wide; And out in the midst of the stream he heard As faint as the pipe of a frightened bird, The cry of a child. He turned in a trice, And saw a babe afloat on the ice.

The stream with connecting ice was packed, But with Gray to think was at once to act. He threw off his warm great-coat to leap, Undaunted, into the icy deep, And brayely he swam, but the tide was strong, And his brawny arms were thred ere long. Three times the current bore him ashore, And he felt that he could struggle no more.

"Why should I risk my life?" besaid: "Why should I risk my children's bread?
My babes are at home, and asleen, and safe—
Shall I give my life for this wretched wait?"
But the thought made the father's heart beat

- And he said: "Once again I will brave the

And he plunged in the river once again, And manfully struggled with might and main. He reached the ice, and he saved the child, And he swam to shore through the tempest

wild;
And then he looked, in the pale moonlight,
On the little face that was cold and white,
But alive—and he fell on his knees in awe,
For the face of his youngest child he saw.
And reverently he bared his head:
"Thank Heaven! I did not fail," he said.
—N. Y. Ledger.

Origin of Familiar Phrases.

"You cannot say 'boo !' to a goose. When Ben Jonson, the dramatist, was introduced to a nobleman, the peer was so struck with his homely appearance that he exclaimed, "What I you are Ben Jonson? Why you look as if you could not say 'boo!' to a goose." "Boo!' exclaimed the witty dramatist, turning to the peer and making his bow.
"He's a peg too low," "Taking a man

down a peg," may be traced to the pegging, or marking the drinking cup, which was introduced by St. Dunstan to check the intemperate habits of the times, by preventing one man from taking a larger draught than his companions. But the device proved the means of increasing the evil it was intended to remedy; for the most abstemious were required to drink precisely to a peg or pin, whether they could soberly take such a quantity or not.

"Blue Hen" is the nickname given to the State of Delaware. The origin of the term is this: Capt. Caldwell, an officer of the First Delaware regiment in the Revolution, was very fond of game cocks, but maintained that no cock was truly game unless its mother was a "blue hen." As he was an exceedingly popular man, his regiment was called "The Blue Hen," and the term was afterward transferred to the State and its inhabitants.

There's many a slip 'Tween the cup and lip.

The ancient Greeks had the following story as to the origin of this proverb A King of Thrace had planted a vinegard, when one of his slaves, whom he had much oppressed in that very work, prophesied that he should never taste of the wine produced in it. The monarch disregarded the prediction, and when at an entertainment he held a glassful of his own wine, made from the grapes of that vineyard, he sent for the slave, and asked him what he thought of his prophecy now. To which the other replied, "Many things fall out between the cup and the lip," and scarcely had he delivered this singular response before the news was brought that a monstrous boar was laying waste the favorite vineyard. The King, in a rage, put down the cup which he held in his hand, and hurried out with his people to attack the boar, but being too eager the boar rushed upon him and killed him without his having tasted of the wine.

Yankees in Mexico.

The largest and most important real estate transaction ever made in the city of Mexico, probably, was that closed on November 22. Thomas R. Lewis, of New York, purchased for capitalists of that city a tract of land, over 5,000 lots of 25 by 100 feet each, the price being over \$500,000. The land lies to the west of the city, extending to the castle of Chapultepee, once the site of Montezuma's palace, for 300 years the residence and court of the viceroys of Spain, and lastly the military college, or West Point of Mexico. The land is admirably situated, fronting over 4,000 feet on the Paseo de la Reforma on the north, and 5,430 feet on the southern side. The slope is sufficient to give an excellent drainage, which is a matter of the utmost importance in the city of Mexico. The view is picturesque, and the climate will insure a green sward, and a magnificent growth of tropical plants. The company intend to begin by erecting an American hotel, with all modern improvements and conveniences, on the Paseo—the Broadway of the city. They will sell no unimproved lots, but will build superior residences along the Pasco to be sold on the annual payment plan. A number of Mexican gontlemen are already in negotiation for residences. The company expect to have their purchase the most fashionable part of the city in a few years, as they claim it will be the healthiest and most beautiful. Mr. Stephen D. Hatch, a noted New York architect, Col. Samuel Keefer, and T. B. Laurs are among those interested in the new company. They value their purchase at \$2,500,000.—N. Y. Star.

A Man's Body Pierced by a Pin.

Two weeks ago last Saturday night Englebert Hartmann, a watchmaker in the employ of Jeweler C. W. Freeman after having thrust a brooch-p'n into his body without experiencing any serioueffects, threw himself in front of a moving locomotive in the yard of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Company. He was rescued and taken to hospital. He told the hospital physicians that he had attempted to kill himself by forcing a large brough p n into his body just be ow the heart. The pin was probed for, but could not be found. On Saturday, Dr. Conned, the attending physician, while examining Hartmann, came to the conclusion that the pin had worked i self through the man's body to the back. He made a small incision and removed the pin. It was five inches in length, and Hartmann said that he made it himself. It went in but a little distance be'ov the point of the heart, and came out of the back directly opposite. Hartmann is gett ng along nicely, and appears to have no particular desire to take his own

life. - Scranton (Pa.) Republican. -The chemicals used in bleaching both raw and manu acture I textile fiber are bydrocholoric acid, and bromine in some of its compounds. Caustic soda and sulphuric acid are also used during the process, but it is too complicated and difficult for a novice in such matters to undertake with any reasonable prospect of success. Better use chlorine as you have been taught .- N. Y. Tribune.

.... What becomes of our bodies?" asks a so t-eyed scientist, and we answer n stentorian tones that they get inside of a red flannel undershirt as the inside of a red flannel undershirt as the maple turns to crimson and the sassafras father arrived all hope had passed. to gold .- Laramie Boom rang.

A Leper. Salem is in consternation over a case

of leprosy. The victim is Charles Derby,

who contracted the disease in the Haw-

alian Islands. Excluded from the country, he went to San Francisco and finally to Salem. His first knowledge of the fact that he was a leper came with the discovery of a blotch of perhaps the size of a ten cent piece on his left temple. Slowly, but surely, has his case grown worse, until now there is a large scale on either side of the nose, which organ is much enlarged by the disease, while the ears are swollen, one foot is badly infected about the toes, and one hand has been attacked. Small tubercles appear on different parts of the face. In rubbing his hands together as one would do in washing a perfect shower of white particles falls to the floor. His voice is hoarse and his throat sore. One eye is in a frightful condition, and the other, from which the vision has not entirely fled, is fast following the course of its companion. And yet he suffers no pain. The numbness characteristic of leprosy holds perfectly in his case as in every other. Thrust a pin, a needle or a sharp knife into his hands, feet or face and he feels it not. Even his eyes cause him no inconvenience, save the horrible thought constantly in his mind that the light of day will to him very soon be shut out forever. He eats all kinds of food with a relish,

sleeps soundly and well, moves about with comparitively little inconvenience, and bathes, and to some extent takes care of his diseased limbs without outside help. Great care is used by his attendant to see that none of the utensials or clothing used by the leper are handled by other persons, as inoculation might occur, in which case the party or parties so inoculated would inevitably become victims of the frightful disease. Aside from methods such as these, there s thought by authorities on the subject o be no danger of a communication of the disease from one person to another. In fact, at Honolulu, where the sentences of banishment are so surely and so impartially carried out, there seems to be no hesitation on the part of any person to converse with a leper, as long as care is taken not to come in contact with the person of the unfortunate. Banishment becomes necessary from the fact that whatever the leper uses or handles is liable to convey the contagion through an abrasion of the skin or otherwise to the next party handling the article. Consequently if it is dec ded to keep this Salem leper in that city, a person will be engaged for the special purpose of taking care of Derby, and of everything that he uses. Perhaps an effort will be made, however, to secure his admission to a colony of lepers in New Brunswick, where he could receive better attention than anywhere else.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

I uma Hunters.

The Tigreros are ugly, squat Indians,

with big I eads, small grave eyes, and

a stupid type of mouth. The all came from Nicaraguan territory, for there are no Indians in Costa Rica, saving the wild tribes of Guatuso and Talamancaso, at least, we were assured. The latter, I fancy, are known well enough. It is not dangerous for a peddler to visit them, and those anxious to learn their appearance and their manners will find published material—that is to say, I think so, for our travels never led us near their country, and, personally, I know nothing. The Guatusos or Pranzos are much more savage, and no man living in that day. I can not tell how it be now, could give serious in formation regarding them. A couple of spears, one long and one shorter, made the equipment of the Tigrero. Their dogs—big slouching, light-colored animals—were evidently related to the all unless taught by others. But they learn at once, thus differing from the thoroughbred coyote, which can only howl and whimper in the first generation of domesticity, and seldom succeeds in learning a true bark until t! e third. We asked why a dol ar was granted for a slain puma, and but halt dollar for a jaguar, seeing that the atter animal is much more dangerous and destructive. It appears that in the fashion of hunting to which these Indians obstinately adhere, thosless terrible beast causes the greater loss of life. Pigreros go in couples, the head man in advance with his two spears, the subordinate following with his machete or chopping-knife. The jaguar is easily tracked, a d he does not go far when roused. So soon as it is thoroughly conveyed to his mind that these intruders wish to see him personally, he turns mon entafterward he comes trotting up.
The foremost Indian kneels, ho'din: a creature turned his sightle side. The jaguar does not pause, but thrown entirely on his own resources,

Born Grown Up.

throat.—Belgravia.

A Paris correspondent of the Newark Advertiser writes : In this precious age children are born grown up. Little girls are dressed like their elders, and before they reach their teens are found snatching a fearful joy in stolen readings of three-volume novels. Boys have heretofore been kept youthful so far as dress is concerned, and only when called upon to do duty as pages at a fashionable wedding and attend a bride to the altar have they gone in for unusal dress. But in Paris simplicity goes for very little, and the more artificial life can be made the better. Little boys of six or nine years old are now attired as court valets, and do pretty manners in the mothers' salons. The dress is a coat of dark cashmere or cloth, dark blue or chocolate colored. It is square cut behind, fitting very closely into the back, round collar and small facings, and very high in the neck and buttoned with cut steel or silver buttons. From the waist the coat opens, slanting off so as to show a long satin waistcoat, with deep flaps and pockets. Knee breeches and silk stockngs and shoes with silver buckles, on full dress occasions, complete the dress, All that is wanted is a powdered wig to make little boys look as if they were the whosts of serving men of Louise Seize.

-A child named Gannon, living in Wilkesbarre, Pa., was choked to death by swallowing a piece of slate pencil. The child's life might have been saved, but its mother would not consent to have the child's throat cut open with a view to extracting the pencil, before the arrival of the father, who had been sent

Pittsburgh Post.

The Modified Instincts of a Blind Cat.

The family favorite whose misfortunes have affored an opportunity to observe the workings of instinct under difficulties is a noble specimen of the genus "Dido" is his name-given for Felis. simple euphony, without regard to gender. During the four years of his life he has never been known to do anything wrong, unless it be to fight most desperately against all feline intruders. In some one of his many encounters, Dido met with an injury in one of his feet that made a surgical operation necessary, from which he recovered, but shortly afterward went totally blind. A cataract was formed over each eye, by which, as repeated experiments proved, vision was thoroughly obscured.
This calamity came on suddenly, and

piaced the cat in circumstances not provided for by the ordinary gifts of instinct. What to do with himself was plainly a problem hard to be solved. He would sit and mew most piteously, as if bemoaning his condition; and when he attempted to move about, he met with all the mishaps that the reader will be likely to imagine. He ran against walls, fell down stairs, stumbled over sticks, and when once on the top rail of the fence he would traverse its entire length seeking in vain for a safe jumping off place. On being called, he would run about bewildered, as if not knowing whence the voice came nor whither he should go to find the one calling. In short, Dido's life seemed hardly worth living, and we were seriously plotting his death, when the cat himself clearly concluded that he must make his other senses atone for the loss of sight.

It was very curious to watch his experiments. One of the first of these was concerning the art of going down stairs. Instead of pawing the air, as he had been doing on reaching the top stop, he went to one side till he felt the banisters touch his whiskers, and then, guided thus, he would descend safely and at full speed, turning into the hall on gaining the last step. One by one he made each familiar path a study, determined the exact location of each door, explored anew all his own haunts, and seemed bravely resolved to begin life over again. The result was so unexpectedly successful that we were deceived into the notion that sight had been restored. But by placing any ob-stacle in the path, and then calling him eagerly to his customary feeding place, it was evident that he was entirely blind, for he would run with full force against the box or other obstruction, and then, for time afterward, he would

proceed with renewed caution. Dido's "voice is still for war," and his blindness does not make him any less successful in his duels with intruders. He even goes abroad in quest of adventures, and comes safely home

His value as a mouser does not seem to be in the least diminished. One of my experiments as to his capacity in this direction came near costing me dear. I had heard the gnawing of a rat in an old closet where there lay a quantity of newspapers. Here it was decided to leave Dido over night, and while arranging the papers for the purpose, my hand was suddenly caught by the claws and teeth of what at the moment seemed like a small tiger. Poor Dido! He really looked ashamed of his blunder in mistaking my hand for his anticipated victim. Fortunately the papers served as a shield, or the injury inflicted might have been more serious. I may add that, on opening the closet the next morning, there was Dido mounting guard over a slain rat as big as ever spoiled good provisions or tried a housekeeper's temper.

It is well known that the house-cat will find its way back from distant places to which it has been carried blindfolded; coyote. Dangerous rather than savage not prone to bark, they perform the role of house dogs badly. The Don assured that the animal takes note of the suction of the way, and how it performs such feats naturalists have never satisfactorily explained. The theory accepted by some of them is that these leave as distinct a series of images as those we should receive by the sense of sight, and that, by taking them in the inverse order from that in which they were received, he traces his

homeward route. But, in the eat now described, the sense of smell is by no means acute, as has been proved by a variety of methods; and, moreover, although, as one might say, perpetually blindfolded, he quite uniformly chooses the shortest road home, without reference to the path he may have taken on leaving the house. Curious to see how far this homing instinct would extend, I took advantage of a fall of snow that wranped under its mantle every familiar object, concealed all the paths, and deadaned every odor and sound. Taking Dido to a considerable distance from the with a roar that always gives sufficient house, and making a number of turns to warning to such practiced shikaris. A bewilder him, I tossed him upon a drift creature turned his sightless orbs this spear in either hand, the long one furth. way and that, and mewed piteously for est out his companion stands at the help. Finding, at length, that he was gathering himself up cleaves the air in he stood motionless for about one mina mighty bound, his fore legs wide ute, and then, to my amazement, made asunder, and claws hooked to rend. his way directly through the untrodden Very seldom does it happen that the snow to the house door-which, it is long spear fails to transfix his unpro- needless to add, was promptly opened tected chest or the shorter one his for the shivering martyr to scientific in-throat.—Belgravia. forthwith offered in a brimming bowl of new milk.

My conclusion, therefore, is that Wallace's ingenius theory of accounting for orientation by what he calls "brain gistration," will not explain what has een described; but that the mysterious registration," homing faculty is probably independent of such methods of gaining knowledge as have been ordinarily observed, and is analogous to the migratory instinct con-trolling the long flights of some species of birds .- H. C. Hovey, in Scientific American.

-- A cash boy in one of the largest dry goods stores in Chicago was suspected of having stolen a ten dollar bill, but vigorously denied the charge. The money was nowhere to be found, but as the boy was the only instrumentality by which it could disappear, he was detained in custody in the office until he should confess. He was obstinate for a long time, but finally burst into tears and acknowledged that he had taken the bill. "What have you done with it?" asked the head of the house. "Please, sir, I chawed it," answered the boy. And sure enough the little fellow, fearing detection, as soon as he was suspected had chewed the bill and swallowed it .-Chicago News.

The report of the New York Bure in of V tal Statistics shows that during the year 1882 there were 37,826 deaths, 21, 321 births and 11,085 marriages in New York City, as against in 1881, 28,624 deaths, 26,130 births, and 10,079 marriages, and in 1880, 25,342 deaths, birth; 25,578, and marriages 8,446.

-Gov. Stanford's residence in San Francisco is offered for sale at \$1,000,-000. Any newspaper reporter who excellent opportunity.

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

-Farmers clubs are a new institution in the South. One recently organized at Des Arc, Ark., has one thousand members, and invites merchants to bid for their individual trade.

-Graham Cake: One teacupful of sour cream, one cup of sugar, two eggs well beaten, two cups of graham flour, one teaspoonful of soda. Bake an hour. This is a wholesome and very good cake. - Chicago Journal.

-The Country Gentleman has the following suggestion: To keep warm when riding in the cold, put a common kerosene lantern under the lap robe, and if the robe is well tucked around, the feet and limbs will be as warm as when sitting by a stove.

-Rice Pie: For a rice pie boil onehalf of a cup of rice until tender, and then add milk enough to make a thin batter, the yelk of four eggs; and four tablespoonfuls of sugar; bake until browned nicely with one crust, and spread over the top a frosting made of the whites of four eggs, six tablespoon-fuls of sugar, and enough lemon to flavor, and place in the oven for about five minutes. - Cincinnati Times.

-Grape vines can be grafted, although grafting has not been much practiced in this country. Various methods of grafting have been recommended, but the following is, probably, as good as any: "The old vine should be cut off below the ground early in the spring and be-fore the sap has started, and cleft in the same manner as an apple or pear stock. The cutting is prepared and inserted in the manner usual with other grafts. The stock is bound up and the earth replaced. The cutting should have one eye left above the ground .- Empire State Agriculturist.

-There are a great many times when glue-pot in the house is a "wellspring of pleasure," and is an economcal investment, especially when of the kind here described: Buy at a tin-shop one small tin cup, costing five cents, and a larger one, costing about ten, in which the smaller can be set; five or six cents worth of glue will mend a great many broken articles, or will fasten things that have become unglued. Put the glue in the small cup with a little water; put boiling water in the larger one and set the glue-cup in it; in a few minutes the glue will melt and be ready for use. - N. Y. Post.

A Serious Jest.

During the past winter three citizens of the Bohemian town of Neustadt met every night for social purposes in the public room of the best inn. The riends were the Judge of the District, Court, Franz Rychilk, Kapelmeister Bauer, and a merchant named Kohn. Ine evening in merry humor they swore common oath to remain united in death as well as in life, and each member of the guild pledged himself that if one of the brotherhood died he would follow him into the invisible world within the space of fourteen days at the longest. The landlord, who took the oath as a mere joke, wished to make a fourth in the league, which was granted. As all the men were under middle age and in sound health, they felt secure that the first death was a long way off. About six weeks ago, however, the District Judge, Rychilk, died in his sleep from the poisonous fumes of a defective stove in his bed-room. The three survivors were deeply grieved, but none of them regarded the oath made under the influence of wine as anything more serious than an evening's passing jest. Twelve days later, however, the merchant, Kohn, was seized with inflammation of the lungs, from a neglected cold, and in two days he was dead. A horror laid hold upon the two survivors, and the kapelmeister, Rauer, took to his bed, lay ill for several days, and died on the tenth day. At last accounts the landlord was still in good health, though terribly oppressed by the fear of sudden death. - North German Gazette.

The First Mormon Marriage.

The first "celestia! marriage" occurred by stealth, on the banks of the Mississippi, near Nauvoo, Ili. Joseph Smith "sealed" to James Noble a second wife. Noble's first wife soon died of broken heart, and the recond wife went insane and also died. When Smith married Noble, the latter also married Smith to a second wife. The first Mrs. Smith clung to the prophet until a mob killed him, and then rusrried a Gentile, and at last accounts was still living at Nauvoo. In defiance of polygamy the examples of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, David and Solomon are cited. In corroboration of the "Book of Mormon" we are pointed to the burned cities of Palenvue and Uxmal, in Central America: to the mounds in the Mississippi valley, and to other wellknown vestiges of a prehistoric race. When a good Mormon dies who "has lived up to his religion," and has had a dozen or two wives and fifty or sixty children, he does not be-come a mere angel, like an ordianary Christian-he becomes a god, with a world of his own to reign over. A Morman wife who opposes the polygamous marriage of her husband goes to hell and is "destroyed." A Mormon who obeys the mandates of the church in most respects, but neglects to "go into polygamy," becomes a mere angel, who must be a kind of celestial servant polygamy," to the gods and other angels. His wife must share the same humiliating fate. The doctrine of "blood atonement" is simply this: If an apostate's throat is cut, the spilling of his blood upon the ground will save his soul. If he is left o die a natural death his soul will go to hell. A great many apostate souls have been saved in Utah. This, in substance,

is the Mormon religion.

Odd Names Among the Coal Miners. A new arrival at Ellangowan Colliery flourishes under the name of Paul Whygo. The Christian name has a Polish look, but an unmistakably English sound. Another working at the same place is named Peter Mosquito, and as he is the father of quite a large family there is no lack of Mosquitos there, even n winter. "Cabbage" is a favorite affix. There is Matthew Morecabbage, for in stance, and Simon Dabelcabbage, Stony Ballcabbage, and Peter Yesyoncabbage. Igo is quite a common name in the region, but Whygo is seldom met with. Among the other odd names might be mentioned Luci Cusecabbage, Varoust STEAM GAUGES, ENGINE GOVERNORS, Mehigh, Auberry Yrmush, Youmamick Augrew, Mycate Pownt, Phelix Cowt couski, John Crowbait, Emmanuel Nitchikoski, Chas, Cheek. Ed. Bytheway also works at the Ellengowan, and sc does Patrick Brotherboom, Bill Over-coat lives at Mount Carmel, When he signs his name he signs it Overcoat Bill. He has never disclosed his reason for so doing, and so far as known has not attempted to have the idea patented .-Allentown (Pa.) Register.

To remove wheel grease from woolen material without injuring the color of the fabric, use good benzine.

THE quickest and best way to boil milk is to put it into a tin dish and set that wants a nice home will find this to be an into a kettle of boiling water. Thus scorching is avoided.

Forgot Herself.

Aunt Nancy Ellis started the other day to make a visit to her married daughter who lives in Pontiac. As her son's wife was busy with her household duties, the old lady insisted on going alone to the depot.
"La, sakes," she said, "I rid once

from York State to Ohio, and was six weeks on the road; 'taint nothin' to just go deown to the keers and git aboard where everybody else does. I've a hull lot of things to look after and they'll keep me from bein' lonesome while I'm waitin'.

So the old lady went down in the street cars, got out at the depot, asked the "p'liceman" to buy her ticket, got it all right, and when the car was ready was the first one to present herself at the door. She went in and piled her things into a seat and then went out and asked some one to "p'int out the conductor."

"Here's my ticket," she said, pulling the bit of pasteboard out of a brown mitten, "and my things are set up in the seat-there's a canary bird for my grandson and a bundle of flannel things for the baby, and a lamp bracket for Hannah, and a rockin'-horse for Sammy, and my 'tother gown for company, and my best bunnit and -"

"All aboard!" yelled the conductor, and the old lady felt hurt at his rudeness-it wasn't the fashion to interrupt folks that way when she was young, she hought.

Her son had gone home to his supper and was asking his wife if mother got off all right when the door opened and the old lady walked in. "Why, mother, what's happened?"

they both inquired simultaneously.
"There aint nothin' happened! evrything went off fust-rate. I sot the things in a seat and guv the conductor the eard for 'em-he was kind of rude, but laws, folks don't have raal good manners enny more—and I can't see that there's anything left, and yet sure to certain I feel like I'd forgotten sum-

"Why, you didn't go yourself, mother," said her son; "that's what it is."
"I awful sakes, Jeems, you're right! felt in my bones there was sumthin as I had forgot. I never wuz one to think of myself-an' I meant to go along all the hull time, and forgot myself; it can't be my mem'ry's failin' as late in life ez

Her son assured her that it was all the conductor's fault, and the next day he saw her sa'ely off, not giving her a chance to forget herself again. - Detroit Free Press.

THE Frederickston (New Brunewick, Can.) Reporter says: "Nobody can but admire the persistent enterprise manifested by the owners of St. Jacobs Oil in keeping the name before the public. received a big 'send-off' in the House the other day by the Hon. Mr. Perley, who warned his colleagues in the Gov-ernment of the danger of Bear Killers receiving two bounties for one nose; the judicious use of the Oil causing rapid growth.

-- During the last fiscal year nearly 0,000,000 bushels of potatoes paid duty at the various United States ports. They were valued at \$4,500,000, and the duty on them at \$1,118,476. All but about 1,000,000 bushels of these potatoes came from the Bermudas, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Few of those shipped from Eu ope were fit for use on arrival here. - Chicago Tribune. Ladies & children's boots & shoes can't run over if Lyon's Pat. Heel S.iffeners are used

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