"Tve been seeing New York," anassumeed the western man, as he blew into the office of a New York friend in a dewntown skyseraper.

Toney Island? inquired the New Bark friend, languidly. **特别表现人** 

"Oh, of course." "Ehoot the chutes?"

Blick everything in sight. But the Sest time I had was with a kid down

Marr. "There are plenty of them." "Yes. New York doesn't have to wany about race suicide. This chap was about three years old. He was sturing in the sand on the beach with a toy shovel and a tin bucket. I saiked with him awhile, and when he ware t looking I slipped two or three comits down the hole he had dug. When he resumed his labors his eyes muked. He couldn't believe his luck. m was better than finding pay dirt to watch him. He dug up the cash with a yell and started to find his mother. tunther down the beach. While he was going I slid in a few more coppers and threw a little sand over thers. He came right back and bedigging, and, of course, he soon made another find. That settled him. Me gathered in the goods and then he muckled down to work on that hole The a prospector. I'll bet he's digging mere yet if his mother hasn't dragged

CHATTER" CALLS OBSOLETE.

Jum away, and if she has I'll bet he

sailed some before he went."-N. Y.

DM Social Custom of Forefathers is Passing Away.

Here is a thing that would be restanded as curious by our grandmothwa, if they were alive to know itsending and visiting are going out of "lashion." Ministers and doctors make calls, but of a professional chararter, and when a foreign ship arrives our harbor its captain must exshange calls with the commandant of the navy yards, but that is profesmosal too, says the Brooklyn Eagle. The old habit of running into a saeighbor's house and chatting about weather, and the neighbor's

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srishes, and the doings of the Smiths named the iniquity of the Jones children, twhenever there was a full in the wash-Ding and dressmaking, is in decline, diswever, and it is no longer proper to so and live on our cousins in the counkery for more than a month, in the supposition that this visitation is a visit. The Philadelphia Shake. The English high handshake which suced to such an extent in this city, cours the Philadelphia Record, at one titme that nome of its devotees are unid to have practiced it on stepladrs, has now entirely disappeared,

and according to an authority on such subjects, is to be replaced by another form of salutation which conwests in thrusting the hand straight wax, giving one quick grip without any me and down motion, and then instantly withdrawing it. Whether peowho like this no better than they Their the high shake will be forced to adopt it for awhile, as was the case with the other fad, will depend on the violence and extent of the new egidenic. The origin of this latest strie, by the way, is supposed to be a than of germs, the idea being that mince handshaking cannot be dismonsed with altogether, it should be m brief a performance as possible.

. Two Points of View. At the time of the eclesiastical trial of Prof. Woods, of Andover Theologiseci seminary, for alleged heresy, a rethed New Hampshire clergyman, while making a journey by rail, was make rhed in reading the details of this "arms as reported in the Congregation saist. A sporty looking individual who .wat beside him was absorbed in the pages of a different periodical.

"My friend," said the clergyman, what do you think will be the result which the great contest that is now agitatmg the nation?"

"Think!" said the other, "I think that John L. Sullivan will knock the stuffing out of the presumptuous cust in the first round."

Tons of Eels From the Juniata. Many tons of eels have been taken Trum the Juniata river during the last hw days. John Pennington, a cripple From this city, placed an up to date ad basket in the river 1,000 yards east of the Lewistown dam and in one might he took 2,500 eels, weighing from me half to five pounds each, from this basket. This is only one of the many

tackets in the river. The eels are put in boxes alive and kept well into the winter and sold for 22 to 15 cents a pound and find a waily market.

At the Pennington camp there are tally two tons of eels in the boxes.lewistown correspondence Philadelahia Record.

Swallow Flew to Justice.

The German papers are commenting s the sagacity of a swallow which was being pursued by a hawk and aw through the window of a law

Flying about the court it at last wated on the head of a figure of justice, and there it remained until the hawk went away. The hawk, the papers add, did not attempt to enter the

Another Instance.

misery loves company."

"When rich men are abused so much, why does everybody want to

æake a fortune?" "I don't know," answered Mr. Dustin Stax, "unless it is another case of

## OLDBOOK IS VALUABLE

SACRED BURMESE WORK TAKEN FROM EASTERN TEMPLE.

Given to Minnesota Man by English Army Officer-Said to Be Over 5 6,000 Years Old and Worth Small Fortune.

Fergus Falls, Minn.-In the possession of E. J. Oxley, of this city, is a Burmese book of exceeding value. It is about 18 inches in length, and the leaves are 2% inches in width and much thicker than ordinary paper. Fastened together they make a volume about five inches thick. The leaves are sections of paim leaf, paper being unknown until centuries after this particlar book was made, and the characters are delicately cut into the leaves, so that there is no such thing

as fading. The book was given Mr. Oxley by Sergt. Fred Stokes, of the English army, who took it from a Burmese temple in the English-Burman war of 25 years ago. Mr. Oxley, who is himself an Englishman, had occasion to visit his native land, and Sergt. Stokes made him a present of the book as he was returning to Amer-

The sergeant had taken a small Burmese god from the same temple, and the temple and village were then burned by the soldiers. Neither he nor Mr. Oxley regarded the book as anything more than ordinary curios-

ity at the time the present was made. The first intimation that Mr. Oxley had as to its real value was given him by a Burmese lecturer to whom he showed it a few months ago. The man, on seeing it, bluntly told the owner that he never came by any such book as that honestly; that it could not be held as private property in Burmah, and that it was kept sacred and never handled except by the higher orders of the priesthood: "He stated that it had taken at least one man a lifetime to carve the curious characters, and that the book was at least 6,000 years old. He offered Mr. Oxley \$200 for it, but he had already told him too much about it and the offer was promptly declined. He then offered \$40, and this offer was

also declined. The lecturer, before leaving town, told some friends that the book would sell for several thousand dollars if it were offered to the right person. Local ministers and others have had some of the leaves photographed and are sending them to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington and to eastern scholars with a

view of having them translated. The lecturer, who wished to purchase the book, stated that it was the only one of its kind in America, and probably the only copy of that particular section of what may be termed the Burmese Scriptures, in existence.

ENTERPRISE OF AN UNCLE.

He Accomplished an Elopement for His Shy Nephew.

-Geneva -- An amusing abduction occurred recently at Huningue, on the Swiss-German frontier, near Bale, where a wealthy retired merchant named Felix was arrested on a charge of carrying off a girl, but was liberated as soon as the facts of the case became known to the police.

It appears that the old man's neuhew, a shy young man of 23 years, fell in love with a girl on a visit to Neuchatel, and his sentiments were reciprocated by the girl. The girl's parents, however, refused to allow their daughter to marry on the ground

that she was too young. When the lovesick young man told his troubles to his uncle, the old man upbraided him for his lack of enterprise and promised to bring the girl to Huningue within 48 hours. Hiring a powerful motor car, and taking a couple of men with him, Felix left for Neuchatel, abducted the girl from near her home, and returned within the allotted time. The mar-

riage took place next day The girl's parents have forgiven the daughter, who was not in the plot, and everything has ended well.

Bells Stop Church Services.

Braddock, Pa.-With \$5,000 worth of consecrated bells pealing and jangling right across the street, Rev. John Kershaw, pastor of the Congregationalist church, often is unable to make his flock hear his sermon and is forced to suspend services. The bells belong to the Sacred Heart Polish Catholic church, the pride of the Poles in the Monongahela valley, for they are the most costly and loudest. In accordance with the Polish customs, the bells are rung before and after each mass. The Congregationalists appealed to Burgess J. E. Little for relief, and, if he is unable to help, the Polish church will be taken into court as a nuisance

Will Still Sell Snake Oil.

Emporia, Kan.-G. W. McGraw, who has been peddling soap and patent medicines in Emporia for the past few weeks, received word that he is one of three heirs to a \$12,000,000 estate left by his uncle, Thomas Mc-Graw, a banker, who died recently in Detroit, Mich. Mr. McGraw took the news calmly, and when asked what he expected to do when he receives his fortune, said he would continue to travel around and sell his snake oil. McGraw is 66 years old and a veteran of the civil war, having served in the One Hundred and Forty-second New York regiment.

BEAT THE WOLLD IN COAL

United States the Largest Inchis-With Great Britain in Secon - 11 6.

Washington .- Statistics of to you production of the world 12 106 at the total at 929,623,690 tons, is the pared with 867,021,000 tons Ta . . 4.

or an increase of 71/ per cent Most of the producing cualified share in the advance, the not le exceptions being Belgium and Russis. The greatest gain is in the United States, whose output has jumped from 318,276,000 to 352,694,000 tons, or a rise of 61/2 per cent. America is now by far the largest producer, though the United Kingdom is no mean second and still remains the biggest exporter. The production of the United Kingdom, according to British official figures, was 239,889,-000, as against 236,147,000 tons, or an' advance of 1% per cent.

Germany, the third largest producer, mined 173,664,000 tons, asagainst 169,448,000 tons, or a gain of 21/2 per cent. The output of India increased from 7,682,000 to 7,921,000 tons and of Japan from 11,600,000 to 11,895,000 tons. Austria-Hungary's total is 40,725,000, as compared with 40,335,000 tons, and France's contribution is 36.048.000, as against 34,-502,000 tons. The yield of Canada has grown from 6,814,000 to 7,969,000 tons and of South Africa from 3,015,-000 to 3,219,000 tons. Spain's output remains at about 3,200,000 tons. A decline is shown in the chief producing states of Australasia, New South Wales and New Zealand. The production of Belgium has dropped from 23,380,000 to 21,844,900 tons and of Russia from 19,318,000 to 17,120,000 tons, but the exceptional factors that must be taken into account in the latter case are, of course, obvious.

SOLVES A VEXING PROBLEM.

Danish Electrician Perfects New

Wireless Telegraph System. London -- An entirely new system of wireless telegraphy has been submitted to the international wireless telegraph conference at Berlin, and it has proved an immense success. It is the invention of Vladimir Poulsen of Copenhagen. Its chief feature is described as the substitution of a continuous flow of energy to the receiver for the old method of intermittent sparks. It is claimed this new device for obtaining continuous, Hertzian escillations from an electric arc solves immediately the much vexed question of interference between stations working simultaneously. tically any number of stations within range of each other may now, it is stated, intercommunicate without fear of mutual interforence. Fact station. equipped with the new apparatus can be put in communication with any other station without interrupting other lines of communication. Under the new system wireless stations can receive many messages simultaneously over separate lines of communication. As to the future possibilities of the new telegraphy, the opinion is expressed that probably in the near future there will be duplex wireless telegraphy. Stations equipped with the new system already are working in Denmark and giving perfect results.

Other stations are in course of erection elsewhere. BUILD PEN AROUND SNAKES.

Idaho Farmers Are Forced to Fence In a Den of Rattlers.

Council, Idaho.-The young sons of Jeff Donant and Frank Richardson had an exciting experience with a den of rattlesnakes on the latter's ranch on Hornet creek. They killed "! reptiles in a few minutes, and apparently did not make much of an impression

on the number that inhabit the den. For a number of years there has been known to exist a number of dens of these snakes along the rocky bluffs that border Hornet Creek valley, and a few years ago an effort was made to exterminate the largest colony, at which time more than 300 were killed in one day without exhausting the supply. Failing in the effort to kill-them, the ranchers living adjacent to the den fenced the snakes in with a tight

board fence. While these reptiles are numerous within a few miles of Council, the are none whatever in the valley, and a strange peculiarity of the snakes seems to be that they never leave the rocky ledges along the rim of Hornet Creek valley.

Lad is Successful Editor. Sedalia, Mo.—Paul H. Appleby, of Sedalia, was 15 years old the other day, but he has been the successful editor of a paper for boys called the Chum since he was ten years old. Paul is a minister's son, and all the money he has put into his little publication he earned himself by carrying papers. In vacation seasons he carries three routes, and during school months he has one route. He is now in the second year at the high school and has not missed an edition of his magazine for five years. He intends to enlarge his paper as he grows older and later to enter the professional

magazine field. Find \$50,000 Fortune in Barn. Winona, Minn.—Believing that Lemuel Hill, an aged bachelor who died In this city seven years ago, went to his grave with a secret regarding a fortune which relatives supposed he had saved during his long life of a recluse, search was begun on his farm at Pleasant Hill, Minn. The searchers were rewarded after an all-day hunt by finding under the floor of the barn personal property belonging to the dead man valued at about \$50.000.

PILOT THE WHOLE THING.

Young Woman Evidently Thought Ship's Officers Had Snap.

Among the passengers on an Atlantic liner when it left New York recently was a charming young woman from St. Louis, who was making her first trip abroad. The vessel had not proceeded far when the fair passenger approached the captain and said:

"The ship appears to be stopping, captain. Why should we stop here? "We stop here to let the pilot off," was the reply.

"To let the pilot off?" exclaimed the young woman, in a tone of polite incredulity. "Do you mean to say that the pilot doesn't cross the ocean with us and direct the course?"

"I mean just that," answered the captain.

The fair passenger pondered for a bit. Then, smiling as if a bright idea had occurred to her, she added: "O. I suppose after he has set the rudder pointing in the right direction that there's nothing left for him to do, so he goes."-Woman's Home Compan-

GERMAN WAS IN THE MARKET. Didn't Want the Farm, But Was Will-

ing to Buy Hogs.

An Oklahoma paper tells this one: Some few days ago two Oklahoma City real estate men had a German farmer in tow and carted him into the country to see a farm which has considerable low land and where overflows are frequent. They passed a barn where the high water mark was about eight feet above the ground.

"And what is that?" inquired the farmer. One of the real estate men, who is ever ready with an answer, looked

up at the water mark and said: 'That's nothing. That's where the hogs have been brushing up against

the barn. They drove on in silence, when suddenly the farmer broke the atmosphere by saying:

"I do not want the farm, but will buy all the hogs like that you can possibly scrape up."-Detroit Free Press.

Was Strong on Manners.

Frederic Ireland, stenographer of the house of representatives, at the convention at Atlantic City of the National Association of Stenographers, said, apropos of a rash course: "I can't approve of this action because I am a fee to rashness. In handling the affairs of a great body of men I belileve in prudence and carefulness. I am almost as prudent and careful as the weak-minded Scot of Peebles.

"This Scot, a silly look on his face was skating near the famous iron bridge of Peebles on a winter day Some young ladies wished to skate under the bridge, but they did not cnow whether the ice was safe or not So, approaching the Scot, the young est and prettiest of them said: 'San ders, would you mind just gliding un der the bridge and back so as to test the ice?

"The half-witted Sanders took off his cap, and with a bow and smile replied: 'Na. na! If I am daft I ken manners. Leddles first."

The Information Fiend. A San Franciscan was talking about

the humorist Jerome K. Jerome. "I crossed the Atlantic with Mr Jerome," he said, "the last time he visited America. There was on board an information fiend-one of those bores with a lot of information on tap about everything under the sun -and Mr. Jerome had a horror of him. As we leaned over the rail one morning the information fiend joined

"Gentlemen, he said, pompously as he waved his hand out over the great expanse of water, if the earth were flattened out the sea would be two miles deep all over the world."

'Well,' said Mr. Jerome, 'if you catch any man flattening out the earth shoot him on the spot, for I can't

Seek Mysterious Island. Where is the mysterious island full of diamonds for which the English adventurers in the ship Xema are searching? A correspondent of the London Times says that it is Seal is land, the largest of the guano islands near Angra Pequena, a bay on the coast of German Southwest Africa "Fifty-four years ago," he writes, "I was on this island in company with a Capt. Parker, of Hull, whose vessel my firm had chartered to load guano. From the interstices of the rocks we picked up some stones which Capt. Parker thought at first were diamonds. He afterward came to the conclusion that they were only rock crystals."

Red Man's Signature.

Indian chiefs, treating with the government now have to append their thumb-prints to the documents, instead of cross-marks, as hitherto. The reason is that chiefs have frequently repudiated the cross-marks and the obligations involved. The first document has just been signed by thumb-print. It was a treaty between the government and the Umatilla Indians, of Washington, to allow cattle to cross the Indian reservation unharmed.

A Prudent Youth. Father-Let me see, John, how old are you now? Son-Just 30.

Father-Don't you think it about

time you took your medical degree and started to work? Son-Oh, no, father; people have so little confidence in young doctors! -Translated for Tales from Meggendorfer Blactter.

LOVE AND REVENCE.

Pesuliar Conduct of a Monkey Causes Sailors Much trouble.

A curious story of love and revenge comes to us from the far east and the fact that it is the love and revenge of a Javanese monkey doesn't abate the human interest in the narrative. Nor should the further fact that the tale comes to us via the crew of a tramp steamer abate all confidence in its truth. It appears that the sailors who manned this steamer had collected in Java a number of monkeys for speculative purposes and these were confined in the hold.

Among them were two unusually intelligent simians who were released during the voyage and permitted the freedom of the ship. Unhappily a sudden storm came up and one of the playful creatures was washed overboard. The remaining one, who after his comrade's sudden taking off, searched the ship for hours and finally betook himself to the rigging, where he remained three days, refusing food and avoiding all efforts to capture him.

No doubt he held the sailors responsible for the death of his partner and it would appear that he was for mulating a scheme for revenge. Anyway, the third night he released all the monkeys in the hold and for two days the simians made life miserable for the sailors. They bit and ecratched and fought and it was only after a number of them had been flung overboard that the balance could be captured and secured. And in all the forays and fierce charges the revenge-Yul monkey was in the van.

Whatever may be contended concerning the reasoning powers of the brute creation, there has been many instances recorded of their remembrance of past injuries. And this fact would seem to give the story of monkey vengeance some semblance of truth.

THREE MEALS A DAY.

Latest Dietetic Wisdom, According to an Authority.

There is another dietetic scare abroad just now. We are never suffered to be long without one, and perhaps it is because we are continually being swayed this way and that way that we manage, after all, to keep our balance.

Having been solemnly warned against over eating, we are now being emphatically warned that we are in great danger of being underfed. There may be nothing in the new the ory; but, in any case, it will serve to prove the wisdom of steering a midalle course, which, put in its plain terms, means eating neither two, nor six, but three meals a day, of moderate proportions, which very few of us do, says Home Chat.

Either we eat ridiculously, or we eat excessively, and then "cure" for stx weeks.

Family to Care for.

Sallie, a negress, noted for being an excellent worker, was visited one day by one of her old employers. Her little shanty was very small, consist-

ing of three rooms. "Well, Sallie," began her caller, "I have not seen you for many years, but I have come to ask you to do some housecleaning for me. Will you come to-morrow?

"Oh, no, missus," replied the other, "I can't come any mo". I'se married an" has a large family. I can't come." "How many children have you, Sallie?"

"Twelve, mum" "Where are they? I don't see any

about." "Ya'sum I have twelve—eleven in heaven and one in de house of ref-

About So Far. A senator from a central western state sought an interview with the president, asking him to appoint to a foreign consulate an applicant to whom the senator was in some way bound, but who was heartily disliked by reason of his offensive persistence in seeking favors.

"Where do you want him sent?" the senator was asked.

At this the senator took a step or two to the center of the room, where stood a large globe. Putting one arm around it as far as he could reach, the senator said:

"I don't know what locality my finger touches, but please send him there!"—Harper's Weekly.

Easy Money.

In a shop on Broadway a line of hats was being offered at a price which the dealer vehemently declared to be "less than cost." Apparently well pleased with the bargain which he felt satisfied that he had made, a purchaser inquired: "How is it that you can afford to

sell these hats at less than cost to "That is easy enough," complacently replied the merchant. "You see,

I sell so many of them at these fig-

ures." And he passed on to the next prospective buyer.-Harper's Weekly. Exactly What He Meant. "Your English will drive me crazy," roared the city editor. "Listen to

what you have written: "Miss Sissy Sisson, the well known young musical comedy star, had her face slapped last night." "What's wrong with that?" asked

the reporter. "What's wrong with it? Why, when you say she 'had her face slapped' you imply that it was done at her request.

"Sure. That's what I mean. Her press agent did it."

MUST HAVE BEEN LIFELIKE.

Portrait Evidently Belonged to "Impressionistic" School.

The late Edward Rosewater, the founder and editor of the Omaha Bee,

had a sincere love of art. Mr. Rosewater hated pictures that indicated scamped work-so-called impressionistic pictures that were merely rough and hurried sketches and socalled portraits that bore no likeness

to their originals. A young painter showed Mr. Rosewater one day a portrait of a mutual friend.

"That a portrait of Smith?" the editor exclaimed. "I'd never have known It."

"Oh," the artist explained, "I didn't try for a likeness, you know. I tried for an effect-an effect in grays." "I know a man in New York." said

and he was very proud of it. When it came home, he showed it to his cook. "Well, Mary," he said, 'how do you like this portrait?"

Mr. Rosewater, "who had his portrait

painted last year. It cost him \$4,000,

"'Sure, sir,' said the cook, it's lovely. It's beautiful. It's divine.' "'And of course,' said my friend, 'you know who it is?'

'Oh of course I do sir.' said the cook. 'Of course, of course.' As she' spoke she kept drawing nearer to the picture, studying it more and more, closely. 'Of course, sir,' she said, 'it'sf you or the mistress."

AND HE BLAMED THE DEACON.

Charge of Cheating Reputed by Truly Good Man.

"You infernal old lying hypocrite, you told me I could trust that horse." "Well, the fact that you did shows" that I was right."

"Shows that you was right? What do you mean? He ran away the first time I tried to let him stand."

"My friend, permit me to tell you something. It is evident that you have never become aware of the importance of speaking the English language properly. When you were bargaining for the horse in question you asked: 'Can I trust him?' I replied that you could Literally that was true You did trust him, hence you could. If you had asked ... Will it be safe for me to trust him? I would have bad to answer in the accative, for I am a truthful man, as every deacon should be! Ah, my dear sir, how often do people in this world blame men for wrongs that they have not committed. Here you have accused meof cheating you, when your faulty English alone was to blame. But I forgive you. I never harbor resentment. Go, sir, go. In my magnanimity I will not even reproach you."-Chicago Record-Herall

Partridges Hatched by Bantam. Mrs. Mary Smith, wife of John Smith, a Hartford county (Pa.) farmer, has in her possession a chicken that has become a foster mother for ten young partridges.

Last winter and early in the spring a number of Kansas quail were 115erated by sportsmen in the vicinity of Mr Smith's farm. One night Mr Smith's cat brought an expectant partridge mother in dead. Mrs. Smith immediately went to the nest, and finding if eggs still warm, transferred them to a bantam hen, and in a short while ten hatched out. The little birds are as domestic as ordinary young chickens. When night comes on they hover under their mother just as naturally as if they were bantams.

Strangely Familiar.

The great editor had, thoughtless ly, fallen in love with the young lady whose contributions he had frequent ly returned. He wrote her a letter in which he stated that his heart had been in her possession for some time,

The reply staggered him:

"Sorry," she wrote, "to have kept the article sent in by you so long. Are you sure you inclosed sufficient postage for its return, in case it was unavailable? In returning it, we wish to thank you for your consideration in offering it, and to assure you that our rejection implies no lack of merit in the article itself, simply that we have already on hand more articles of a like character than we can use for some time to come.

"Yours, etc., "MISS EMILY BROWN."

Strong Combination." A police justice was trying to impress upon a prisoner, who was to testify on his own behalf, the solema nature of an oath. Assuming his most pompous tone, the magistrate thus addressed him:

"Prisoner at the bar! In taking this solemn oath to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, take care that you do not allow yourself to be tempted to commit a willful perjury. Remember that the eyes of an all-seeing providence and of the village constable are upon you."

Not Matured.

"What are you looking so gloomy about?

"Oh, I'm just home from the race "Why, you told me before you went down there that you had picked a

"Yes, but-I-er-guess I picked him before he was ripe."

sure winner."

The Jealous Wife. "I don't see why she isn't happy with him. He's certainly very attentive to her."

"That's just it. She argues that be couldn't be so attentive to her if he hadn't had a lot of experience with some one else."

## L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS