Curing Peavine Hay

The value of the pea is now mor fully recognized at the South, both as a forage and fertilizer (when sown and turned under) than it has been at any time in the last thirty years. As a fertilizer-especially for wheat or oats-it is certainly the cheapest as well as one of the best. But as a forage it is the best; yes, I add the best that we get; answering as

has been that it is somewhat difficult to cure them. The pea vine cures slowly and being heavy lies close to autumn of the year 800 B. C., the Macethe ground, and if the weather is after the celebration of the harvest home either wet or cloudy, they are apt to things got pretty uninteresting in Macemould or rot before they can be sufficiently cured to store away.

The plan which I propose to recommend I procured from the columns of the Democrat and tried it myself last summer and which I tried so successfully, I desire to endorse most heartily, so that every farnier who has pea vine hay to cut need not be afraid to try it, if they have any confidence in my endorsement.

Here is the plan: Out your pea at least, and prepare stakes or poles couplet: at least eight feet long, shape one end so it will drive into the ground and load up in a wagon with a body on, and drive the wagon along the field where the stakes are to be driven settled it. The next day a committee and with mauls; or sledge hammers, drive them down sufficiently deep to beard in sight. This is an account of the support a stack of vines about four first shave known to history. The recor five feet broad. The stack your ord of the first barbering is a frontlet of curls made for a princess in the east vines around the stake, being careful 3,000 years ago, now in the British muto round each stack nicely at the top seum. Homer has the first reference to so it will turn rain and let stack re- the razor in the Lighth cen He says, with some feeling: main one, two or three weeks as your convenience and weather will allow, and then haul up and put in your with some, but not until a much later is sure to strike somewhere. If you barn; and I will assure you your vines day, and when Greece had started down will be well cured and sweet and the toboggan slide of adversity, did it any rate give him a terrible scare. nourishing—the sweetest forage you known fact among historians that the

A Religious Courtship.

A young gentleman happened to Bit at church in a pew adjoining one Roman barbers a boom. The first menin which sat a young lady for whom he conceived a sudden and violent took a jaunt to Sicily and there saw passion, was desirous of entering into a courtship on the spot, but the place not suiting a formal declaration the exigency of the case suggested the following plan: He politely handed his fair neighbor a Bible open a row of men to sit until 12 o'clock Satwith a pin stuck in the following urday night and listen for "Next!" But text—2d Epistle of John, 15th verse: The bone and sinew of the Roman re-"And now I beseech thee, lady, not public swore by their beards. All as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we tion of mourning and servitude. A long had from the begining, that we love beard was priceless, and the Moham

She returned it, pointing to the 2d chapter of Ruth, 10th verse:

"Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, why, have I found their beard gone. He found them, howgrace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing that I known among his friends as Zoilius, am a stranger!"

to you, I would not write with paper his daughter at the foot of the scaffold. and ink, but I trust to come unto in 1585, his chief anxiety was that the you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full."

From the above interview a marriage took place the ensuing week.

A good deal has been written in vari-I cannot help thinking that the persist-ent smoking of these pipes must have done no little injury to his health. The pipes were so short, they became so charged with nicotine and he so persistently smoked them at every opportunity that I cannot help thinking he must have absorbed a large amount of poison

into his system.

No one, unless he had smoked one of Keene's pipes, could have the least idea of its strength. I remember trying one at his studio one evening, and though a pretty tough tobbaconalian I shall never forget how my head was a fact. t how my head was affected and the pains I endured in consequence. I had all the symptoms of suffering from the effects of a powerful narcotic poison,—London Graphic.

The phrase "squaring the circle" is another way of saying "attempting an impossibility." The allusion is to the mathematical question whether a circle can be made which contains exactly the can be made which contains exactly the same area as a square, and the difficulty is to find the precise ratio between the diameter and the circumference of a circle. Popularly it is 8.1459, etc., but the numbers would go on to infinity. This problem has given rise to an amount of labor only equaled by that bestowed upon the equally impossible one of discovering perpetual motion.—Brooklyn

HISTORY OF SHAVING

ONCE UPON A TIME ALL MEN EVERYWHERE WORE BEARDS.

known mules and cattle to keep fat on it without any solid food at all.

The great trouble heretofore with myself and with my neighbors, too, has been that it is somewhat difficult

The first instance of sharing originated by the same and put this powder at the vent. I imagined I could hear the powder that it is somewhat difficult

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The first instance of sharing originated by the same and put this powder in the nerve out of me. I could not see the small, fiery spot made by the same all the nerve out of me. I could not see the small, fiery spot made by the same and put on the brakes, it is a fin desicle question.

The first instance of shaving originated warm to skate, and the prospect for the Macedonian on pleasure bent when he fired up the baseburner and reflected that skates hadn't been invented yet was

not a happy one.

Things continued to drag on until Thanksgiving time, 800 B. C., when the nians got together, sailed down on the Greeks and did them battle. The Greeks got the worst of it, and for no other reason than that they sported long. flowing beards. The marauding Macedonians grabbed these Grecian ornaments and yanked the poor Greek forty Louis Globe-Democrat. ways for Sunday, leaving him a howlvines and let them lie for two days incident that probably gave rise to the

When Greek meets Macedonia

Then comes the tug of beard.

An old veteran by the name of Alexander saw at once the weak point of the Grecian forces and he called in a loud voice, "Off with every beard!" That called on the army with a ripsaw and a the razor in the Eighth century, B. C. Death or life stands on a razor's ede

After the rape of the beards of the Grecian army shaving became popular all the dialects and give him a dose. It has marked the effeuinacy, weakness and final downfall of all nations. The Romans were always partial to beards until the Roman empire became too big for its clothes and acquired a swagger. when Hadrian set the example of smooth chin in 161 A. D. and gave the tion of barbers is by Pliny. Somewhere along about 296 B. C. Scipio Africanus some barbers. They pleased him, and he brought 200 back to Rome and had his beard taken off.

Scipio was a good deal of a Ward Mc-Allister in his day, and the Roman swells rapidly followed suit. After that this was only among the Four Hundred. through the orient short hair and beardless chins have always meant a condimedans still swear by their beards. The prophet Ezekiel, as early as 585 B. C., was directed to take a barber's razor upon his head and upon his beard in

sign of the ruin to come upon Israel. The men were set free, but were ashamed to go to David with any of ever, and sert them on a vacation to let their beards grow out. An old Greek, who lived in 300 B. C., and was dropped He returned the book, pointing to the 12th verse of the 3d epistle of was he that long hair on his head might detract from the strength of the beard that he kept his noddle clean shaven. "Having many things to write un- After Thomas More had taken leave of

headsman might injure his beard.

The finest beard on record belonged to Gillaume the priest, bishop of Clermont who founded the college for Jesnits at Paris late in the Eighteenth century.

This beard was long, wavy and soft as silk. But his beard was his downfall. His brother bishops became jealous of it, and decided that it must come off. This was decreed at a secret council. ous quarters with regard to the little and the next morning when the priest entered the chapel three men met him with soap, hot water, a razor and shears and laid hold of him. He broke away. skedaddled and took refuge in a castle where he died of vexation.

The only exceptions where beards have not been considered as advantageous appurtenances were among the Germans, the Egyptians and in the early colonial days among the Puritans. The ancient German youth was not allowed to shave until he had slain an enemy in battle, and among the New England Puritans long beards were sometimes forcibly reaped, because the idea prevailed that pride lurked behind a venerable beard. It was not until the beginning of the present century that the long beard went ertirely out of fashion. Since then smooth faces have been on the increase, and any person who will take the trouble to notice the men who pass a given point for an hour on any of the busy streets of Chicago will see but a very few long beards. It is not im-probable that in another century, if the probable that in another century, if the beard is continually cropped, the long beard will no longer grow and will be ome a thing of history and story books.

-Chicago Inter Ocean.

There is a man in Montezuma (la who has had his arm dislocated at the noulder thirty-eight times and his leg dislocated at the hip eight times.

Rubies have been obtained up to the present time from the old beds of streams, having been washed out of the

Major Bitchsock's Story of a Close Call.

IN(1 "I was ence sentenced to be blown from a gun," said Major John Hitchcock. "I had long been a resident of that land of revolutions, Central Americs, During one of the semiannual political upheavals I was captured by a savage mob known as the army of San Salvador and sentenced to death. In the camp of my captors a 6-pound gun was fired at high noon by means of a sunglass, and to the muzzle of this antiquated smoothbore I was strapped and

To the Editor.—Can you tell us when shaving came into fashion, also comething of the history of beards? Buews and Jows.

This question is apropos. At this period, when the Nineteenth century is coming to the end of the division, the

head, blinding me and seeming to boil from the necessities of war. In the late the blood in my veins. I became hysterical and prayed and cursed by turn.
"The great clock in the cathedral was on the stroke of noon, and I knew that the concentrated rays of the sun were pouring squarely upon the powder. The troops were dozing in the shade. A few, awakened by the bell, raised up on their elbows and watched me with lazy interest, expecting every moment to see me blown to shreds. One-two-threefour-five-with maddening delibera tion came the strokes of the bell, when suddenly a harsher note was heard-the roar of musketry. The camp was surprised, and my captors driven were back

An American Abroad.

The cords were cut, and I sat down be

Many Americans abroad are exceedingly annoyed at their lack of skill in the use of the European languages After a vain attempt to make a Parisian waiter understand French they swear at him in English. But I have always remembered when traveling abroad the art of the physician who put all the remains of old prescriptions into one bottle-the oil and the calomel and the bucket of salve and amputated every rhubarb and the asafetida-and when he found a patient with a "complication of diseases" he would shake up his old bottle and give him a dose. And so 1 have compounded a language for European travel. I generally take a little French and a little German and a little English, with a few snatches of Chinese and Choctaw, and when I find a stubhorn case of waiter or landlord that will not understand I simply shake up

strange land getting things to eat. I ever saw .- S. W. Reid, in Charlotte fashion of smooth faces among the men like everything in all the round of diet except animated cheese and odorons codfish; always have a good appetite; never in my life missed a meal save once, when I could not get any, and knowing that "eine gerostete riendfleisch schiebe" means a beefsteak, "eine mes ser" a knife, and "eine gabel" a fork and "eine serviette" a napkin, after that feel perfectly reckless as to what I can or cannot get .- Rev. T. De Witt Talmage Ladies' Home Journal.

How many men like hard work? Many of us are ready enough to tax our minds tain object, but it is the object we love, not the labor. If we could obtain the end we covet without exertion which of ns would toil and sweat as a matter of choice? Horace Greeley, who was one of the hardest workers of his day and generation, used to say that nine-tenths of those who profess to be enamored of work are mere hypocrites.

Adam himself was an indolent fellow Had it been otherwise the cultivation of the soil would not have been imposed upon him as a penalty for his disobedi ence. He was quite taken back when told that he must live by the sweat of his face. He would have preferred the life of a gentleman of leisure, and most of his descendants take after him in that particular. Nevertheless we toil with an energy and perseverance that

But mark our cunning. All the time we are inventing labor saving machinery, manufacturing dumb slaves to do our bidding, while we look on and ad nire their energy.-Pomona Progress.

Medical Knowledge in Novels Wilkie Collins made a specialty of his medical knowledge, and it was upon this account that he was induced to undertake an antivivisection novel, which ne published under the name of "Heart and Science." The work was equally unsatisfactory both to the persons wh uspired it and to the general public. Wilkie Collins' effort in this direction was a complete failure, and his medical men and his wonderful drags could never have existed outside of his own

In Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities." where Sydney Carton substitutes him self for the condemned Evremonde, we have premonitions of the chloroform which was to be discovered fifty years later-the chloroform of popular imagination, however, and by no means the CHCI of the "Pharmacopoeia."—British Medical Journal.

Brier root, of which pipes are made, comes from the root of a kind of shrub that was formerly dug in great quan-tities in the south of France, but now t comes mostly from Spain. Italy and Algiers. In the mountain forests the roots are sometimes found bigger than a man's body. Instead of digging them out after the old fashion they are torn up nowadays with explosives .- Wash-

By adopting the basic process of mak ing steel castings there is less phosphorous in the metal than when the acid process is used, and the results are said

English and American Games A careful examination of the catalogues of English dealers in games shows that the popular ga nes in England are in every way identical with Doctor (with dignity)—Not so large, those in the United States, and not a sir, when you come to think that it is rent in this country,

SHE RECOILED, BUT DIDN'T KICK.

at the Supreme Test of Love. Two tall, graceful girls strolled slove. to and fro. A cloudless sky was reflected in calm waters below, while scarcely

doing most of the talking.
"It is all very well," she was saying "to insist that you would die for man you love, but the sacrifice is qui

"You speak," she observed, "like who had unde the sacrifice. "I have the right so to speak."

Affecting recollections poured tumu

mously over the soul of the girl in the the superb eyes bent upon the sand of the beach glistened with the dew of The girl in the blue cap smiled haught-

"Indeed," she sarcastically retorted "how very interesting! And how does it feel to actually die for the man you

Reproachfully the girl in the white blazer directed her gaze upon the girl with the blue yachting cap.
"You shall not make light of it."

For a time they walked in silence neath the muzzle of the gun just as it Both were deeply affected, the one filled belched forth its midday salute."-St. with remembrances of the past; the other her resentment gone, with wo manly sympathy. "Tell me about it, Ethel."

> enderly persuasive. With a quick movement the tears wer

The girl in the blue yatching cap was

dashed from the superb eyes, and the girl with the white blazer faced her member the dear, bright fellow I was engaged to then. One evening but a short while before he said he did not believe I bore him the deep love I should. I challenged him to name a sacrifice I would not make for his sake. With an nsight into feminine character which was Mephistophelian in its subtlety, he

dared me to do that which causes every woman's heart to recoil with horror. But I did it." They had paused in their walk, and were looking at each other fixedly.

during the service." The girl in the blue yachting ca

drew a deep, tremulous breath. "Yes. Clara." "You are a sublime heroine. Can you

orget my hasty words?" "I can. Clara." And the .ittle wavelets lapped the mowy beach with drowsy sound, while all the throng gazed in admiration at

Did the Ancient Jews Play Ball? Herod the Great was the first Jewisl king who imported into his realm Roman modes of "society life." His theaters and arenas, after the Roman style, were not to the national taste in musements, despite the fact that the former were, so to say, silently patron ized by the Talmud in the saying, "Let ns be grateful to the Romans for their establishment of theaters, as they keep the public from mischief, which Satan finds for idle folks." The arenas were not patronized on account of the in-

favorite Jewish national game at that time was the kadur, or ball. Whether it was played as a sort o lawn tennis or as national baseball is not recorded. That the game was not allowed by some rabbis to be played on the Sabbath is a proof that the game required skill and labor. That the game was patronized by the Talmud we infer from its not being included among those against which the Talmud opened a crusade, condemning them as "gambling games."-Boston Transcript.

The Thunderer's Suicide Day. A young Philadelphian, who has been employed on the staff of more than one newspaper in this city, went abroad and secured a position as reporter for the London Times. When he was deemed rich and beautiful girl who had taken chloroform because her lover failed to appear at the altar when due.

The young Philadelphian raced nim bly about, gathering various particu-lars and hurried back to the office in cab, after getting his copy into shape. Not far from midnight he sped up the stairs to the local room and turned in his copy with apologies for his unavoid-

editors calmly; "this is Monday, you know, and we print suicides only on Saturdays."—Philadelphia Press.

Mr. C. was particularly deliberate the matter of invoking the divine blessing upon the family meals, and when the repast was unusually good this was a trying ordeal to the three young sons. On one occasion there were strangersand chicken-at dinner, and this function was longer than ever. At its conclusion the three-year-old son drew a long breath, and fervently but audibly remarked, "That's a good job done."-New York Tribune.

The man who says the weather is to hot to dance at the summer hotel com promises by wearing a polka dot necktie and standing in the ballroom window to keep as much air as he can away from the dancers.-New Orleans Pica-

His Excuse. Patient-Great Scott doctor that a frightful bill you've presented. single game could be found in any of them that is not well known and current in this country.

The Author of an Old Campaign Song.

There is satisfactory evidence that the words of "Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too," were written by A. C. Ross, of Zanes-ville, O. This was the original song. The words then comprised only a comsuch a success that additions were made to them in all direction. Here is an instance in point. The Whigs unexpect-edly carried the state of Maine, electing Edward Kent by a very small margin for governor. This verse immediately

Ob, Van is a "used up man," etc. As regards the music, it was adapted from a familiar air of the times, which had the not very attractive name of "Little Pig's Tail." Henry Russell was sies, etc. an Englishman, and at that period was the most popular concert singer in this country. He was a composer, but he did not compose this tune, and probably

had been credited with its authorship. It is altogether likely that the Whigs engaged him to sing it in Boston, as he told our correspondent that he did sing it as he stood in a window near the cor ner of Washington and Milk streets Mr. Russell must be a gentleman well advanced in years by this time. It is a great many years since he ceased to sing in public in this country. It may be interesting to know that he is the father of W. Clark Russell, the popular writer of nautical novels.—Boston Herald.

would not have been very proud if he

Coins of Value. "Some pennies are worth a good deal of money," said a dealer in coins. "If you come across an old collection of copper cents in an out of the way corner you will do well to examine their dates carefully. From the point of view of the numismatist their value depends largely upon their condition. For ex ample, for a cent of 1799 in a fair state of preservation we pay five dollars, but for a specimen of the same issue in first rate condition we would pay from ten to twenty-five dollars, and for a perfect cent of 1799—that is, as bright and sharp as the day it was coined-we will pay

"Do not attempt to clean coins that are in fine condition. They should be held only by the edges in handling them, and ought to be kept wrapped carefully in chanois skin or soft tissue paper or laid on velvet. Gold and silver coins may be rinsed, not washed, in hot water and soap. Copper coins should be placed in sweat oil only to remove grease and dirt. Acids and scouring will ruin any coin of worth. Age does not necessarily with cents of 1798, 1802 and 1803, as well as with half dollars of dates between 1805 and 1835."-Washington Star.

An Old Question Asked Anew. The old question has been lately asked anew, Why fill the infant mind with images of cruelty and horror? suggest to innocence the dreadful vision of ogres fattening captives like sheep for their table? Why torture it with for their table? Why torture it with transgressor is hard; that honesty, or that appalling cabalistic bloody invocation, Fee, faw, fum? Why permit the best policy. When tables are turned, hoary murderer Blue Beard to terrify when the knave becomes distinctly an the young before in historical 'sequence they reach Henry VIII, in no extenuating page of Froude, but as the grisly murderer and defender of the faith of the older annals? And why perplex the callow pilgrim scarcely barked on the journey of life, which the moral warfare, by the rhyme which de-

clares the greedy thief of a plum from the copious pudding a good boy? human performances given there. The Why is a glutton who triumphs in his gluttony to be commended in honeved measure as good, while nothing is said in praise—nay, he is not even mentioned -of the virtue of the unnamed comrade, who was undoubtedly present and who restrained his desire to pull out plums, and who, so far as posterity knows, not only had no plum, but also forbore the sauce?-George William

Two years ago a cow was seen in the middle of the Monon tracks in front of a train. The engineer tried to stop, and the result was the locomotive was derailed and the engineer killed. A few months ago the writer was riding on an engine on the Chicago division of the Pennsylvania, and a herd of cattle got on the track. The train was running one evening to write up the story of a almost forty miles an hour, but when the engineer saw them he "threw he wide open." and went into them at full

seventy-five miles an hour. No damage was done except to "muss up" the engine extensively. The engine man was asked why he had thrown on the extra speed. His reply was that had he been running slow it was eight chances to ten that he would have left the track.-Indianapolis News.

A book could be written about Standing Bear. Properly speaking he is not a Sioux, but a Northern Cheyenne. Crizy Horse, Hunting Hog and old Chief Gall he has been at the head of nearly all the notable Indian wars for wenty years. He routed the Pawnees and once killed ten white men in a lone some canyon single handed. On another occasion he defied and defeated alone thirty cavalrymen. It was Standing Bear who under Sitting Bull routed the United States forces when Custer died

on the Little Big Horn.-San Francisco A Hartford girl called on a physician recently who is as plain in his speech as his patient is in respect to her face. He tried to cheer her; her ailment being only a trifling matter, he said. "Oh, loctor," she groaned. "I feel worse than look." Then, my dear young lady. there is no hope for you," replied doctor.—Philadelphia Ledger.

American Tips Too Large. Frenchman-Vat you gif zat .wataire? American-I gave the wait r half von teep; zat ees von bribe.—New York

BROTHERL! LOVE.

The Tender Devotion of a Colored Man for a Sick Sister. Nothing moves the heart of the lovso much as the unexpected exhibition

A noble case of brotherly love came A noble case of brotherly love came social. In a little time we found him extreme degrees of heat and cold as under my observation recently, while to be a good fellow, and so we gradual human beings. When the thermometer in one of the great greenhouses of the ly came to forget our first suspicions. Is hovering around the freezing point or city. A little, middle-aged negro, with we were still agreed, however, that dancing away up in the nineties the lita face like ebony, was overseeing the there was something queer about him. the mainspring will give up in disgust making of a large bauquet, which the He appeared anxious and perturbed and uncoil itself and die, just as men young lady in attendance was skillfully whenever a new arrival was announced, constructing of white carnations, dai-

"Now, put some ro es in." he said. "The roses are much more expensive,"

emarked the clerk. "It does not matter about the she always liked roses," said the little man, and going to the cold closet he regard of cost. Then, following me to the door as I was leaving, he spoke lovingly of the flowers that they could get in the south, everywl ere, without paying for them; of how the flowers grew in their yard, and how he used to see his sister out every morning handling and looking them over. "But she is down with the typhoid fever now, and I am on the railway, and every time I come to the city the first thing she says is: 'O, bring me some flowers!'" And two great crystal tears looked over the rims of the little man's eyes, and a great white soul, full of bre therly love, shone out through the black face, and my heart cried out: "Oh happy sister, to

have such a brother!"

PRISON DISCIPLINE. More Need of Rigor and Less of Films

If we cannot help the honest worke at least we can stop petting and pam-pering the detected confidence man, the thug of the dives and the enterprising but unsuccessful burglar, says a writer in Lippincott's Magazine. The Howard association : ppears to hit the sity of rendering the reatment of crimpecially separating 1 im, while young, in crime. It is not e sential, nor even desirable, that he should enjoy his coninement; it ought never to be forgoten for a moment that he is there for punishment, that he is di ferentiated by his own act from honest and decent people. Short of inhumanity le can and ought

unprivileged person, he may find casion to mend his ways. THE ACTION OF DUST.

When the air around us becomes ensed-shrinks into a smaller volumeit becomes heavier, ruts greater pres makes it ascend in the tube; then the mercury is said to rise. When the air expands-swells into a larger volumeit becomes lighter, the pressure on the ometer is said to fall. Therefore, every change of height of the quicksilver which we observe is a sign and measure of a change in the volume of air around us. Further, adds the Popular Science Monthly, this change in volume tells no less upon the air inside our cases and cupboards. When the barometer fallsthe air around it expands into a larger volume, and the air inside the cupboard also expands and fo ces itself out at every minute crevice. When the barometer rises again the air inside the cupboard, as well as cutside, condenses and shrinks, and air i; forced back into the cupboard to equa ize the pressure and, along with the ai , in goes the dust. jet of air, the farth r goes th Witness the dirt tracks so often seen in imperfectly framed engravings and en, whenever you see the barmeter rising, that an additional charge of dust is entering your cupboards and

In the neighborhooi of Burley the other day, says the Leeds (Eng.) Post, a gentleman looking over a wall saw a dead hen in the field. Presently a rat ran up, snuffed at the defunct fowl with much satisfaction and went away in some haste. The culooker, who is a student of natural hi tory, knew what that meant, and removed the hen from the spot. In a minute o two the rat came back with half a dozen friends, with the evident intention of removing the carcass for future use. Arriving at the spot where the fowl had lain, the rat its absence. In a trice the other rate shoes and slippers have nearly disapfell upon him so savagely that they left him dead on the field is a warning not kid, most easy and delightful to wear, to play practical jokes with his friends.

Revenge of Disap pointed Rats. In the neighborhood of Burley the other day a gentleman, looking over a wall, saw a dead hen in the field. Presently a rat ran up, sniffed at the defunct fowl with ruch satisfaction and went away in some haste. The onlooker, who is a student of natural history, knew what that meant, and moved the hen from the spot. In minute or two the rat come back with half a dozen friends, with the evident intention of removing the careaus for future use. Arrived at the spot where the fowl had laid, the rat raised a loud squeak of astonishment at its absence. n a trice the other r. ts fell upon him ragely that they left him dead on the field as a warning not to play practical jokes with his frienda -- Leeds (Eng.) Evening Post.

THE STRANGER'S CALL. An Incident That Interested the Miners

There were about two hundred men AN IMPORTANT BIT OF STEEL THAT ing sister of undemonstrative brothers of us at Homesick Diggings, and it was the hour of noon on a summer's day of brotherly love, say; a writer in the when big Jim Davis came over the hill Housekeeper. Many a sister, whose with his pack on his back and staked brothers are all that the could ask for, out a claim. He came alone, and that In manliness, courage and purity, would was why we noticed him so particularly. be almost glad to exchange places, for little while, with the sister in the fol- or four days, and that is why we wonlowing account, whose brother not only dered if he was all right. Big Jim had loved her, but was willing that all the world should know and feel that love. got a squint at the face of every man in ple," said a Broadway watchmaker the camp before he thawed out and became other day. 'They are as susceptible to

and if a party of half a dozen came along, Jim would go into hiding until supposed to be adjusted to meet the the had sized them up. It was as if he various degrees of temperature, but

the rule to mind your own business. selected Jacqueminct. Marechal Niel As long as a miner obeyed the rules and and Niphetos buds, with a reckless disregulations laid down for the govern- can detect a bad spring before putting

was nothing even to his tentmate. stere, saloon, bank and general rendezvous after working hours. I was in miners knocked off work, when a stranger quietly entered. He had come by the trail and alone, but ho one had noticed him. He was a slim, lightweight man, and though clothed in rough garb you could see at once that he was not a miner. He was sunburned and unkempt, but that was to be expected out there. He was talking with the stoorkeeper as I entered—asking after just such a man as Big Jim Davis. His face struck me pleasantly enough, but there was a something in his gray eyes to remind you of a wounded beast,

and a something in his voice to satisfy you that he would be a pitiless enemy.

the costly watch is allowed to freeze for an equal length of time, when its kept himself for the next hour I never torture ceases and the examination is learned. The boys had knocked off, made. If during this excessive test the washed up and eaten supper, and about watch appears to have ticked merrily twenty of us had lounged into the store on without deviating a fractional part nail on the head in 1 rging "the neces- for a smoke and a talk, when the little of a second it is placed back in the case man suddenly show id up. This, mind and marked "guaranteed for two years." inals less attractive" than that of the you, was three months after Big Jim's The mainspring is the first piece of law-abiding and industrious poor. He coming. Jim sat on a box facing the mechanism that succumbs to the test. who lives by honest toil should not be door, which was open. I happened to tempted to envy the scalawag who be looking at him, and I suddenly saw Mainsprings are, however, about the preys on the community. When the his face grow pale and his jaw drop only part of a watch that the jeweler scalawag is caught, what we have to do I looked over to the door and there cannot successfully diagnose. They can with him—if his offen se is not legally a stood the stranger. He had a leering guarantee any of the numberless little matter for the noose—is to keep him sort of smile on his face, and was look—wheels or pivots or balances that go to alive, safe and at wook, to teach him ing only at Big Jim. In ten seconds all make up the anatomy of the watch, but ively felt that the two were enemies, trailed Big Jim down.

It was fully two minutes before the stranger moved or spoke. Then he stepped forward until close to Big Jim

"It has been over two years, but I've run you down at last!" Davis looked at him as one who sees ? specter, but made no reply.

"You have skulked and dodged like coward!" continued the little man in the same quiet voice, "but you'll be a man now, of course. The boys will see fair play. Shall it be pistol or knife?" If Big Jim's eyes hadn't been wide open we might have thought him a dead man. You never saw terror more plainly written on a human face.

"It's a little affair of our own, gentle-

the crowd.' Not one of us had spoken. Just as the winding too tight. his pistol. Like a flash of lightning the not as a rule last as long as in this counlittle man had him covered, and then try. A severe thunder and lightning he laughed a harsh, dry laugh and said: storm also frequently proves disastrous but I'll give you a show. Come out doors. Shall it be this or that knife?"

Big Jim turned white again and reness. The stranger surveyed him in disgust and contempt, and by and by turned to us and said:

"Back in the states this white-livered coward betrayed my confidence and wrecked my home and my life. Even his dead body would disgrace your diggings. Come, Jim!"

He stepped back and beckoned to Davis, who slowly followed, staring like one who wa lks in his sleep. The little man backed to the door-out of it into the moonlight, and then started up the trail. Davis foll owed like a dog, never otographs. Remember, ladies and looking to the right or to the left-making not the slightest move to draw his weapon. It was as if he had been mes-merized. Something of that same feeling was upon all the rest of us, for we stood at the door, speechless and amazed, and looked after the pair until they were out of sight. It was like a dream, and men rubbed their eyes as if heavy

> Up the hill-around the great black ock-past the tree on which we hung Taylor for murder, and then they were out of sight. The stranger we never saw again. A month later a prospector found Big Jim's skeleton in a raving two miles away.-N. Y. Sun.

With the exception of a few fine jet rnaments or a small buckle of Irish raised a loud squeak of astonishment at brilliants, all fancy decorations on dress are shown in many new shades to match the costume. The dove-gray and paletan models find the largest sale. These tinted kid shoes do very well for a change or to complete a suit of one color entire, but for real elegance and neat and refined appearance there is no foot covering that can compare with a perfect-fitting shoe of fine black French kid. It suits all styles of dress, all occasions, and makes the foot look trim mer and much smaller than a shoe of any other description. -N. Y. Post.

Totling-Do you know which is the ost profitable metal to work? Dimling-"No; which is?

Totling-Printer's zinc.-Detroit Free

FREQUENTLY BREAKS.

A SPRING IN A WATCH

of Weather Are Dangerous to These Uncertain Pieces of Mechanism-Main-

"Mainsprings are very much like peo-

succumb to freezing or sunstroke." This uncertain piece of mechanism is suspected some one was trailing him when the change is very great and There were all sorts of men in the that can prevent them from snapping. mining camps in those days, and it was They are made in Switzerland of the ment of a camp he was looked upon as if in the watch, either by its color or all right. What he had been in the past the softness of its spring. These have been too highly tempered in the making, There was a big shanty in the center and instead of being subjected to merely of our village which was occupied as a a red heat the fire has been brought to white heat, thus weakening the strength of the metal. The finest watches that are there one afternoon just before the handled by reliable dealers are put through a "cooking and freezing" process before they are sold, for the purpose of testing their reliability in all temper-

metal box, which is made airtight. Then a strong gas flame is turned on the under surface of the box and is kept there for two or three hours, so that the watch is so hot at the end of that time that it could not be touched with the ately taken and put into another metallic box which is buried in ice. There

the mainspring has as yet baffled the most skilled makers of watches of all countries. It is not so much the severe extremes of the weather that prove fatal to the spring as it is the process of changing from hot to cold, or vice versa Like the human frame, if the ribbonlike little coil of steel can withstand the effects of this change it may be considered proof against breaking when the change

to normal weather comes. Many people who have been possessors of new watches but a short time come into the dealer's with blood in their eyes, declaring that they have paid an enormous price for the timepiece and the mainspring has broken after only a

"That is nothing," remarked the jewel-"We have them snap in our case before the watch has ever been shown men, explained the stranger, as he turned to us. "I've traveled thousands might have wound the watch too tight of miles while looking for Big Jim. I've but this does not harm it. It is rather een hunting him down, to kill or be the jerky, hurried winding that will killed. This world isn't big enough for eventually tell on the temper of the both of us. Arrange the details to suit metal. Every good stem winder has a stop placed in the stem, which prevents

the stranger finished Big Jim recovered Damp weather has an ill effect on from his stupor and made a move for mainsprings, and in England they do "I ought to shoot you down like a dog, to the durability of the spring. A dealer who took in seventy-nine watches on one day said that one summer on a day immediately following a terrific electrical storm there were twenty-one watches brought into his store within five hours for new mainsprings. The cost of a new mainspring is the small part of making such repair. It is the putting them in, the labor expended, that costs. It costs from twelve to fifteen dollars to put a mainspring in the Jurgensen watch and a little less in a Patek Phillippe, while

in a cheaper American make it may cost only fifty cents or a dollar. A man purchased a \$300 Jurgenser from a leading dealer several years ago, and shortly after he left for a tour around the world. He was gone a year, and when he returned he went back to the dealer with his watch and complained: "Here's a watch I paid you \$300 for a year ago, and while I was traveling abroad it lost two minutes. You guaranteed it, and I want you to make it good." The watch was placed In the window with this card be-

"This watch lost only two minutes in a year in a trip around the world. Price \$300." It sold within an hour. It is said that one bar of iron costing

\$5 will produce \$250,000 worth of mainsprings. by the manufacturers of cheap watches. These springs are several feet long and take nearly two minutes to wind up.-

New York World. Saving to No Purpose It has sometimes happened that per sons little deserving, and even rulers, have reaped the harvests which misers have painfully sown. The life of Vandille is a proof of this. This man lived upon bread and milk, with the addition of a small glass of sour wine on Saturdays. At his death he left £800,000 to

the king of France. Audley, the com-

monwealth miser, saved £400,000, all of

which reverted to the government .-

Time to Swear Off. The Rev. Dr. Primrose-I'm glad to hear your husband has given up melen stealing. It is some comfort for me to feel that perhaps my poor words have had something to do with his reform.

Mrs. Johnson-Dat wasn't de reasun, sah. Yo' see ob late de po' man wuz gitin kotched ebery time.—New York

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