#### Afflicted Persons in State of Iowa Remain in That Condition During Many Days.

SLEEPING PROVES MALADY.

Eldora, la.-A number of cases of coma have been manifest in Iowa during the past month, and persons have slept from eight days to 56 days without waking. Mason City had the strangest case in William Burke, who slept for nearly 60 days and died without having been awake once. A lady in the same town was in a comatose state for a considerable length of time, fire finally awakened and is alive and

In Clinton county Ruth Harrington, a la-year-old schoolgirl, was in some kind of a trance for eight days. On August 31 the girl said she was going to take a short nap. At five o'clock, when the mother came to awaken her daughter, she failed to rouse her and discovered that her jaws were tightly set. A physician tried his best to awaken the girl, but was unable to do so. Cold baths and electricity, which were immediately applied, proved of no avail. Two hours later consciousness partly returned to the sleeper, although she did not open her eyes. She endeavored to communicate to the watchers at her bedside in the mute language of the deaf and dumb-the finger alphabet.

For four days the jaws of the patient were set tightly, but at the end of that time they relaxed and the physician was able to administer liquid nourishment and medicine. From then on her improvement was more marked.

The stupor was succeeded by a sleep of a more natural kind and on the morning of the eighth day she awoke in her usual health and arose as though she had just finished a refreshing sleep of a few hours' duration.

There has been no recurrence of the strange condition, and physicians are of the opinion that Miss Harrington will not be troubled again. She has no recollection of the eight days' alum-

#### TO TUNNEL THE CAUCASUS

#### Thirty-Two-Mile Bore Will Cost the Czar \$150,000,000, If He Attempts It.

St. Petersburg.-The first project laid before the czar after the close of the war was a gigantic scheme for building a tunnel through the Caucasus, under the present military Gregorian road running from Vladikavkaz to Tiflis. This will be the biggest thing of its kind ever attempted, and the costliest. The total length of the tunnel will be 32 miles, one section of 14 and another of 18 miles.

The mountain will be entered just within sight of the peak of Kazbek, to which, according to legend, Prometheus was chained. Within sight of lifis the line crosses the River Rion. the ancient Phasis up which Jason and the Argonauts sailed in quest of the solden fleece. Prince Kailhoff Russian minister of ways and communications, is warmly advocating the project, which is regarded as certain. the assent of the crown already having Leen given.

The tunnel will cost \$150,000,000. The strategic advantages of the line are enormous, for by it it will be posesible to move troops from St. Petersburg to the Persian frontier in seven days. Prince Kailkoff has opened negotiations with a group of Swiss banks for financing the work.

### PENNILESS: PAWNS HIS LEG

#### Alderman Advances Coin to Trame on Artificial Member-Latter Writes for It.

Crookston, Minn.-Emil Johnstone ig to get his leg back. Emil was a transient in Crookston early last spring and was short of cash.

Alderman Misner agreed to advance the money providing Johnstone would leave one of his legs as a hostage. which Johnstone agreed to do, forthwith denositing his wooden one, as it was more easily detached than the one that grew naturally.

He was given his ticket and went on his way rejoicing. Johnstone was later heard from in Minneapolis, where he wrote back for his leg, having procured employment in a restaurant there. His letter was answered and inquiry made regarding the \$7.50 adhanced for his ticket, while here, but

no reply to this missive was received. Chairman Misner has decided now. however, to return the leg to Johnstone gratis. He says there are no prospects for a one-legged alderman. who might use the artificial limb, and to keep it longer would be running a

biz chance of it becoming warped.

Loses by Freak. Posey county, Ind., has just lost 1 000 more acres to Illinois by a freak; of the Wabash river. The strip of land, which has long been known at London island, has been annexed to Illinois by the action of the water. Lee island was formed many years ago by the Black cut-off, a mile long, the old river some six or seven miles pround having since practically filled ap and attached the land solidly to Illinois at the north end. The same thing is slowly but surely happening in the river around Ribeyre island. rutting off. 2.000 acres; the cut-off is piready the real river, though the old whannel does not yet become quite dry at low water.

"Fame Trust" Is Latest. Clearly a fame trust that canonizes the author of "Rocked in the Cradle nof the Deep" and undertakes to congian Poe to oblivion discredits itself

### SHINES LOUBET'S BUOTE.

San Francisco Bootblack with Strange Ambition Describes Experience in French Capital.

Paris.-Fred Racik, the San Francisco bootblack known as the "Frisco Kid." blackened the presidential boots at the Elysee in pursuance of his fantastic mission of shining all the chiefs of state in the entire world. Fred says he tried for weeks in vain all orthodox methods of obtaining entry to Loubet.

"Finally," he says, "I made up my mind to rush it sheer in the face. I buckled on my kit and stormed the great gate. The guard didn't talk English, but I held on till they just had to bring some one that did. It was a colonel. He laughed and said he would do his best.

"I waited half an hour, and every mother's son in the palace came out to grin at me. But I held good. Then an officer came and said President Loubet was in a hurry with the prince of Bulgaria, but that if I could do it quickly

to come right along. "The president gave me a pleasant smile and I scraped a bow and got to work. It didn't take me long, though I gave him a great shine—three coats of polish and plenty of elbow work. Do you know Loubet has a handsome foot? I want these people to treat me as seriously as I treat them. I asked an officer to get me a signed paper to prove that I shined Loubet, and here

Fred hopes to "shine" Prince Ferdinand and Premier Rouvier, and then he will be off to Brussels for King Leopold.

#### FURNACE BACILLI LATEST.

#### Chicago Health Department Official Makes Startling Discovery Which May Solve Problem.

Chicago.-The staphylococcus and streptococcus have been discovered and the public is solemnly warned that its health is in grave danger from these deadly bacilli with the impossible names. They lurk in furnaces, remaining in strict seclusion during the summer months, and issue forth in solid phalanx when the registers are opened in the fall. Then they get busy with the helpless inhabitants, distributing all sorts of disorders, such as

influenza and other irritating troubles The man of science who makes this portentous announcement is Dr. Heman Spalding, the chief medical examiner of the city health department For some time Dr. Spalding has kept his faithful microscope trained on furnaces and all sorts of heating apparatus, and finally his efforts were rewarded by the discovery of these disseminators of disease.

'These germs," said the man of microscopes, "gather in the dark recesses of the furnaces until released by the opening of the registers, when they mingle in the air of the houses and become responsible for the irritating coughs of the inhabitants and kindred diseases. Before the registers are opened the heat should be turned on and allowed thoroughly to roast the germs and foreign material in the pipes. The heat will kill the germs and prevent them from entering the

## GIVE AWAY SUNDAY EGGS.

#### Product of Sacrilegious Hens to Be Turned Over to Missions-The Plan Is Popular.

Harrodsburg, Ky.—The good women of Bethel presbytery have decided to give to missions hereafter all eggs laid by their hens on Sundays. At a meeting of their missionary society the presiding officer read her report showing that during the year the society had given \$23,000 for missions.

The announcement set the meeting attame, and members suggested that they strive to still greater things.

Ways and means were called for and out came the "egg" suggestion. At first it was unanimously popular, but after the first flush several who have dozens of prosperous but sacrilegious hens objected.

They thought this would be a discrimination. They argued long and loud: but the original motion prevailed and the Sunday eggs will hereafter be turned over to the mission fund.

Suit Cases for Bird Shooters. Now that the shooting season has opened in Okiahoma and Indian territory, there is a boom in paper suit cases. All the sporting goods houses have put in lines of these glued-together articles. They are now a part of all well regulated hunters' outfits. Under the Walmsley law it is a misde meanor to import quail and almost every other kind of bird into the state. The hunters who have no mind for leaving great bags behind them buy these cheap suit cases and use them for game bags. These they put under seats in the railroad care other than their own, prepared to dis claim them if any inquisitive deputy state game warden should happen to smell feathers. A cheap case does as well for the job as a sole leather af fair, and in view of the fact that it may have to be abandoned is really very much better than the more expensive kind.

### Trying It on the Dog.

Prof. Viard, the chemist, has been feeding a dog on the adulterants used in foods prepared for the market. The dog, a robust Newfoundland, is almost dead, though he has been supplied with ordinary food in addition to the adulterants. Another case of "trying it on the dog"-and killing the dog. It shows that men eat things that will kill a dog. They also drink things ne cane dog will touch.

### BIG ELECTRIC SUNS.

#### EXPERTS TO RAISE PLANTS BY ARTIFICIAL LIGHT.

Depa: tment of Agriculture Will Conduct Gigantic Test in Pathology Division When Preparations Are Completed.

Washington.-Electricity is to be put to a novel test by the department of agriculture. A laboratory is being fitted in the division of pathology for the purpose of conducting experiments in the growing of plants by the aid of an electrical appliance. The experiments are based on the theory that the growth of vegetable matter, which ceases at sundown, will continue through the night if proper artificial light is supplied to stimulate the natural developing powers of the plants.

"In some respects plants are much! the same as the human race," said an official. "At night they go to sleep," the same as we do, and their growth, ceases until the following day. The sun is their source of life, keepingl their growing faculties working and being the foundation of their develop-

"It is with an idea of supplying an artificial sun that these experiments are being made. If it is found that the growth of plants can be doubled at a nominal expense and that they can be grown in winter the same as in summer, the agricultural industry will have received an unprecedented stimulus. Scientific research has already done much to bring the farming industry to a higher level, but more is at stake in the present undertaking, perhaps, than ever before."

The laboratory is now being made ready for the experiments and the work will commence soon. Owing to the peculiar nature of the experiments the department is reluctant to give out information regarding them, and it is likely that secrecy will be maintained in regard to the progress of the research until it is learned that the undertaking is practical or hopeless from a commercial viewpoint.

It will probably be a year or more before actual results are obtained from the experiements. Scientists attached to the bureau of plant industry have already learned by investigation that it is possible to grow plants by electricity. It has not been proved, however, that the expense incidental to the employment of this means is cheaper than the means nature has adopted to carry on her work. There is some doubt, too whether vegetables grown in an artificial manner will be the same quality as those propagated in the regular way.

### DOG STEALS A BIG CHECK

### Elgin, Ill., Canine Purloins Note for \$1,500-Finally Returned

Elgin, Ill.-Dr. Taylor, of Elgin, accompanied by his dog Buster, went to the bank the other morning to deposit some money. In the line at the cashier's window was R. C. Hubbard, holding a \$1,500 check in his hand. As the doctor and Buster turned to go out the slip of paper caught the eye of the dog. and before the owner of the paper knew what had happened Buster had seized it and was following his master up the street. Hubbard did not notice his loss until he had passed his book to the cashfer minus the check. On discovering the loss he took steps to stop the pay-

ment on the indorsed check. Hubbard's annual winter visit to California was about to be called off when the doctor saw the check in the dog's mouth, and returned it to its owner in good condiiton. The dog had followed the doctor all the way from the bank to his office. It had been taught to take packages and newspapers from the hand of its master, and occasionally the doctor has allowed his pet dog to carry \$5 and \$10 bills for him. The dog takes good care of them and will not deliver them to anyone but his master.

### WOMEN BAFFLE REDSKINS.

#### Fair American Colonists Make Gallant Ride Through Hostiles for Aid.

Tampico, Mex.—Bravery under trying circumstances displayed by two American women saved the lives of the American colonists at Minas Vieias ranch during the recent Indian outbreak.

Before the attack began, 200 armed Indians gathered at the ranch and started a hostile demonstration. It was apparent that they had come for a fight, and it was equally apparent that the settlement could not hold out against them

Mrs. James Ravenscroft and Mrs. T. L. Poole, wives of two colonists, slipped away, unknown to their husbands, who would never have permitted such a perilous undertaking, saddled two horses and rode at a gallop through the astonished Indians to Ciudad del Maiz. where they told their story to Rev. B. F. Hunter.

Hunter immediately communicated with the authorities, and a force of police was dispatched to the ranch just as the Indians were beginning their at-

Improved Counterfeit Discovered. Chief Wilkie, of the United States secret service, has announced that the counterfeit of the ten-dollar United States note first discovered in July, 1903, has been issued with a marked improvement in the color and form of the figures in the treasury number. They more nearly approximate the genuine. There has been a slight improvement also in the color of the back, which is not so dark as the first issue.

### BREAD IS BEST FOOD.

#### SCIENTIST DECLARES IT MORE NUTRITIOUS THAN MEAT.

London Physician Makes a Strong Statement Regarding Value of Eatable Articles-Calls Body an Energy-Waster.

London.-According to Dr. Robert Hutchinson, of the London hospital, who supplied evidence regarding food supply to a royal commission, bread is the most important of all the common foods of the people. As a yielder of energy, one pound of bread is more valuable than a pound of meat. Its chief deficiency, however, is its poverty in nitrogenous matter and it therefore has to be supplemented with articles that remedy this defect. Life could be sustained for long periods on a diet of bread, with a few beans or a little cheese.

A man in time of scarcity of general food could subsist upon two pounds of bread a day, says Dr. Hutchinson. He would begin to suffer from lack of energy if he got less, but could go considerably below the two pounds for a bare subsistence in time of great, urgency, such as garrisons undergo in time of siege. Under these conditions it is disease that carries men off rather than starvation.

One interesting point on which Dr. Hutchinson insists is the value of ordinary white bread. Rye, he says, is lower in nutritive value than wheat.

The next most important article of diet as a source of energy is sugar. In commenting on this Dr. Hutchinson makes an interesting statement on the duties of food.

"The unfortunate thing about sugar is that it contains no nitrogenous matter at all," says the expert. "Bread does contain some. Without nitrogenous matter one cannot get on at all. It is absolutely necessary.

"There are two sorts of food. The two things that food does are, first, it keeps the body in repair; and, second, it supplies it with energy. Some foods can supply it with energy, but cannot do anything to keep it in repair. Bread can do both, but it is better as a source of energy than as a repairer."

Among the nitrogenous foods instanced as good adjuncts in supplying the defects of bread are beans, cheese and fish. The white of an egg is stated to be an essential element of food. If no meat is available at any time bread, sugar and eggs are all that is wanted for "a very respectable support for the body." I'nder conditions of comparative scarcity if a child is given its slice of bread with molasses, "we are doing as well as we can for the child.

Another illustration of the marvelous value of bread as a food is given by Dr. Hutchinson. "One pound of beef is only about half as valuable as a source of energy as an equal quantity of cheese while a given weight of bread yields a third more energy than its equivalen: in beef."

Th amount of food required by an ordinary person is somewhat remarkable when comparison is made with an engine. A man requires to be supplied with about 4,600 foot-tons of energy a day. That is to say, his food if consumed in an engine would raise 4.600 tons weight one foot high every day. This does not allow for waste.

"The human body is rather a wasteful machine," says Dr. Hutchinson. "That is to say, an enormous amount of energy is not turned out as work. but is lost in heat." Considered as a heat machine, the human body is described as being more effective than the best engine,

### POODLE IN MAUSOLEUM.

#### Sharks of the Pacific Deprived of Toothsome Morsel-Chloroform Used to Kill.

San Francisco, Cal.-Juno, Mrs. George B. de Forest's pet poodle, who dropped into a dog heaven via the chloroform route recently, will not have to officiate as the central figure in a shark table d'hote, as has been the fate of many pets who have died in Newport. The poodle, in a fancy tox and surrounded by a thick wall of cement, lies in a ste under the front porch of the De Forest villa, and her shade eventually will glory in the possession of a real headstone, of real marble, before long.

When Juno became so old that life was a misery, Mrs. de Forest, with many tears, invested 25 cents in chloroform, and placed the drug and Juno under the same washfub. Juno emerged in such a condition that a funeral was an immediate necessity.

The health officers suggested that the sharks out in the bay were in need of a poodle, but Mrs. de Forest vetoed the proposition, and June was buried ir royal style.

#### Bome More High Finance. The Cleveland burglar who played

Handel's "Messiah" on the piano as a prelude to robbing the house received the gift of a suit of clothes and \$20 from his intended victim as a start on a new life. In the present advanced stage of the science and art of burglary at seems likely that ability to play the piano will soon become an indispensable requisite to admittance to the pro-

### Alta's Forte.

Birth statistics issued by the lows board of health show that Alta, Ia., apparently has been inoculated with the Rooseveltian anti-race suicide germ in its most strenuous form. In one month 35 births were reported in that town, which has only 1,000 pop-

### CIRL BESTS BOYS AT CAME

Stamford, Conn., Maid Outplays Male Sex in Footpall and Basebali-Enthusiast Over Sports.

Stamford Conn -- Lizzie Askew, 16year-old daughter of James Askew. of Walnut street, is not to go to a home for girls after all-at least not for the present. Lizzle's bent for athietics made it look for a time as though she might be sent there, but Rev. Charles Morris Addison, rector of St. John's

Episcopal church, has come to her aid. Little Miss Askew appeared in court before Judge Young, the only charge being that her natural womanly gifts were threatened by her love for baseball, football, swimming, rowing and other sports. Judge Young said he could not see anything wrong in the fact that she played baseball better than most boys, and placed her in the charge of Rev. Mr. Addison.

Lizzle is rather tall and a pr try blond. She lived on a farm near Middletown until about three years ago, and chummed with her brothers. That is how she learned boyish sports. She learned to smoke cigarettes, too,

"I do not understand all this fuss," said Lizzie. "I cannot see the harm playing baseball and football if I like it. I would rather do it any day than play croquet or make mud pies with girls. I never played in a match game but once. One day last summer I played first base for our team and we won. I like baseball and football, and I manage to hold my own with most of the boys of my age. I never asked any odds of the boys and they never showed me any favor in the games."

### DANCE WAY INTO PRISON.

#### Belle Plaine, Ia., Youths Get One Day in Penitentialy for Borrowing Handcar.

Sioux City, Ia. - Because they insisted. on keeping promises made to two girls to attend a dance, Edward Fondell and John Lang, of Belle Plaine Ia., had to serve sentences of one day each in the penitentiary-at Anamosa.

No livery rig being available on the evening of the dance, the boys appropriated a handcar and made a flying trip down the track to the scene of the dance, arriving in time, to the delight of their young women friends. It was after the dance that trouble occurred. On the homeward trip the boys collided with a handcar going in the opposite direction, and some of the men on the second handcar were injured. The frightened boys made an escape but later were arrested and charged with misappropriating the handcar. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced toserve one day each.

Though their stay in the penicentiary was to be only for 24 hours they bad . go through the same routine as would a life prisoner. They were shaved dressed in convict clothes, measured and photographed. By one o'clock in the afternoon they were digging postholes as full-fledged convicts. Upon their release the following morning each was given a suit of clothes and five dollars in cash, in accordance with the rules of the

### SEES RACE SUICIDE IN OHIO

#### Statisticians of Buckeye State Tell of Few Births-Marriages Are in Usual Proportion.

Columbus, O.-Ohio men and women are marrying fast enough, but the size of the families is not increasing so rapidly as to allow the state to escape the brand of President Roosevelt that it is tending toward race suicide. According to the social and yual

statistics for the past year, just compiled by Statisticians Smith and Caine, of the department of state, there were during the year 56,516 births in the state, while the marriages amounted to 42,212.

In other words, 84,242 persons we're joined in wedlock, or as many and half again as were born. These figures are considered altogether out of propor-

During the year 33,195 Ohioans died: Births, deaths and marriages were al slightly fewer in number than those of: the preceding year.

### HUMOROUS WIFE DIVORCED

#### Des Moines, Ia., Court Takes Only, a. Half Hour to Separate Woman from Unappreciative Man.

Des Moines.—Because her husband: instead of appreciating her efforts at humor, gave her a cold stare whenever she cracked a toke at the table. Mrs. Rosalie Pohlman applied for a divorce from John Pohlman. It was granted by Judge McHenry within halfan hour after the petition, accompanied by the affidavits, was filed.

That Mrs. Pohlman prides hersely on a certain ready humor, and that she is hurt if her well turned witticisms ge unappreciated, is well known to her friends. She was hurt, indeed, when so far from laughing at her pleasantries and the funny stories told by her children, her husband would commonly greet her efforts with the surly remark:

"What a set of fools you are!" Finally tiring of living with such a "grouch." Mrs. Pohlman decided to secure a divorce.

Sensation Is Newport Finale. Newport has a sensation to wind up the social sesson. Mrs. F. Burke Roche now appears in a coach and four, the coachman and groom being resplendent in big gray beaver hats. Not only this, but Mrs. Roche has imported another English style, and her groom sits beside her with his arms crossed, fust like some of the oldfashioned pictures. Mrs. Roche has no

### BET ON DEATH: BOTH DIE.

#### Wealthy Bachelor and Young Engineer Lay Wagers on Result of Their Illness. -

New York.-When two friends lay # wager as to which will die first, who will settle the bet after both are dead, and who gets the money? That is the question that the Bay Ridge people are trying to settle. One maa's body was found some time ago, and the other came out of the river just recently. Both have been missing long enough,

so that they may have died sogether. Henry Schwanwedel was a bachelor and lived with his sister in Brooklyn. When he settled up his business with \$150,000 he tried to learn the trick of doing nothing. Schwanwedel was always of a nervous temperament, and when he stopped work all the symptoms in the doctor books lit on him. He then took to watching his symptoms.

Schwanwedel used to stroll down to a meter works, near his home, about noontime in his daily walk. He would speak to the workmen as they have about the place after their dinner pails were cleaned out. One day he found a sympathetic listener. Adam Hillman, the engineer, was 20 years younger than the other man, but his victuals did not agree with him-Neither would admit, however, that the other was as badly off as he bragged.

Not many weeks ago the men in the factory say Hillman was heard to call our: "Well, old man, I'll make you a. bet that I die first."

"I'll take you," swass the quick an-

#### The amount wagered was \$500. Both then disappeared.

### Government Is U:ged in Report to Assume Supervision of Hot

UNCLE SAM MAY CONTROL

Springs Resort. Washington, D. C -The government will take direct control of Hot Springs and the baths there, if it follows the recommendations of the superintendent of

the Arkansas Hot Springs reservation. In his annual report to the secretary of the interior the superintendent declares that the spirit of commercialism controls the baths and that they are not being operated for the public good. He says:

"Experience has demonstrated that the present system of operating the baths through the medium of private lessees is in conflict with public opinion, and incompatible with local condi-

"The government should, as soon as practical consistent with existing contitions, a come absolute and complete. control of this reservation and operate the bathing interest : under government supervision and control, thereby elimmating the spirit of commercialism which is manifest under present conditions Through scientific equipment and intelligent direction, the government should extend the benefits to be derived from the healing waters, with rates adjusted to cover prudent operating expenses and necessary improve-

"The present system, if it ever had any meritorious features worthy of consideration, has outlived its usefulness. and should be supplanted by full government control in the management, operation, and supervision of the baths."

### OLD MACHINE TO SET TYPE

#### Newspaper File of 1823 Explains a Device That Does the Work-Dr. Church Inventor.

London.—In answer to the query: "How old are type-setting machines?" the London Chronicle prints an extract from a copy of the Herald of

"Dr. Church is now in Birmingham prepasing his new printing machine. The compositor has only to sit down at this curious mechanism as he would at a planoforte, and as he strikes the keys the types fall from the case into their proper places with a velocity that keeps pace with the most rapid speaker. The form having been worked off, the type moves into the: melting pot, from which it is returned, recast into its original state. without any diminution of material, and thence distributed into the case auite new.

"One of these machines placed at the bar of the house of commons would always insure a correct report of the debate. Dr. Church, the inventor, is a native of Boston, in New England."

### CASH IN DISCARDED HOSE.

#### Woman Forgets She Had \$80 Banked in Them-Now Hunts Castada.

St. Louis.—The police have been asked to locate \$80 which a St. Louis woman discarded with an old pair of stockings in a down-town department store. After picking out a pair of fancy hose, the woman retired to one of the private rooms in the store and exchanged her old stockings for the new. The cast-off hosiery was thrown into a waste basket.

It was not until some time later. while in another store, that the woman discovered her loss, or, rather, bethought herself of the \$80 in bills ' which she had secreted in her stock-3 ing "for safe-keeping" before coming down town to join the bargain-counter

I: was a very excited woman who rushed back to the store where she had bought the stockings and instituted a search for the old pair. Not a trace of them could be found.

# L'ABEILLEEDE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS