MAY NOT ASK WOMEN'S AGES

California Legislature May Pass
Law for Their

Benefit.

Los Angeles, Cal.—According to the deas of County Clerk Lelande women will not be required to give their exact age when registering again. The present register terminates in January and every voter must register again for the coming two years. Letande is preparing new blanks and asserts they will not require a woman to more than state her age is twenty-ione or more. He is anticipating the passage of such a law by the legislature now in special session, as the present law requires the exact age of

every person who registers.

It will be news to many women that that they will have to go through the registration process again within sixty days. But the law requires all eligible to register in the even-numbered years or be disqualified at the polls. Earl next month it is expected the supervisors will send out canvassers to take registrations so there will be no stampede as there was last month.

There will be no further purging of the great register of "dead timber" and fraudulent names, because of a new one after January 1. County Clerk Lelande said he expects to make this new one the most complete and accurate in the political history of the ecity and county.

To accomplish that, the proposed great register will contain several innovations for Los Angeles. A new affidavit blank, which Lelande thinks is a decided improvement over the one now in use, will be used.

There will be a receipt coupon, which goes to the person making the affidavit. This receipt will show that the person named has registered, and gives the name of the deputy registering him.

DUCK LOCATES GOLD MINE

Bird Dies and Gives Secret to World When Nugget Size of a Pea is Found in Crop.

San Francisco.—Pure, glittering gold, in nuggets as big as peas, lies in the beds of the streams of the San Mateo foothills. After man has tramped over these hills for years and their wooded slopes have become the estates of the wealthy, a poor, simple duck detected the presence of the yellow metal and had to die to give the secret to the world.

While preparing a duck which she had purchased from A. Dombrosky, a poultry man of San Carlos, Mrs. John Tibbet of Redwood City found in its crop several pieces of gravel and a nugget of pure gold as large as a pea. Dombrosky had recently covered his poultry yard where the duck had been feeding with gravel from the bed of San Carlos creek. The gravel was taken from where the creek passes through the country estate of Col. N. I Brittan a San Francisco capitalist. During the summer months the stream ds dry and many loads of gravel are extracted, but the presence of gold

Following the sensational discovery of the duck, which now ranks almost with the goose that laid the golden legg, the sluice will be applied to the sands of the many San Mateo creeks which wind through the foothills on their way to the bay, and the lawns and gardens of the country homes of the peninsunia may be laid out in Blacer claims.

WORRY KILLS PASTOR'S WIFE

Strain of Husband's Fight With Classic Too Great for Passalo (N. J.) Woman.

Passaic, N. J.—Illness brought on By worry over the troubles her husband had with the members of the North Side Christian Reformed church and the Classis of Hudson, to which belongs, hastened the death of Mrs. Arie J. Vandenheuvel, according to a matement made by her physician.

Six months ago Mr. Vandenheuvel was dragged into the divorce suit of one of his churchmen as a witness. His testimony was a large factor in sausing Vice-Chancellor Stevenson to annul the marriage, but caused a row in his congregation, which resulted is his being suspended by the classis. Mrs. Vandenheuvel, who helped her husband in the fight, was taken ill, but seven in her illness she kept in touch with every movement made by her

Recently the members of the church, a majority of whom favored Mr. Vandenheuvel, withdrew from the classis, Reclaring themselves free and independ and restored Mr. Vandenheuvel, to the pastorate. Mrs. Vandenheuvel, meriously ill in bed, was overjoyed with the victory, and the excitement be brought on, together with the strain caused by the long fight, caused her death.

Leaves Property to Dog.

Vienna.—The pet dog of a woman who died recently is to be the "defendant" in an interesting claim about a will.

The woman, Frau Bela Czabo, widow of a Hungarian official, was found dead from heart disease in her flat. She left a will bequeathing all her possessions, including \$5,000 ready cash, to her pet dog, which had a luxurious private room in the flat, with mirrors and silk brocaded furniture, and was fed on seasonable delimancies, from partridges to spring chickens.

Relatives of Frau Czabo intend to leontest the will and have taken possession of the dog until its claims to the estate have been settled.

NOTED FRENCH CAFE ENDS

Boulanger's Downfall Began in Durands—Zola's "I Accuse" Letter Written There.

Paris. — Another famous Paris shrine where gourmets from all over the world ate, drank and made merry is gone. The doors of Durand's restaurant, near the Madeleine, closed a few days ago. For half a century the place had been celebrated for its viands and its good cooking. It had been the steady resort of many of the most distinguished residents of the French capital, and it sustained until the very end of its existence its time-honored reputation.

Prospective changes in the buildings on the block have caused the closing of Durand's. The proprietors announce they will seek another location. One has not yet been found. Meantime there is to be a little Durand restaurant inaugurated in the fashionable Etalle guarter.

The restaurant that has just gone out of existence was the scene of an incident that nearly changed the history of modern France. General Boulanger, "the man on horseback," was dining there one day when his admirers, who had plotted a coup d'etat, came to lead him to the Elysee palace to proclaim him martial-president. But Boulanger, after starting, weakened and turned back.

His star declined from that single moment of indecision, and since them the French government has never been seriously threatened with overthrow.

It was at a table in Durand's restaurant also that Emile Zoia, the novelist, signed his noted letter entitled, "I accuse." the letter which marked the beginning of the end in the Dreyfus case, forcing the authorities to grant justice to the soldier who was imprisoned on Devil's island as a spy.

SLAIN GOOSE BRINGS JOY

Gander That Wanders in Front of Machine Makes a Feast—Autoist Buys Bird.

Darby, Pa.—A fat old gander that waddled too slowly across the West-chester pike in front of the automobile of Richard Purly of Darby, with the usual result, brought belated but none the less appreciated holiday cheer to a poor family in Darby, exemplifying the old adage that it is an ill wind that blows good to nobody.

Purdy, with a couple of his friends, was spinning out Westchester pike, near Manao, when a flock of geese crossed ahead of the machine. After the last one had passed the gander, which had remained back, suddenly decided to follow, and waddled directly in front of the machine, on which Purdy had now put on full speed.

The irate owner of the bird appeared just in time to see it struck and demanded payment. Insisting that the goose weighed 20 pounds, at 25 cents a pound, he demanded \$5 for it, but after he learned that Purdy was a butcher, he dropped the price to 14 cents, wholesale, and on second judgment said that he thought the bird might weigh a little under 20 pounds. Purdy guessed the weight at 15 pounds, and paid the farmer \$2.10.

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The farmer was walking away with both the goose and the money, when Purdy called him back and reminded him that the goose was not his property any longer, took it, had one of his companions bleed it and on his arrival in Darby presented it with his best wishes to a deserving family, who accepted it with profuse thanks.

TRUTHFUL: SHE FAILS TO WED

Young Woman Wouldn't Swear to Age of Which She Was Doubtful.

St. Louis.—Truth was stronger than Cupid at Clayton, the St. Louis county Gretna Green, the other day.

Miss Ida Lorenz and John F. Osborn, both of O'Fallon, Ill., went there to get a marriage license. Both seemed to be of legal age, and Deputy; Recorder Ahlers filed out the papers. "Now, as a matter of form, you will have to swear to your ages," said

The young woman seemed embarrassed. "I can't swear that I am eighteen, though I believe I am," she said. "My parents died when I was a baby and I have no birth certificate."

Though Osborn pleaded with her, Miss Lorens could not be induced even to swear that to the best of her knowledge and belief she was of legal age. She and Osborn departed without the license.

MOTHER WAS HIS NEMESIS

Unrelenting California Woman Finally
Obtained Conviction of Her
Son's Slayer.

Redding, Cal.—A mother's implacable determination to avenge the death of her son resulted in the conviction of Daniel Fleming, formerly a Southern Pacific railroad policeman, for the murder of George Vallier, a youth of Tacoma, Wash. Fleming was found guilty of manelaughter after the jury had been out more than twelve-hours.

Vallier and a companion, Harry Goble, were found unconscious on the roof of a sleeping car of a Southern Pacific train that drew into Redding from the north in August of last year. Both had been badly injured on the head. Vallier died on the way to a hospital, and Goble, after several weeks in a hospital. They were assaulted by Fleming for stealing a

FOOD VALUE OF CHESTNUTS

Are Rich in Starch and Fat, Better Than Potatoes and Almost as Good as Bread.

In France much attention is given to the propagating of the chestnut, and the fruit is spoken of with enthusiasm and respect. In French literature, especially in stories for children, the chestnut tree is quite as important a feature as the plum tree in the politics of this country, where we speak lightly of the chestnut and then pay at the rate of \$5 a bushel for them. The small French chestnut is called the "chataigne," but the large or giant chestnut is the "marron." The marron is cultivated extensively in France and Italy, where it is used in large quantities.

"Every soda fountain menn," says the New York Soda Fountain, a trade journal, "has some reference to marrons, and marrons glace are a favorite after-dinner morsel at all the larger hotels, yet few persons realize that while primarily a dessert delicacy, marrons are an exceedingly wholesome and valuable food. It is not generally known that the fruit of the chestnut tree is nearly as valuable as bread and more valuable than potatoes as a food, being rich in starch and fat."

In some districts of Pennsylvania much attention is now given to the planting of chestnut trees. There are several hill counties in Indiana, like Brown, Monroe and Morgan, where the marron and the smaller sized chestnuts could be made a source of profit.

MAKES A BIG DISCOVERY

Shortington Finds That Things Once Bemoaned May Prove Greatest Blessing.

"You know how opposites are attracted," said Mr. Shortington.

"When I was a younger man my very particular friend and chum was a chap who was six feet four, while I wasn't much more than four feet six. Despite the disparity in our dimensions we were the closest of friends, and as far as I was concerned there was only one thing that marred my otherwise complete happiness and that was that I could not be as tall as he. But the time came when I thought differently about that and when in fact, he, instead of being proud of his altitude, wished only that he had been built on my more limited scale, and that was when in our later life we had both come to be afflicted with rheumatism.

"Then when I looked at him, racked with pain throughout his tall frame, I was glad that I was not tall but short; and when he reflected on the nearly two feet more of space in himself that the rheumatism had to roam over he used to groan and wish that he had been built short like me.

"Isn't it singular how things come about? The things that at one time we may most bemoan may prove in the end our greatest blessing."

Wife Wins, as Usual.

"Of course, one can never win an argument with one's wife." remarked a broker the other day. "Even if one is perfectly right in his contention, the fates, or the postoffice department or something else will turn up to make it appear that the man is wrong. For instance, a few days ago my wife remarked that a letter in a plain envelope dropped in a letter box would be delivered even if it had no stamp. Of course I knew better, and told her so, but she was obstinate. Just to prove my contention when I was at the office the next day I drew a picture of a goose on a sheet of paper. Underneath the likeness I wrote: "Dear Madam: If you pay two cents to get this you are a goose.' I put the sheet in a plain envelope and addressed it to my wife. The next morning the doorbell rang furiously while I was still in hed. I waited for the wife or the maid to respond, but both had gone out. Finally I went to the door myself. There was a fool letter carrier with that crazy letter, and I had to dig down and pay the two cents postage due. If I had given the letter to my wife she would have been still more firmly convinced that she was right."

What He Remembered.

When a prospective voter in one of Chicago's election districts was asked the date of his naturalization he replied that he had taken out his papers so long before that he could not remember just when he had become an American.

The officer to whom this statement was made was extremely thoughtful for a moment. Then he added:

"Can you remember who was the Republican candidate for president that year?

"Sure, I don't remember who was running for prisidint," was the response, "but it was the same year that Stuffy McGinnis was appointed Dog Drownder."

Common in New York. The stranger in New York was startled by the clanging of an ambulance

bell. The ambulance stopped at the side door of a hotel and the attendants hurriedly entered the building with their stretcher. But there was no crowd, no confusion.

"What's the excitement?" the stran-

ger asked a native.

"There's no excitement," the latter replied. "A stage lady has shot a wealthy gentleman. That's all.".....

And he hurried along.—Cleveland

OLD WINDMILL IS DESTROYED

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After Doing Service Nearly 150 Years at Orton, London, it is Demoiland by Dynamite.

London.-A 150-year-old windmill. which formed a prominent landmark at Orton, Waterville, near Peterboreugh, has been blown up by dynamite. The windmill, which stood as steady as the day when it was completed, was some years ago fitted with an alternate steam plant. But the tendency of the times has been toward the extinction of small country mills. For some time it had been without a miller. Recently it had become the resort on Sundays of youthful gamblers. The authorities of Pembroke college, Cambridge, to whom it belonged, had received so many complaints that they decided to have it destroyed. Ten pounds of dynamite were distributed round the base of the mill, the sails of which had been removed. The machinery, though rusty, was still standing. A time fuse was lighted; there was a terrific explosion, accompanied by a cloud of dust. And all that remained of the old mill was a beap of scrap iron and broken ma-SORTY.

Judge Reads Ceremony for Nephew of Leading Merchant of Portland, Oregon.

Portland, Ore.—Lee Song Quay, a pretty 18-year-old Chinese girl, lately from San Francisco, became the wife of Seid Yew Sing, a nephew of Seid Back, a prominent local Chinese merchant. The ceremony was performed by Judge Gatens in his chambers and was witnessed by Seid Back Jr. and W. M. Davis, an attorney.

The age of the bridegroom is 43. Seid Back Jr. said that the "girl had plenty chance to marry in San Francisco, but she came to Portland be-

cause she like my cousin best."

As provided by law, Judge Gatens will later secure the photographs of the two and attach them to the marriage certificate. Although the age of the bride was given as 18, she looks scarcely more than 15.

HUG KEEPS DANCE ALIVE

Twice in Evening Enough to Kiss, Declares Priest, in a Lecture to Young Women.

Denver, Colo.—"If the hug were taken out of dancing, it would not last long, but would die a natural death within a few weeks," said Father Benedict in a lecture to young women at the Logan Avenue chapel.

"Married women do not dance with their husbands, but with othe. women's husbands," he said, "and married men do not dance with their wives, but with other men's wives.

"After telling your beloved that there is great danger in kissing, transmitting germs," he continued to the young women, "allow him to kiss you twice in one evening, once when he comes and once before he leaves. It is not necessary that he should kiss you 100.000 times in an evening, though he may be engaged to you."

BRICK "BUSTED" INTO PIECES

Kansas Negress Holds Record for Hardest Head—Husband Throws Missile.

Kansas City, Mo.—The police of this city believe they have discovered the "hardest head." A negress entered the station holding her head, which was bleeding, and asked for a doctor.

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"Who hit you?" demanded Sergeant
"My ole man. He got mad and hauled off and hit me with a brickbat."

"Yes, sir. I should say he did. It wasn't a very good brick and it busted into two or three pieces."

Dr. H. L. Regier, police surgeon, took a dozen stitches in the wound after removing small particles of broken brick. The skull was not injured. The patient walked to Kaw river.

BUYS \$5,000 PAINTING FOR \$8

Lost Masterpiece is Bought by Woman in Richmond, Va., From Antique Shop.

Richmond, Va.—Art connoisseurs of Richmond were in a state of rhapsody when it was discovered that a genuine Sully painting—a life size portrait of an infant—had been purchased by Mrs. John Skelton Williams at a local

antique shop.

The purchaser paid eight dollars for the picture and a handsome frame. It is generally conceded that the find is easily worth five thousand dollars. Mrs. Williams turned it over to a local artist to clean, who found the date of 1851 upon the back of the canvas, also the painter's initials, "T. R."

ROBINS GO ON BIG SPREES

Redbreasts Get Drunk on "Bird Licker," Sober Up and Then Take More.

Lyerly, Ga.—Robins in this vicinity have acquired habits of insobriety. The "bird licker" that intoxicates them is believed to be obtained from China berries, which grow in profusion near here.

Many of the robins that have been found in a "drunken" condition have been watched during the time of their stupefaction, watchers being careful to keep cats at a safe distance, and it has been observed that in a few hours the birds revive and immediately go back to the China berry trees.

ASK FOR EQUALITY

Divorce Church From State is Cry Heard in Wales.

End of Long Battle Seen—Diseatabilshment of Church of England Haa Become a Political Issue in Great Britain.

London.—For twenty-seven years, the Welsh people have been fighting; for religious equality and now, with triends of that movement in power in England, it appears that the Church of England will be disestablished and disendowed in Wales, according to English exchanges. The tiberal party, headed by David Lloyd-George, Winston Churchill and J. J. Asquith, has promised that the church, and state in Wales will be divorced.

Welsh disestablishment has assumed more than a religious significance. It is one of the most important political questions before English political parties. The English liberals and the Welsh parliamentarians take the non-conformist view. The Church of England adherents are aligned with the unionist or conservative party.

With the established Church of England the fight in Wales is rather in the nature of the final outpost contest before the nonconformists assault the connection between the church and the state of England. As long as Wales has an established and endowed church the opponents of the established church of England probably will not attempt to lessen its power in England. But with Wales free of religious interference in state affairs, that may come.

The viewpoint of the nonconformist is very succinctly stated by Lord Rendel in a recent address: "In setting the church free, Wales will prove its best friend," he said, "for Wales will thereby make the church more Christian and more Weish."

A recent census shows that but onefourth of the Welsh people hold to the setablished church. This is a potent argument of the friends of disestabishment. David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, makes this his only argument for disestablishment. He wrote recently:

"Surely a nation is entitled to a determining voice in a settlement of its two national religion. To insist on treating a faith which the Welsh people do not accept as if it were their national creed; to continue forcing it upon them as such, in spite of their repeated repudiation of its claim; to itvert compulsorily the whole of their ancient national endowments to its maintenance is the most intolerable of all oppressions.

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"Against this wrong we are now seeking redress from the most potent ribunal in this land—the high court of parliament—and we feel confident that the justice of our case will at last obtain statutory recognition."

Wales asked for the disestablishment first in 1885. It was refused. Since then eight successive parliaments have been petitioned to separate the Weish state from the church. Should the disestablishment bill carry, the church will lose an annual noome of about \$90,000 in Wales. It will retain about \$90,000 annually. All cathedrals and rectories will remain the property of the church. These are raised at \$5,000,000. The present rectors, vicars and church officials in Wales will receive all state aid they are now receiving for life.

The Welsh church endowments prerious to 1675 were all in the nature of tithes, or state taxes. The annual interest on moneys collected this way now amounts to \$905.000.

SAYS WE WORSHIP WOMEN

Bt: Louis Professor Says Veneration of Weaker Sex is Distinctly,
American Trait.

Minneapolis, Mina.—Worship of women was given as the chief, if not the only, contribution America has made to the higher culture of the age, by Dr. Otto Heller of Washington university, St. Louis, in a lecture on Ibsen at the University of Minnesota chapel. Among other assertions Doctor Heller declared America to be the home of woman worship; that national sentiment still is unfriendly to woman in the professions, and that "if no real genius has yet arisen among women, it is the result of the long disparagement by the sex in power."

\$80 Dog Brings \$5.50. Worthington, Ind.—The agent of the Adams Express company here has sold a dog at auction to satisfy express charges. He brought \$5.50. This dog was sold by the Eel River Kennel farm to W. H. Sturgis of Allerton, Mass., last November for \$80 cash, and was shipped to the purchaser by express. Later the new owner took his dog to Florida to hunt. After the hunt Sturgis, having no way to care for the dog, shipped him back, expecting to sell him to the raiser. The proprietor of the kennel refused to receive the dog. which remained in charge of the express agent.

Not Even One Little Tinker.

Colorado Springs.—The new Funday closing ordinance passed on first reading at today's meeting of the city council. Commissioner Frost wanted a provision added to the ordinance permitting a person "to mow his lawn or tinker about the house and yard" on the Sabbath, but the commissioners declared they would not stand for any "tinkering."

HOME POOR PLACE TO WORK

Bost, Whenever Possible, That Man Should Be Away from the House in Daytime.

The man of the house should not be the man in the house all day long, if it can be helped. If he be an artist with a studio at home, a minister with a study at the top of the house, a physician with office hours, or any other man who is accustomed to carry on his work at home, the household accommodates itself to him, and in a sense ignores his presence. It is true that he is constantly subject to interruptions when he works at home, his wife softly opening the door to say, "The milkman has called for his bill, and cannot make change," or "Somebody has asked for you at the door. Will you not go down and see him?" or, "Do pardon me for breaking in upon your work, but Aunt Jennie has just telephoned that she is coming to luncheon. Won't you step over to the butcher's and get a porterhouse

steak?"

It is not quite ideal for the man of the house to do his work at home. For his personal convenience and comfort it is preferable that he should do it elsewhere. The temptation to run in upon him, to read a letter, tell a bit of news or ask advice, is too great

for the average woman to overcome.

Also, he gains something in the estimation of the family by going away in the morning and returning at night, while for himself there is the manifest advantage of a charming and restful change of scene when he steps within his front door to be stormed upon with kisses by the children and welcomed by his true comrade and partner on the road.—Woman's Home Companion.

PECULIAR PRAYER TO COURT

Error of Stenographer Responsible for a Few More Gray Hairs in Head of Lawyer.

They say that a lawyer has been saved by his stenographer," said an attorney at a recent lecture. "That is true, undoubtedly, because a lawyer's stenographer, who is observing, gets many points of law out of her

gets many points of law out of her work.

"But there is another side to it that must not be overlooked, and that is the mistakes that a lawyer's stenographer makes. The law terms are so technical that it is not within reason to expect the stenographer to get ev-

erything exactly right.

"One of the most amusing errors that I have ever heard of in connection with stenographic errors, if I may call it that, occurred in a certain law office the other day. The case was a divorce action, in which the plaintiff

alleged cruel and inhuman treatment.

"Plaintiff, being a woman with all the common law disabilities, prayed the court for 'temporary alimony and suit-money.' The prayer was dictated to the stenographe: and she wrote it out and mailed it to the court.

"Shortly afterward, the lawyer chanced to read a copy and found to his horror that the stenographer had made the prayer one for alimony and soup money."

When Child is Restless.

The principal cause of restlessness and sleeplessness in children is indigestion, usually brought on by unsuitable food, overfeeding or irregu-

iar meal hours.

If a child cries a great deal, is restless and loses sleep, look to the food and the time at which it is given.

Another cause of sleeplessness

Another cause of sleeplessness which is frequently overlooked is too much light in the room. It is natural to sleep in the dark, and it is particularly desirable that children should do so, for they are very sensi-

tive to all impressions.

The tender eyes and brain need the complete rest and relaxation that darkness permits. In spring and summer, when the sun rises at five o'clock or earlier, children will waken un-

less the room is kept darkened.

A green blind is best for this purpose, and it is advisable to use it in the child's bedroom if nowhere else.

Busy Chinese Hens.

It would appear that the hens of China find life more real and earnest than enjoyable, for, it is said, when not hatching out broods of their own kind, the additional and novel tack of hatching fish eggs is thrust upon them. Chinese owners of hens collect fish spawn, introduce it into empty eggshells, hermetically seak them and place them under the deceived and conscientious ben. In due time the shells are removed and the spawn, now warmed into life, is emptied into a shallow pool. Here the fish which appear are nursed and guarded until strong enough to be turned into a lake or stream, and subsequently add to the edible resources of the people.

"Big Seiler" of 1758.

In more hardy days than these snuff was used as an eye liniment. "The Complext Housewife, or Accomplish ed Gentlewoman's Companion," which had run into 16 editions by 1758, extols its virtues. Accomplished gentlewomen who find their sight failing with advancing years are advised to rub "the right sort of Portugal snuff into the eyes night and morning, and take it also through the nose." This treatment, it is asserted, "cured Sir Edward Seymour, Sir John Houblon and Judge Ayres, so that they could read without spectacles after they had used them for many years." Some people would prefer spectacles.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS