#### Bumorous Department.

PROOF OF SKILL.-Frank Miles Day, the well-known architect and essay ist of Philadelphia, stepped carefully from a Persian rug of dull green and old rose to another of rich blue, for the polished floor between was dark and smooth and slippery, like ice. "Rather a good polish there, think," said Mr. Day's host, a resident of Ritterhouse square.

"Remarkably good, indeed," said Mr. Day.

laugh, went on: "A friend of mine has beautiful

floor polisher. "'I want these floors polished,' he

said to the man, as he led him about the house. 'They are, you perceive, you are capable of doing them justice? Give me some proof of your thorough competence.'

"That's easily done, sir,' the polisher replied. 'You just go and ask Colonel Snow, next door but one, about my work. He'll tell ye. Why, governor, on the polished floor of Colonel Snow's dining room alone five persons got broken limbs last winter, while the ladies slipped down the grand staircase during the Easter week ball and one dislocated her hip, while the other fractured three ribs. You ask Colonel Snow, sir. I polished that floor and that there staircase of his'n.' "-Philadelphia Bulletin.

No BRIBERY.-An amusing episode in politics is vouched for by a minister of religion as having occurred near Gillingham, England. A lady canvasser for one of the local candidates called at a house, found that the voter was think he will vote for my candidate, do you not?"

"Indeed he won't," replied the woman. "He has been promised a new pair of trousers if he votes for the other man." The lady canvasser scented a peti-

tion for bribery, produced a sovereign Mary Lindsay, Mary White and Lizzie and said, "I will give you this if you Banks of Halsellville. will tell me who made your husband that promise."

"Certainly I will," said the voter's wife as she pocketed the money. promised him them myself."

DECLINED HER OWN MEDICINE. There is always more or less talk current about abolishing positions cording to the Youth's Companion, is to know just where to begin the tried at the captain's residence on destructive reconstruction, and to find reformers who are willing themselves to be reformed.

An English great lady was once strong liberal, and one evening in-

how will you like that Mrs. P?" "Lady P. if you please, sir," instantly corrected Broadhurst's hostess, drawing herself up haughtily.

GRATEFUL FOR THE SUCCOR .- Mayor Kirkendall of Wilkesbarre, told at a reception a story about a young Wilkesbarre clergyman.

"He was married a year ago," the mayor said, "and his wife, a good girl, interested him in a charity for miners' orphans. He advocated this charity often from the pulpit, and when a subscription reached him he would

"It happened that last June there came to this minister on the same day a subscription for \$25 and a young

"A good deal of laughter was excited the following Sunday, when, rising in the pulpit, the minister said that he felt very grateful for the small succor that had arrived during Baptist church. The funeral was conthe past week."

CHICKENS.—There is a noon. BUYING shrewd old fellow in Connecticut, the proprietor of a summer boarding house, who never gets the worst of it. One morning he took a new servant with him to Greenwich to teach the servitor the tricks of judicious buying. The question of chickens arose. Said the old chap: "How many have you

this morning?" "About a dozen," replied the store-

keeper. "Well," said the proprietor of the summer boarding house: "My boarders is the biggest eaters you ever seen Pick out nine of the toughest you've got."

The storekeeper complied, laying aside the three tender fowls. Whereupon the old chap gathered them into his basket, observing: "Guess I'll take these three.'

AN INFERENTIAL RETORT.—Oscar S. Strauss, formerly minister to Turkey, tells this story of a Boston

rabbi. One day in a crowded street car the rabbi arose to give his seat to a woman who had just entered. Much to the rabbi's disgust, a young man scrambled into the seat before the lady could avail herself of it. For some moments the rabbi glared at the offender in a way that clearly

glance, said: "Wot are you staring at me for Look as if you'd like to eat me!" "I am forbidden to do that," quietly responded the rabbi; "I am a

Jew!

So THEY ARE .- "Here! here! this won't do," said the city editor to the green reporter. "Here you say 'many

people thinks.' Don't you know any better than that?

"Why." asked the inexperienced fellow who had taken the job on his nerve, "ain't that all right?"

"Certainly not. A plural substantial cannot take a singular verb." "Well, but-er-many people are

singular, you know.' Suspicious.-Mrs. Hiram Offenby Mrs. Swellman, and she claims she voice: "We blind people get selfish,

left of her own accord, but I suspect she was discharged. Mrs. Ascum-What makes you

think that?

she's been with me. Mrs. Ascum-What were they? Mrs. Hiram Offen-Dishes.

#### Miscellaneous Reading.

IN COUNTIES ADJOINING.

News and Comment Clipped From Neighboring Exchanges. CHESTER. Lantern, September 11: Mrs. L. T. Nichols, Mrs. Joseph Lindsay and her guests, Mrs. Howze and Miss Richardson of Florida, returned yesterday from a few days' visit to Lenoir and Edgemont, N. C......Mrs. J. K. Stevenson died last Sabbath and was buried at The host just then slipped and New Hope yesterday. She was pernearly fell, and the architect, with a haps about sixty years old, and leaves

a husband and three children . . . Miss Hettie Gibson has returned from a floors, and the other day sent for a three weeks' visit to relatives in Rock Hill and Yorkville.....Mrs. J. F. Baber of Gastonia, spent a few hours here this morning on her way to Yorkville on her return home......Rev. E. K. lustrous as rosewood. Do you think Hardin of Clover, was in the city Satfrom a visit to his uncle, Mr. P. L. Hardin at Bascomville...Mrs. Nettie with Dr. S. G. Miller's family ..... A telegram brought the sad news to Mr. H. T. Carter that his son Charles was killed in Tennessee Saturday. He was

left for Clemson college yesterday and today: Messrs. Will Latimer, John and Campbell Spratt, Allen McCaulay, Will Rosborough of Chester; Joe Wylie, Roy Miller, R. F. D. No. 1; J. H. Wilson, Ralph Lowry, Lowryville; Chas. Wooten, Smith's Turnout; Harper Sanders, Lusk Marion, S. Jordan, Marvin Roddey, Millen Simpson, Richburg; out and inquired of the wife, "You Alex Craig, Addison McKeown, Blackstock. To Erskine, Misses Eugenia Walker, Nellie Bigham, Hamilton Henry; Messrs. James Moffatt, Harold White; Ellie Simpson, Edgmoor; Jimmie McKeown, Cornwell; and Lewis White, Blackstock. To Due West Female college, Misses Julia Moffatt,

GASTON. Gastonia Gazette, September 11: Dr. J. C. Galloway is in Due West where he went to attend a meeting last night of a committee of the synod and of Erskine Theological seminary to consider a course of study for the seminary....Capt. W. I. Stowe, Gastonia popular magistrate, had an important and dispersing pelf. The trouble ac- case before him Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The case in question was

West Main street. The defendants were Mr. Culbert L. Lytton, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Lytton and Miss Hettie Sherrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. entertaining the labor member of E. Sherrill, both east of Gastonia. parliament, Henry Broadhurst, the There were several important witnessduke of Argyll and others at her es present, and after hearing all the country seat. She was and is a evidence in the case, the clever captain released the prisoners under a bond of veighed against the house of lords. holy wedlock.....Alarming symptoms farmer. While we have seen in-It would be swept away if it did not in the condition of Mr. J. R. Fayssoux Saturday morning caused his imme-"Yes," agreed Broadhurst, "and diate family and relatives to be summoned to his bedside. Two of his assailants, Brank and Inman, who were under bond were apprehended and sent to jail to await the issues of the

wounded man's condition. Yesterday some of the alarming symptoms had passed away, and while the patient was that his condition was no worse. was discovered a day or two ago by his physicians that his body was terribly beaten and bruised as if by cudgels or kicks .... Last Friday night shortly after retiring Mrs. William Holland awoke in profuse perspiration. She called her husband's attention to it, but did not appear to be suffering. She acknowledge it the next Sunday in drew one or two long breaths and was still. Mr. Holland arose and found that she was dead. A husband and four

children are left to mourn her death. The children are Mrs. Valley Peters of Gastonia and Messrs. J. M., A. R. and sels that have a fondness for poultry stories of self-sacrifice and barbarity. L. A. Holland of Dallas, with all of whom their friends sympathize deeply. Mrs. Holland was fifty-seven years of age and was a member of the Dallas

ducted by her pastor, Rev. J. L. Vipperman at 5 o'clock Saturday after-

It Was Between Two Men, and the fascination takes possession of all Greek church he would be safe in is large, varied and well selected Climax Was Pathetic out Washington avenue, using his ed down from generation to genera- fore, I say he is spiritualistic or RIGHT PRICES. A blind man was making his way cane as a guide for his feet. Across his chest was a placard bearing the legend, "I am blind," and suspended by a chain around his neck was gold, for which men daily sell their lives and oftentimes their souls. a small tin cup, a convenient recep-

tacle for charity coins. It was broad daylight and he that he felt very little fear of ac- bad, the distance from one to the erty, scourged and murdered, has been knew that stretch of walk so well cident. He was about the middle other, the passable and the impassaof the block, so he did not have to ble canons, the location of old Indian look out for the step down from the villages, etc. In order to read the pavement to the cross street. There signs correctly, one must be familiar are never many pedestrians out that with their ways and customs, and far on Washington avenue, and no even then it has become difficult on

A COLLISION.

He was striding bravely along and human agencies. when, to his utter astonishment, he collided with a rapidly moving ob-

blind man.

showed his displeasure; but he said the story. nothing. Finally the rude young "Havn't you got any sense?" man, growing restive under the keen the enraged man cried. you'd better pick up my hat, you awkward lubbard!'

"I can't," the disconcerted fellow replied. "I think it was your own fault. You ought to look where you are going."

"How can I look where I am going? Can't you see that I am blind? It is you who ought to look where you are going and not go bumping to hide behind when lying in wait into a blind man."

"What's that? You blind? which way it rolled." The other man was staring blank- his brain.

ly at him. Then he groped his way forward, and fell upon the other blind you as I did.

By this time the witness to the cup and hurried on, saddened but lite. Another legend is of an Indian who, in spite of Burnham's signs, stugrateful for the priceless gift of sight. who went into Cerro Gordo with a pidly called him by name. A special ril, deceased. -St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE SAINTLY FOX. Finds a Friend at Last Who Brushes

TIE

Up His Reputation.

killed a domestic fowl or ruffed was the same as Breyfogle's. that are roaming about our fields. One evening, years ago, while driving in the town of Highgate, near the

Canada line, as I approached a farmhouse I saw down in the pasture some three hundred yards away a group of horses standing with their heads together and heels out, and stopped and faced the horses which of a nation, and not its exodus. immediately whirled with their heads

course, bolted for the woods. laid it to the weasels. His barn and outbuildings were overrun with rats, formly successful in business?" Osand a couple of weasels had come in car Solomon Strauss, twice American through the head. One morning he not molest the poultry.

pay for the damage done every month spirited man. He spends much and

grasshoppers, crickets, wire-worms, to bugs. But for all this, let him be caught in a potato field, he is surely offered. dogged or stoned to death, and perhaps by the very farmer he is benot certainly improved, it was hoped hired man's wages to destroy the very of York, where, not being strong bugs that the skunk would have eaten if left alone.

We are living and learning, though amed animals

o there may be a few foxes and weahave never come under my personal ticular case appears to have been on observation.-Forest and Stream.

MYSTERIES OF DEATH VALLEY.

Dangers-Legends of Finds. lying cause of the great interest taken would have sold out long ago and General Merchandise

in Death Valley, yet a mysterious bought peace. If he would join the who have once braved the dangers. Russia. Rather than do that he will We are able to supply almost any-numberless legends have been hand- walk into the jaws of hell. Theretion of strange happenings almost idealistic rather than practical or beyond human explanation, yet at material. the bottom of all runs the streak of

Old Indian trails and signs still point the way from spring to spring telling whether the water is good or one is going to run ruthlessly into a account of changes that are con- to Mr. Strauss by James B. Morrow, stantly taking place through natural who tells the story, "the signs in In Every

The trails are of different periods, some being much later than others. The object was a man, who At intervals beside the trails are grew very angry, for the impact had monuments of stone, with a pointed dislodged his hat. It had also rock showing the direction to take. served to hurl the blind man back- Two rocks pointing in opposite diward, so that he must have fallen rections indicate that it is impassahad it not been for the man who ble. The location of metat stones sprang to the rescue and who tells are also significant. A metat stone is a flat stone, hollowed in the center, used for grinding acorns for flour "Now, and will be found not more than a half day's journey of water. Many

springs known to the Indians are not Endeavoring to find a pass through the mountains on a recent trip, a party followed the Indian trail and signs and were led a course which passed three springs and some old breastworks which Indians had used for mountain sheep. One of the first I gold excitements was back in the was Lord Roberts' chief of scouts, didn't know. I couldn't tell, you 50s, when Breyfogle found fine free was one of the most interesting figsee. I am blind too. I'm sorry I gold, but was unable to return to the ures in the South African war. Some

that the Brefogle find was between war correspondent, relates one of My new cook was formerly employed man's neck and said in a broken Willow Springs and the original Bull- them in his book, "With 'Bobs' and frog. Charlie Nyman thinks it is be- Kruger." expecting all the world to get out tween Keane Springs, Willow Springs of our way. I didn't mean to talk to and Death Valley, while one of Breyfogle's party described Hole-in-Rock. camp, hoping to get information by give notice that on WEDNESDAY, The wind breaks supposed to have and then escape. He concealhink that?

By this time the witness to the The wind breaks supposed to have and then escape. He conceal-plication to said court for a complete discharge from further liability on ac-Mrs. Hiram Offen—O! because of the tragedy had proceed a coin into each about eighteen miles south of Rhyo-another prisoner, a British officer, count of said estate.

MARY. A. SIMRIL.

for \$8. The white man tried to get him to tell where he found it, but the Indian was wise and kept its location to himself. He was acci-I have hunted foxes for nearly dentally killed a short time after three score years, and I have yet to while hunting sheep, and the secret see where they have ever caught or died with him. Some think this find

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grouse or young lamb, though I have The valley itself is about all that n the winter often seen where they it has been painted. At times a man have tried to catch grouse that were or beast would mire out of sight, roosting under the snow, but never and at other times the shifting sands saw where they had succeeded in would almost bury him alive. Yet catching one. I have very often seen men live there year after year withwhere they have caught our common out feeling that they are incurring northern hare, and only once have I any unusual amount of danger. They ever seen them in the vicinity of the know where they may and may not numerous flocks of geese and turkeys go, and how to prepare for emergencies.-Phyolite Herald.

SUCCESS OF THE HEBREWS.

They Are a Great Race and Alway

Make Headway. Is America to become the New Jeru salem? The names written over the nearby was a flock of geese and gos- doors and windows on State street. lings waddling up toward the house. Chicago, and Broadway, New York-Very soon the horses broke ranks, the bankers in Wall street, the capital Roddey Miller and three children of and with heads down, started along in railroads, theatres and newspapers, Micanopy, Fla., came down from Rock toward the geese, and I then saw that the human cloud that hangs over the Hill yesterday to spend a few days they were following a fox. The fox Ghetto-land are signs of the advanced

If all the Jews in this country were together with heels out as though to assembled in a single community, they repel the attack of an enemy. The would make a city larger than Bos-

road. The fox heard me, and of more Jews than there are in Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Now regarding weasels. They may Spain and Switzerland put together. kill chickens, but if so, I have never They worship under the laws of had positive proof of it. A friend Moses in thirty-seven synagogues. who was raising chickens was losing Every fifth person in all that region a chicken or two every day, and he belongs to the family of Abraham. Asked "Why are the Jews so uni-

among them; one of the weasels he minister to Turkey and a well known found in the yard killed, bitten Jewish lawyer and merchant, said: "When I lived in Georgia my fathsaw a large cat jump out from the er sent me to the Baptist Sunday yard with a chicken in its mouth. school-there was no other in Tal-He shot the cat and lost no more bottom. He said he would rather chickens, and the remaining weasel have me among the Baptists than soon cleaned out the rats and is evi-dently now living on mice, as it does tion at all. Hence, I think I can

look upon the Jews objectively and A near neighbor of his was also not wholly within the purview of the troubled with rats about his barn. A race. The success of the Jews as mink came in and cleaned them out, traders and men of business and and last fall the farmer foolishly shot men of wealth has been overdrawn. the mink for its pelt. Before spring John D. Rockefeller or Andrew Carthe rats were back again as thick as negie is worth more than all the ever. He now wishes that he had let Jews in America lumped together. the mink remain, as the price that he The Jew, no matter what the opinio received for the mink skin does not of the world may be, is a broadtherefore, his wealth is exaggerated.

"First of all he is said, to be cinity will admit that it is only dur- trader, but other races slur over the ing the years that foxes and weasels fact that he hasn't been free to are scarce that their fields and or- choose his occupation. Europe drove chards are overrun with mice, and the damage the mice do amounts to lical crafts were shut to him. My calipash would come to quite \$50 a far more than the value of the poul- family, I have said, were farmers. try on their farms. Again, take the There is a region in Russia where nuch-maligned skunk; he can be the Jews are industrious and skilled classed among the friends of the agriculturists. Persecuted as they stances of his taking eggs and even of gaining a living, legislated against oultry, his principal diet is grubs, and robbed of what they had, the and when near a potato field, pota- selves to circumstances and to accept such narrow opportunities as were

"The Jew is said to have what is known as the commercial instinct. friending. The same farmer will pay Hume tells us that under Richard I out dollars for paris green and in 500 Jews sought safety in the castle enough for defense, they killed their wives and children, threw the bodies over the walls into the mob below ome of us learn slowly, that it is and, setting fire to the castle, were hard for us to get over early preju- themselves burned alive. The gendices. Nevertheless, we may expect try, owing money to the Jews, hasat no very distant date to see laws tened to the cathedral, where their made and enforced to protect the bonds or promissory notes were kept farmers' friends, each of the above and made a bonfire before the altar 'The compiler of the Annals of Wa-Among the large number of dogs verly, in relating this event,' Hume that are in the country there is an says, 'blesses the Almighty for thus occasional one that will kill sheep, delivering over this impious race to destruction.' History blazes with such and young lambs. Though, if so, they The commercial instinct in this par-

the other side. "Instead of the Jew being a natman alive. He has been pounded by J. S. WILKERSON & CO. ural barterer he is the most spiritual Fascination For Those Who Brave Its the ages, robbed and massacred, but he yields neither his tradition nor his While gold seems to be the under- ideals. Had he been materialistic he

> "Were I to choose a family that would live, I would have to endure hardships and persecutions. Were I to choose one to die, I would give it pleasure and luxury. The Jew, denied his civil rights, despoiled of his propmade tougher and longer-lived. His enemies have given him strength, and trained him most admirably for the battle of life, no matter in what part of the world fortune may lead him. "But," was the question recently pu

Broadway would indicate that the Jew is essentially an able and successful Department of

merchant? "Your view is purely Christian." Mr. Strauss replied. "Nor do you an-alyze the fact. Years ago Americans did the rough and heavy work of the nation. Then came the Irish and the American moved up. By and by Italians swarmed in, and the Irish got LOAN AND to be policemen, saloon-keepers and politicians. When Broadway was much on the signs were American. Bu those old-time merchants became op ulent, they no longer desired to small shopkeepers, and so they wen into banks and manufactories. Now the Jews have their stores. In a generation the signs that hang and swing today in Broadway will be down and others will be up. Perhaps the names will be Italian. No race goes back in this country, but each, being prudent, industrious and ambitious, goes onward to better conditions."—New York

Commercial. The Escape of Scout Burnham. Burnham, the American scout, who knocked off your hat. I'm afraid I exact spot. He was afterward hit of his adventures are as thrilling as can't help you find it. I wonder with a stone hurled by an Indian the wildest inventions of the writers IT, AND ALL OTHERS. which is supposed to have injured of dime novels, differing only in the important respect that they are true. Beatty has expressed the opinion Mr. Frederick Unger, the American

Burnham once allowed himself t. who went into Cerro Gordo with a pidly called him by name. A special ril, deceased. rock full of free gold, which he sold guard was immediately placed over Aug. 24.

him, and on the march he was put into a trek wagon, closely covered ex-cept in front. An armed driver sat on the seat, a guard rode at each side and one behind. Learning from the conversation of his guards that when

driver got down to give some direc-tions to the native boy leading the oxen. Burnham crept up on the seat, from which he slipped down to the cart tongue, and from there he slid

cart, drawn by oxen, was some distance behind and before it came up Burnham rolled swiftly to the side of the road, where he laid until the car passed. Then, before another came up, he had time to roll several hundreds vards into the night, and was dreds yards into the night, and was for the moment safe.

But now his escape was discovered.

The column halted and its lights ap-

peared. Horsemen rode up and down the line, shouting and firing shots. Other horsemen rode up and down the veldt, and several came close to where Burnham was lying. In the darkness he looked so like a lump of grass that he escaped notice. Had his pursuers waited till daylight he would have been taken.

After a while the column moved on.

killed in Tennessee Saturday. He was at work on a railroad bridge and was killed, it is understood, by the falling of a derrick. No particulars have been received. He leaves a wife, who was a Miss Price and one child...The following young men from this county lowing young men from this county. ter forty-eight hours without food He had gained important information from the careless conversation of hi guards, and had accomplished hi

> EXPENSIVE GREEN TURTLE.-Th fiesh of the green turtle often brings \$50 a pound, said an oyster dealer. This rich meat comes to us from the coral reefs of the West Indies. The turtles are caught in nets among the rocks, says the New Or-leans Times-Democrat. They are very

dime to a quarter a pound. What makes the meat so expensive in the end of that out of a 140-pound fish you'll only get two pounds of calipse and one of calipash. Several times when there has been a tight turtle when there has been a tight turtle when there has been a tight turtle when the complete the several times when the complete the several times when the complete the complet market the chefs of millionaires have offered me \$1 a pound for live tur-



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they reached the railway he would be sent to Pretoria by train, he knew he must escape then or never.

He kept awake at night and watched his chance. It came when the

—been dug six or seven weeks for Seed, at following low prices: \$3.00 Bbl.; 1.25 Bushel; 35c Peck. onen. Burnham crept up on the seat, from which he slipped down to the cart tongue, and from there he slid quietly to the ground, prostrate under the cart which passed over him. The guards on the side could not see, but those behind might. He lay still, preparing to endure even the tread of a horse and not give a sign.

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which have not expired are required to send them to the superintender of among the rocks, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. They are very carefully brought north. They are deck passengers at first, but as the weather grows cold with the ship's progress they are penned in warm rooms below—regular staterooms. It's a different treatment that they get, though, at the natives' hands. If a native is bringing turtles north he nails them fast to the deck by their flippers. Strange creatures that they are, they appear to suffer little under such cruel treatment.

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