I have seen something of legal practice on both sides of the Atlantic, and my opinion is that our profession would gain immensely by combining the two branches, barristers and solicitors, pretty much as they are combined in the United States and Canada, says a writer in the London Saturday Review. It us obvious that the solicitors would profit by such an arrangement; they would have the right of audience in all courts and the opportunity to qualify themselves for promotion to the bench. Barristers would gain by securing early opportunities of mastering the details of their work, and they would be freed, at least to some extent, from their present humiliating dependence on solic-Hors.

In America the young lawyer goes into an office, where he makes his merit known by steady attention to business. There will always be two kinds of lawyers-those who stay in their offices, dealing directly with clients and attending to matters of routine, and those who advise on points of law and argue cases in court. These two orders of men are clearly distinguished in America, but they work together as partners, to the great advantage of the client. In England, they are divided by a pretentious etiquette, which does not answer the purpose for which it was devised. It is supposed to preserve the dignity of the bar, whereas the attitude of successful barristers to the other branch of the profession is often anything but digni-

The history of our bar is adorned by many famous names, but Webster and Benjamin and Choate rank with the greatest of our advocates and are an good as the best

"ITALY'S "IMBECILE" TAX.

Gambling Scheme Whereby the Government Is a Sure and Large Winner.

The state lottery is one of those questions about which much has been written in Italy and about which animated discussions are constantly going on. The opinions are much diwided. Some say it is immoral and dishonorable that the state, instead of setting a good example, should be an incentive to gambling, while others, independently of the large amount which this institution brings in to the budget of the country, maintain that after so many centuries it is impossible to abolish it, as, if it were done. It would merely abandon the people into the hands of private speculators, who, besides keeping up the gambling habit, would not surround it with the guarantees of honesty insured by the government. Foreigners do not perhaps know exactly in what this "scandal" consists. Out of the numbers from 1 to 90 every Saturday five win ning numbers are extracted. For the player to win it is necessary to draw one or more of these numbers. If you draw one right you gain 14 times what you paid—that is, 85 probabilities in favor of the government. If you draw two numbers you gain 250 times what you paid, but you have only ten probabilities in your favor. while the government has 3,995. If you draw three, you gain 4,250 times what you risked, but while the probabilities in your favor are still ten. "those of the government are 171.470. The same proportion is maintained if you draw four or all the numbers, so that the socialist paper Avanti calls this lottery the "tax on the imbeciles."

# ANIMAL HOMES FOR AGED.

Places of Rest Established for Decrepit Beasts by Hindoo Humanitarians.

The Hindoos, notably thoughtful of animals, have established a rest home for decrepit beasts not far from Caleutta.

A high-salaried manager rules a staff of 80 servants, while there is a house veterinary surgeon to look after those patients suffering from disease. Every sanitary precaution is taken and the stables are models of their kind.

A recent census showed that there were 973 pauper immates, including 129 bulis, 307 cows, 171 calves, 72 horses, 13 water buffalo, 69 sheep, 15 goats, 141 pigeons, 44 chickens, 4 chts, 3 monkeys and 5 dogs

Little red tape is required to secure admission to the home, and the cattle have an especially easy time since at certain seasons they are made the objects of veneration and are visited from far and

BOAT. The institution is supported entirely by gifts from the natives, and after an existence of 13 years is in a thriving condition, with funds ample to meet any demands made upon it. -

Tarpon Tishing.

Tarpon fishing has long been recogmized as a sport for millionaires, but it took an Englishman to break the financial record in Florida water His first catch was a 160 pounder, and it cost him exactly \$50,000. He came over in his private yacht, with a crew of 92 men. expressly for tarpon fishing, but the largest expense items are charged to what he laughingly calls "bait," otherwise the entertainment of fellow sportsmen whose yachts crossed the course of his.—N. Y. Herald.

With a Moral.

woman can."-London Tit-Bits.

"I tell you," asserted the strongminded woman, "women can do men's work as well as men can do it." "That may be so." said the philosophical man, "and it only proves man's mental superiority. He never tries to do woman's work as well as

#### FORTUNE FOR WORKINGMAN

Forgotten Relative in Texas Leaves New York Laborer Over \$3,000,000.

New York.-Wonderful news came to the little cottage near Woodlawn, L. I., occupied by Thomas O'Keefe and his wife, in the form of a letter from a sister in Ireland. It told him that he is heir to \$3,825,000 as his share of the estate of an almost forgotten relative, who settled in Texas a century ago, and who

died years ago, leaving \$11,500,000. O'Keefe, until two years ago, was a section foreman of the Long Island railroad. He had been so employed for nearly 40 years, when, having acquired a modest competence from his wages of \$1.20 a day and the earnings of his wife, who took in washing to aid the family exchequer, he bought a six-acre farm, which he has been working in rustic contentment. The O'Keefes were celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding when the golden news came in the letter from Ireland. Romance surrounds the O'Keefe in-

heritance, but investigation by lawyers and by Douglas Conklin, cashier of the Bank of Huntington, establishes the fact that the millions have a very substantial foundation, and that from an income of \$438 a year, the former section boss and present owner of a sixacre farm is about to step into one of \$150,000. In 1804 Dennis O'Keefe, of Kilkee, County Clare, Ireland, left his home and shipped as a sailor. He wandered over the world, and finally settled in Texas, acquiring many acres of land, and on nearly all of it oil has been found in immense quantities. The oil was found years after old Dennis O'Keefe died, and since scores of lawyers have been searching for his relatives. Finally, a lawyer, named Hildreth, discovered one of the three heirs to the estate, Mrs. Maria O'Keefe Fennell, of Kilkee, Ireland. Mrs. Fennell notified her two brothers, Patrick Mc-Guire, who lives in Ireland, and O'Keefe.

### BUILDING HER OWN HOUSE

Massachusetts Woman Has Started, Unaided, a Two-Story Structure.

North Adams, Mass.-Mrs. Elizabeth Hollis, young, muscular and handy with tools, has started in to build, unaided, a two-story frame dwelling on a plot of ground recently purchased by her at Lorraine, a suburb of the city. She has already started the cellar excavation, and has a good portion of the work done. She has ordered stone, and plans to put in a heavy foundation wall.

Mrs. Hollis feels she will be forced to call for assistance when it comes to handling the heavy framing timbers, but aside from this she will put up the house and finish it without help. The Building Trade council of the city practically controls the building in the city. They will offer no objection to the woman doing the work. In fact, the council has offered to furnish a couple of men to do any work which Mrs. Hollis is unable to do, but she declares emphatically that she will get along very nicely after the heavy framing is done.

Mrs. Hollis declares she will have but little difficulty in doing the inside finishing, plastering and papering. Several men residing near her have offered to lend a hand in digging the cellar, but she prefers doing the work herself.

### NO RACE SUICIDE THERE.

California Woman Becomes the Mother of the Twenty-Fifth Child.

San Francisco, Cal.-At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Mello, of Barkeley, Mrs. Mello says: "John, we have another." He replied: "All right. Maria."

Mrs. Mello was born in the Azores 46 years ago. She began married life at the age of 15, and has had 25 children. She has been wedded twice. Her first husband was the father of ten infants, and to John Mello belongs the responsibility of 15.

Mrs. Mello is the youngest of 20 children by her own mother, and knows of several additional half-brothers. "I don't know just how many," says Mrs. Mello; "I think ten, but maybe more."

After her marriage Mrs. Mello came with her husband to California. And before she was 16 Manuel arrived to prove to his grandfather that the family tradition was just as strong in the new land as in the old. Such was the beginning. The records of to-day show 25 children in 30 years, with seven pairs of twins among them. each time, until the last, a black-eyed boy and a blue-eyed girl.

Talking Good for the Teeth. Somebody has advanced a new theory to account for the rapid decay of the teeth of human kind. It is due. this wiseacre says, to the decline of conversational powers. Talk exercises the jaws, and jaw exercise is beneficial to the teeth. The more talk the more benefit. Our ancestors were forced to talk because there were few amusements to silence them. Their teeth were more shapely and stronger, and they endured. Nowadays cheap entertainments of many kinds entice the teeth owners and cheap literature of an engrossing character draws them from the natural exercise that their molars and incisors so sorely need.

University Statues. The class of 1904 at the University of Pennsylvania has voted to put a statue of Benjamin Franklin in the university grounds. The class of 1905 is to erect one to William Smith, the

first provost of the university.

#### NHY SHIPS "TURN TURTLE"

Reason Given for the Occasional Complete Capsizing of Big War Vessels.

A writer who signs himself "Englneer Commander" in the royal navy. criticises the present arrangement of safety bulkheads in war vessels as fol-

A heavy list and then turned turtle is the experience of nearly every power possessing ships of war, in some cases the result of accident, in others the result of warfare, but always the cause is the same-sudden inrush of water, which, owing to the arrangement of the bulkheads, is confined to one side of the ship, with the inevitable result always of a dangerous list, and sometimes a complete capsize. However beautifully our ships may be built, however accurate our guns and efficient our machinery, however zealous our officers and crews. of what avail is it all if a chance shot can do such damage as to send the wnote floating citadel to the bottom in a few minutes? If the bulkheads were built so that in case of accident the water had access across the ship the filling of a compartment would only sink her a few inches, and the guns would remain on a level platform, instead of at once becoming useless

The use of "flooding valves," which has come in to some extent of late years. is entirely inadequate. A ship with a rent on one side 20 feet square letting in water cannot be kept on a level keel by opening valves to the other side of the ship three or four inches in diam-

# SEA ANIMALS IN DESERT.

Sands of Nevada Rich in Relics of Prehistoric Denizens of the Waters.

Scientists of the University of California who have been searching for prehistoric animals on the Nevada desert for the past few months have succeeded in finding skeletons of some sea mammoths on the dry wastes, writes a Reno (Nev.) correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle. One of the specimens is 29 feet long, and, packed, occupies 54 boxes. This specimen was found on the great 40-mile desert in Humboldt county and is considered one of the most valuable fossils ever unearthed. Before finding this one the scientists succeeded in locating several smaller reptiles, which must have lived in that region ages ago.

The professors say that the deserts of Nevada are rich in such prehistoric relics and intend to spend several weeks more in research. The large sea animal has been shipped to the University of California, and will be placed in the museum of that college. The professors intended to cover the whole state of Nevada before recurning to California, but so numerous have been their finds in the Humboldt desert that they may confine their work to that place alone.

# SHE CERTAINLY KNEW HOW

Colored Cook Who Had a Winning Way When She Wanted Assistance.

Darky help is the despair of every southern matron. But of all the darky help in Dixie. Billy was the worst, relates Lippincott's Magazine. Tell him on Monday to do a chore and the following Monday he would reply that he "done been speckilatin' " about it.

Mrs. Bronson, who gave him his board and wage in return for hypothetical work, had vowed many a time that she "jes' wouldn't have that lazy nigger around if she knew where she could get another," but somehow Billy stayed. At last, after the advent of a new girl in the kitchen, Mrs. Bronson noticed the reformation in her pet trial. She could not account for it until, being in the yard one day, she heard the cook calling him from the kitchen. Billy was in the barn.

"Say, you worfless trash," the cook was calling, "did you evah kiss a real black cullud lady?"

Billy raised his head and grinned. "I shuah done so," he answered. "Well, den, when you done fotch in

an ahmful of wood I'm goin' to give you a chance to kiss another." Billy waited on no second bidding.

and Mrs. Bronson held the secret of the change. The cook knew how.

The Wood Road.

The wood road is the one to strike for coolness and quiet. The pink and yellow moccasin flowers nod from behind a decayed log in place of the lupine of the open highway, or the ghostly Indian pipe pushes the dead leaves aside with its pale, pink and white blossoms. In place of the vesper sparrow of the open road the oven bird runs along the road before the traveler and finally flits into the shade. The silvery note of the Wilson's thrush comes tinkling through the woods in rhythmic cadence. Even the bell of the cow as she browses through the wood, the distant cock crow and the shout of a plowman are not discordant sounds, since they emphasize the separation from the outside world. -Recreation.

### Colors That Birds Like.

Red will annoy a turkey cock sa much as a bull, but a sparrow will not let it disturb its mind. But if one shakes a blue rag in front of a caged sparrow's eyes he will go frantic with diagust. Sparrows and linnets, too, will refuse food offered them on a piece of blue paper, and they dislike the appearance of anyone wearing a blue dress. Medium light blue affects them most, but blue serge they scarcely mind at all. Thrushes and blackbirds object. to yellow, but will use red or blue dried grasses left about their haunts to build the outer layers of their nests. Yellow grasses they will not use.—Nature.

#### CHEAP SUMMER OUTINGS.

The Electric Lines Offer Many Attractions in the Way of Short Country Trips.

The words "summer outing" usually conjure up mental pictures of "ma and the children" sitting on the lid of an overfilled trunk, while "pa" fusses and fumes and swears at an obstinate key that won't turn in the lock, and a second canvas presents the mental image of a burly expressman groaning beneath the "excess baggage" and incldentally knocking the pictures and bric-a-brac off the wall and smashing the chandelier. Usually the period of preparation for the proposed jaunt is a hideous drudge of overwork and as a rule the entire vacation is needed to nullify its evil effects. In direct contrast to this form of summer outing are the short vacations by trolley. No packing, no "baggage smashers," no boarding house prospectus-just a few necessaries thrown into a grip, a little money in pocket and there you are. Moreover, it's less expensive.

Three or four days or a week may be profitably and enjoyably spent in journeying by trolley from one town to another, stopping each night at a hotel and resuming the jaunt in the morning. But it is not necessary to make a week's tour to get pleasure out of trolleying, for one-day trips are quite as delightful. Especially are such outings advantageous to the city dweller who finds his business too confining to permit his taking a vacation of even a week's duration. Leaving the hot and dusty town in the early morning, he may go far afield and find much of interest between dawn and dark, exploring pastures new to him. Nor need he struggle with a heavy, clattering lunch basket that threatens to spill the preserves down his trouser leg at each step, for some wayside hostelry may always be found at "the end of the line," and he can return in time for dinner and the comforts of home at nightfail. In the west, and especially in Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, trolley lines radiate from all the large cities to towns, villages and resorts in every direction. Hence the traveler need never be at loss for new fields to

Many parts of the country offer facilities for trolley touring, but none so much so as does eastern New England, which is fairly netted with electric lines. The wires stretch from Boston to New York, and one may go clear to Chicago by trolley. In Ohio trolley connection between many parts of the state is complete, while Indiana and Michigan are pushing their roads in every direction at the rate of many miles a day. Pennsylvania is rapidly becoming a trolley state, and almost every portion of New Jersey is accessible by electric lines. For pleasure touring, for genuine, thorough and cheap recreation the trolley is certainly the thing.

### MOSES WITH NO BULLRUSHES

According to a Famous Artist There Are No Such Things on the Nile.

Bulrushes are so inseparably associated in the mind with the finding of Moses that it is difficult to imagine a painting of the incident in which the picturesque reeds do not figure, sava Chambers' Journal.

But at the Royal Academy this year there is a beautiful painting by Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema of the finding of Moses, and the bulrushes are entirely omitted. The great painter gives the following explanation of the fact:

He ascribes the presence of the word "bulrushes" in the Authorized Version as being due to faulty translation, for there are no such things as bulrushes on the Nile. The word in the original means payrus, and it seems that in the absence of some equivalent in English, the word was used as being the nearest which the translators had at their command.

According to Alma-Tadema's reading, the mother of Moses fashioned a cradle or ark of papyrus and smeared it over with the White Nile mud; and it is according to this rendering that he has painted his picture.

Speed of a Prairie Chicken. That a prairie chicken flies with sufficient speed to propel itself through heavy plate glass was proved by a recent incident at the little town of Wolsey, Beadle county. Prof. Shepard. of the village school, in the discharge of his duty, rang the school bell, when a couple of prairie chickens that had taken refuge in the schoolhouse tower from a storm were frightened from their place of refuge. They flew as straight and swift as an arrow for the plate glass front of a business house. The glass was five-eighths of an inch in thickness, but one of the prairie chickens went straight through it as though it were paper, and dropped dead on the floor inside the building at a distance of about 20 feet from the window. The prairie chicken went through the plate glass with sufficient force to cut a hole six inches in diameter in the heavy glass.-Minneapolis

"I Will."

Patience-Her motto in life has been "I will!" Patrice-And has she lived up to

"She certainly has. She never said no to a marriage proposal in her life!" -Yonkers Statesman.

The Endless Grind. "But why do you live in the city if

"I have to live here to make money enough to keep up my country place."

you don't like it?" -Town Topics.

#### SIMPLE LIFE IN ICELAND.

There Are No Jails, Only One Policeman and No Liquor Is Manufactured.

There are no manufactories in the sountry. Each home is a factory and every member of the family a hand, says the Pilgrim

Shoes are made from goat skins. The long stockings worn over these in wading through the snow are knitted by the women and children, and even the beautiful broadcloth comes smooth and perfect from the hand loom found in every house.

The aweet simplicity of the national costume does away with the necessity of fashion books. Young girls who are about to be married need take no thought as to "wherewithal shall they be clothed." When they array themselves in the wedding garments of their ancestor, two or even three generations remote, they are perfect-

ly up to date in the matter of attire. This simple life is conducive to a state of high morals, higher probably than in any other part of the world. There is not a drop of liquor manufactured on the island, and for the 78,-000 population there is but one policeman. There is neither a jail nor any place of incarceration for criminals; nor yet is there a court in which a high crime could be tried

The percentage of crime is so small that it does not warrant the expense of keeping up a court. When a criminal trial becomes necessary, the offender is taken to Denmark to answer to the law for his misdeeds.

The women are among the most advanced in the world. Their Woman's Political league has a membership of 7,000, and they enjoy more civil rights than the women of almost any other country, having a voice in all elections. save that for members of their legislative body.

# WIVES BOUGHT BY FOOT.

Chinamen of the Wealthier Class Send for Samples When Desiring to Marry.

The Chinese purchase wives by the foot, but the smaller the measurement the greater the cost. When a Chinaman of the wealthier class desires to marry he sends around for samples, and finally selects a foot that suits him and is within reach of his purse. A difference of an inch or so in the length may make a difference of several thousand dollars, and a very timy foot is worth more than its weight in gold.

Having decided upon the foot he thinks will bring the greatest joy to his household, the foot and the rest of the young woman are brought to his house in a sedan chair.

The would-be groom courteously re ceives the bride elect and makes certain that the foot is according to specifications. Then he judges the face. and if that be as pleasing as the foot he ceremoniously assists her to alight and conducts her within his house.

That act marks the formal marriage, and no further ceremony is gone through. If the door is closed with the bride elect within the bearers pick up the chair and trot back to the disappointed young woman's home, and the next applicant is sent for.

It is very saving in gas bills and florists' charges, and the Chinaman does not mind the omission of the romance, since he knows nothing of the fun he is losing.

### ADD AN AMERICAN LIBRARY

City of Frankfort, Germany, Will Establish Department for Our Publications.

An American section will be added to the municipal library of the city of Frankfort, which in the opinion of its promoters will become of great importance and benefit to German and American readers. A nucleus for such a section is already found among the volumes of the library, being a large collection of American publications donated by Mr. William B. Bonn, of Frankfort, who takes a lively interest in everything which may promote a better understanding between Germany and the United States.

In reporting this matter to the state department, United States Consul

General Guenther says: "There is no doubt whatever that the well-known liberality and public

spirit of the citizens of the city of Frankfort will provide all the funds necessary to render this American library a credit to the city, and one which will be hailed with great satisfaction by scientists, statesmen, politicians and industrial and commercial people of Germany, and by visiting Americans, who will have an opportunity of looking up American publications, which perhaps could not be found elsewhere in Germany."

### Expectant Maidens.

It is all very well to blame the girls of to-day for making themselves cheap, but the fact remains that they are cheap, and that the poor things cannot make themselves otherwise. For every engible man in society there are at least five-and-twenty expectant maidens waiting, and the only wonder is that under the circumstances so many of these parties are as nice as they are .-- Ladies' Field.

A Threatened Suit.

"I noticed," said the determined young woman, "that you don't care to sit alone in the parlor here with me any more."

"O! I don't know," replied the lover, who was growing cold; "why?"

"Well, I just want to remark that you'll either have your courting in here or your hearing in court."-Philadelphia Press.

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#### SHE SURELY HAD TALENT.

But It Was the Kind That Would Be an Attraction in a Circus Only.

I had stopped at a squatter's cabine to get a bite to eat, and the same. was prepared by his daughter, who was a young woman of about 23, but, fully as heavy and strong as a man. When we had finished the meal and lighted our pipes, says a writer in. the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the squatter observed:

"Stranger, you know about the theater, don't you?"

"Oh, yes." "Wall, they have actresses to belp carry on the theaters, don't they?"

"Certainly." "That's what Sally wants to be-an actress. I wish you'd take a close look at her and see if you think she's fit-

Sally stood ten feet away with her arms akimbo and a smile on her face, and I didn't want to discourage her altogether. I therefore answered that it took considerable talent to become

even a poor actress. "And she's got it, sah—she's got it? Sally, show the stranger that you've got talent."

And Sally advanced and picked me and the chair up together, and after whirling us around two or three times she gave us a toss and landed us both on the bed in the room with a bump

and a crash. "Didn't I say she had talent!" exclaimed the proud father, as I untangled myself and reached the floor-"didn't I say so? If that hain't talent, then I don't know what is, and I hope if you run across anything payin' about five dollars a week you'll help Sally get a job!"

# TURKEY FARMER'S SECRETS

The Matter of Food Most Important Factor in Success of His Business.

The turkey farmer pointed to 8 small mill wherein a petroleum engine chug-chugged vigorously, says the Boston Cultivator.

"In that mill." he said, "the feed for my 2,000 turkeys is ground. The secret of successful turkey raising lies in abundant feeding. It keeps six men busy to feed my birds. "They are fed five times a day, and

each turkey gets as much as he cam hold. Carrots boiled in lard and crushed barley and milk are very good fatteners, and the birds stuff themselves with them. Then the last thing before going to roost, they eat all the oatmeal porridge and buttermilk they, can find room for.

"Cocks cost more than hens on the market because they are harder to raise. If they get together they fight and kill one another, and they eat, furthermore, five times as much as

'A cock three hours before killing in made to swallow a half pint of vinegar. This vinegar makes his flesh fine and tender; without it he would be

coarse and tough "A turkey farm like mine pays easi-

#### ly from \$1,500 to \$2,500 a year." HAD ALL QUALIFICATIONS.

The Fitting Career for the Young Graduate with the Protruding Chin.

"Professor." said the young graduate with the protruding chin, according to the New York Sun, "I am about to start in life and perhaps you could

suggest some fitting career." "Well, my dear sir," said the prefessor, "that's a hard question. There's law, medicine, journalism,

business, science-" "But I have no liking for any of those ordinary pursuits. You see I am rather husky and powerful, but yet I dislike to use my strength in any kind

of labor." "Well, I won't suggest that you become a policeman or a pugilist, though those are the qualifications. Tell me further of your ambitions and I will

advise you definitely." "Ah," said the husky youth, "my ambition is to be a ruler of men, to hold some autocratic position, where people will bow to me respectfully and fear my power, and, and-"

"Ah, my boy, you are eminently Stted to be the ianitor of a flat house." said the professor, decisively.

Great Southern Farm Lands.

A part of the world where a great demand for labor-saving farm machinery, is expected soon to develop is Argentina, where, out of about 120,000,000 acres of land available for cultivation, less than 25,000,000 acres are now utilized for agricultural purposes. Owing to natural conditions, it is believed that Argentina can never become a great manufacturing country, but its agricultural possipilities are very large. Yet of its 5,000,-000 inhabitants, only 2,000,000 live in the rural districts, and their numbers are insufficient to develop the resources of the land. Lately, however, the farmers have learned that they must make one man do the work of many men, and for this purpose they are beginning to import agricultural machinery.-Youth's

It'n Different When It's Your Own. "Young Dr. Keelhyme always impressed me as having nerves of iron, judging by the cool way he performs the most serious operations," remarked his friend, "but yesterday when I met him in consultation he was the most excited and rattled man have seen in a long while."

Companion.

"It must have been a most unusual and extraordinary case."

"No; one of the doctor's own chiliren had a mild attack of measles."-N. Y. Times.

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