unknown.

Humorous Department.

Didn't Understand Him.

There was a circus in a Missour river town, and a drummer, who was in a town four miles further down the river, wanted to get to it. The steamboat had left and there was no rig to be had. The drummer went to the river and found a negro sitting in a skiff. "That your boat?" he asked the ne-

"Yassir." "Want to rent it?"

"Yassir." "How much for the afternoon? want to go up to the circus."

"'Bout foah bits, boss," "All right. Can you row?"

"What's dat?"

"Can you row?" "No, suh. 'Deed, I cain't do nuffin' laik dat, boss."

"Well, dodgast you, get in the stern there. You can do that, can't you?" "Yassir." The drummer took the oars, and af

ter he had rowed about two miles against current was tucked out. He threw down the oars and said: "I can't pull this boat another inch. I don't care if I never get to that circus. You're a fine boatman not to be able to row.'

The negro looked at the drumme with quickening intelligence. "Does you mean you wanted me to pull dem oars, boss?

"Sure I do. I asked you if you could row and you said you couldn't." "'Deed, boss," said the negro, thought you done ast me could I roahroah like a lion."-Philadelphia Rec-

Quite Harmless.-Senator James B Frazier, at a banquet in Chattanooga, said of a certain lawsuit:

"The discussion was misunderstood Harmless, it gave an impression of harm. It reminds me of Mountain View Beach.

"A young matron, her unmarried sisside of the long table at a Mountain meek young minister that the child, for

"One evening the young mother wanted to go to the beach to see some fireworks with her sister, but the little girl refused to be left alone. She screamed and wept. So it was decidmeans of a trick.

"For this purpose the young sister slipped out then came and knocked at bound with a closer intimacy, and for can be applied. the bedroom door, and said in a ferocious bass voice: "'What's the matter in there?'

"The child stopped crying and looked frightened. Her mother said: "'Hush. That's the parson. Now will you go to sleep?" "This trick succeeded. Mother and

thing seemed well. "But at dinner the next day, during a silence that had fallen on the at the young minister and said taunt-

'Ah, you knocked at mother's door in!" "-Detroit Free Press.

ingly in her shrill, loud voice:

His Receipt.

be all alone. Here is a \$5 bill for you come! The school teacher, the minisinstead of the visit."

Jack wanted to recall the loan.

"Why, the \$5 I gave you."

"I haven't any \$5." "But I gave it to you. Mother, didn't throb of the presses and the gentle

I give him \$5? You saw me." "I certainly did," she replied.

"Where's your receipt, then?" de-manded his father. "Do you mean to say you've been lending money with- often as great. out getting black and white to show for it?"

"Mammie," said the boy, appealing to his nurse, "didn't I give papa \$5?" "You poh' little lamb!" indignantly exclaimed the old woman. "Co'se you done gib it to him, honey." "There, papa," said the budding law-

yer, triumphantly, "there's the black and white of it."-Delineator.

False Doctrine.

The late Dr. Theodore Wolf, profesthat they were exorbitant.

"was a delightful lecturer. I often tures on quack medicines.

about a half peck of pills and two or crowd's ignoble strife."

week. swilling and Dr. Wolf told him so, public life. but it did no good.

"Then Dr. Wolf appealed to the quoted at him again and again she pointed out his sin and-

"'But where,' interrupted Dr. Wolf. bewildered, 'where does the liturgy say anything against taking quack medi- and executive clerk are country newscine?

"She was prompt with her reply-"'From all false doctoring

was undoubtedly the disciplinarian in fire marshal, the deputy public exam- and struggle of city life, the people the two children as one of themselves, of the supreme court, the secretary of vex and fret. subject to the laws of "Mother." But the board of control.

one day Mrs. Grant became very ill, that the children were already show- editor for official position from the flourish and manhood and womanhood wagons came nearly up to the level of dii.) liged to reprimand them.

diately or I shall have to take you places under the national and state live to virtue and honor in the path offerings. It was made of brass, was whalers as "kril." Another species of from the table and spank you."

Instead of making the impression he manner at each other and then simulvoice of derisive glee:

Miscellaneous Reading.

THE COUNTRY EDITOR. Interesting Appreciation By the Late profession.

John A. Johnson Some time ago, Gov. John A. John son of Minnesota, news of whose sad St. Peter. Minn. He says:

If I were asked the main point difference between the rural and the eulogy of the old soldier, urging the urban editor, I should say it is largely case the personality is the chief asset; in the other it is no longer appreciable. Few of the great city newspapers print the names of their editors, and the conviction of a person.

Almost unconsciously the great newspapers have undergone a process have better newspapers. The editorfeatures just as interesting—but the

man behind is no longer visible. In the country the editor lives "nea parcel of the community life. Everybody knows him. When he chronicles the arrival of the "bouncing boy," or when he extends condolences to "the the gentle touch of a friendly hand. He records triumphs and successes in the spirit of participation; his chronicle of vicissitudes and struggles and sorrows has the element of personal

sympathy. In its general aspect the country sions and strata of society; the same View hotel, and opposite them sat a social and political problems; the lamation that had appeared in print same surges of ambition; the same some unknown reason, greatly feared. world-old combat of greed and power with chivalry and self-restraint. But in the country town a common bond of sympathy runs through all the elements of social life. In the last analysis the newspaper is a mirror, reflect-

that reason the attitude of its newspapers is necessarily more provincial and paternal. No Mystery About Him The environment and the duties of the country editor tend to make him a fair critic and safe judge of men and measures, for the nature of his sister got off to the fireworks. Every- work accustoms him to weigh opin-

ions in the even balance. Unlike the lawyer, always a special pleader, or performs is the championship of other professional men confined by a long table, the little girl looked over narrow outlook on a single phase of life, the editor is the impartial recorder and reviewer, seeking the truth.

The lawyer has an easy road to last night and she wouldn't let you fame compared with that of the editor. As ex-President Cleveland set forth in and because it is less likely to be in- Just by way of showing what the sughis last article in the Companion, fluenced by mercenary or sordid conthere is an air of mystery surrounding siderations, exercises relatively a deep- that Solomon had 30,000 men out cut-A southern banker recently told the the intricacles of the law. The ex- er influence than its more pretentious ting timber for his new church. following about his 8-year-old son: igencies of the profession required the urban contemporary. The editor has The boy had been invited to spend a lawyer to be a ready and fluent speakweek with some little friends in the er, and this power is an aid to promit the men whose fame he fashions and for one month and were two months country. "Stay and keep me compa- nence in public affairs. There is nothny, Jack," said his mother. "Father ing mysterious about the country edi- the discussion of public questions. goes traveling this week, and I shall tor-unless it be the source of his in-

ter, the young college graduate, and day life of the country town, the news-Jack promptly closed with the offer, numerous other people about the town paper is reaching for and attaining a eral cubits each way, for the foundaand the banker as promptly borrowed know, or think they know, how to run higher position. There is less of tions, and fitted them together before the \$5 at current interest, thereby a newspaper better than does the edi- party rancor and personal abuse. they were taken to Jerusalem. In keeping, as he observed when telling tor. He is not always given the op- Where once the editor regarded his this work they were aided by workmen the story, both the boy and the money portunity for training as a public in the family. Some two months later speaker, and the nature of his work only of contumely and hatred, there in a measure unfits him for quick "What \$5 do you mean?" asked the thinking and clear expression before friendship and a desire to work in har- House of God," and the subsidiary people. His composition is of slower process and is done in the quiet of the sanctum, where only the rhythmic

> click of the type are heard. But the influence of the writer is and even for temporary purposes is

The degree of success in either case lawyers are all busy, or do not happen they are indefensible. to be looking when the call comes.

Then, too, the lawyer has the ad-"Dr. Wolf." said a Newark man, and opportunity allow.

But, after all, prominence and apdropped in to the college to hear plause are not always a just measure him. I'll never forget one of his lec- of the success which men attain; there buke gives the cause he champions thick. are victories along "the cool seques- greater impetus than could possibly "He told us about an early patient tered vale" no less important than the be had by the old methods of vituperof his, a man who dosed himself with victories achieved in "the madding ation.

three gallons of quack medicine every Although the average editor is prone "There was nothing the matter with mute, inglorious Milton," the profes- decade. He no longer follows his columns were quite common in the the fool but all this silly medicine sion has contributed very largely to party, right or wrong. The fear of temples of Baal.

It has often been said that Minneso numerously represented there in pubsaid, the verse in the liturgy that lic places than in any other com- public measure. monwealth.

> A State Where Editors Rule! The governor, his private secretary

state, the assistant labor commission-Why They Grinned .- Mrs. Grant er, the state fire warden, the assistant in the purer air, away from the strife stated.

Both political parties have recog-

zovernments ing the words, "editor and proprietor?"

"Oh, George, hear father trying to When the years roll by, and the general trying to When the years roll by, and the general trying to the poorest marksman sometimes outer part 2,700 talents must have been and contribute to the luminosity of the

sweetened by the plums of fame and ortune, he may lose the elasticity of youthful pride and vain-glory, but through the shadows there beams still

The country printing office is prolific of ludicrous situations, and many a laugh has been provoked at the expense of the editor or reporter uncerdeath reaches us just as we are going tain of his facts. Some fifteen years to press, prepared an article for the ago a newcomer from Iowa started a Youth's Companion on "The Country Democratic paper in a little town in Editor," and it appeared in the issue southern Minnesota. A campaign was of September 9, of that paper. He had in progress, and a one-legged man, written out of the practical experi- habitually attired in a blue suit, was ences of his own life, having been the candidate for register of deeds. It editor for years of a weekly paper at was easy to think of him as a veteran of the civil war, and the local paper of which I speak published a vigorous

the same belief in the loftiness of his

election of "the deserving veteran who matter of personality. In the one left a limb on a southern battlefield." The chagrin of the editor may be imagined when his Republican contemporary came out the next week with the information that the candioften no one knows their guiding date had never been a soldier, and spirits. The editorial page is regarded that his leg was taken off by a cideras the expression of the paper, not as press in Pennsylvania ten years after the war had closed.

The story is told that soon after Chief Justice Chase assumed the guof eliminating the incividual. As bernatorial chair in Ohio, he issued whole they have not deteriorated in his proclamation appointing Thanksliterary quality; on the contrary, we giving day. To make sure of being orthodox the governor composed his ials are just as sound and the news proclamation almost entirely of passages from the Bible, which he did not designate as quotations, assuming that every one would recognize to nature's heart." He is part and them and admire the fitness of the words, as well as his taste in select

The proclamation meeting the eye of a Democratic editor, he pounced bereaved family," those interested feel upon it at once and declared that he had read it before. He could not say exactly where, but he would take his oath that it was a downright plagiarism from beginning to end. That would have been a pretty fair joke, but the next day a Republican editor came out valiantly in defense of the town is not different from the large governor, pronounced the charge libelter and her little daughter sat at one city. Here there are the same divi- ous and challenged any man living to produce one single line of the proc-

That venality exists in the newspaper profession it would be idle to deny. Unfortunately, men have gained admission to the privileges of the profession who are utterly incapable of understanding its duties or assumed to frighten her into submission by ing the hopes and aspirations, the ing its responsibilities, and such men trials and tribulations of the people will probably continue in the work, for that he was its first Grand Master

> The Intimate Country Newspaper. But these are the excrescences that afflict all the higher callings and they are not so numerous as to affect materially the high standard which the newspaper profession as a whole maintains by the devotion to duty and

The greatest service the newspaper measures that concern the masses of the people. Every good cause instinctively seeks its aid with absolute con-

The rural press, because of its more opportunity to study at closer range

Like the other public agencies which enter so largely into the everyrival as an avowed enemy, deserving sent by Hiram, King of Tyre. mony for the common good.

Has His Foibles and Failings. more lasting than that of the orator, blind to the faults of his political and first story were between 9 and 10 feet him, as it is for other mortals, to the third story 75 feet and of the make general application of rules of fourth story, 6 feet. is, of course, largely a matter of abili- conduct, for often he is confronted by On three sides, north, west and ty, but frequently when a community local conditions and party necessities south, the Temple was surrounded by finds itself in position to confer the which dictate a different course from a side building in three stories conmark of greatness upon one of its that which his judgment tells him taining side chambers. The height of number, it will lay the laurel crown ought to be pursued. There is for- each story from floor to ceiling was 73

higher standard the public apprecia- storage of Temple furniture, etc. The vantage of a professional training, tion of its services becomes enlarged, Temple was surrounded by a court which seldom is vouchsafed to the edi- and on the part of both editor and the inner court. This was surrounded itor. There is no school for country public is coming about a better under- by a wall of three courses of hewn sor of chemistry at Delaware college, journalism, and the editor usually ac- standing of the responsibilities, limiset officeholders a rare example of un- quires his knowledge and experience tations and rights of the newspaper. selfishness by having his fees as state in the hard school of the country No longer has it a brief to slander and closed by the great court. In front of chemist greatly reduced on the ground printing office, advancing to the suc- vilify, but it has the right to criticise the Temple stood the two pillars made cessive stages of the work as ability people and policies when the public by Hiram of Tyre and called Jachin good warrants. As a general rule, the (meaning "to establish") and Boaz ("in editor holds his enthusiasm in decent strength"). They were about 35 feet restraint and by fair and manly re- high, hollow and of brass four fingers

party ostracism does not make afraid.

The American Union has endured ing signs of "running wild," felt ob- earliest history of the state, and he will reach the highest civilization, be- the great brazen altar. In the forehas always been an active force in cause in this country there is liberty court-due east from the temple en-"Gladys," he said, "stop that imme- legislative councils and in the minor of speech and action and every incen- trance-stood the great altar of burnt two little imps glance in a surprised journalist has not held up to his great American public has ever yearn-

Selected Loetry.

WHEN OLD AGE COMES.

f God grant me old age. some outworn; Some stone prepared for builders the gold on the wainscoting, and the yet unborn. Nor would I be the sated, weary sage

Who sees no strange new each morn, and with me there on what men call Crowd memories from which I cu And live old strifes, old kisses For if I be no burden to myself

I shall be less a burden to the rest. f God grant you old age, love the record writ in whitened hair,
I'll read each wrinkle wrought by

patient care, as oft as one would scan a treasure page, Knowing graven there. d have you know life's evil and life's

good, And gaze out calmly, sweetly on Serene with hope, whatever may s though a love-strong spirit ever stood With arm about you, waiting any

f God grant us old age, I'd have us very lenient toward ou Letting our waning senses first grov

engage hug closer all the good we find. us worldly foolish, heaven wise, ch lending each frail succor to Each withstand,

Toward sins that youthful zealots can

mand, While fear-fed lovers gaze in our ol And go forth bold and glad and hand in hand.
—Burges Johnson, in Harper's.

Ungrudging, ev'ry mortal day's de

BIG JOB FOR FREEMASONS.

The Suggestion to Rebuild Solomon'

Temple. The suggestion coming not long ago from Boston, that the Freemasons of the world should unite in rebuilding the Temple of Solomon at Jerusalen moves the Illustrated London News to wonder whether the originators of the scheme have counted the cost.

Of course the interest of the Ma sons is due to the belief that their or der was founded by King Solomon and it serves. The country community is no rigid standard of moral qualification But that claim would perhaps not seem very weighty to the Moslems, to whom the site of the great temple now belongs.

It is now occupied by the Harem Esh-Shereef, "the noble sanctuary. To the Moslem this place is only less sacred than Mecca and Medina, for it is believed to cover the rock which is high ideals of the great body of its regarded by them as the centre of the earth, the spot from which Mahome started when he visited Heaven.

Aside from the difficulty of persuad ing the Moslem world to yield one of Freemasons, there would seem to be something too stupendous even for bean fed audacity in the idea of intimate relations to the community, building another Solomon's temple. gestion involves, it may be remarked

They were divided into three shifts Ten thousand went to Mount Lebanor is more independent and impartial in at home. There were 70,000 men who carried the stones and there were 80, 000 stone cutters in the mountains These men had 3,300 foremen. Stone cutters quarried enormous block sev

The Temple was divided into two are now almost invariably personal portions—the main building, "the buildings by which it was surrounded. The main building was rectangular in The country editor has his foibles shape-60 cubits long, 20 cubits broad and failings, along with the rest of and 30 cubits high; taking the cubit mankind. He is human and is likely at 18 inches, 90 feet, 30 feet and 45 to be a little kind to the virtues and feet respectively. The walls of the personal friends. It is difficult for thick; those of the second 72 feet, of

at the feet of the editor-provided the bearance for these lapses, even though feet. The number of side chambers is given by Ezekiel as 30 or 33 for each As the ethics of the press reach a story. They were small, used for the stone surmounted by a course of cedar beams. The entire citadel was en-

Round about them was network in-

terwoven with small palms made of brass, to which wehe hung 300 pome-The independence of the editor has granates in two rows. They were made been a potent agency in political and hollow that they might be used as to regard himself in the light of "a government reforms during the past receptacles for documents, etc. Such

The courageous editor has taught Sea, so named on account of its size. to is governed by the country editor, general recognition of the doctrine It was 15 feet in diameter and just man's wife to stop him, but she declar- This may not be strictly true, but that political parties can no longer half as high. It was said to have been ed that it couldn't be done. She had certainly the "fourth estate" is more thrust upon a decent constituency a capable of containing 2,000 "baths" or disreputable candidate or a dishonest 16,010 gailons. It was made of brass or copper captured by David from what is claimed as the largest animal To last long-with liberty and Tibhath and Chun, cities of Hadarezar, in the world is represented by a coloswealth-is the greatest problem to be King of Zobah. The brim was wrought sal skeleton in the museum of Christ solved by the modern state, and the "like the brim of a cup with flowers Church, New Zealand. This is the renewspaper is and always will be in of lilies;" that is, curved outward like mains of a large, specimen of the blue paper men; so are the labor commis- the van of progress. That the moral a lily or a lotus flower. It stood on whale stranded on the coast of that sioner, the executive agent of the uplift everywhere apparent has twelve oxen over life sized, three turn- country. This whale is probably the game and fish commission, the state reached a higher and more general ed to each corner of the heavens and largest of all living animals. The good Lord, deliver us."-Seatle Post- oil inspector, the state librarian, the recognition away from the great cen- all looking outward. It was a hand length of the skeleton is 87 feet, and secretary and assistant secretary of ters of population is a tribute to the breadth thick, about four inches. How the head alone is 21 feet. The weight

had fondly hoped to do, he saw the just being an editor. What young will always exist, but the heart of the longed a great many utensils of brass, achs of mackerel caught on the Cornish It is stated in Chronicles that the coast. The nearly related opossum flushed and eager eye the editorial ed for the better and brighter way, whole temple was overlaid with gold, shrimps found in enormous numbers taneously a grin broke over the faces page of his first issue and gazed The countr yeditor is one of the agen- The quantity of gold for the most holy in the Greenland seas form the chief of both culprits, and Gladys said in a proudly upon the name next preced-stars that shine behind the clouds. the same system was adopted in the the thysanopoda are phosphorescent

value of the gold, for the Babylonian gold talent was worth £6,150 if "heavy," and £3,075 if "light." If "heavy," the gold used in the oracle

was worth £3,690,000; and that in the other part of the temple, £16,605,030. The value of the whole of the gold used in the temple, the thickness of value of the precious stones used are The golden ornaments included the

great candlestick with seven lights, symbols of the divine presence; seven being the number of perfection. Ten reduced copies of this candlestick were made and ranged on each side of the altar of incense. Besides these there were the ark, to hold the tables of the law, the table for the shewbread, candlesticks, censers, tongs, snuffers, knives, extinguishers, trays, vases and other utensils for trimming and making the lights and fires, in number unknown; also basins, spoons, censers, entry for the house, inner doors of the most holy place, and the doors of the house of the temple.

There were a great number of tables. One was large and made of gold, and on it were set the loaves of God. There were 10,000 others that resembled this, for the vials and cups. Those of gold were 20,000 and those of silver 40,000. There were 10,000 candlesticks, according to the command of Moses, one of which was dedicated for the temple that it might burn in the daytime.

There were 60,000 gold basins, 120,-000 silver ones, 20,000 gold censers, 80,000 pouring vessels-in short, there was enough of an establishment to keep Boston hustling for some time to

MONEY THAT'S LEGAL TENDER.

Greenbacks and Foreign Coins. Officially, there are just ten kinds of

Paying Debts With Certificates-

money 'n circulation in the United States. Do you know which of those are legal tender and in what amount? It may be that "all money looks alike to you," but there's a difference, and below is the list:

Gold coins, standard silver dollars, subsidiary silver, gold certificates, silver certificates, treasury notes (1890), United States notes (greenbacks), national bank notes, nickel coins, and bronze coins.

Looking upon this formidable classification of United States money as made by the treasury department, it becomes more formidable when it is considered from the highly technical point of view as a legal tender. Some of the most imposing of this paper currency is not a legal tender at all. while as to the minor coins they are legal tender in such small amounts as to startle the average layman. It may be well to recall to this layman that the term "legal tender" owes its significance to the fact that in payment of debt or obligation of any kind it can be forced upon the creditor "in full of all demands.

Gold certificates, silver certificates and national bank notes, of which such enormous numbers circulate everywhere, are not legal tender. If you have plenty of money, and if you have forced Jones to sue you in order to get judgment, Jones can turn down every one of these bills tendered in payment and force you to dig up something better.

Should Jones do such a thing, you might conceive the idea of fixing him by unloading a whole lot of silver coins you're doing there, too, for he'll and has kept a careful record of their take only \$10 worth of halves, quarters and dimes, while as to nickels and copper cents, only 25 cents value is legal tender. But as to the standard silver dollar,

there's no limit upon your shovelling of our dads," still is the real thing in gust figures are only 6.8 per cent beall business transactions unless some clause in a contract has provided otherwise. Jones may refuse the silver certificates, but when you dig up the metal dollar, they go unquestioned at their face value. And 1,000 of them weigh 58.92 pounds.

are legal tender to their face value in from 51 cents a pound to 17 cents; payment of all debts, public and private, unless expressly stipulated in the

contract. Strictly speaking, the United States notes or greenbacks are legal tender, been decidedly greater.—New York with the exception of duties on imports and interest on the public debt. Practically, however, since the resumption of specie payment in 1879, greenbacks have been received freely and without question by the government, though the law respecting them hasn't been

changed. While the gold and silver certificates are not legal tender as between individuals, both issues are receivable for all government dues of whatever kind, in this respect legally more acceptable

than is the greenback. National bank notes, while not legal tender and not receivable for duties on imports, still may be paid by the government for salaries and all debts of the government except interest dues and in redemption of the national currency.

By special enactment no foreign coin of any kind or denomination shall be a legal tender in the United States so that if sometime the street car conductor does balk at the chance Canadian dime fished from your pocket, Near the columns was the Molten keep cool and dig for something that is United States-Chicago Tribune.

> Largest Animal In the World. According to the London Globe,

power of the country newspaper. Out the "sea" was filled or emptied is not of the bones is estimated at nine tons. This gigantic whale gets its name of There were ten lavers, quadrangular blue whale from the dark bluish gray the family, and Mr. Grant, who was iner, the secretary of the dairy and have more time and better opportu- in shape, supported on wheeled wagons of its upper surface. The tinge of yela very busy lawyer, was regarded by food commission, the assistant clerk nit; to measure the problems that 6 feet long, 6 broad and 43 high. The low on its lower part has led to the lavers were used for the water with name "sulphur bottom," by which it which the entrails of the beasts used is known on the western side of the and will endure so long as liberty for burnt offerings were cleaned, and Atlantic. It is otherwise known as and at luncheon Mr. Grant, who felt nized the capability of the country lasts. Its institutions will grow and also their feet. The lavers on the Sibbald's roqual (Balenoptera sibbal

The chief food of this gigantic ani-

mal is a small marine crustacean

(Thysanopoda inermis), known to the our fathers blazed. Good and evil, 30 feet long, 30 feet broad and 15 feet the same shrimplike group has been Then, too, there is glory enough in joy and sorrow, truth and falsehood high. To the service of the altar be- obtained in thousands from the stomAUSTRALIAN DINGOS.

Treacherous and Destructive Animals

That Can Feign Death. There are some who believe, though the evidence seems against them, that certain of wild dogs, like the Australian dingo-"yellow dog dingo, always hungry, dusty in the sun"-are reversions to the wild state of a race once tame, just as the pariah dogs of various centuries have traveled half the road toward becoming wild animals again.

As one sees the dingo here in the gardens it looks not merely like a donesticated dog, but like a dog of a distinctly engaging and amicable kind. The dingo's character belies its gentle looks. "Quarrelsome, sly and treacherous," an Australian naturalist has called it. So sly is it that, according to Mr. Beddard in "The Cambridge Natural History," it feigns death "with such persistence than an individual has been known to be partly flayed before moving" and so treacherous that in the days when dingos were more commonly kept as pets by the colonists than, as a result of bitter experience, is the case today it was no unusual thing for the dog which had been brought up with every tenderness from puppyhood to turn suddenly on its naster or mistress, or, what was more frequent, when left in temporary charge of an empty house to seize the opportunity to raid the sheepfold or the poultry runs.

On such occasions it "ravens" even as the wolf, killing not to satisfy its hunger, but in the unrestrainable fury of a brute instinct, so that, given time enough, it will not leave one fow or one sheep alive. That it does not need much time, moreover, is shown by the statement of Thomas Ward that one dingo in the course of a few hours has been known to destroy several score of sheep." For its fighting ability the same authority declares i to be a match for most domestic dogs of double its size.

When wild it hunts in packs, which are said sometimes to include as many as a hundred individuals, though from six to a dozen is the common number and the only Australian animal which it is uncertain if the pack can ever pull down is (in spite of Mr. Kipling) the "old man" kangaroo.-London Times.

COST OF LIVING CLIMBS.

But Most Trust Prices Are Said to Be Left Far Behind The cost of living, which has been ncreasing so rapidly for most of the last thirteen years is again advancing from the slightly lower levels brought by the depression of 1908. All through the past summer the prices of the necessaries of life have been slowly advancing, reaching on August 1, the

highest figure reported for that date

save one in 1907. The average cost of supplies prac tically every household must buy has increased over 49 per cent since 1896, but the Review of Reviews remarks that it is "rather interesting" to note in the Bradstreet statistics that the commodities controlled by the trusts have generally shown a smaller increase in price than the average.

Thus refined petroleum sold in 1896 for 7.8 cents a gallon and the wholesale price now is 8½ cents. Sugar cost in 1896 4½ cents a pound and cost LESTON, S. C. 4.85 cents. Anthracite coal in 1896 cost \$4.25 a ton and is now \$4.90.

The Bradstreet agency has selected 106 articles of domestic consumption years. The highest point ever reached was in March 1907, after which came the moderate slump caused by the financial disturbances of that year. We are now marching steadily back toward this high record and the Au-

Some of the individual cases of increased cost are much more impressive than the average. Rubber has advanced from 81 cents a pound in advanced from \$1 cents a pound in 1896 to \$1.98 a pound now; pork from County of York, and State of South \$8.25 a barrel to \$21.75; eggs from 121 \$8.25 a barrel to \$21.75; eggs from 121 Carolina, is authorized to commence cents a dozen to 28 cents; mutton the business of Banking as provided from 5½ cents a pound to 17 cents; in Section Fifty-one hundred and six-corn from 34 cents a bushel to 80 United States. cents; wheat from 64 cents a bushel to
In testimony whereof, witness my
\$130 and so forth. The figures given hand and seal of office, this seventh \$1.20, and so forth. The figures given are wholesale prices and as a rule the advance to the ultimate consumer has Deputy and Acting Comptroller of Sun.

There are no ifs and ands about our guarantee, and no rebate schemes about our sales. We prefer to believe that our customers are sensible people in search of a square deal, and we make it our business to treat them as such. When you buy a

Stieff Piano

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