The tallest passenger that ever sailed on the Red D liner Philadelphia arrived in New York from San Juan. Porto Rico, the other day. There were \$3 cabin passengers aboard, but none attracted as much attention as Capt John S. Battle, U. S. A., until recently 'a lieutenant in the Eleventh infantry. The young man's unusual height, broad shoulders and giant frame make him a tower of strength.

"Never sailed with such another." said Capt. Chambers, of the Philadelphia. "He was the tallest man I ever clapped eyes on. He was too long for the space between decks.

"Capt. Battle had to stoop as he walked the promenade deck. The swnings were not high enough to prevent 'the captain's head from colliding with frames and canvas; fact. Capt. Battle is more than seven feet tall. Had to produce special permission from the war department when he received his appointment to the military academy. He was bigger man the regulation size.

"Didn't know what to de sbout a bunk for the captain. Thought at first he was a lighthouse. He came aboard at San Juan, and asked me if I had a berth long enough. Told him that I once had a man almost as long as he, and that two berths had been thrown into one, making a continuous bed about eight feet long.

"Capt. Battle went below with me and looked at the double berth. Said he'd prefer to sleep on deck. So he had to take an ordinary berth, which was about three feet too short. For five nights the captain and to sleep with his legs hanging der the foot of the berth and curied around a stanch-

ODD CLAUSE IN A BEQUEST.

Rich Bostonian Excludes Negroca and Catholics from a Legacy.

In the will of David W. Hitchcock, a rich Bostonian, filed the other day, appears the following clause bearing upon a contingent bequest made to Wellesley female seminary to establish scholarships for worthy young women: "I exclude Roman Catholics and colored persons because I feel that the introduction into the said seminary of pupils who differ essentially in race and religion from the others may prevent the best interests thereof. Such girls to be selected as the beneficiaries of this fund by the officers of said seminary as would be unable to afford the expense of an education at said institution without such assistance, and I request said officers to limit the benefit of such assistance to such girls as appear to them to be bright and intelligent and likely to profit thereby."

If the trustees of the seminary refuse to accept the bequest the testator directs that the fund be given to the Museum of Fine Arts.

has united many couples. Rev. W. L. Meese Performs His 1,500th Marriage Ceremeny at

Chicago. "Rev. William Lawrence Meese, of Auburn, Ind., came to Chicago the other day, and united his grandson in mar-

riage, the event making 1,500 weddings at which Rev. Mr. Meese has officiated. The bridegroom was William Lawrence Eaton and the bride Miss Esther Menardi Gauger, daughter of John A. Gauger, 4841 Drexel boulevard. Mr. Meese, who has attained considerable celebrity through the many marriage ceremonies he has performed, had watil the other day united in marriage 1.499 couples. When his

grandson's engagement was announced it was thought to be fitting that the grandfather should officiate and round out his record to an even 1,500. Mr. Meese is the organizer of the Meese Matrimonial association, which was formed in 1896. Its membership is limited to the persons he has married, and annual reunions are held.

SHIRTWAIST IS A UNIFORM.

Detroit Letter Carriers Will Wear Cool Attire of Dark Hue During Sammer.

Detroit letter carriers will be comfortably clad in shirt waists this summer in place of the hot, uncomfortable coats. Postmaster Dickerson has been working for this change for some time, and in cooperation with. the Letter Carriers' association has brought about the change. A dark gray pattern has been chosen as the

most appropriate color for the waista. They will be of neglige pattern, with apertures in the rear and front for suspenders, so that these will not show ever the shirt. A black necktie will be wern with them and gold buttons. The bands on straw hats will by made to match the color of the shirt. An order has already been placed for the goods, and it is expected that they will be ready by May 1.

Commemorative Tablot at West Point The Empire Swte Society of the Daughters of 1812 an received permission from Secretar, Root and Col. Mills to place a tablet sommemorative of the heroes of 1812 in the chapel of West Point. The tablet will be of black marble, with gift lettering, and will be the second placed in the chapel by a patriotic society.

State Hospital for Consumptives, New York is building a state howpital in the Adirondacks, to cost \$100.-860, where patients with incipient consumption will be treated.

Montroal's Beath Rate. Montreal's death rate in 1900 was 25.47. There were 7,361 deaths.

IN A PREDICAMENT.

Frenchman Finds Himself Married to Woman He Never Saw.

Application at Paris to Have Declared Null and Void a Marriage Ceremony Which Occurred in New York.

Comte Robert de Pomereu, deputy of the Seine inferieure department, has been compelled to bring a curious action before the French law courts. He demands that the tribunal of the Seins shall declare null and void, so far as he is concerned, a marriage celebrated in New York April 19, 1892.

On March 4 last Comte Robert de Pomereu received a letter from a woman, whose maiden name was Barier, and who resided in Paris, in which she reproached him with being a bad husband to her and a bad father to their child. Comte Robert was absolutely at a loss to understand why such a letter should be addressed to him. He sent a friend to see the woman, and andeavor to solve the enigma.

This man was shown a marriage certificate in due legal form, which testified that Comte Robert de Pomereu, residing in Fifth avenue, New York, aged 32 years, white, a bachelor, born in France, had contracted marriage with Miss Lizzie Barier, residing in Fourth avenue, aged 31, white, a spinster, born in England. The marriage certificate had been registered at the French consulate in New York.

The surprise of Comte de Pomereu on learning that he was legally married to a woman he had never seen can be more easily imagined than described. It is to release himself from this embarrassing position that he has brought the suit in question. The

case will be heard a fortnight hence. On April 19, 1892, when it is presumed an adventurer married Miss Lizzie Barier under the name of Comte Robert de Pomereu, the real somte was in Heron, near Rouen. He is the mayor of that place, and on that very day celebrated the marriages of two of the villagers.

ENABLES DEAF TO HEAR.

Philadelphia Electrician's Invention Gives Good Results-A Comvincing Test.

An interesting exhibition of a simple electrical apparatus by which the deaf are made to hear was given at Philadelphia the other afternoon at the Hotel Walton by the inventor, an electrical engineer only 24 years of age. The test was made on five pupils of the Mount Airy asylum for the deaf and dumb. They were in charge of Dr. A. L. E. Crouter, the superintendent. The experiment was witnessed by Dr. Charles S. Turnbull, Dr. I. Leopold and other ear special-

Each pupil listened to words and vocal and instrumental music for the first time, and there was no mistaking their astonishment and pleasure at the sensation. Each was also made to repeat words which Superintendent Crouter pronounced. The apparatus is an elaboration of the telephone, which intensifies sound. The inventor has perfected a smaller machine, which may be carried in the pocket. It has but one disk and may be used unnoticed.

TO EXPLORE ANTARCTIC.

Duke of Abrussi to Seek Further Honors'as a Discoverer Around Southern Pole.

Prince Louis, duke of Abruzzl, has directed the Alpine guides who accompanied him on his arctic trip to accept no engagement for this year or next, but to consider themselves as in his employ, and he is now busy making preparations for a voyage of exploration of the immense icebound continent around the southern

He is resolved that Italy shall not be kept in the background where geographical discovery is concerned, and that his country shall hold the record of "farthest south," as it now, thanks to him, holds the record of "farthest north."

King Victor Emmanuel, who is keenly interested in scientific investigations, is supporting the project, and the cost of the expedition will be defrayed partly by the government, partly by the scientific societies, and partly by the king and the duke himself, who will assume personal command of the enterprise.

UNHURT BY LONG DIVE.

On a Wager Man at Newark, N. J., Jumps Backwards from Bridge Sixty Feet Above the Water.

Arthur Holden, the daring diver of New Jersey, who plunged backward 60 feet into the Passaic river from the top of the New York & Greenwood Lake railroad bridge, was reported in good condition the other day. The dive was made as the result of a wager with Jack Deal, an English Steve Brodie, who, however, failed to turn up. Holden decided to make the jump rather than disappoint the crowd, and, escaping the Newark policemen by scrambling along a barbed-wire fence, reached the highest point and dropped head foremost. He turned a somersault when half way down and struck the water squarely with his feet. He awam to a boat and declared himself none the worse for the adventure.

Win British Postal Service.

It appears that in the United Kingdom there are 60,000 postmen; and in the course of a year close upon 3,600,000,000 letters, post cards, parcels, circulars, boxes and newspapers are delivered.

LECTURE WINS MONEY.

Army Chaplain Makes Plea for Auglo-American Church in Philippines and Is Given \$20,000.

An army chaplain the other night delivered a \$20,000 lecture. He is Chaplain C. C. Pierce, who is on duty at Fort Monroe, Va., and recently returned from the Philippines, where he worked with great fidelity, and was in charge, in addition to other duties, of the identification of the dead. He established a system which has been of great advantage to the government. Since his return he has received a large number of invitations to lecture, but the serious illness of his wife and his conscientious regard for his duties at Fort Monroe have compelled him to decline such re-

The war department authorities have been willing that he should lecture on the conditions in the Philippines. On Monday night he lectured on the army and the Philippines be-

fore the Church club in Philadelphia. A day or two after he received a letter from a gentleman, who, with his wife, attended the lecture, and who stated that they proposed to give \$20,000 to be applied to the Anglo-American church which was organized by Chaplain Pierce at Manila more than two years ago and which is deserving of public support in this country.

AMERICAN WEDS COUNTESS.

Colonel John M. Rend's Bride Was Mile. Alix De Foras, Daughter of Count De Foras,

Announcement was made at Albany, N. Y., the other day of the marriage of Col. John Meredith Read to Countess Alix De Foras. Mile. De Foras is the daughter of Count Amedie De Foras of the Castle of Thuyset, in Savoy, France. Count De Foras was for many years the grand marshal of the court of Bulgaria and a great political power in that country. He resigned the position when the child of the prince was forced to become a member of the Greek church, as he represented the Catholic party. He afterward retired to the castle of Thuyset, where he devoted himself to his books until his dath.

Col. Read is the son of Gen. John Meredith Read, adjutant general at the outbreak of the civil war, consul general of .this country to France during the Franco-German war and commune and acting consul general for Germany; then minister to Greece, in which post he distinguished himself. His grandfather, John Meredith Read, LL. D., was chief justice and one of the most distinguished lawyer-jurists of Pennsyl-

MONUMENT TO GEN. HARRISON

Steps Taken at Indianapolis to Henor the Memory of the Late Ex-President.

A systematic movement was inaugurated at Indianapolis, Ind., the other with a public monument. The Commercial club, of which Gen. Harrison was a member, will act in the matter as a body, and it is understood that the board of trade and other civic bod-

ies will join in the movement. It is intended that the monument shall represent the sentiments of all the people of the state, and not the members of any political party. The first suggestion was for a statue to be placed near the soldiers' monua ment in Monument place, but the park is already crowded, and it is now proposed that it be erected in front of the new federal building, which will be begun in a short time. It is believed that congress will make an appropriation to aid in erecting the mon-

WHITE MAN TURNS BLACK.

An Indiana Farmer's Remarkable Case Mystifies the Most Expert Physicians.

Frank Keplinger, of Union township, Wells county, Ind., is puzzling the physicians. Mr. Keplinger is a farmer and up to two years ago was of fair complexion and in complete health. He then noticed that his skin, from crown to sole, was beginning to turn dark. His appetite failed, he lost half his weight. In alarm be consulted numerous specialists. Many remedies were used without effect and the color deepened until he is now almost as dark as a negro.

The specialists have failed to diagnose the case and have given him up to die. Mr. Keplinger is barely able to walk and considers his case hopeless. The case is said by the physicians to be without precedent.

REMOVE STOMACH OF PATIENT

This Delicate Operation Again Sucecsefully Performed at Hospital in Brooklyn.

Another of the rare operations in surgical science, the excision of the human stomach, was performed the other day at the German hospital in Brooklyn by the surgeons of the staff. The patient was Jacob Wichman, a German, 68 years old, who sought relief in Berlin and other cities of Europe.

The man was on the operating table from eight o'clock till 11 o'clock, and the operation was viewed by some of the most eminent physicians of Manhattan and Brooklyn. Wichman was under the influence of anesthetics. The patient will be fed liquid food which has been predigested.

Cutting Watch Glasses, A single workman can cut by hand 6,000 watch glasses a day.

AN ENTICING ENTREE

Mrs.' James Brown Potter Gives Recipe That Pleases Washington.

She Secured the Secret, Also an East; Indian Cook, from an Indian Prince on His Native Heath.

A new and enticing entree has made its appearance in Washington. Women are cultivating a fondness for it, men swear by it, and children cry because of it. It was introduced by a woman who claims the world as her home, but who settles in Washington for a short time each winter. This woman obtained the recipe of the entree from Mrs. James Brown Potter, who, in turn, got it from an East Indian nabob.

The secret of its composition was learned in this wise: Mrs. Potter. dining with the Indian prince upon his native heath, was introduced to the famous entree, which, having ravished the palate, went straight to the heart and afterward mounted to the brain of the fair guest. She resolved to cajole the prince into divulging the mystery of the gastronomic triumph, and, summoning her most seductive feminine blandishments, Mrs. Potter gradually approached the subject of the entree. She said:

"Good prince, I fain would learn the magic of the dish. In truth it hath fired my imagination and wrought havec in my blood. I pray thee, teach me the mystery of its making that my inner woman may be at peace."

The East Indian, overcome by the charm and beauty of the guest, made haste to reply:

"Ah, certainly. The entree is yours. The secret of its making is yours. Nay, more; the slave that cooked the entree is yours."

And so it happened that the insatiable Cora returned to England with the East Indian cook, whose skill has since made famous the dinners given by that siren of the stage. The charms of the entree have attacked the high livers of Washington with fatal "fascination. All" hail, then, to the strength of condiment and the skill in cooking and the digestion that is equal to Mrs. Potter's potent entree! The recipe of the dish is herewith printed for the first time:

Make a hot curry of finely minced chicken livers and rice. Sprinkle to the depth of half an inch with freshly grated cocoanut. Cover all with a liberal paste of English chutney. Eat, and know entire happiness.

TO COAL SHIPS AT SEA.

A British Invention Is Said to Be Far Superior to American Methods.

At a meeting of the Thames Iron Works company the other day Hills, the chairman, stated that the company's naval architect had invented a method of coaling vessels at sea, by which it was possible to deliver from 50 to 100 tons per hour, compared with 20 tons by the method invented by Miller, an American. The admiralty, he added, was considering the advisability of adopting the method. Hills also announced the formation of an electrical engineering combination, comprising the Thames iron works, Siemens, Mathers & Platt, and Brush companies, which he was convinced would hold its own against German and American combinations. They had prepared designs for the electrical equipment of the Metropolitan district, the Great Northern and the City railways. They had schemes in hand for railroads from Northeast London to London bridge, and from London bridge to Piccadilly.

WHISTLES WHILE KNIFE CUTS.

Woman Renders Opera Strains While Under Influence of Anaesthetle.

A remarkable thing occurred at the St. Louis city hospital the other night while the surgeons were operating upon Mrs. Ida Knight, of 651 School street. While under the influence of chloroform and while the surgeon's knife was busy in an operation for a tumor she suddenly began to whistle, although to all practical purposes she was thoroughly under the influence of the anaesthetic.

She whistled the "Miserere" from "Il Trovatore" distinctly and without a flaw, and at the completion of the tune became quiet. At intervals during the operation she would whistle sketches from the opera. After regaining consciousness she said that she could not remember having thought of the opera or anything while under the influence of the

Female Professors in Switzerland. Six ladies now rank in the professorate of Swiss universities. Berne has four; one is the professor of history of philosophy, two are in the departments of surgery and of the Telluric observatory, while the fourth is civic librarian. At Zurich there are two, both in the department of surgery.

One Indian Tribe Increasing. The Penobscot tribe of Indians, which numbered 245 in 1800, is now about 400 strong. Maine appropriates annually \$8,000 for their benefit.

Ontario Rivers to Be Restored. The waters of the province of Ontario. Canada, are to be extensively restocked with fish in the spring.

California Fruit, California fruit dealers ship out 50,000,000 cans annually.

TO BAR WOMEN FROM CHOIRS.

New Rule on Female Singers Expected to Be Announced from Rome.

Something of a furore is likely to follow the announcement from Rome that women in the future will not be allowed to sing in the choirs of Roman Catholic churches of the United States. It is reported that the congregation of rites now meeting in Rome is about to deliver a decree to this purpose. Nothing definite has been received by the apostolic lega-

tion at Washington, however. Another change said to be contemplated is just as important. This refers to operatic music, so long in vogue, and which has proved a drawing card for non-Catholics, which is to be abolished, and the simple Gregorian chant more generally substituted, together with the old-fashioned choral

music of the earlier church. The bishop of Cincinnati is the first bishop in this country to take this step of his own volition—a course which for the last dozen or so years has been approved by the holy see.

Followed by a large German backing, the bishop has already instituted the reform, and entirely reorganized the choirs of all the churches in his diocese. The women have been dismissed and operatic music is no longer

Already, even though the decree is not officially announced, there is considerable agitation among the women of the choirs of the leading Roman Catholie churches in the big American

YACHTSMAN AIDS CUPID.

Sugene Higgins' Novel and Romantic Method of Retnining His Cooks.

Eugene Higgins' yacht Varuna has been the scene of a strange celebration. The vessel's chief cook and his first assistant, since their arrival at Monaco, where the Varuna is now anchored, met and fell in love with twin French girls, who conducted a meat stall in the public market. A fortnight ago both men begged Mr. Higgins to grant them an honorable discharge. because they wished to marry simultaneously and then return with their French wives to the United States.

Mr. Higgins went to see the girls, found them honorable and comely, and said to his cooks:

"Marry, if you must, but I object to losing you. If you wish, take your wives along on the yacht as additional ladies' maids."

Not only did Mr. Higgins pay all the wedding expenses, presenting a substantial trousseau to each bride, but, on the wedding day, he turned the yacht over to his employes, organizing a splendid banquet. On the wedding night the Varuna's ball deck was lighted with Venetian lanterns and the ship's own orchestra furnished music for dancing. Invitations had been issued to the crews of all the other American yachts now in the Riviera, including the Vanderbilt's Vallant, the Drexels: Marguerita, and many The Higgins party remained away from the Varuna two days.

MAIL SENT TO PEARY.

Interesting Bits of News That Have Accumulated During a Year to Be Sent to Explorer.

An express package of more than ordinary interest has just been dispatched from New York to Dundee, Scotland. It contains the second annual mail from the Peary Arctic club to Civil Engineer Peary, and is expected to reach him some time toward the end of the summer, being forwarded by whalers from Dundee, intrusted to the Esquimaux at Cape York and then forwarded to the explorer's headquarters in North Greenland.

The letters contain the first news to Mr. Peary of the death of his mother at Portland, Me., in November; of the highest north of the Italian expedition under Duke d'Abruzzi; of the Baldwin-Zeigler arctic expedition: the English antarctic expedition and also of the departure from Disco, August 20, of the Windward, with Mrs. Peary and Miss Peary on board, though it is of course expected that that ship made a juncture during the summer with Mr. Peary, and has remained north by his orders.

The letters also contain intelligence of the auxiliary expedition to be dispatched by the club next summer, and all of the news of the world up to date; letters to Mrs. Peary and other members of the party from relatives.

THEORY UPON DREAMS.

French Scientist Gives Reason for Illusions Occurring During Hours of Best.

M. Vergson, professor at the College de France, asserts that he has discovered the stuff dreams are made

The circulation of the blood in the retina and the pressure of the eyelid on the optic nerve, he claims. causes a color sensation. The colors assume phantom shapes, which stir the memory.

Despite the claims of poets and musicians, says Prof. Vergson, there is nothing new in alceping vagaries.

Death from Peanuts. Adolph Sandry, a young lad at To-

tedo, O., died from the effects of eating peanuts. The physician says that the indigestible oil of the peanuts produced spasms and other effects similar to alcoholism, causing death.

Draining of a Greek Lake. Lake Copais, in Bocotia, famous in antiquity for its eels, has now been completely drained and turned into 48,000 acres of arable land.

A CRUSHED ACTOR DETECTIVE

Last State of the Man Who Devoted Himself to One Particular Phase of His Art,

"It doesn't do to become too fine im any one line of work," said the actor as he dived into the pickle jar to spear another onion which vexatiously eluded his thrust, relates the New York Sun. "This is a business in which you've got to show a little variety, even though managers will try to keep you doing the sort of thing they think you do best.

"There's Nat Guilford, for instance, who used to be the greatest man in detective roles that ever lived. He could come in for five minutes with a false mustache and a hat pulled down over his eyes and the audience wouldn't see anybody but him on the stage. He had an insinuating sneak about him that marked him as a born detective the first time he ever played in 'The Ticket o'Leave Man' on the Oil City circuit.

"He was simply saturated with mystery the moment he came in sight and you couldn't have found a better person for the line of parts the managers gave him. He played them so well in Oil City that for awhile he got on Broadway and there wasn't a London melodrama produced here in ten years that didn't have Nat in the first act or the seventeenth as a detective looking for the man who had stolen the lost daughter or the lost will as the case happened to be.

"After awhile the public got on to the melodrama, didn't want any more of them, and one after another they began to fail. Then the managers wanted new-people to act them; thought that fresh blood was needed to give them life and even had the courage to fire Nat after awhile.

"He tried hard to get another line of business, but it was no go. It was as if somebody had hung out a sign. No detectives wanted, wherever he applied. The managers never thought of him as an actor. They looked at him only as a detective, and in that light he came to be regarded by everybody.

"He was out of work three or four years, though he kept offering to do anything except act the detective. which was just what nobody wanted him to do, although there didn't seem any desire on the manager's part to have him in anything else either. He wanted to do a sketch in vaudeville, but the manager wouldn't have anything but a detective sketch, and he put Nat on one day as an extra turn. Then he told him the act was no good. and that anybody ought to have known that a comic detective wouldn't

"After three or four years of this sort of thing, Nat's money was gone and he had no prospects of getting work again. By luck it happened that a friend of his opened a hotel and wanted a detective to look after the guests. Not looked the part so well that his friend engaged him to walk around the office and look at people in an inquiring way. This Nat did so well that he made cold chills run up their anine and gave them the impression that they really had come in there to steal something even if they were the

most honest churchgoers in the world. "Well Nat did that job so well that he got more money to come to a larger hotel, and now he is drawing bigger money just for prowling around and scowling than men who have served a long apprentice for that sort of thing in Mulberry street.

"One thing he can't stand is the sight of an actor, and that affords his sole relaxation from the labor of making other people uncomfortable. Once he sees, an actor sitting comfortably down in an easy chair he fixes his eyes on him like two augers and he bores the same sort of holes through any other actor who sits down to write a letter. When he spies one nibbling at a bit of cheese at the free lunch table he hovers around until in desperation the actor runs out of the place and declares he'll never go back.

'That's his revenge, of course, for not being able to keep in the profesgion. But wasn't it his fault to devote himself too exclusively to one line of business?"

Fish Rolls.

Halibut is preferred for this purpose; but any nice white fish, trout, pike or pickerel, can be used. Chop finely two pounds of uncooked fish and pound with a wooden potato masher to a paste. Add slowly the whites of three eggs beaten stiff, then one-half cupful of warm cream, a few drops of onion juice, and season lightly with paprika and salt. Mix very thoroughly and shape into rolls about two and a half inches in length. Brush over with beaten egg and then dip in fine cracker or bread crumbs which have been salted. Fry in a kettle of hot fat, drain on brown paper and serve at once, garnished with curled parsley .--Ladies' World, New York.

Baked Cabbage.

Boil a firm white cabbage for 15 minutes in salted water; pour off the water and add fresh water; boil until tender; set aside until cold; chop finely. Butter a baking dish and fill with the chopped cabbage. Make a sauce with these ingredients: One tablespoonful butter; one tablespoonful flour: one-half pint water in which the cabbage was first cooked; salt, pepper; four tablespoonfuls cheese. Stir all the sauce ingredients except the cheese over the fire until smooth. Season with salt and pepper; add the cheese, finely grated. Pour the sauce over the cabbage and bake for ten minutes in a quick oven.-Washington

Fish Pattice. Pick up fine any nice cold fish and

add half a pint of cream to a pint of fish; season with salt, cayenne pepper and a little melted butter. Bake in patty shells.--Ladies' World, New ... Hallork. ing the second period ag