The people of Ventura, Cal., are going to try a novel experiment in sprinkling the streets with crude petroleum instead of water. It is thought that oil after two or three sprinkles will lay the dust for months. The experiment is looked for with much interest.

English sai'ors attempted to catch a fourteen-foot shark off Natal, South Africa, but the shark snapped their line in two, and swallowed hait, hook, and all. After losing several hooks, the anglers tried a piece of venison in which they had put a ball of gun-cotton. This was connected by wire with a boat's battery, and just as the shark was in the act of seizing the venison the charge was exploded. There is a degree of persecution which even a shark cannot endure, The jaws of the monster were shattered, and it rolled over upon its back and

There is a man in Italy who avers that he discovered in Africa a concoction of herbs which renders the human body insensible to hunger or thirst or poison, without at the same time destroying life or injuring the body in any way. After taking a quantity of the concoction he entered upon a long period of fasting, taking into his stomach only four glasses of water daily. A number of physicians became interested in his case, and followed it curiously. At last accounts the experimenter hal expressed himself as feeling very well, and was about to take

Three years after date the floating islands of pumice, thrown up and into the sea by the stupendous volcanic erupfound to have drifted along the Indian ocean in the last twelve months 676 miles in a direction west by south from where they were one year ago, or about five miles a day. This accidental help to hydragaphers and all who study ocean currents and drift is probably the best they ever had, because the origin of the pumice is well known, the foating expanse of it so large that it cannot escape notice, and the dates and other particulars about it are all matters of record.

Hidden in the swamps of Livingston parish. Louisiana, is a himlet with a population of 500 souls, where until fifteen years ago not a word of English was spoken or understood. It is a settlement of Acadian; who displaced the Spanish founders of the village, and today are living in contentment far from any other habi ation. The people are engaged in the lumber business, and despite the swampy an I malirial condition of the surrounding country, are a hardy and long-lived race. The younger villagers now u e English to a greater de-gree among thems lves, but their elders makes a baby of you! She pets you till words and swallowing them right down. for hours together. This is one of the cling to their mother tongue. Though | you can't sit up. If I'm not up at family isolated, the s ttlement is hospitable and a pleasant spot to visit.

England's new c lonial ac juisition, the Ellice Is ands in the South Pacific, will prove of value principally as a naval station: There are nine islands in the group, all atolls, and some of the lagoons can be entered and a Tord excellent anchorage; that of I unatuti being ninety squa e miles in extent with an average depth of fifty feet and two entrances deep enough for the largest ships of war. The population of the islan is is not important in numbers, scarcely ag regating 1,000 but the people are physically and mentaly emong the finest specimens of the Maylayan race. The islands will be of strategical value to Great Britain in resisting attempts at further annexations by rival European Powers.

A Chicago writer discusses the question whether the man marries the woman or the woman marries the man, and whether the marriage notice in the paper should read: "Mary Ann Jones to Samuel Smith," or "Samuel Smith to Mary Ann Jones." The matter isn't of much consequence either way so long as they are happily married. However, the Syra use Standard finds enough in the question to say: "The weight of testimony is all in favor of wedding the woman to the man. The Bible is on that s'de of the que tion, and so is the marriage service of the Episcopal Church. Usually, too, the husban! objects to has money. He prefers the other form, | rude spee hes hurt you, Betty." and most of the ladies agree to it."

tapping Niagara River by means of a to the hall, and tell the girls that Helly canal entirely practicable, and experts have declared that not elsewhere within the known world are there such natural advantages for the creation of a gigantic water-power, and that it can be delivered at Lockport to the extent of 300,000 horse power, if so much sha'l be wanted, at a minimum of expense. Lake Erie and all the great upper lakes would be the mill-pond for this power, the Niag ara Rive: the head race and Lake Ontario its tail race. The supply of water can never be diminished by drouth; no spring floods nor freshets will tear away the dams, for there will be no dams. The supply of water will be uniform, uninterrupted and practically unlimited. At the ordinary capitalized value of a horse power this would add about \$200,000 .-000 to the material resources of the

THE WAITING ANGEL

The painter who should drop his brush Because he could not seize the blush Of heaven, when birds so dreamily stir And the first warm sun touches her, Would not be worthy of his name. He cannot copy the morning flame, But with his best of artist wit Lovingly strives to render it, And heaven in an ideal sease, For him and us makes recompense.

The poet who should break his lyre Because he could not make the wire Echo the music of the tpheres In perfect time to mortal ears. Translate a'l utterance of the gods In the rude phrase of mortal clods, Fling from its delicate frame of gold The thunder, awful as it rolled-No bard were he! He sings his best, Celestial law provides the rest.

The man who will not gird his loins For that which truth or love enjoins, Because he knows his work when wrought Will fall below his hope and thought, Is no true workmen. Let him do The thing his conscience points him to, And he shall find the seed he cast Spring up, when many days are past.

Whilst every honest deed will bring A training for that nobler thing For which archangel duly waits, Keeping Occasion's golden gates For such as watchfully pursue Her long, laborious avenue-Many she calls, but chooseth few To crown at last where crowns are due.

BY TELEPHONE

There were sharp words that morning, and not at all creditable to the young members of the family. Glenn held out his cup and saucer, both of which had been duly painted and baked, until they looked duly antique-held them out across the short way of the table to his sister.

"Another sip of co fee, if you please, Helly," he said. "And see here, Helly, don't look at the sugar you put in it." "What are you talking about?" demanded his sister, testily. She was su-picious of some covert unpleasantness in the quiet words. "What do you mean? Why shouldn't I look at the

"Because," said the non-committal

"Because what?" Helly asked, with some asperity. "Why don't you tell me? Why shouldn't I look at your sugar?" "Because you might change it into

"What a rich joke!" she said, turning up her nose, with all her other features pin hed. "You just the same as didn't get up at all this morning. It's nearly eleven o'clock. And now I have to sit here and pour your coffee, when I promised the girls that I'd help decorate the hall for the festival."

"Why didn't you tell me this sooner?"

"What good would forty tellings have thing nice, and I have to stay and watch breakfasted. You tyrannize over me through mamma."

reply, continued, "I wouldn't mind it if oh! oh! oh!" you worked at night, like railroad men and telegraph boys and night editors and doctors. But you don't do a lick of work, n ght or day. You just sit up with that girl of yours, I know."

Glenn looked at her in a solemn way, but sail nothing. "I wish you were going to get married

to her right away," Helly went on. "But I'd pity your wife!" As Glenn was leisurely folding his nap-

kin, their cousin Betty, entered, in a

rushing way, or ing out: hall? You promised to come for me by nine o'clock. I've waited and waited and waited. Sister Ann's been out to the gate forty times to see if you were coming, and she's been to the east window twice forty times. It's a fact. I've just haunted that window, so that mother couldn't see to sew, because I was in her light all the time, and she scolded me about it. And all our folks got vexed at

on your account, Helly, and I think it's "I think it's a shame for you to chatter at this rate!" interrupted the irritated Helly. Fetty's talk teased her like pin-prickings on an already nettled surface. "You always were a rattle box.

me, and called me a fidget. and it's all

You can talk longer without saying anything than any one I ever knew.' At this Betty's face flushed in sudden "Come, Helly, you're carrying things

too far," said Glenn. "Don't let her

"I don't mean to let them hurt me. I always consider the source from which a thing comes, 'answered Betty, pouting Engineers pronounce the project of at Helly and sm ling at Glenn. "I'll go is too cross for any use in the world: that she'd wither the flowers if she were to try to help us make wreaths. Come

on. Gleun! You're going my way."
She hooked her arm in his, and off they started, chatting and laughing as if there wasn't any teased Helly to care for. Their nonchalant way made Helly madder. Beside, Betty should not have the last word.

"I am glad you're going," Helly muttered, "and I hope you'll never come here

shall take care not to come back until ing the mood in which he had left her. you ask me to come." said, quickly, her temper rising every made up.

"Why, Helly!" Glenn remonstrated. "You forget yourself." "No, I do not forget myself," she

quickly interposed. "You owe Betty an apology," Glenn continued.

idea of my apologizing, when she has little apart, wearing a wreath. She did been saying such rude things! Come not lift her head, even when Helly stood along, Glenn!"

Helly heard the front door close on them, but kept her seat at the table for some minutes; sat there breathing hard,

"I won't do it! And if she waits for me to invite her, she'll never enter this house again. It's horrid in Glenn to tease you now, with all my heart, not only to and worry me till he gets me angry, and then tell me to apologize for not being sweet. It's insulting. And now I suppose that he's gone off to the me cantile library to all next week and all next forever!" library to read some novel, leaving me to clear the table where he's been dallying. And he took Petty's part against me! Betty, with her chatter, is simply ho rrid! Chattered like a mag ie, and then went prancing off with Glenn, instead of helping me clear the table, so that I could go

'By telephone!' said Betty, her face ing me clear the table, so that I could go that's one good thing! She isn't ever do you mean." coming here again till I invite her. I "Why, I mea because I'm auntie's namesake, I suppose. as he came up. I shall have to see Betty when I go there, even if she shouldn't come here any more. Very likely, though, they won't want me to come when I'm out with Betty. It will be dreadfully lonesome not to have Betty's to make a god to have a seed by telephone! Who did, then? not to have Betty's to run to, and to have | Somebody did!" uncle and aunt cold and distant to me.

And I'm so used to having Petty fly in sion of the situation. "I was the peniand out at all hours that I don't know | tent," he explained And I know that mamma will think I'm to blame; she always does when Betty yours. anger get the better of mc. I believe to be familiar with them. Betty means what she says. I know she does. the means not to come till I in- Helly said to Betty.

comes! I'll show her that I can be as Feeling somewhat braced by this confession, Helly proceeded to clear away Glenn's breakfast table. But there was

vite her. But I'll not invite her. I said

I wouldn't, and I won't, if she never

a cold, heavy spot in her throat. "I suppose I can stand it if Betty does stop coming here," she went on saying. "I don't know either ho I can. I'd give everything I own if she'd come rung in this minute. to break my word. I shall not invite

her. I think she's cruel to say such a dreadful thing. Oh, dear! dear! dear! Having be this time got the table cleated, and having liberty to cry, Helly Glenn said, deliberately sipping his did cry, dropping into a chair and hug-

"Oh! Oh! Oh! I don't believe I done?" Helly snapped. "I should have can ever stand it!" she said. "And I had to wait and get your coffee all the know that Betty means it; she'll never same. You would have gone on with come here again unless I invite her, and

"I suppose I ought to eat them and be things he saw: breakfast, I have to take just anything I glad of the chance, even if they choke | The gannet, when a tree top near their can find about the pantry, while you can me, for I didn't really mean them. I sleep till eleven, and get up to fresh cof- spoke them when I was in auger. Peofee and hot quail and waffes, and every- ple oughtn't to speak when they're angry, and if they do they ought to take you eat, you great baby! Mamma won't back everything they say, for they hardlet me stir out of this house till you are ly ever say anything they can stand by. I wish my lips had a spring-lock that hrough mamma."

would look wen I get angry. Yes, I breeze was required to float them if they ought to take it all back; I ought to, but remained in one place. They seemed to

phone rang. It was a very interesting of perfect equilibrium. I have gently thing-this new arrangement in their pushed them with a stick in various dihouse, just put in the day before, and a rections while they were thus balanced, summons from it was sure to start Helly and any effort at all would move them in to her feet. She patted one eye with any direction until they would waken, her wadded up handkerchief, then the which they were not long in doing. The other, and hastened to get the mes. p sition of the wings of all birds while

"Who is it?" she asked. "A penitent," was the reply.

"Is this the way you help decorate the hardly able to keep the eagerness cut of

you this morning," said the telephone. to suit their purposes. "It's Betty! Oh, it's Betty!" Helly in joy whispered to her heart. Her face was radiant; her lips were parted in smiles, as she asked: "What do you wish to say?"

"I wish to ask your pardon for my behavior this morning. I am to blame for your crossness. Telephone back my pardon, dear."

Helly could hardly stand still as she put her eager lips to the mouth-piece and said, in a jubilant tore: "I forgive you, ten thousand times, you blessed old sweet! And won't you forgive me once, you precious? I've been crying ever since you went away mad at me.'

"Poor dear!" was the reply, "I wasn't mad at you at all." "And if," Helly replied, "I was a particle mad at you, I've got all over it, and was so sorry for my unkind words that I

could have cried my eyes out, and did, "Well," said the telephone, "bathe your eyes and come down to the hall, and I'll go home with you,'

"And stay to dinner," amended Helly, all in a twitter that she was to have Betty again in the house, and that without first giving the invitation. "Of course I'll stay to dinner." replied the telephone.

"You're the sweetest thing in the world!" said Helly, quivering with de-"You're another!" was the reply. "Come along to the hall!"

In fifteen minutes Helly was down town. As she entered the hall, Glenn Letty paused and turned. Her face came down the aisle to meet her. "You was hot and flushed; her eyes bright. "I look happy as a queen," he said, recall-"I feel as happy as a queen," she re"Then you'll never come again," Helly plied, buoyantly; "Betty and I have

> never would make up with you, unless Kentucky whisky, and the flavor of the out the hat and felt sick, so did the hat. entific American. you made the first advances.'

"Then I owe something that I'll never splendid in her, and just as nice as could

pay," Helly retorted, with promptness.
"But I do not owe her an apology. She owes me an apology."

"I'm sure I've nothing to apologize for." Betty said, tossing her head. "The that moment happened to be sitting a little apart weaking a wreath. She did close alongside.

"Dear Betty!" said her cousin, slip-ping into a seat beside the wreath, "it was ju t the sweetest thing that ever was dear, good soul to whom Helly confided everything. To her Helly told her story.

"Apologize to her indeed!" said Helly.
"I won't do it! And if she waits for the to invite her. for you to make up, and to offer to go home with me without waiting for me to

"But," said Betty, "I don't know"——
"You showed what lots of sense you have by not laying up my foolish words,". Helly went on; "but honor bright! Betty,

along with her to the hall. She's as self- full of question. What are you talking ish as she can be! "But I'm rid of her, about? I can't understand you What

"Why, I mean this: wasn't it easier to suppose her father and mother will lay make your confession by telephone, and a'l the blame on me, for they think Betty is perfectly perfect. On their ac ount, I'm sorry about the troub'e, for uncle and aunt have always made a pet of me, because I'm author and mother will lay ask my forgiveness by telephone, than it would have been standing face to face with me? Wouldn't you say that it would be easier, Glenn?" she continued,

how I can ever get along without it. "Wes that you, Glenn?" Helly said, We've always done everything together, her face sobering at the revelation.

and I have a spat, and I guess it's about "Well, as to that, I suppose a person so, for manma's judgment is generally uses a higher pitch of voice than natural in speaking by telephone. Beside, you correct; and I'm spunky, and I don't in speaking by telephone. Beside, you control my temper, and I just let my haven't heard my telephone tones enough "So you hadn't made any advances?"

> "Not an advance," Betty laughed. "And I've gone and invited you to my

house to stay forever!" Helly said. "I'm so glad I don't know what to do, for I was wishing to make up. And though I didn't ask your forgiveness by telephone, I have asked it by this note, which I meant to send you by Glenn," Betty drew a crap of paper from her pocket, and banded it to Helly, saying: "My bond to keep the peace with you." - Youth's Compan

How Birds Fly.

In a paper recently read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Buffalo, I. Lancaster gave some insight into the means by which soaring birds keep themselves suspended motionless in mid-air. He spent five years on the Gulf coast of Florida observing the flight of birds. His method was to assume a dress painted to resemble a pine bough, and taking up

breeding places was occupied, would float within a foot of my face as rigidly immovable as a board. They have alighted on my head with their toes in my mouth. They would weigh as much as eight pounds, with about four or five square feet of wing surface. A stiff sleep, as their eyes were closed for an She was crying aloud when the tele- hour at a time. They were in a position in the act of soaring was on an incline, highest in front. The heavier the bird the more the inclination. These gan-Helly's heart gave a strong spring, nets would float at an angle of about 'Who? What penitent?" she asked, fifteen degrees with the horizontal. The frigate birds at very low inclination, often seemingly nearly level, but all birds "One who behaved very badly toward had the power of varying their inclines

How to Drink Water.

The leading medical journal of France has published a pamphlet protesting against the extravagant use of artificial mineral waters, which, it sets forth, do the double damage of chilling the stomach, thus laying the foundation for gastric catarrh, while the limestone he'd in deposit in the carbonated waters finds its way to the kidneys and eventually produces Bright's disease. The pumphlet also protests against ic: water as a provocative of catarrh in the stomach. It further says: "Water should be drank cool, but not iced, with the juice of a quarter or half a lemon in it. Mineral water should also be drank with a dash of lemon. Water should always be swallowed slowly. It is not the stomach which is dry, but the mouth and throat. If you toss off a drink of water you throw it through your mouth into your stomach, without doing the former any good, wh le you injure the latter by loading it with what it does not require. Drink slowly, and keep the water in your mouth for a momeat when you begin. If you work in a hot room in hot weather, tie a damp cloth around your temples, and you will not experience half the craving for drink you otherwise would."

Peculiar "Canned Corn."

"See that man going into the bank, there?" said a veracious citizen one day last week over on Dearborn street; 'well, he's rich and getting richer. He's got as nice a little business as there is in this town-one that make; hand-ome profits every day in the year.' "What business is he in?"

"He cans corn for the Iowa market, and sells dead loads of it, too. This "I am glad to hear that," said Glenn, may surprise you that Chicago should Helly said, with triumph, "It was improved or not," - Chicago Herall. fellow got aboard, whose pantaloons the crown different from the orim,

BUDGET OF FUN.

HUMOROUS SKETCHES FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Dramatic Writings-Carrie's Explanation-She Knew It-Sentiment and Prose-A Promising Journalist, Etc.

Dramatic writer-"Yes, sir; dramatic writing is the most profitable branch of

Newspaper reporter-"That so?" D. W .- "Certainly; you ought to try it. I am to get \$5,00e for the play I am writing now."

N. R.-"Down?" D. W .- "No. If the piece is success-N. R .- "I guess I'll stick to my \$11 a week."-Boston Courier.

' Carrie's Explanation.

A young teacher in one of our primary is trying to preserve this seat for the departments spent the greater part of an afternoon in describing the appearance and habits of the mole to her class. And anything legal that was necessary or

by asking, "What did I talk about yes- his feet, to test the floor, to unhandle the

Up flew a dozen hands in the air, signifying that the owners were ready with the answer. "You may tell me, Carrie," said the young teacher, singling out a his health back, and try to feel better, five-year old who had seemed uncom- and try to be easier, and wait for a docmonly eager to be singled, and the five- tor, and gather his senses, I had time to year old, with a beaming smile, in a loud think that it was the right way for a man and cheerful voice proclaimed: "A wart." to be served who will ask another to hold Chicago Tribune. his seat during his absence. - Detroi' Free

She Knew It.

"There!" exclaimed young Spriggins, suddenly, as they were all sitting on the piaza. "I must go and get shaved. My partly in connection with the exposure about."-Boston Post. face is as rough as a cow's tongue. I tell in the furnace and partly in the finishing you it feels uncomfortable to have these shops, where the work is completed by little short bristly hairs all over a fel- cutting, polishing, tarnishing, etching,

Miss De Puyster always gushes when young Spriggins says anything. "I know " said she now effusively.

And then everybody leaned forward it, but Miss De Puyster only blushed things. - Somerville Journal.

Sentiment and Hard Prose.

and his friend were in the park. A little tities are cut off, laid upon the foundaway off two ladies were seated. One of tion of white or colored glass, and then them was very pensive and extremely spread out by drawing or blowing. By pretty. She was resting her cheek on this means only is an economical use of her hand, and her eyes were full of far- such costly materials as gold and silver

Jove, I'm falling in love with that girl. and

So they walked slowly past. The of the silver salt until it is exposed in maiden was still wrapt in contemplation, the furnace again. Very fine effects are and, as they passed, her companion said, quite distinctly: "Now, Emily, this is all foolishness. Let's go in to Dr. - and let him take glass cup is, for example, overlaid with

A Promising Journalist. Little Aleck was a small-sized African who was employed in a newspaper office as the errand boy, says the St. Paul Globe. He was rigged up in a blue suit. A cap with the name of the paper thereon completed his showy costume. He became very much interested in the work. In sport the editor of the paper called ing of either colored or colorless glass .little Aleck in and told him it would be among his duties, whenever he saw an item of news on the street, to bring it in

"Now," said the editor, "if you should happen to run across a dead man, or a lost child, or a runaway horse, bring it into the office. Do you understand?"

"Yes, sah," replied Aleck, "I done Not long after the conversation Aleck, while walking along the street on an errand, saw a runaway horse coming down the street. The horse passed him, and Aleck took after the frightened animal. Several blocks away, the horse got rid of the carriage that was attached to him by running against a lamp-post. Before the horse was able to get under headway after the little accident, Ale: k had him by the bridte, and was on his back riding him down town. Straight to the newspaper office Aleck rode the leading the horse to the door of the business office, yelled out to the editor, who happened to be standing there:

Boss, here's a horse I done catch running away. Whar shall I put him while I go for dat buggy what he smashed up?"

Holding a Seat.

"Will you be kind enough to watch my seat here and allow no one to get into miles. The Union Pacific Railroad it while I go into the smoking car and take a smoke?" asked the presumptuous den, Utah, with branches, is 1,831.9 ter's dictionary explains it as "so passenger in the opposite seat of me. What else could I do but to answer has the longest main line in the world, yes, though I had started out on a pleas- from Quebec to Ft. Moody, being 3,025 extract from Skeat's etymological dicure excursion, and this man's condescen- miles long; with branches it has a length sion quite knocked all the pleasure out of 3,994 miles. The Northern Pacific

ered to him that the seat belonged to 3,471.67 miles. another, and he scowled and left at the next station, where some ladies got aboard. As a last resort I placed my liquor isn't hurt a bit by the mixing. As I indulged inwardly in some strengthy "And yet she made the first advances," to the corn, I couldn't say whether it is secular language, and soon a tall, long- In hats the novelty consists in having

were poked into his boots to rest, and whose shirt yearned toward a wash-tub, and took the fatal seat without paying

any attention to me waving him away. I had to do it, though I shuddered. I walked to him and gently and politely told him the seat belonged to another man, when, all of a sudden, he jumped up as if there was a tack in the seat and gave a regular Comanche howl, as I sat back into my seat, wishing there was a trap door through the floor of the car.

"This seat belongs to another, does it?" Where is the duffer? Where are his symptoms? Nothing here. Where are his remains, his silk umb ella, his peanut shells, his tobacker spit, his chewing-gum shoes, his fur-collar overcoat, his thirty-eight calibre valise, and his eye-glass? Show me, if you please, his assets, his liabilities, his heirs, administrators, or assigns! Where is his mortgage, or his lien, or twenty years' lease? I am Cross eyed Bill from Bra-zos! (and he parenthesi ed the name with a couple of long-horn revolvers). Are

you the ozone, the canned fruit man who coming man, or the rising generation?" I begged to prove an alibi, insanity, or when she had finished she said: "Now, would do any good, and begged him not children, I want you all to try and re-member what I have told you, for I shall occupant and asked the stranger shortly call upon one of you to repeat it to-mor- to get out. The stranger got out, and the owner of the seat began to fall all Accordingly on the morrow she began over himself, to explore the celling with neighboring seats, and when the stranger laid him gently down in the aisle and spread him out comfortable to rest, and recuperate, and catch his breath, and get

How Bohemian Glass is Colored.

The ornamentation of the glass is done painting and mounting in metal. The glasshouses have at their command a very complete color scale for transparent, opaque and clouded glasses. But it must not be supposed that a crucible is placed and asked her all at once how she knew in the furnace for each color, from which glass colored for each ornament is to be painfully and said that they were horrid made. The colors are worked out by means of what are called pastes, which are kept on hand in sticks or cakes. From pieces of these pastes, previously He was rather sentimental, and he warmed till they are soft, suitable quancompositions possible. Some of the

silver glasses-remain wonder who the fellow is she's think- little, or not at all, colored after the ing about? I say, wouldn't it be pleas- melting, shaping, and quick cooling. ant to think a pretty girl like that could and do not take on that bright hue until sit and dream about you as she's dream- they are reheated. This is the case with ing about somebody? Let's walk past the new yellow silver glass, which continues uncolored after the intermelting produced by blending or overrunning of paste colors, provided proper attention is given to the laws of harmony. A blue the tooth out."-San Francisco Chronicle. | silver glass at its upper edge, and this is drawn down in gradually thinner tones till it fades away at the foot of the vase. Gold and copper ruby colors are thus combined with green glasses, etc. Another brilliant effect is produced when a still hot bulb of glass is rolled in finely pulverized aventurine glass, and after this is melted, and previous to the shaping of the vessel, is overlaid with a coat-Popular Science Monthly.

Married in Two States.

A whimsical marriage took place in the Eastern part of the State last Saturday, during an excursion from Lafayette to Dayt n, Ohio, over the Lake Erie and Western Railway. While the train was crossing the dividing line between Indiana and Ohio it was stopped by an accommodating conductor, and David Clark, residing near Mulberry, candidate for Sheriff of Clinton County, assisted off the cars a lady named Mrs. Mary Hawkins, of Lafayette. The gentleman placed himself on the Indiana side of the line and the lady on the Ohio side. A minister in attendance for the purpose straddled the dividing line and scon pro- wedging between the door and its frame nounced the couple man and wife. The | simply tends to bind these bolts tighter whole 800 passengers on the train then | into their holes. formed a circle around the central figures in this singular marriage and gave horse. Once there he dismounted, and them three cheers, the ever present photographer secured a negative, the band played, and the train stirted up with everybody happy. - Indianapolis

Longest Railways of the World.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company controls the greatest length of line of any company in the world, to wit: 5,627 proper, from Council Bluff, Ioxa, to Ogmiles in length. The Canadian Pacific | called because favorable to commerce.' of the trip at the beginning, and now has a main line of 1,674 miles, from Suthat fatal seat lay on my mind like my perior, Wis., to Wallula Junction, W. trade,' to blow always in the same last year's debts—provided I had some. T. Its extent of lines owned, leased, course." A step further discov-At the next station a big man came in, and spying the only vacant seat, pre-empted it on the spot, and propre-empted it on the spot, and proceeded to make himself comfortable. I of 4,801 miles; the Chicago and Northsat a long time considering how far my western, 3,763.25 miles; the Wabash, responsibility went, but I saw that I St. Louis and Pacific, 3,549.5 miles; must do something, so I mildly whisp- the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy,

A mixture of finely pulverized metalnew hat over in the seat to preserve lie zinc and albumen, of about the conit-the seat, not the hat-and two of the sistency of a thin paste, is spread with a females sat down on the hat. They did brush upon linen or cotton cloth, and by not appear to notice the hat, or probably means of hot steam congulated. The thought it was the bustle, and began to cloth is now immersed in a bath of stanmake themselves at home. I told them nic chloride, well washed, and dried. as coolly as I could that the seat was oc- Running the cloth through a roller press, cupied. They said of course it was. I the tin film is said to take metallic luster. remarked that the owner's hat was under Designs cut in stout paper, letters, numthem. They obliterated me with a bers, cte., when laid between cloth and "for Betty was very much hurt this morn sell corn to the great corn state of Iowa, frown and got up; the hat didn't get up. roller, are impressed upon it. It can ing. She said, most decidedly, that she but it's a fact. The corn is packed in Its get-up was gone. I tried to straighten also be cut in strips, corners, etc .- Sci

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DID YOU EVER. Did you ever wake to consciousness

Of bliss? When the maiden fair was willing To bestow the pleasure thrilling, In a moment's taste of heaven called

A kiss?

Did you ever urge a maiden To confess? When the coy, evasive glances Held the sweetest of romances-Every sigh and every quiver

A caress? Did you ever feel the terror Of a doubt? And the subsequent beguiling

Put the peace-disturbing traitors All to route?

When assurances of smiling

Did you ever meet an obstacle So sad? When the angel sweetly heeding

The existence of your pleading Supplemented-you had better Call on dad?

PITH AND POINT.

-Texas Siftings.

The tramp is a man of many tiesrailroad ties. - St. Paul Journal. "Would you believe it? I have had that idea in my head these six months." "How lonely it must have been!"-Tid-

Some men are so mighty penurious that they keep everything they get hold of—except the ten commandments.—

Mamma-"Frankie, are you eating those green apples again?" Frankie-"No, mamma; I'm eating some others." -Harper's Young People.

Brown-"See those two ladies over there. They seem be enjoying themselves." Fogg—"Yes; I wonder which of their dear friends they are gossiping Some Americans are about to start a

national banking system in the Hon-

duras. The venture will probably fail, owing to the great distance between Canada and the Honduras .- Life. Tobacco blindness is said to be on the increase; still we never found any friend of ours to be afflicted with it when we

have incautiously left a choice segar exposed in our vest pocket.—Siftings. "You sit on your horse like a butcher," said a pert young German officer who happened to be of royal blood to a veteran general who was somewhat bent from age. "It is highly probable," responded the old warrior with a grim smile, "It is because all my life I've been leading

A Monster Safe.

calves to the slaughter."

There is about to be erected in premises of the National Bank of Scot land, St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh the largest steel strong-room or safe ever manufactured. Its external dimensions are fifty feet long by twelve feet broad and ten feet high, and a careful computation shows that within it might be stored about 1,250 tons weight of gold bullion, equal in value to \$550,000,000. It is heavy in proportion to its size, weighing 100 tons. Its walls are believed to be thicker than those of any other steel room of similar proportion in use in the United Kingdom. With the view of insuring greater security than has hitherto been obtained, its walls are composed of a triple series of plates, similar to those which the firm have for many years used in the manufacture of bankers' safes. These plates are so toughened and hardened as to be practically impervious alike to the force of blows, leverage and cutting by drills. This "compounding of the plates," as it is termed, involved an enormous amount of drilling, no fewer than 1,000 holes being pierced in each rection. Admission to the interior of this strong room is obtained by means of three massive doors, each seven inches thick and weighing a ton and a half, but on the hardened steel pins on which they are hung they swing with the greatest of ease. Apart from the great thickness of compounded hard and mild steel plates in these doors, the principal feature they present is the patent diagonal bolt. These bolts, of which there are twenty in each door, shoot out from the edge of the door at opposing angles of forty-five degrees, and thus powerfully dovetail the door into the frame at either side. Thus any attempted

Trade Winds.

W. M. Davis has recently given in the

American Meteorological Journal an ac-

count of the derivation of the term "trade-wind." The original meaning of the word "trade" has been so far replaced by an acquired meaning that a popular error has arisen as to the derivation of the common term "trade-wind." Webster's dictionary says the trade wind is "so called because of great advantage to navigators, and hence to trade." Worces-But looking further back, the following tionary is instructive: "Trade-wind, a wind blowing in a constant direction, formed from the phrase, 'to blow ers that trade is "properly that path which we 'tread.' It once meant, literally, a 'path.' The M. E. [Middle English | words are 'tred' and 'trod,' both in the sense of foot-mark. All from the A. S. [Anglo-Saxon] 'tredan,' to tread." The following extracts show the early use of the term, two or three centuries ago, by the navigators of that time. Hakluyt wrote: "The wind blowing trade, without an inch of sail, we spooned before the sea." ("Voyages," published in 1600.) Dampier said: "Trade-winds are such as do blow constantly from one point or quarter of the compass. There are divers sorts of these winds; some blowing from cast to west, some from south to north, others from west to east, etc. Some are constant in one quarter all the year, some blow one-half the year one way and the other six months quite contrary, and others blow six months one way, and then shifting only eight or ten points, continue six months more, and then return again to their former stations, as all these shifting trade-winds