Scheme of Millionaire to Induce Them Not to Greak His Will.

Philadelphia - John F. Betz, Sr., multi-millionaire, brewer, has given him son John Betz, Jr., his skyscraper, the Berz building, and one of the most valuable pieces of real estate in the city An offer of \$3,000,000 by Felix Isman had been turned down by the owner a few weeks ago. This gift folflows that of the Germania brewery. worth about half a million, to his grandson, and goes before other gifts of many more millions to his immediate family.

By these gifts the old brewer, who is now past 70, house to protect his young wife, who was the Countess Anna Helena Hierezoff of Batavia, whom he met ten years ago, secretly married and has been secretly living with in this city ever since. She is now only 33 and very beautiful. She has had two children, Frances, a girl, new aged four, and Johann, aged

Only through the transfer of the property did the romantic marriage become known. Everyone, thought Betz a widower. It became known the other day that about a month ago John Bets, Jr., discovered that his father was married. There was a bitter quarrei, into which were drawn John Betz III., the grandson, and others of the family. Notice was served on Betz, gy, that a concerted effort would be made to break his will when he died and to recover anything he might give his young wife and her children. Betz, Sr., who is in poor health, decided to give away the greater part of his \$15,000,000 fortune to his family if they would agree not to molest Mrs. Betz and the two children after his Mosth Such an agreement was signed. It is said Betz, Sr., aims to keep a million each for his widow and chil-The Grand opera house and several

hundred dwellings are said to be the next to go. HOPES TO ABOLISH THE TRAMP.

Mrs. Sage Gives Money to Aid in the

Effort.

New York .- Mrs. Russell Sage has been asked to supply \$50,000 to solve the tramp problem in America, and has already supplied enough money to begin the organization of a national committee of 100 to prepare for the

Oriando F. Lewis, superintendent of the Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor of New York: Benjamin C. Marsh and B. L. Reitman, both identified with the subject of tramp life, and David Bressler are among those who will be on the retary. Mrs. Sage, in carrying out her announced intention to devote the bulk of her money to charity, is said to have become intensely interested in the tramp problem and to have expressed strong opinions that the tramp as an institution can easily be done away with.

Besides the organization of a nagonal committee personal work is being done in several of the large cities. During the last week, while parties of tramps have made their headquarters around the blazing pitch pots at Fourth street and Washington Square, a sociological student disguised as a tramp has been living with them and preparing notes upon the best means of turning them into useful citizens.

RELICS FOR ROOSEVELT.

Whalebone Shafts Sent from the Arctic by Boyhood Friend.

Seattle, Wash.-The schooner Vo-Santi is in from the arctic circle. bringing as a present to Mr. Roosevelt from C. H. Hawsworth, his boyhood friend, two costly shafts of poltshed whalebone. Aside from being the most northerly curios ever sent the president they are of such a character and around each are entwined such weird legends that it is probable they will occupy a prominent position In his collection.

4 Mr. Hawsworth secured the whalebone shafts from the old-fashioned grave of an Eskimo chief.

The grave, in keeping with ancient enstom, stands several feet above the stretch of ice and snow near Point

Mingled with the bones of the dead chief the whalebone shafts were found, turned to a deep brown from years of burial and the action of

Mr. Hawsworth secured the relics for a few yards of bright calico cloth. HORSE RECLINES TO BE SHOD.

Animal Rests Hoad on a Hay Bag

Whenever Brought Into Smithy.

New York -- George Canfield, a milk dealer of Caldwell, N. J., owns a horse. which lies down to be shod, and, putting its head on a bundle of hay and holding its feet in the air, makes itself comfortable during the operation.

It was while the last snow was on the ground that the animal adopted this method. One day it had been slipping and stumbling over a 30-mile route and was tired out. It was led to Arlington Russell's smithy to have its shoes roughened, and as soon as the blacksmith raised its hoofs it lay down with its hoof in the air.

Russell attached the four shoes while the animal was in this position. Since then every time it has been mecessary to roughen the shoos again at has lain down the moment the smithy was reached. Russell now brings a bag of hay and places it under the horse's head for a pillow.

MANY KILLED IN MINES.

Over Two Thousand Men Gave Up Their Lives in 1906.

Philadelphia.-The total number of men-killed while mining coal in the United States during 1908, according to statistics gathered by the geological survey, was 2,061. The number of workmen receiving injuries in this industry more or less serious, but not fatal, was 4,798 during the same

period. The death rate per thousand of workmen was 2.4 or, in other words, of every 1,000 coal miners over three were killed and more than six seriously injured in accidents at the coal mines. This is a heavy toll when it is considered that England's death rate per 1,000 coal miners during last year was only one. Every 190,353 tons of coal mined in this country last year cost one life.

The principal causes of death were falls of roof and coal, and explosions. The deaths due to the former numbered 1,008; gas and dust explosions, 228; powder explosions, 80; miscel-

laneous, 732. The number of men killed in Pennavlvania mines during 1906 was: Anthracite, 557: bituminous, 447; total. 1,034, or more than half of the number killed in the 20 states and territories in which coal was mined. But Pennsylvania produced more coal than all the other states and the territories combined.

During the same period the number of persons injured in accidents in Pennsylvania mines was: Anthracite. 1.212; bituminous, 1.160; total, 2.372. Of those killed in Pennsylvania mines, 583 left widows and 1,294 children were made fatherless. Pennsylvania's death rate per 1,000 miners was. Anthracite, 3.43; bituminous, 3.14.

The state which made the lowest record in the death rate per 1,000 for 1906 was Maryland, with 1.09. Colorado had the highest death rate, 7.74 per 1,000; West Virginia, second, with

HAULS MASTER TO SCHOOL

Faithful Dog Is Devoted to Crippled Воу.

Marion, O.-Remarkable devotion is shown his young master by a large St. Bernard dog, which, after having watched at the sick bed of 14-year-old Emmet Shoats for months, now hauls him to and from the district schoolhouse, half a mile away. Young Shoats is a cripple and unable to walk. Any morning about eight o'clock the big dog can be seen wending his way down the pike drawing his little master belind in a small wagon. The faithful dog "hangs" around the schoolhouse until evening and is always there at the dismissal of school.

The dog and the boy have been playmates since childhood. Until twoyears ago they romped together through the woods and pastures. One day in their play young Shoats hurt his leg. Since then he has been practically an invalid. During the time that the boy was in a local hospital the dog seemed broken-hearted and would scarcely eat. He fell away until he was, figuratively speaking, nothing but skin and bones. Now he is full of health and vigor. The old St. Bernard cannot be bought at any

ONE ON THE PRESIDENT.

W. F. Cody Tells a Story of Roosevelt's Quest of Bear Dogs.

Denver Col.-"Buffalo Bill" Cody. while a guest here, told this joke on President Roosevelt:

When the president was in Colorado hunting, the expedition was hard un for bear dogs. On the third or fourth day out Chief Guide Goff said: "Mr. President, I know a man who has good bear dogs. I will see if I can get them."

"All right," said the president, "do it." But the man turned down the guide.

"I will go over and see him myself," said the president, and he did. "Nothing doing," said the owner of

the dogs. "Do you know who I am?" demand-

ed the president, "I am the president of the United States."

"Well," replied the dog owner, "I don't care a --- if you are, and wouldn't care a --- if you were Booker T. Washington, you couldn't have my dogs."

And the president, concluding that the dog owner knew his own business best, went back to camp and told the story with much glee.

BUG IN-EAR FOR MONTHS.

Caused Boy's" Headaches and Came

Near Taking Life.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Surgical experts who opened the ear of nine-yearold Somers Braddock, of Bakersville, to discover the cause of headaches, which had been worrying the child for months, found a dead beetle in the inner ear. Removal of the bug was followed by immediate departure of the pain, and the lad's hearing will not even be affected by the insect's long

residence in his ear tube. The lad was sitting on the porch of his home one night last summer when he acreamed out that a bug had crawled in his ear. His parents made an examination, but failed to discover the bug, and no more was thought of. the incident until the child began to,

suffer from pains in his head.

Surgeons who performed the operation declare that, had the bug gone a fraction of an inch farther into the child's ear, it would have killed him.

A WONDERFUL SPRING

HEALING POWERS CLAIMED FOR CALIFORNIA WATER.

Pool Is Located in Indian Reservation In Mountain Valley and Has Long Been Known to Mission Tribe of Red Men.

Los Angeles, Cal.-Down in the California desert, 150 miles from Los Angeles and around the spur of a mountain, is a little valley owned by a canny Scotchman, Dr. Murray. The doctor has brought the water from the mountains near by and has created an "oasis in the desert.". He has about ten acres in oranges and alfalfa, and nothing could be more pleasant to the eye, after ranging over a sandy waste. than this charming valley.

An Indian reservation adjoins the doctor's ranch, and from them he leases for \$100 per annum a rare spring. The pool formed by this spring is about as large as a good sized room and is covered by a rude shack. The uniform temperature of the water is 100 degrees, and it is said to have many healing properties. .

When a person first enters this pool his feet strike a soft, sandy bottom, and he is apparently in water about 18 inches deep. All at once a ripple goes over the surface, much as if a stone had been thrown in, and near him he notices the sand has opened, disclosing a hole as large as the circumference of the body, but how deep one is afraid to think.

But the doctor calls there is no danger and he takes his life in his hands and plunges in. Down he goes up to his neck, and, fearing a quicksand, he calls out to the doctor, but he, smiling imperturbably, bids him keep quiet

and walt results. Presently he feels a soft impact upon the soles of his feet, and slowly but irresistibly he feels himself being forced to the surface. Within the space of three minutes he is again standing in 18 inches of water, and the hole has disappeared, only to appear a few feet further on. He hastens to it, plunges in, and again he sinks to his neck as before. Only one hole is formed at a time, and between the closing of one and the appearing of another there is an interval of about five minutes.

In this wonderful bath one does not require any brush or soap, but when he comes out his skin is smooth and spotless, here and there appearing upon his body minute scales of silica. After dashing a bucket of cold water over himself he feels wonderfully invigorated and refreshed. People come hundreds of miles to bathe in this healing water, and if the doctor could only move this spring to Los Angeles he could make his fortune in a few years. The Indians (the Mission tribe) attach great value to the water and use the overflow of the pool for bathing and drinking purposes.

COULD BARK LIKE A DOG.

Poet Bostand, Dupe for a Time, Becomes Shrewd Detective.

Paris .- M. Edmond Rostand, the poet and dramatist, took a villa near Bayonne recently and was kept awake every night by a dog which bayed the moon and roused all the other dogs within earshot. A man named Fallletout, said he could stop the barking, and actually succeeded in doing so.

A week later, however, the barking started again, and M. Rostand recognized the dismal tones of the leader of the chorus. He summoned Falllietout and questioned him as to his alleged power over the animals. Failletout was flattered, and discoursed at large.

· "And can you bark like a dog?" asked M. Rostand, in innocent admiration. Failletout demonstrated. "Ah, I recognize that bark," said M. Rostand, "don't let me hear it again at night." Failletout departed crestfallen, and no dog has barked beneath M. Rostrand's windows sincec.

TO ABOLISH THE LOCKSTEP.

Reform is Established at Blackwell's Island Penitentiary.

New York.—Blackwell's Island penitentiary, where minor offenders of New York city's laws serve their sen-

tences, will know the striped suit and the lockstep no more. John V. Coggey, commissioner of

correction, announced the other day that he has decided to put an end to stripes and lockstep in the penitentiary, as he believed that they did much to kill any smoldering spark of decency that may remain in the pris oner when he is brought to the city prison. Commissioner Coggey said:

"I find that most of the progressive penal institutions throughout the country have abolished the stripes and the lockstep. I agree thoroughly with the argument in fayor of this action, that it saves the prisoner from humiliation which he never can forget.

Buy Tickets of Admittance. New York .- Selling tickets of admittance to the United States is the latest swindle worked on ignorant foreigners coming to America.

A man who was a passenger on the Amerika sold more than 40 of these tickets collecting not less than one dollar apiece for them. The immigrants were told they could land without difficulty if they had a ticket. The ship's officers discovered the swindler and made him disgorge the money: He will be prosecuted.

BABY SUES GRANDFATHER.

Bix-Months-Old Youngster Charges Relative with Slander.

Decatur, Ill.-Sued for slander-by his six-months-old grandson, Zibe Jones, a wealthy and prominent citisen of Toledo, Ill., his hair streaked with gray, must answer in the Cumberland county court at the next term alleged remarks which are said to have cast a doubt upon the parentage of the plaintiff.

The case, so far as is known, is without parallel in the state of illinois, if not in the whole world. The slander is alleged to have occurred before the babe was born. Now at the age of six months the little one. through its next friend, John McNutt, seeks in the courts to refute the alleged slanderous remarks.

The babe, whose name is Gerald Jones, a son of Carlton Jones, alleges that prior to his birth his grandfather. Zibe Jones, charged his mother with a statutory crime which would reflect apon the plaintiff's parentage. Geraldwill appear in court the youngest plaintiff who ever pleaded for justice before the Illinois bar.

Zibe Jones, the defendant, resides near Toledo and has always been a teader in political and religious affairs in his community. He also appears to have a ready tongue, as there are now pending an even half dozen suits against him charging slander and similar offenses.

In the Coles county circuit court there is pending a suit for \$5,000 damages brought by Mrs. Nellie Jones against Zibe Jones, whom she charges with alienating the affections of her husband. Carlton Jones, father of the plaintiff in the latest suit.

CHANGES IN LATIN QUARTER.

Old Structures Being Removed to Enlarge the Lycee Saint Louis.

Paris.-Rapid progress is being made in the enlargement of space occupied by the Lycee Saint Louis, one of the largest schools for boys in

France. As a preliminary to the enlargement old water tanks which some years ago caused epidemics of typhoid and had to be abandoned are being torn down. These tanks faced the Rue Racine, which is one-side of a large triangle which the Lycee eventually will occupy, the other two sides being the Boulevard St. Michel, on which is the present building and the Rue Monsieur le Prince.

The plan is to pull down all the buildings on this triangle in order that the whole space may be devoted to the institution's interesting changes.

A feature of this change is the nec essary demolition of an old wall back of Rue Monsieur le Prince. This wall is on the site of the most southerly fortification of the wall of Paris in the time of Phillice Auguste, who reigned from 1180 to 1225, and is built of the same stones. .

Although the modernizing of this part of the historic Latin quarter is said to be definitely decided upon. plans have not reached a point where the occupants of the buildings receive

DROPS AFTER LONG FLIGHT.

Carrier Pigeon from South Carolina Falls Exhausted in New York.

New York.-A bedraggled carrier pigeon beat its way wearily across the. upper bay in the driving rainstorm at noon the other day, hovering over the Battery sea wall a moment, and then dropped to the coping of the Aquarium, where it fluitered to the ground. A passerby picked up the bird, which made no attempt to escape, and carried it inside the building.

Attached to the brass ring encircling the pigeon's leg was a strip of thin wax paper, bearing the following inscription:

"Introducing 'Beauty,' a recordbreaker. Left Charleston, S. C., December 9, bound for Cooper square. If I am in trouble give me a square meal and pass me along."

Beauty got a square meal-for which he beemed very grateful-and after a rest and a thorough drving out. he was taken outside again and tossed into the air. After circling a few times to take his bearings, the pigeon headed north on the last lap of its 700-mile journey, and was quickly lost

TO PENSION "DESERTERS,"

Michigan Congressman Would Clear Away Technical Charges.

Washington.-A bill that will interest G. A. R. men all over the country is planned by Representative Mc-Laughlin of Michigan. He would remove by law the charge of desertion against hundreds of soldiers who broke from the army and hurrled home after Appomattox, or the grand review in Washington. They left because the war was over, but not being discharged formally were technically deserters, and cannot be pensioned.

"I would have every man who can show that he was in arms at the time of Lee's surrender given an honorable discharge," said Representative Mc-Laughlin. "It is amazing to find how" many men who were with the army at the close of the war and had a share' in the war are deserters. It is true that trouble was threatened with France because of Mexico, and with the Indians. But the great war for which these men had enlisted was ended. Many of them at the time had no notion of ever seeking pensions, but are in need now."

## BIRDS SHOW EMOTION

A SCIENTIST BAYS SPARROWS' FACES MIRROR THEIR FEELING.

Clinton G. Abbott Proves Assertion by Photographs---Mother Cat. Bird Expresses Har Fear of Stuffed, Owl.

Philadelphia.-I'm no nature faker, but I am convinced that such emotions as anticipation, supplication, satisfaction, surprise and attention not only live in the breasts of the feathered tribe but that the outward expression of these emotions is mirrored in the tiny faces of the birds."

This declaration by Clinton G. Abbott, a well-known scientist of New York, caused a stir among members of the twenty-fifth annual congress of American ornithologists at the Academy of Natural Sciences the other day.

With this declaration as the keynote of one of the most notable addresses ever delivered on the subject. Dr. Abbott flashed upon the scene a photograph showing two small sparrows with the mother bird upon the limb of a tree.

"While I was at Long island I arranged, early one morning, my camera so that it would face a limb of a tree in which I knew the sparrows shown in this picture made their home," said Dr. Abbott. "I attached a long string to the press bulb, and then, with this in hand, hid myself in some distant shrubbery. The two younger birds appeared and shortly after the mother, pluming her wings as if for flight. A moment afterward she flew into the woods and I got a photograph of the little ones awaiting her return. Their bills were open, as you see them in the picture, and there is no one who will not agree with me that anticipation is clearly evident in the posture and in their bills and tiny faces."

There was an outburst of applause after the audience had taken in the details of the picture.

"Later," Dr. Abbott continued, "I got a picture of the birds after the feeding. The mother had returned with food for one in her bill. On the face of the unfed one was an expression of disappointment."

This picture was flashed on the screen.

"There," he continued, "you can see the little one still crying for food. The mother left again and returned with food for the other. In another picture I have the two satisfied youngsters on the limb and the mother as latisfied on the nest."

pause there was another enthusiastic demonstration from the audience.

"All the emotions I specified," said Dr. Abbott, "are shown on the faces of the birds. I placed a stuffed owl in a tree near the nest of a catbird, and then waited until morning to see the expression on the bird's face at the sight of the stranger. In the morning the cathird came out, looked enizzically at the owl, completely surprised at the presence of a possible enemy. He then made all kinds of noise with his wings and mouth to scare the owl away. After each effort at scaring there was a look of attention on the face of the cathird. And that look is photogra; hed before

"Next day," Dr. Abbott continued, "I took the owl away, then I discovered that the cathird had two young ones in a nest. They were permitted to come out on the limb of the tree, and I got in another ploture, the look of self-satisfaction upon that catbird's

you.

EARTH GULPS DOWN TRACK.

Eight-Hundred-Foot Section of Eris Railroad Swallowed.

Oil City, Pa.—A seemingly bottomless pit has been discovered between Lottsville and Columbus, Warren county, on the new cut-off of the Erie railroad low grade. It was not discovered until 800 feet of rallroad track

had been swallowed up in a night. Superintendent John Braff, who has charge of the work along the Eric system, says it beats anything in his long experience as a railroader.

Strangely enough, this great sink hole is not visible to the eye, and until the railroad was huilt across it the earth was apparently as solid as could be desired. Mr. Braff said he believed that at one time the section was covered by a lake. In the course of time, it is thought, a crust of six or seven feet formed on top of this lake; but below that for a great distance seems to be nothing but mud and water and the trunks of great trees.

The engineers will persevere in attempting to lay a track across this bidden swamp.

Makes Weather to Order.

Akron, O .- Pointing to apring flowers blooming in a field behind his laboratory as proof that he can produce any variety of weather he desires, John C. Bedient, an electrical genius of this city, is about to apply for a patent and to form a company to manufacture an apparatus, the model of which he is concealing in his work-

He says electricity is the basis of his machine and that it will produce warm weather, with imitation sunshine, rain, and the growth of flowers, plants, and grains, and snow or ice, if applied near still or running water. He stands guard each night, relieved

by his wife and son, to prevent fliching of his possession.

STO SERVICE AT BUNKER HILL.

Maine Man Owns Musket That Was Used in Historic Conflict.

Alonzo Smith of Skowhegan, Me., has an old gun, which was used in the hattle of Bunker Hill, 131 years ago, . Many who fought on the American side on the 17th of three afterward went to Maine to settle, among them Billy Smith, a private in the Second New Hampshire regiment. Mr. Smith, the great-grandfather of Alonzo Smith. of Skowbegan, settled in Cornville in 1790, and his grave is in the orchard on a farm near where his grandson, Clark E. Smith, now lives. The musket which Billy Smith carried at Bunker IIIII was among his effects brought to Cornville, and on his death passed into the hands of his son, David, and was by him bequeathed to his grandson, Sylvesier Smith. A few years ago, when Sylvester left for the west, he gave the famous old musket to Sylvester Emith of Skodhegan, who now treasures it as a family heirloom. One remark made by Hilly Smith in relating his experiences at Bunker Hill has been handed down to his descendants, to the effect that he' felt some repugnance at first in shooting at the redcoats as-they came up the slope, but after the first few shots be could as easily take aim at a British. officer as he could at a partridge. The gun itself is in working order, barring the loss of the flint, and could be easily re-equipped for actual use.

PORTABLE SOURCE OF WEALTH.

Little Gold Dust Factory in Each Man's Pocket Out West.

While the scarcity of currency caused the substitution in pay envelopes of gold coins for bills a pleasant and profitable habit which is said to be in vogue out west, where gold is always more in use than in the east, is understood to have found much favor here.

The nature of this is suggested in a question which a New Yorker who was away out west near Detroit or Denver or somewhere in the neighbor-

head recently put to a native. "Why is it," he asked, "that every man I see out here always has his hand on his waistcoat pocket and every little; while takes a long turn at

rubbing it gently?" "That's his gold dust factory," was the answer. "He has that pocket lined with emery paper and keeps a gold coin in it all the time. He renews the coin occasionally and then every three months or so he cleans out the pocket very carefully and sells the dust. He makes quite a good thing out of it."-N. Y. Sun.

An Excellent Waitress.

-Nurses in training have many hardships to bear, but perhaps none is worse than having to appear cheerful under all conditions. A sense of humor is perhaps as great an asset as a nurse can have for it will help her

over many a difficulty. The daughter of a wealthy man became imbued with the desire to know how to earn her own living, and to that end she entered one of the large New York hospitals as a nurse. The work was to her liking, and, as she looked on the bright side of everything, she was generally in a happy frame of mind. 'Her particular."pet" was an old and illiterate sea captain, who was in the surgical ward with a broken arm which would not knit. He was a cheerful old fellow. and his droll remarks gained for him the good will of everybody. One day when the nurse had paid him some little attention, he said with an appreciative smile:

"Miss L. is the best waitress I ever

What It Was. Young Bertie courted pretty Aun. and asked her for his wife.

Said she: "I love no other man, so will be yours for life!" Then gently round her taper waist his arm in rapture went, and on those

ruby lips so chaste the first long kisses "What is it?" cried he in joy, "that draws this heart to mine? What makes those cheeks so bright and coy, those eyes like stars to shine? What is it proves the world so fair when thy sweet form is nigh—that permeates the ambient air, the trees, the flowers. the sky? Oh, say, what is it that on-

thrails the kiss I hold so dear?" She gently on his bosom falls. "It's onions, love, I fear!"-Answers.

A Plot! "I have a great idea," said the amateur conspirator. "What is it?" asked the willing listener.

"We will say no more about protecting trees." "Yes?" "On the contrary, we will encourage

their destruction in every possible manner." "In time we shall see our hillsides."

our parks and our avenues turned to barren wastes." "And then?" "Then we will organize a parasol.

A Great Difference.

compelling you to reduce fares?" "Yes," answered Dustin Stax. "So long as they went no further than to compel us to increase our revenues by charging everybody the maximum rate, we were deferential and submissive. But when they aim a blow like this patience becomes impossible!"

"So you are going to resist the law