Humorous Department.

A Fishing Story. One of the crowd which was sitting out in front of the capitol, the coolest place in Frankfort on a hot day, being reminded of a fish story, related the following concerning a man who lives in the eastern part of the state, and who will be called John Smith, although that is not his name, says the Louisville Courier-Journal. Smith conducts a lewelry and watch repair shop and his wife has a millinery store in the same place in this town. One Monand said, according to the narrator of the story

"Good Morning, Mrs. Smith. Where's

"He's fishing."

"Well, I have a watch here I want him to fix. Tell John I'm going away the latter part of the week and want that watch before I go. Tell him that I will come for it Wednesday and hope he will have it fixed by that time. Wednesday morning came and the owner of the watch walked in and

"Good Morning, Mrs. Smith. Where's John?"

"He's fishing."

"Did he fix that watch?" "No, I think not," Mrs. Smith re-

"Well, tell John that I am going away on the noon train Saturday and I must have that watch before I go. Tell him if it is not done I will have to take it anyhow."

On Saturday the worried owner went again to the shop. Mrs. Smith was sewing and rocking and humming a tune. John was not in sight.

John?" "He's fishing," placidly replied Mrs. Smith

"Mrs. Smith, does John fish all the time?" explaimed the man, irritated beyond silence.

"Oh, no," replied Mrs. Smith, hunts some of the time."

Old Wine In New Bottles.

A barrel stood on the sidewalk in front of a new building going up on Press. The man was dressed in laborto one of the upper floors. He scratchwhile a crowd began to gather.

clay pipe in his mouth

"Get a rope and pulley and hitch a for a few years. horse to the rope. That'll get the thing up in jig time," suggested an-The man remained silent.

up that way?" asked the man with red whiskers.

"I know a better way than that," "Just rig up a boatswain's outfit and the thing can be hauled up quick as a wink.

Suddenly the man beside the barrel took a chew of tobacco, put the barto the second floor.

The barrel was empty.

One Fish Didn't Grow.

A number of men were telling of remarkable catches off Atlantic City, and one of them said that one day he caught a very small cod, and, not caring to take home such a little fellow, he took a piece of copper wire, ran it through the tail of the fish, and on one end of the wire he attached a copper tag with his name scratched upon it. "The next year when I was off there," continued the man, "I got a heavy pull on the line, and after five minutes fighting landed a twelve pound cod, and there on its tail was my tag." "That reminds me of a similar ex-

perience off there," said another man. "I caught one of those small cod, and I wanted to hang some sort of identification on it, but I couldn't find anything in the copper tag line from one neglected to lock her door and Tom self-made man (his father was a solend of the boat to the other. I did disappeared. He found his way into dier) he worked up from rank to find, however, a little tin whistle in the Bethune house through an open rank, himself a part and a product of one of my pockets, and running a wire window and early in the morning the the antiquated absolutism of his through the tail of the fish, I hung on plane was heard. Tom was seated country, until he emerged at the top the whistle and threw the cod back before the instrument playing one of a red-button mandarin, a viceroy, into the water.

ing in the line I got the surprise of my keys. From that time he was allow- work with and through that court. He hadn't grown an inch, but hanging on his tail was a long fog horn."-Philadelphia Press.

AN UNSOUGHT PARDON .-- Among the Texas familiarly known as Sam Houston is more than one amusing tale.

penitentiary who had warmly opposed own pleasantly lucrative position. Conin receipt of a petition in which the

gravely, "It appears from this petition that you have been in the penitentiary eight years."

"I have," was the reply come in your way to the best of your

ability?" courage swiftly rising.

"Then, sir," said the governor, with the air of one conferring a priceless

favor, "I pardon you out," AN AMBIGUITY -The English Winwell known, and on one occasion he

made a neat little joke at the expense nize when a few feet away. of a self-opinionated army officer. The incident occurred during a dinner in South Africa, and Mr. Churchill and the officer were seated side by side. Throughout the meal the latter was airing his views, until at least Churchill could stand it no longer. "Do you know," he said quietly, "I met a man who would gladly forfeit £50 for the pleasure of being able to kick you!

"To kick me, sir!" exclaimed the astonished soldier. "I must ask you to tell me his name at once!"

"Oh," replied Winston, "I'm not quite sure that I ought to do that." "But I insist on knowing," demanded

the other, angrily. hospital who has lost both his legs by sugar bowl should be as full as it was generally land with a dull thud.

Leader.

Miscellancous Beading.

SOME STORIES OF BLIND TOM. Negro Pianist Long a Great Money Maker.

years ago he played, and his last ap- pulled it out. side of the Atlantic.

\$20,000. On his trip on the other side it was said he realized about \$200,000 ing and Tom was delighted. so that Tom while in good hands was a source of steady income

It is singular that his old manager years took him all over this country and through Canada, died six months head on the bed. This he would do ago, and it was under his management that Tom was most successful. "Good morning, Mrs. Smith, Where's He was then well cared for and well coached in his work, and he earned Bethune family, on whose estate he was born a slave.

East Water street and beside it stood John Bethune ran a racing stable a man, says The Milwaukee Free which was said to be supported by sor's piece for him again. Blind Tom's earnings. He died in er's clothes and apparently was in a 1883, and after his death his widow a piano, and musicians would try to quandary about how to get the barrel brought suit against the Bethune fam- catch him by striking keys at random,

ed his head and pondered and mean- Bethune she was the rightful trustee might be Tom would name every note "Rig up a derrick and hoist it by ported by Charity Wiggins, the moth- this for Charles Halle, for Moscheles hand," suggested one man with a er of Blind Tom. Mrs. Bethune won and other noted musicians. her suit, and since 1886 Blind Tom has The man beside the barrel made no been in her care, but she only suc-

"Why in the dickens don't he put it gro blood, with nothing to distinguish prominent and distended, and an idicept that his mother had small feet said the man with patches on his estate of Thomas Greene Bethune, what Tom could do, how he would where his parents were slaves.

Tom was born blind, and as he was was generally thought that he was took a red bandana handkerchief idiotic. When very young he showed from his pocket, wiped his forehead. a great fondness for sounds, and musical sounds exerted a controlling inrel on his shoulder and carried it up terest over him. He learned to talk when young and spoke clearly, but his words had no meaning and were simply imitations of what he heard.

Gen. Bethune, when he heard that Tom's mother had said Tom had not was a mistake. He went to Tom and said: "Tom, sit down." Tom repeated had been for a long time. the words. The general then repeated the order and at the same time sat Tom on the floor. "Tom, get up, said the general. Tom sat still and repeated. He then ordered Tom to get up, and lifted him to his feet. Next time Tom was told to sit down he did Tom learned quickly. Every one tried who

There was the same little cod ed to use the piano and soon he could We have seen in an earlier article stories of that former governor of me," or "That is what the wind says." was particularly anxious to retain his ed for him and he learned what they made great headway with his bold rine line in the waters of the Pacific.

"And during that time you have per- in a passageway and listen to the rain formed faithfully every duty that has pattering on the roof, and from this "I have," answered the agent, his nassas, and this he made the subject of another piece.

songs, and a number of original pieces

whom he knew well he could recog-

When in public Tom would play what he was told to. When he had finished and was applauded he would ers. He was always happy when he of him as a Chinaman," said this at- dra. was with a piano, and when he and tache, "as in any way different from his managers arrived in town he was often locked in the hall in which he was to play during the evening. He was perfectly safe while he could play 47 Bananas are now ripened by the piano. In many ways he was just like a child, but was even more trouble than a child. His more trouble than a child. His more all of the sun. ble than a child. His meals were al- I Simplicity is the rarest virtue. ways served to him in his own room 20 Straws show which way the wind

anything. Then when he had finished his meal, he would steal the sugar left had to be dressed and even to have his face washed. It was not every one that

he would allow to attend to his toilet Few public performers ever played leaving him explained how he could mestic. She is one of the most interto more money than Blind Tom, who regulate the heat in the room. "Now," esting animals---" died recently. He was prominently be- said he, "if this room gets too hot fore the public for twenty years, and turn this radiator this way, and if too tener broke in; "a fly is not an ani- a sand like powder that is driven in more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. after that when his trustees were cold turn it the other way," and he il- mal. changed he still continued to play, but lustrated what he said by guiding not with as much success. His new Tom's hand. Then to find out if Tom managers did not know how to han- understood he asked what he would her whichever you please, but she is man life cannot exist exposed to one dle him properly, and handling Tom do if the room was hot. Tom had his one of the most interesting creatures of these blizzards. There have been day morning a man walked in the shop took lots of tact. Until only a few fingers on the radiator and with ease extant.

When very young Tom used to like attraction, and in the first half of hear them cry. It was thought that town of any size in this country and because of his fondness for all sounds. Canada and made tours on the other Once he choked a younger brother cubation. Her eggs hatch without Tanana country. In a number of places nearly to death, and at another time Even in small towns he did well, and burned an infant sister. This mania as running this show was not an ex- lasted all his life, and any exclamapensive affair the profits were large, tion indicative of pain always gave

statement of accounts made by his him great pleasure, although he alold manager showed that in one ways expressed sympathy for the sufmonth in 1884, which was spent in ferer. Once when in a small town his eyes. That's why it is so hard to hit plenty of it. Virginia, that receipts were more than manager locked him in the hall as \$4,000 and the expenses \$2,000. He usual and Tom amused himself with usually kept on the road for nine the piano. When his manager returnmonths out of the twelve, so that his ed he was surprised to find Tom holdyearly profits may have averaged about ing a man down on the floor and almost choking him. The man was yell-

Another peculiar fancy of Tom's was to stand on his head. Almost the first thing he would do on entering Thomas Warhurst, who for twenty his bedroom was to jump over the foot of the bed head first and stand on his over and over again, and then rub his hands and chuckle.

When Tom first made his appearance many musicians were sceptical as many thousands of dollars for the to his abilities and many visited him. One of the first was Prof. George A. Kelly of Pittsburg. Tom was 4 years About twenty years ago Blind Tom old at the time and in order to test got into the courts. He was born dur- him Prof. Kelly played a piece of his ing slave times and later Gen. Bethune own composition which had not been acted as his trustee. It was said that published. Tom played it at once as up to 1870 he had earned more than accurately and with as much expres- bowl a quarter of a million dollars. Gen. sion as the professor. Thirteen years Bethune then turned the trusteeship afterward Prof. Kelly saw Tom again. over to his son, John G. Bethune. Tom remembered the incident of many vears previous and played the profes-

Tom could name any note played on ily, alleging that as widow of John and however discordant the chords of Blind Tom. In this she was sup- with extraordinary quickness. He did where this is done, their number will

The Albany Argus of January, 1866, described Tom as "a wild, uncouth figceeded in making a success of him ure, angular at all points which should be curved and curved at points Blind Tom was born a few miles that should present acute lines-loose from Columbus in the county of Mus-jointed, close woolled, thick lipped, cogee, Ga., on May 25, 1849. His par- sprawl footed, with forehead almost ents were field hands of the pure neotic, staring expression of countenance -in short a regular specimen of the display of pies and said: and hands and was of an active, mer- African in his unadulterated and barry temperament. He was born on the barous condition." It then described ry. name any note struck, how he would call off correctly twenty notes that unable to learn anything from sight it had been sounded rapidly, how he played Beethoven's "Sonata Pathetique" without a false note or discord or

wonderful memory lasted ing in Brooklyn he was visited by the daughter of his old manager and asked if he remembered one who had taught to believe that a fly's foot was gone twenty-five years before. "Why, yes," said Tom, "she used to wash my sense enough to learn, declared this face." and then he talked of his old in the centre and made a tiny vacuum friends and seemed happier than he and that the pressure of the atmos-

CHINA'S GREAT REFORMER.

Not a Traveler, But a Statesman o Wide Knowledge.

Yuan Shi K'ai is a remarkable man, so at once, and promptly rose to his writes Samuel Merwin in Success Magfeet when ordered. From that time azine. Unlike some of his colleagues have traveled and studied abroad, he has never, I believe, been When Tom was about 4 years old a over the sea; yet no Chinese official piano was brought to the house and shows a firmer grasp on this biggest as soon as he heard this Tom was en- and most bewildering of the world's tranced. One night his mother had governmental problems. Practically a the pieces he had heard, and playing with a personality towering above the it correctly with both hands and us- superstitious, tradition-ridden court, culiar bite on my hook, and after pull- ing the black as well as the white and yet sufficiently able and skillful to repeat any piece he heard. Then he how Yuan, then a governor, kept began to compose himself. He would Shantung province quiet during the sit at the plane for hours. When Boxer outbreak. It is he who is buildasked what he was playing he would ing up the "new army" with the aid attle. say, "That was what the trees said to of German and Japanese drill-mas-

Columbus heard Tom and declared into the education of the official best known marches, many of the pi- be checked, and at least partially re-

has radically opposed the very spirit nalled across the continent from New They religiously believed that if they When very young Tom used to stand and genius of his race; but far from York to Seattle, 3,200 miles, thence to stayed here the evil spirit would put ostracizing himself or splitting the gov- Fairbanks, a distance of 6,100 miles ernment, he has grown steadily in from the metropolis. he made his "Rain Storm." He was power and influence, until now, as a not far distant from the battle of Ma- sort of prime minister, he appears to hold the substance of imperial authority in his hands. Try to imagine a Alaska, Tom was born blind, but when 3 or self-made, reform politician outwit- nearly 10,000 miles of cable, wire and strategy. years old it was noticed that he ting and beating down many tradispent much of his time with his face tions of Tammany Hall, in New York turned toward the sun. In time he city, multiply his difficulties by a been received, many sent from the far developed a little sight. He could thousand or two, and you will perhaps eastern states. ston Churchill's reputation for wit is see luminous bodies, and persons have some notion of the sheer ability of this great man, who has risen above the traditions, even above the old-age has tried to establish a system, and, prejudices of his own people. There therefore, Uncle Sam does all the comare many Europeans in his retinuephysicians, military men, engineers, the rest of the country, whether it be educators-all of whom apparently by mail or wire. To plant the teleturn toward the audience and applaud look up to him as a genuine superior. graph poles often it has been necessary himself by clapping his hands. He An attache summed up for me this to hew a lane through miles of forest

and when the food was brought to blows. So does the dust. "Well, then, I suppose I must tell him he would always insist that the AT People who jump at conclusions the bursting of a shell,"—Cleveland possible to make it. Unless it was full 329 The fellow who doesn't know any Tom would storm and refuse to eat thing is most anxious to tell it.

THE DOMESTIC FLY.

and hide it. He was so helpless that he Timely Facts and Speculation Concerning an Interesting Creature.

man who is no scholar but has man-On one occasion his manager had to aged to pick up many interesting facts, leave him in the hotel, and before "is altogether too common and too do-

"Then she must be a vegetable or a

stage. For forty years he had been an to hurt other children so that he might flies and few males. The fly does not sought refuge to save themselves from set after laying; if she did she would that time he played in almost every he did not do this out of cruelty but be retired from her wonted activity during longer or shorter periods of in- telegraph poles can be seen out in the motherly attention, and it is seldom

> that one fails to hatch. "The fly has so many eyes," the mar can see in all directions at once without turning her head or rolling her snow. This means hard work and her. A fly time poet sang:

'Now doth the little busy fly Buzz in a fellow's hair But try to smite her hip and thigh And, lo! she isn't there.'

esting and exasperating study. One of a heavy flat pad and whack at them with it when they are sitting still. "Now, the fly is familiar with the

scientific fact that if she sits perfectly the Mississippi of the territory—the still the descending paper will make an air cushion in front of it that ninetynine times out of a hundred will protect her from being crushed. The concussion momentarily stuns her and she are frequently carried away by freshfalls to the floor apparently dead, but ets. in a few minutes she has recovered and is again on the job.

"That's why when you strike at a fly over the walls she is able to reappear so quickly on the rim of the sugar

"When out not for food but merely she sits down on a dark spot in the earth. carpet and watches you prance around the room looking for her on the walls. "A very good way to catch flies is

o distribute fly paper and platters of poison on the tables and window sills No matter how thick the flies are be quickly reduced. You can easily prove this by counting the flies you have caught. It is a great comfort, when there are a few million flies in the air and more coming, to count up your catch and know that a dozen or so will never pester you any more.

restaurant where a passenger hurried with the projected plans of the navy. n for refreshment, glanced along "'Give me a piece of this huckleber

"This method of getting rid of flies

"'That ain't huckleberry," said the waiter girl, waving her hand over the pie; 'it's custard.'
"'Up with the lark' is a poetical ex-pression for early rising. 'Up with the fly' would be stronger if less poetic. The lark doesn't compel you to get up

but the fly does. Besides, the lark is an English bird, but the fly is a bird that knows no nationality. If the fly would through his life. When last perform- go away and let you sleep till the lark gets up you would have less cause for "When we were children we were wonderful part of creation-that when it was placed flat upon the ceiling the weight of the fly pulled it away phere around it in accordance with a

aw of nature, held the fly from falling

trying to do the same trick with artifi-

flies' feet before it was discovered that if flies kept their feet clean they couldn't walk on ceilings.
"Flies believe that mankind was created for their amusement, and it has always been a question with me which gave a fly the more solid enjoyment-to buzz around your nose and make you get up a few hours earlier in the morning than you want to, or to pester you n the daytime until you rage around the room with a paper slapper in your

BY WIRE, WIRELESS AND CABLE Uncle Sam's Telegraph Lines In Alas-

hand while she watches you from be

ka's Wilderness. About the biggest task in charge of the signal corps of the army is to Indians in Oklahoma for more than 30 maintain communication between the years. interior of Alaska and the outside of the Kansas City Times, "a part of the Cheyennes who expected to be world. To do this it employs ordinary telegraph lines, wireless telegraphy and ocean cables. The electric impulse ern band of Cheyennes on the Washimust go under the sea by cable or ta river, near Arapaho. through the air by wireless 1,684 miles the fever and chills took away many to click off a message from the opera- of them. They longed for their old

The signal corps has had especially One day a German music teacher of ducing the study of modern science Alaska. Laying the Atlantic cables march and the whole available milithat he knew more music than he classes. He is committed to the abol- the with the principal military posts in could teach or learn. Tom was later ition of the palace eunuch system, He Alaska. First the cable ship had to probably have been no coached by some planists. They play- has, within the past few months, unreel and drop 2,500 miles of submaplayed and afterward repeated it in plan to remodel this land of fossilized Then through the forests, across the public. In this way Tom learned to ideas into a constitutional monarchy, mountain divide, over the glacler went ed remarkable ability in their march play thousands of pieces and in his with a representative parliament. But three military pioneers until they had across Kansas, Nebraska and two repertoire were sonatas of Beethoven, first, and above all else, he places the stretched 1,400 additional miles of land great lines of railroad. special qualifications for the place were Mendelssohn, Bach, Mozart, all the opium reforms. Unless this curse can line and had put up masts so that 100 miles more of the wilderness was span-The governor sent for him and said anoforte solos well known, plantation moved, there is no hope of progress, ned by the government system of pelled these Indians to go. Throughout this magnificent strug- wireless telegraphy. When this task

> Of these 210 officers and men are in wireless system, serving fifty places where in a year 260,000 messages have gage it was a remarkable march.

So difficult is this work in the wilderness that no individual or company municating between the territory and seemed to take as much enjoyment feeling which Yuan inspires in those land. But such work is easy contrastout of his performance as his listen- who know him: "You forget to think ed with running a line across the tun-

This treeless, bottomiess, vegetable sponge is capable of sustaining heavy weight only when winter has turned to ice the water contained in it. Even in winter the telegraph poles sometimes break through the frozen crust and a half day may be needed to dig one out of the ooze, if indeed it is not down so deep that efforts to recover it is useless. To set a pole in the tundra is difficult because it must be forced down many feet to reach a firm foundation. Yet for hundreds of miles the men of the signal corps were obliged to make a

highway of the tundra in their operations

While the sheets of ice into which nature turns the Alaska rivers in winter permitted the service to use these Many Yorkville Readers Have Heard It streams for packing trains in hauling equipment for stations and lines, the workmen were continually menaced by the storms which sweep down the valleys. The Alaskan storm is a blizzard "You don't mean 'animals,'" a lis- in violence. Usually the snow falls in lame, weak and aching back is bad no masses, and in an hour may drift to the height of a man. With the mermineral," said the first speaker. "Call cury a score of degrees below zero hu- reading: times when a line squad have been "An industrious female fly lays about kept prisoners for a week or more in 3,000,000 eggs. There are no indolent the clump of trees where they have

The sight of a glacier spanned by service men to turn into mountaineers to accomplish their purpose, for the who is no scholar went on, "that she lowest pass in a range may be a thousand feet above the line of perpetual

No poles can be cut on the ground because no forest are at this attitude so the poles must be hauled from the carried on the shoulders. The site for the pole may be an ice covered rock in "The intelligence of flies is an interwhich a hole must be blasted. As the take no other. the ordinary ways of trying to kill flies movement of the glaciers is very slight, is to fold a newspaper in the shape of the lines can be built over them as durably as on the solid earth.

One of the largest sections of the military telegraph in Alaska is along Yukon. As this stream rises rapidly when in flood, one of the most difficult tasks of the service is to keep the line in repair. As it is, long stretches

Such an accident happened in the soring of 1907. A rapid rise in the Yukon broke the thick ice into cakes ops to Match, Legal Cap, Fools-Cap, Bill Paper, Carbon Paper, Typewriter hard enough to spatter the butter all and sent them swirling seaward, carrying away trees and shrubbery and crumbling away the river bank. Over qualities, all prices. one hundred miles of telegraph was destroyed by the ice projectiles, which to \$7.50-the best made for the mon for the fun of tantalizing you the fly broke off the poles like so many splin- ey. Each Pen strictly guaranteed. knows when she has had enough. Then ters of wood or tore them out of the

The communication by wireless telegraphy in the territory has been very successful. The messages are sent with apparatus much of which has been designed by experts in the services. Organized, Developed and Conducte Messages sent over 100 miles have been received clearly and distinctly For this reason it is intended to enlarge the wireless system and avoid the arduous work in setting poles and The stretching wire.

Plans have been made for wireless complete chain of wireless stations from Safety Harbor to the mainland of is often employed in restaurants. It the United States. In entering upon Money has been appropriated for the construction of a station at Fort We have found that we can make Gibson to connect the existing wireless stations at Safety and St. Michael with the proposed naval station at Valdez and thence via the proposed station at Sitka to Tatoosh Island, off the entrance of Puget Sound, and to San Francisco. This will ultimately give a complete chain of wireless stations supplementing the present land line and cable system from Norton Sound to the United States.

To supplement this system and to reach other points in eastern Alaska the signal corps has now in process of installation two wireless stations, one at Fairbanks and one at Circle City. These stations are about 140 miles apart and are designed to have a radius of action of about 250 miles. The instrumental equipment has been pur-Several 'human flies' broke their necks chased and built, the electric power be ing derived from a gasolene engine The antennae, or wires, are to be suspended by the use of steel towers 175 feet in height. The establishment of these permanent stations should enable communication to be maintained if that they are not in the trust; desired with boats on the Yukon river as well as with smaller outlying stations and camps by using portable fields sets.

CHEYENNE'S PILGRIMAGE.

mpelled by Religious Belief to Re visit Old Home in Wyoming. "After the Custer massacre on the

Little Big Horn," said John H. Seger, who has lived among the Cheyenne to an Arapaho correspondent punished severely by the government came down here and joined this south-

"The climate was new to them and haunts and determined to return. "These 900 Cheyennnes, led by Dull Knife, Wild Hog and Little scattered out in three bands and made tary was brought into the field against them. Had the Indians been allowed to pass peaceably there would every man along their path took a shot at them and the Indians returned the fire and several on both sides were killed. But the Indians exhibitbands got through all right, but one

was captured. was a religious craze that impelled these Indians to go. They bethem for running away when they the last one of them into his grave.
"The authorities and the people did not understand the movement and it Gen. Allen, the chief signal officer of resulted badly all around. But the fact the army, has under him 1,250 men. that two of the bands got through in the cold part of a bad winter and only one band was captured after almost They have now completed reaching its destination showed great When it is remembered that the women and children were carried along with all the camp bag-

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