to evade the consedeath. I will accommodate the pub-

"I have a license; my traffic is countenance it, and if I do not sell drink somebody else will. I know the Bible says, 'Thou shalt not kill.' Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink,' and 'not to put a stumbling block in a brother's way.' I also read that 'no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of God,' and I suppose a drunkard maker will not share any better fate; but I want a lazy living. and have made up my mind that my iniquity pays very good wages. I

of my customers have gone. My farmer friend, I ask you to "I teach young and old to drink

# Commonplace Happiness.

"Yours till dead."

"A very few lessons are enough.

Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster delivered a lecture at Monona Lake, Wis., recently, on "Commonplace Happiness." Among other things she said: "Many and many a man will tell his wife that he loves her and considers that sufficient, making little practical demonstration of the fact. This only occurs in case of a crisis, such as sickness. A good old deacon died not long since in Massachusetts It was anticipated that he would die -not because he was sick or ailing, cents for my spring hat? Most all not because he was old or feeble, but because he had been seen kissing his wife. People spend altogether too much time in attending to the machinery of life and leave but little for actual enjoyment. This is especi-

# Things You Can Do.

You can never be lost unless you are willing to be.

You can do as much for God as the angle Gabriel. All he can do is his best, and you can that well.

You can find a way to serve acceptable, if you want to.

You can deny yourself, and take up your cross daily and follow him. You can see the hand of God in verything, if you will look for it. You can be saved in an instant. whenever you are willing to be.

another drop." And he kept his it ruins more homes than drinks. It is the shadow that follows love, and the happier and more blessed love makes you, the darker and me cursed the cloud of jerlousy will leave up her hand, and being told to an- and department of the British army.

### Speaking the Truth in Love.

Truthfulness certainly is a noble virtue, but it is not the noblest. ed, when we have learned that it clothes. means genuineness, then its admirableness is more than ever conspicuous. Yet there is a higher, holier virtue than mere truthfulness, even in its best sense, and that is this same truthfulness enfused with and characterized by love. You may be scrucruel bluntness. You may be as sin- costs so much. cere and straightforward in conduct as a human being can be, and also you than some who possess much less loy- the opportunity.

alty to duty than your own, simply

because you are coldly correct, hard

and stern in demeamor, winning no

which you cherish and illustrate. Speaking the truth in love, whether by lips or life, never means belitquences of the most simple, absolute rade pays, for the public encourages tenderness, in loving truth, because found that it didn't pay. He was the truth and lived the truth and made Himself one with it fortherefore lawful and christians even evermore, so that the effort to be true is the same thing as to be Christ like. Speaking it so as to make its trueness not only apparent, but conincing, and even winning, no matter how inherently unpalatable it may be.

We once read a story about a man exacts it in return from them. who uniformly endeavored to tell the pure, simple truth about everything The author certainly gave an amusing account of his collisions with the unintended but real exaggerations of household life, the polite evasions of shall therefore carry on my trade and society, and the customs of trade. do my best to decrease the wealth, im- The hero gradually became a social incomfortable companion; yet this gence, I must do all I can to prevent all respected his fertle spirit, even i ested in new scenes, new people, and says. Three of thomen and the won your mental culture, moral purity, they could not approve his choice of new experiences, and forget him. presently got into the skiff and paddled and laid the burden on the poor. social happiness and eternal welfare. times and seasons. When he died You imagine when you leave the cem- by the fourth man, who swam. Two or low prices don't help the farmer. you to the pawnshops, the police of- He had the truth-loving spirit and you left there, but you do. It will take a third more of what fice, the hospital, lunatic asylum, also the disposition to speak the truth you raise to bring you the same it did jail and the gallows, whither many in love. He did not realize sufficiently that the truth need not always and necessarily be uttered in the form of direct assertion, but may be even in that of inquiry, jest, or even irony The point of the story was this, that he who makes his loyalty to trutl unmistakably plain, and who does this in the spirit of gentleness and tenderness, never fails to win confidence and respect .- Selected.

# Rothschild's Maxims.

The elder Baron Rothschild had the walls of his bank placarded with the following maxims:

Shun liquor. Dare to go forward. Never be discouraged. Never tell business lies. Be polite to everybody. Fmploy your time well. Be prompt in everything. Pay your debts promptly. Bear all troubles patiently. Do not reckon upon chanco. Be brave in the struggle of life. Make no useless acquaintances. Maintain your integrity a sacred

Never appear something more than

Take time to consider, ond then decide positively. Carefully examine into every detail

of your business. Then work hard, and you will be certain to succeed in life.

# An Accommodating Undertaker.

# Scandal Well Defined.

Some pupils were asked by an examiner at a school examination whether they knew the meaning of the of patience and shown considerable word "scandal." One little girl held perseverance in gathering a collection swer the question she replied: "No-All men are alike when it comes to body does nothing, and everybody formation, and the owner wrote 584 letgoes telling of it everywhere."

#### For Different Fancies.

Forturne has rarely condescended be the companion of genius.

A man has his clothes made to fit cance of truthfulness's comprehend- him. A woman makes herself fit her A man is a cat, and the people too inte I heard a roar of unmistakable

A girl of sixteen seems to know of

Don't say you would amount to more if you had the opportunity; if may have a more daugerous influence you have the ability you will make

Man never pretends to tell a woman the truth. Men learn to lie one to yourself or to the views of life to women when they are courting them, and never get over it.

> We should miss a great deal that is valuable in human nature if we confined our attention exclusively to important personages A woman is good because it comes

lic even at the cost of my soul, for truthfulness. But it means being natural, men are never really good un-I have a family to support, and the filled to overflowing with Christ-like tal they have tried being bad and The trouble with getting a boy hoe

> in a garden is that he digs up so many grub worms that tempt him to run off und go fishing. A gentleman is one who understands

> and shows every mark of deference to the claims of self love in others, and When they are engaged they act ashamed to show how much they

think of each other; and after they

re married they are ashained to show how much they don't. Parting with a dear friend at the pair the health and endanger the safefailure, for everybody found him an one when you start on a journey and tween this city and City island Monday
twof the people two first ble companion; yet this topy belief to be been the first leave him belief. "As my traffic flourishes in propor | was more because of his want of tact | mile or two, and believe you will cry | en who had sailed up from Greenpoint the poor man any better wages or fion to your ignorance and indul-than his adl erence to principle, for forever; but soon you become inter- in the small sloop Agnes went in bath-

# Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts oruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and posi ively cures piles, or no pay required. It guarantee dtogive perfect satisfaction, r money retunded. Price 25 cents per ox. For sale at Wilcox's drug store.

The thimble was first called the thumb bell," because it was used on the thumb instead of the finger, as at present. The word soon evoluted yer ain't wort' more'n fi'pence.' Then I into thumble. The word thimble is comparatively modern.

# Now Try This.

It will cost you nothing and will suredo you good, if you have a cough, cold or any trouble with throat chest or lungs Dr. King's New Discovery for Consump tion, coughs and colds is guaranteed to give relief, or money will be paid back. ufferers from La Crippe found it jus the thing and under its use had a speedy nad perfect recovery. Try a sample bctle at our expense and learn for vourself

Statistics show that more monev is spent in the United States for ook after their poultry and improve it by getting the best stock.

# Strength and Health.

If you are not feeling strong and healthy ry Electric Bitters. If "La Grippe" has eft you weak and weary, use Bitters. This remedy acts directly on the Liver, Stomach and Kidneys, gently aiding those organs to perform their functions. If you are afflicted with Sick Headache, you will find speedy and per-manent relief by taking Electric Bitters. One trial will convince you that this i the remedy you need. Large bottles only 50c, at willcox's Drug Store. (6)

# The Perfect Man.

There are no perfect men. We have been men and understand the whole tribe. On a clear morning when they Owensboro undertaker anvertises are well dressed and the road is clear that "he will be glad to embalm some they look admirably, but none of them corpse free of charge to convince the enjoy having a passing vehicle splash people that he can give satisfaction." None of them look placid when some The greatest curse in the world is There are people down there who one treads on their sore corns. If you ealousy. Nine out of ten domestic would be improved by embalming, want to find out that no man is per fect just marry him. But I think that troubles originate in it. More than and it is hoped that the undertaker the two sexes are about equal. If you some one about as good as yourself you committed though its influence. It from exhibiting a specimen of his are to be congratulated. Better have is a guest that no man or woman "before and after taking" work .- the two blades of a pair of scissors as nearly as possible alike.—Philadelphia

-A somewhat surious and noteworthy collection has come into the market, and has lately been offered for sale to, among others, the authorities of the British National Museum. A Canadian gentleman has expended a vast amount of buttons of officers of every regiment The collection, which comprises 148 buttons, has taken nine years for its ters to all parts of the globe in pursuit

#### A JEALOUS COW.

She Gores Her Master Because He Nurseu A few years ago, says a writer in the cow, Rose, which was fond of Thomas, e stableman, and also showed an aversion to dogs. One morning I had just barking in the cowshed. The next mi

often shut him up in the same room tear and anguish—a human roar. I There lay Thomas or his face in a dry no other use for her nose than to turn gutter by the side of the road to the se and the cow butting angrily

t him. We drove off the cow and poor pulously truthful in speech and be shunned for your coldblooded and fearfull high. Nothing in the world breath.

Pleasure may be had, but it comes brongh a wire fence, stood up and drew breath. "Well, Thomas," said I, "what's the matter with Rose?

"Well, sir," said Thomas, "I heard the pup bark and untied him, and I was just coming out of the cow-house with the pup in my arms when Rose came round the corner. She knocked me down and would have killed me." Thomas had, indeed, had a narrow

end to end, and red marks all along his legs showed where Rose's horns had grazed along them. "Well," said I, "you'd better not

milk her this morning, since she's in such a fury." "Oh, I'll milk her right enough, sir, by-and-by; just give her a little time to settle down," said Thomas. "It's only

jealousy of that 'ere pup, sir. She couldn't atide seeing me a fondling of cow had stood quiet enough to be milked. But the milk was deeply tinged with blood, and in half an hour a copious red precipitate had settled to the bottom of the pail. Till then I had

WIPES KNEW THEIR VALUE.

that I believed.

Newsboy Who Would Only Accept Five Cents for Saving Six Lives. Human life is dull and in small de mand-spot cash, five-sixths of a cent each person—at Belden Point, on City island. These figures are the result of the sad experience of Edward Gallagher, of New York. Edward is a newsboy, sometimes called "Swipes the News boy," as a compliment to his ability. He is not the original "Swipes." Edward is sixteen years old, black-eyed, muscular development lacks in quantity it more than makes up in quality. He grave is a great deal like parting with sold a big armful of newspapers being at half-past six o'clock, so "Swipes"

"For proof of my ability I refer the community mourned him deeply. etery you will never forget the friend hundred yards from the shore he grew tired, tried to climb into the skiff over the side instead of the stern and unset it. "Swipes" said he rowed fiercely to the rescue and saved them all. "They made me weary," he confide to a New York Herald man. "When I

> say was: 'We're all lost!' Soon's I got 'em ashore one says: 'Johnny, that was great work you done. I'm going to take up a c'lection.' "He passed the hat and raised thirty ents out of all their clothes. When he give it to me he says: 'You're only a boy, you know,' an' I gave him back his quarter an' says: 'Yes, an' I ain't goin' to overcharge you. The hull gang of

But will not some society or some kind individual give "Swipes" a medal?

#### STILL A MYSTERY. obody Has Yet Explained the Secret of

Oulja's Strange Power. Ouija still flourishes in Boston, according to the Transcript, as a drawing-room amusement. Now and then plishes something quite remarkable, as, for instance, the other night, when a story-writer asked the question next story?" No one but the asker of but Ouija proceeded to spell out the first multiplier, the result will be four letters of a very unusual name— and then stuck. After awhile, with a liteggs than for flour. Farmers want to the faltering and a wrong letter once, must have been hit upon either by accithe mind of the only person who knew young lady was told by Ouija that a an offering of lilies. Perhaps this was simply a clever guess. It is a singular thing that Ouija is generally inclined to blackguardism and bad words, and has been known to swear violently in households where no oath was ever heard. The spiritualists explain it on the ground that the board is manipulated by an idle, impertinent sort of

Inventors of the Photograph. A French dealer in "Notes and Queries" has discovered that Fenelon. in 1690, foreshadowed the photograph, and that a less known author Tiphaigne, in 1760, in his old book called "Giphautie," described the photograph process very closely. He said: The rays of light reflected from obects made a picture on all polished surfaces-the retina of the eye, glass, te. Now we have sought to fix this fugitive image, we have invented a substance very delicate, viscous and quick to dry and harden. By means of this a picture is made in an instant, we then back this up with a piece of cloth and present it to the objects we wish to

A Murderer's Sad Pate First Thug-Bill Blugeon has been

convicted o' murder. Second Thug - Poor fellow! Now! they'll lock 'im up, an' his lawyers will apply for a new trial, an' poor Bill uil DEATH IN THE BATH.

Vapors of Mount Budos Cure the Gout Kill the Bather. When Charles Boner was in Transyl vania he visited Mount Budos, a volcano which is never in actual eruption, but hydrogen gas. In particular there are two caves or clefts in the whitish-gray rock, out of which this gas, mixed with freedom. The principal one of these caves is about twenty paces in depth, and, as will be seen from Mr. Boner's description, is much frequented as a

"To enter the cave in safety care must be taken not to draw the breath. A long respiration is made before rushing in, the nostrils are closed, and then with hasty steps the farther extremity is

the feet upwards the whole body has the agreeable sensation of a gentle heat playing around every limb. But your run back to the open air.

"The day before I was there a man had committed suicide by entering a step or two. He dropped at once; and fair head of his adored emerge from when a shepherd, who was tending his under the sofa. Her mouth was laughflocks on the opposite hillside, and who ing but her eyes were filled with tears. saw him enter, came across to look for him, he was dead.

"The vapors of the cave are highly diseases of the eye. At the end of the cavern a tasteless, slightly warm liquid, will talk." In less than a week the clear as crystal, falls slowly, drop by drop, from the rock-the result, prob of the condensed vapors rising

from below.
"A loose dress is worn by those who take this vapor bath. They go in, remain as long as they can hold their breath, then run out, breathe, and go in

and is called the Murderer. In flying doubted the jealousy theory. After past the opening, birds drop dead upon the ground. Close to the entrance found a jay that had just met its death. I thought of the upas tree and its vic-

# QUEER SOUTHERN PHRASES.

ialisms Abound There, and Are Always Picturesque. In Dr. Pierson's description of life in the southwest as he saw it many years ago-"before the war"-he speaks often of the peculiar turns of speech there prevalent. He was once present at an ecclesiastical meeting where motions were piled upon each other until matters were in a frightful muddle. Finally the moderator was appealed to

He rose from his seat, as became a presiding officer thus appealed to, and lifting his lank form till his head was "Here's your ng the rafters of the low school

"Brethren, my decision is that you are all ahead of the hounds." Dr. Pierson confesses that he did not fully comprehend the meaning of the words, but he could not help seeing and satisfactory to the assembly.

As Dr. Pierson traveled about-he was an agent of the Bible society-he often put up for the night at very humble cabins, and commonly, before the An Ingenious Piece of Mechanism Played family went to bed, he was invited to conduct family worship. The form of began taking them in all the men could the invitation was peculiar and invari-

able.
The Bible and hymn-book were brought forward and laid upon the table, and then the host turned to the preacher and said: "Will you take the At table he was expected to ask a

blessing, and here, again, the phraseology employed was peculiar. all were seated, the man of the house would say: "Will you make a beginning, sir? "Then all heads were bowed. and the blessing was invoked.

#### WONDERS IN FIGURES. ome of the Recent Discoveries

Figure Fiend. Some person of a mathematical turn of mind has discovered that the multiplication of 987654321 (which, you will observe, are simply the figures 1 to 9, inclusive, reversed) by 45 give 44,444,-444,445. Reversing the order of the digits and multiplying 123456789 by 45 of Ouija—the story-writer not being at we get a result equally as curious, viz., 10w good a thing it is. Trial bottles free the board, but sitting near by-"What 5,555,555,505. If we take the 123456789 it Wilcox's drug store. Large size 50c is to be the name of the hero of my as the multiplicand and, interchanging the figures in 45 so as to make them the question knew what the name was, read 54, use the last numbers as the 666,666,606. Returning to the multiplicand 987654321 and taking 54 as the multiplier again, the result will be 53,the entire name was spelled out. It 383,383,334-all 3s except the first and last figures, which together read 54dent-which would be very remarkable the multiplier. Taking the same mulor else must have somehow got from tiplicand and 27, the half of 54, as the multiplier, the product is 26,666,666,667, the name to the fingers of the persons all 6s, excepting the first and last figwho were at the board-which perhaps ures, which together read 27-the mulwould be still more remarkable. One tiplier. Now, interchanging the order of the figures 27, and using 72 instead friend had a gift of lilies for her at the as a multiplier and 987654321 as the muloffice. To test the matter she went to the tiplicand, we get as a product 71,111,office, and found him about to send her 111,112, all 1s except the first and last figures, which together read 72-the

> Ships That Never Return Sea captains were varning about ships which never returned and various dangers of the deep, when a Thomasion mariner related an experience which, time he thought of it. Le said: "One trip I made from New York to San Francisco is very distinctly impressed upon my mind. We had in a general cargo, including seventy tons of gun- canoes made use of by these Indians are powder and some railroad iron. We had a very rough passage around the long reeds bound together with strings Horn and were tossed about pretty roughly for a week or so. I could hear the vessel straining and the cargo groaning and grinding and it made me pretty nervous, I can tell you. When bay road iron. Some of the packages had the cargo and the iron was covered think what might have happened."

-If a man hasn't friends to is he cause he does nothing to deserve them.

-Doubtful, But He Had In .- "West Gen. Jones ever in the war?" "Heve,"
"Where did he get his title?" six lots near a military encampasses. Atlanta Constitution.

TRIED HER LOVER'S PATIENCE. He Waited Two Hours, Then Started to

The London News gives this interest ng version of Henrik Ibsen's courtship: When he fell in love with the beautiful daughter of Pastor Thoresen, how to make known the fact to her troubled him for weeks. At last he resolved to write to her. He would come and fetch his answer the same afternoon at five. Did the lady accept him she would be "at home," otherwise not. At five o'clock he presented himself, and the room. He was very hopeful and was glad to have time to collect himself before he met the lady. But when he had waited half an hour awful doubts began to assail him. After an hour had passed he imagined the letter reached.
"A pricking feeling in the eyes is fatal mistake was making a fool of him. Still he waited on. After two hours he began to be ashamed of himself She would learn that he had sat two hours in that deserted house and would laugh stock of breath is exhausted, and you at him. At last he jumped up in a rage and ran to the door. He was opening it when a loud peal of laughter arrested him. He turned and saw the "Oh, you dear, good fellow, to wait all this while!" she said. "I wanted to see how many minutes a lover's pavalued as a cure for the gout, and for tience lasts. How hard the floor is!

#### AN HONEST JERSEY GIRL. ne Refused to Take a Purse That Was

marriage was arranged.

Thrust Upon Her. She was from the country, and the ountry in her case was New Jersey. ou would learn the first from the tan on her nose and the second from the mud on her gown. If there had been any room for doubt on either point it would have been removed by her bag. The woman from Jersey, according to the New York World, always carries a bag when she comes to town. She was on a Broadway car and had ridden all the way from Grand street up to Twenty-first. There she signaled the conductor to stop the car. She let it come to a dead standstill before she rose from her seat. Then she made a leisurely rogress to the door and stepped from platform-still deliberately. The car was well under way in obedience to the impatient jerk of the conductor's bell before he espied a purse lying where the woman had been seated. gave the bell a second yank, seized the ourse, and, with "Just like a woman." he made a break for the platform and

She turned, walked unhurriedly back to the car, looked hard at the purse and said in a gentle drawl:

isn't mine!" The car, with a mad conductor and a load of amused passengers, was started on its way by a tingle that almost wrecked the bell rope. The woman

#### smiled and returned to the sidewalk. MACHINE-MADE MUSIC.

An interesting arrangement of pneuhigh class music has recently been exhibited. The instrument has two and one-fifth sets of reeds, the regular action of the air grooves being located above, and on top of the board contain ing these is a row of small pneumatics corresponding in number to the keys of the instrument; underneath this board are four rows of large pneumatics, one beneath the other, and from an arm on each of these pneumatics hangs a wire attached to a lever operating on the coupler buttons on the pitmans or wooden rods connecting the keys of the instrument with the reed board valves. By means of these levers, operated by pneumatics the movement of the valves becomes automatic, subject to the passage over of the airboard of perforated paper. A peculiar characteristic of the which operates the music roll, which distinguishes it from all other appliances of the kind, is its adaptability for running to the right to wind music and the left to rewind, or vice versa. When

#### dropping with the exact rapidity re quired by the selection rendered.

the instrument is in operation the key-

board becomes a thing of life, keys

TWO STRANGE ISLANDS. They Are in the Gulf of California, Be tween Guaymas and La Paz. An employe of the state department has given an interesting description of two islands situated in the gulf of California, which were recently visited by him About an equal distance between Guay mas and La Paz lies the island of Car men, where there is an immense salt ake surrounded by hills forming a sort of crater; the salt deposits mixed with muriate of soda lie in strata, which be gin with the thickness of six inches and ncrease to about fourteen inches at climate is exceedingly hot, and only a few people live on the island, which is Elmost devoid of vegetation except for

the luxuriant cactus growth. The island of Tiburon, situated ar equal distance north of Guaymas, is said he declared, made his hair rise every to be a resort of the Ceres Indians. They are exceedingly hostile and oppose the landing of strangers on what they consider their domain. Their weapons are poisoned arrows. The of peculiar construction, consisting of

There is not a lizard or snake north of the southern extremity of Hudson's that these reptiles have no time to en charged, I found that thirty tons of the joy themselves even if the ground at a powder had been stowed on the rail- depth of two or three feet below the surface were not frozen all the year been broken open by the working of round, thus depriving them of a place to hibernate. Snakes and lizards can with powder. We swept up several not endure a cold climate, and a latitude barrels of it and—well, I felt sick to of 53 degrees north is altogether too

> -The wrector of the Breslau Ophthalthe circulation of blood to the head.

WHY THE MONEY WAS NOT SENT. There are two capital anecdotes of the strange Irishman, Sheridan Knowles, a dramatist of singular capacity and knowledge of stage effect, combined with mastery of blank verse of a rather peculiar kind, which gives him his own niche in stage literature. He was an preacher; but he was distinguished for bulls. He sent two hundred pounds sterling in Bank of England notes to his wife in London, which failed to reach her. He angrily demanded of the postmaster general an explanation and an apology, as he happened to be unusually certain of the day and hour when he had posted them, and denounced the authorities with energy. The answer was pleasant and courteous with the assurance that the minist knew him as a friend by his works, and was only keeping the money at the post office till the address was known as it had been sent in an envelope without any address whatever, and only "I

send you the money," written inside My dear sir, you are right and I am wrong. God bless you!" was Knowles' answer. On another occasion he rushed across the Strand to shake hands with "O. Smith." an actor well known by his initial, and ask after his health. Smith. who knew him only by sight, thanked him, but told him who he was. "I beg your pardon," said Knowles, you for your namesake, T. P. Cooke.' As for the postal story, it has a quaint counterpart in that of one of Toole's many city friends, who never would put any address on his envelope but "J. L. Toole, Esq.," on the ground that the post office always knew where he was traveling. "You get it," he said, "you get it, my boy." It was Toole's suggestion that he might send him one hundred pounds sterling to test it.

#### WATERWAYS OF THE FUTURE. Navigation from Chicago to the Atlantic

The great waterways of this country are capable of a wonderful growth and improvement. The recent disasters upon the Mississippi should be guarded against as much as circumstances will allow. And, speaking of the Mississippi, the day is not distant when its northern arm will be connected with our inland oceans and a ship may sail from New Orleans to Chicago. Then will come the Nicaragua canal, by which that same vessel may proceed western coast of South America. There is no doubt that a ship canal will be cut from the lakes to the Atlantic. Congress has already been asked to provide for surveys and make estimates, and when Brother Jonathan gets so far the end is assured. Canada is enlarging those waterways which would admit British war vessels from the St. Law-

ent we have no avenue of approach Under these conditions, in a few years from date, the grayhounds of the cean will traverse lakes Erie, Huron, Michigan and Superior, anchoring in Chicago and Duluth. A direct connection via the enlarged Erie canal and the Hudson river will open up another stream for traffic to New York. 'Talk of ship building and revived maritime interests! What will people behold who live another fifty years? asks the New York Ledger. That not only railway but naval supremacy belongs to this republic, and that supremacy will entail a commercial importance which to-day is only feebly shadowed.

Norway is an ambitious country, and s people are given to original modes ught. A scientist of Christiania proposes to immortalize himself by proving the feasibility of reclaiming the gold and silver in sea water by electrolytic action. He suggests that a channel about sixty meters wide should be selected for experiment. The place should be well sheltered from sea and wind, and there should be a current of about four meters per minute. Across this channel sixty plates of galvanized iron, each two meters by three meters, should be fixed at an angle of thirty degrees with the stream, and an electric current be sent through the series to precipitate the precious metals. Herr Munster, to whom the credit of this conception is due, has hit on a very fascinating idea, a veritable electrical philosopher's stone, and if he could only succeed in demonstrating its practicability he would deserve to the full the fabulous reward that would fall to

Old Maryland Churches. An interesting landmark of the past s All Hallows' church at Snow Hill, Worcester county, Md., which has just passed through a perilous process of improvement. The parish is nearly two hundred years old, and the church ediice was reared in 1734. The earliest church was built of logs, but the present building is of brick imported from England and paid for with tobacco raised by a general levy upon the parish. Sixteen miles from Snow Hill is old St. Martin's church, now disused, a brick structure of nearly the same age as All Hallows'. St. Martin's parish is older than the church, as the baptismal service still in use was presented by Queen Anne. Quite as old as either of these church organizations are several Prestyterian churches in the same region, founded by MacKennie, the father of American Presbyterianism, while some of the earliest Methodist congrefounded upon the same peninsula.

A little girl but four years old was observed to be very devout in church and to be very eager not to miss attending the services. "What do you do when you are there, Rosie?" asked a lady friend. "You cannot read and you must get very tired of such long services." The little one shook her head gravely. "I am never tired," she said; 'I have so much to say to God." "What do you say? Do tell me," persisted the lady. The child climbed on her knee and whispered, with all her soul in her eyes: "I cannot go to church too often to than! God-I was not born a boy."

-Two companies of the famous "Bucktail" regiment in the Union army came from the lumber regions along the mic aniversity alleges that in three west branch of the Susquehanna river. hundred come which have come under They built two large, long rafts, hoisted his own postes, the affection of the eye- a flag at both ends and sailed down to sight complemed of has been caused by Harrisburg upon those primitive crafts. wearing tight collars. The pressure on the veins of the neck, he says, disturbs Harrisburg, and it may be exhibited at the world's fair.