PATHOS IN PARIS PAWNSHOP

French Marquise Bequeathes \$20,000 to Be Used to Redeem Pledges of the Poor.

The Marquise de Guerry has bequeathed nearly \$20,000 to the city of Paris for the redemption of smalls objects pledged in the state pawnshops by the poor.

The legacy has its origin in a visit baid one day by the marquise to the chief depot of the Mout de Piete, as the state pawnbroking establishment is called in France, where her attention was attracted by a silver christening set, consisting of a knife, fork and spoon, such as is given to a child on its baptism or first communion. The set was tarnished with age and the ticket showed it had been in pawn for half a century.

The marquise was told that regularly for many years since 1860, when the little christening gift was pawned, either the father or the mother of the recipient had come and paid the trifling interest on the pledge, doubtless a relic of a dead child. Each year the man or his wife was a little older, a little shabbier, a little sadder, but the interest was punctually paid.

Then the man ceased his annual visits and only the woman came, until she, too, failed to appear. Neither was ever seen again, and the little christening gift remained in its wrap-Ding getting blacker and dustier until it was seen by the Marquise de Guerry.

TO RESTORE GARDEN OF EDEN

Bentimental Feature Connected With Great Irrigation Project in Asiatic Turkey.

The restoration of the Garden of Eden is a sentimental feature of the great irrigation project by which Sir William Willcocks hopes to bring back the early fertility to a great region in Asiatic Turkey. The country bordering the lower Euphrates and Tigris rivers was long a center of prosperity and wealth. It was made to flourish by extensive irrigation works, the ruins of which still exist, but the land is now barren by drought, though much of it is swept by occasional floods. The engineers propose to reconstruct the ancient works on an enlarged and improved plan. They have found a depression in the desert, into which the overflow from the Euphrates can be led, and they expect to be able to regulate the Tigris. though this is a more, difficult feat that the ancients never fully accomplished. The probable great productiveness of the delta of the two rivers under suitable irrigation is indicated by analyses showing the soil to be richer than that of Egypt or the Sudan. It is believed that the Garden of Eden will be found just north of Ur. at the ancient junction of the Tigris and Euphrates. Ur is supposed to have been a maritime town, but its remains are now six miles west of the Euphrates and 125 miles from the sea.

Crawl on All Fours to Get Tall. A man's organs and those of his bones which are not subjected to pressure grow continuously until he is forty years old; that is to say, the heart should become stronger, the capacity of the lungs increase, and the brain should develop steadily until the fourth decade of life. Also one should wear a larger hat at the age of forty than at thirty. A man ceases to grow tall, however, at the beginning of the third decade, because after that time the downward pressure exerted by the weight of the body while in the erect position compresses the vertebrae, or small bones in the spine, the discs of cartilage between them, the pelvis and the thigh bones, and this pressure overcomes the natural elasticity of the discs and the growth of these bones. However, a British scientist contends that were a man a quadruped and therefore freed from the downward pressure produced by his weight upon his spinal column, he would continue to grow in height for ten years longer than he does at present, since it has men found that bones not subjected to compression increase up to the fourth decade.

Lopping Off the Ends. Robert Hearl, the noted artist, was Malking at a dinner in New York. about the over-finished and banal work of painters of the Bouguereau

Leighton, the English Bougureau, met Whistler," said Mr. Henri, "one day in Piccadilly. The two men sauntered through the Burlington Arcade talking art.

"But, my dear Whistler,' said Leighton, you leave your work so rough, so sketchy! My dear Whistler, why do grou never finish?"

"Whistier screwed his glass into his bye and gave a flendish laugh. ''My dear Leighton,' he said, 'wh_a'

Mo you ever begin?" These Times.

Ex-Governor Pennypacker, discur sing the divorce evil in Philadelphi. maid with a smile:

"In these times one never, as the maying goes, knows where one is at. An acquaintance of mine extended his mand to me at the Historical society the other day and cried:

'Congratulate me! I am the happiest man alive!"

"I looked at him doubtfully. "Engaged, married or divorced?" I maked."

Time to Quit. The heatry is going plumb to pot." "See here, Peleg. If you don't stop going around with such a long face, the barber is going to charge you extru fer shaving you."

BONES OF ANCIENT GIANT

Amazing Discovery in Oregon is of Great Interest to Anthropologists.

The discovery of the bones of a human giant at Ellensburg is one of the most interesting anthropological finds made in the northwest, according to L. L. Sharp, chief of the general land office. "I just returned from Ellensburg," said he, "where I had opportunity to view the bones unearthed. The skull, jawbone, thigh and other parts of the largest skeleton indicated a man to my mind of at least eight feet high. A man of his stature and massive frame would weigh fully 300 pounds at least. The head is one of the most remarkable I ever have studied among prehistoric skulls. It is massive, with enormous brain'space. While the forehead slopes down somewhat, not averaging the abrupt eminence of our present race, the width between the ears and the deep, well-rounded space at the back of the head are convincing testimony of high intelligence for a primitive man. The cheekbones are not high, like those of the Indian, nor has the head any resemblance to the Indian skull. I am convinced that this skull is of a prehistoric man who was one of a remarkable race of people who inhabited this part of Amer :a some time prior to the Indian control.

"The bones were uncovered fully 20 feet beneath the surface. There is the usual gravel formation on top. then the conglomerate, a stratum of shale, and in a bed of concrete gravel beneath the shale were the bones of the giant and of a smaller person. The shale would indicate tremendous age, perhaps more than 1,000,000 years, for the deposit in which the skeleton was found. But this I deem impossiblep, and presume that the bones were put beneath the shale by means of a tunnel perhaps, or some other system of interment. I cannot think it possible that a human being of the advanced stage indicated by this great skull could have existed at the period when the shale was formed."-Portland (Ore.) Telegram.

FEASTING KINGS AND QUEENS

Parisians Find That Their Hospitality Has Cost Many Millions _of Dollars_

It is learned from an official report fust filed what it costs to entertain kings and queens. The expression "treated royally" will now have a definite meaning for Parisians.

Figures show that it cost this city something more than three million dollars to be host for the Czar of Russia on his memorable visit which marked the French-Russian alliance, but only \$56,000 was spent to give the king of Sweden a good time while in

Paris. Three times that amount was disbursed to entertain King Alfonso on the visit when an anarchist threw a bomb at him.

The king of Portugal was comparatively a cheap guest, costing only about \$40,000.

On the king of Norway \$68,000 was expended, on the king of Italy \$65,000 and on the late king of Denmark \$60,-

Left Her Money to Bellboys. It is going to be pretty difficult to get many of the bellboys of the hotels to go on strike if folks keep on dying and leaving them fortunes, just because they were prompt with the ice

The latest instance of the kind came to light last month, when the will of Hanah Dwight Green was offered for probate in Albany, N. Y., and it was found that she had left all her estate save some personal effects and jewelry to three beliboys.

These boys were Edwin J. Greenewood, of Littleton, N. H.; George Hadenburg of Providence, and Frank Donegan of Boston, who were employed in the hotels where Mrs. Greene stopped. There is to be divided among them the proceeds of 12 shares of New York and New Haven stock, 10 shares of United Steel preferred, and a promissory note for \$3,-481.—Steward.

A Distinct Vernacular. The baseball reporter's English is weird and wonderful, and apropos of It there is a story about the great Ty

In a New York hotel two college professors watched Ty Cobb bent over A newspaper. "Look at the poor fellow's frowns

and mutterings," said the first professor, "with that journal." "Yes," said the other, "he can't

make it out, you know." "Can't make it out, eh? Can't even read! I knew they were as unedu-

"Oh," said the other, "Ty's educated all right enough, but that's the baseball page he's got there."

Singularly Alike. The two Clevelanders on the back seat were talking literature. "I'm reading Ruskin all over again," maid one. "It's meaty aiuff after so

much modern frivol." "Ruskin," said the other man, "always reminds me of Artemus Ward." "What's that? Artemus Ward? Im-

possible!" "Not at all. The titles of Ruskin's pooks and Ward's lectures never have anything to do with the contents."

Inexpensive Job. "Do you see that man? Only yestermay he cleaned out a bank." "Why didn't they arrest him?"

"What for? He's a very conscien-

HORSE FELL INTO A TREE

Awaiting Aid, the Animal Tightly Clutched the Trunk With His Rear Hoofs.

Visitors to Ferry Bar were much surprised the other morning to see a horse up among the branches of a tree. The animal had gotten in its uncomfortable position by falling ten feet from a bank that overstopped the tree. The tree probably saved the

horse's life. The accident occurred while the horse was grazing in a pasture in the rear of the Baltimore Motor club at Ferry Bar. John McMahon, 877 West Fayette street, was at work on a motor boat when he was startled by a convulsive rustling in the tree nearby. Looking up he was startled to see four hoofs jutting through the leaves and swinging madly back and forth. A moment later the hoofs became still and the horse wrapped the rear ones around the tree, clutching desperately to prevent a further fall.

A call was sent to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and an ambulance was hurried to the scene. Blocks and tackle were fastened to a tree stump on top of the hill and leather belts were wrapped about the horse. When the work of hitching the belts was completed it was found that the animal could not be rescued until several of the limbs of the tree were cut off. This took considerable time, during which the horse rested and watched the work of the score or more of men who were trying to release him. With the removal of the last limb the horse was slowly drawn to the top of the bank from which he had fallen. A close examination revealed that outside of a few scratches he was uninjured.—Baltimore Ameri-

CUPID EXCEEDS SPEED LIMIT

New Jersey Couple Meet, Woo and Wed All Inside of Thirteen Hours.

Cupid exceeded the speed limit for quick marriages when Piscel Balais of Clark street and Miss Rosa Razca of Cass street boarded the train at Trenton, N. J., as perfect strangers, and within 13 hours had ridden to matrimony and happiness.

The young couple had never seen each other until they were introduced at the home of a friend. The youth. captivated, was soon riding on air, and began his suit immediately. At ten he popped the question aggressively, and the maid surrendered, not laying down her arms, exactly, but mak-

ing better use of them. At 10:30 Miss Razca had bought her trousseau and Balais his wedding suit, both purchases being made in a store where the girl was a saleswoman.

When the city hall opened the couple were waiting to get the license. answered the required questions in a few short moments that seemed all too long. Then they looked up a clergyman and were married half an hour afterward.

The Hungry Builfrog. "Did you ever know that the bull-

frog was carnivorous, or, in other words, a cannibal?" said Nick Gilbert, one of the operators at the electrical bureau. "I never did until several years ago, when it was demonstrated almost before my very eyes. I have been interested in fish culture for years and have made a study of their habits. So that I could study them at closer range, I built a big aquarium in my yard, one that held 650 gallons, and along with a fine collection of fish I stocked it with seven fine big bullfrogs.

"The sparrows used to drink water from the edge of the aquarium and this day, while my wife was looking on, one of the frogs leaped up, caught the sparrow and took it beneath the water. I could hardly believe that a frog would attack and vanquish such a fighter as the English sparrow is known to be, so in the interest of science I emptied the aquarium, and sure enough, down in the bottom was the sparrow. The frog had taken him down below, but either could not swallow him or else did not have the time. Following that I began to miss some valuable Japanese fantails, and, after removing all the frogs but one, waited until I missed another fish, when I killed Mr. Frog and found that he was the robber. Before that I believed the fish had been stolen by cats. The bullfrog is aggressive and can take his own part any time."

New York Scenery. I heard someone descanting about her view, says Jane Stone in New York Press. She said one thing she'd always hated in New York was not having a view, and now she had one. She took me up to see it. "Well where is it?" said I, looking out of the window. "Why, there and there and there!" said she. "Don't you see how I see over that roof to the next one and down in the street to the mail box and overhead to that bit of aky?" said, oh, yes, and how nice it was that she had it. It's really pathetic what New York can do to us. It's pathetic when somebody thinks that what she showed me was a view. A view-

Growth of the Game. "Baseball is adopting many innovations."

"What now?" "In addition to nine men playing ball it is now considered necessary to have a couple of comedians in uniform on the side lines."

"What for?" "To distract the attention of opposing players." "I'm. If that's the trend, we'll soom

have a female sextet."

LIFE PRESERVER UNDER COAT

Inventor Gives Test of His New Device in the Hudson River.

A new style of life preserver, designed for expert and amateur swimmers as well as for all manner of vessels, was tried out in the Hudson river off One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street the other day. The device was worn by its inventor, Nathan Martino, of 704 Ninth avenue. It consists of a rubber belt, with two sacks, or inflated balloons, just in front of the shoulders. Mr. Martino demonstrated that the life preserver can be worn when deflated underneath a bathing suit or any ordinary clothing, and inflated within a second's time by means of the tubes, which hang over the shoulder. If a swimmer is suddenly afflicted with cramps her could reach for the tubes, put them in his mouth and inflate the bags before he could sink. This is what Mr. Martino said, and he demonstrated it by plunging into the Hudson river, where the water is 20 feet deep, inflated the device and floated about without effort. Two hundred bathers watched the

demonstration. The new life preserver is made of India rubber. The one used by Mr. Martino is the only one ever made. and cost ten dollars. Mr. Martino said that duplicates could be made for half that sum. He made the assertion that it will support a person weighing 300 pounds, and has the advantage over the ordinary cork life preserver that any one on board ship or swimming can wear one deflated, without its figuring as any addition to the ordinary clothing. Mr. Martino, who says he weighs 210 pounds and looks every pound of it, floated about in the waters of the Hudson without effort.

FEW HUMMING BIRDS LEFT

Commercial Uses Have Nearly Exterminated the Tiniest of Feathered Creatures.

Our continent has a monopoly of humming birds, the gems of the feathered creation. Of these there are said to be as many as four hundred species, most of which confine themselves to the tropical regions.

Only eighteen varieties live farther north than Mexico. It is generally thought that humming birds live upon honey. This, however, is a mistake. They do obtain and devour honey, it is true, but most of their food consists of the small insects which inhabit certain flowers.

Humming birds are so small that when they are captured for commercial purposes it is impossible to use even the smallest shot for fear of in-Juring their skins. They are therefore stunned with a drop of water from a blowgun or syringe and fall into a

net, when they are quickly poisoned. Humming birds vary in size from those half as large as a sparrow to those about the size of a bee. Their flight is so swift that they can be well seen only when poised above a flower. The little creatures bid fair to be exterminated on account of the senseless and cruel fashion of using them as trimming for women's hate Ave Maria.

Pompeilan Venus is Unearthed. One of the latest and most interesting things uncovered during the new excavations at Pompeii under the direction of Professor Spinazzola, is a fresco which is regarded as the best which has yet been found. It is very beautiful, and in a perfect state of preservation. It was one of the ornaments of the facade of a house situated in the main public thoroughfare, of which the roof was in an almost intact condition. It represents the Pompelian Venus standing erect, crowned with a diadem, in the midst of flying Cupids, on a chariot drawn by four Indian elephants. Seen from the front, the representation of these animals is strikingly realistic. The archaeological value of the fresco is extremely great, for the colors are very fresh and harmonious.

No Maltese Cate in Malta. James Oliver Laing, American consul at Malta, informs the state department that many Americans have asked him to give names of breeders of pure blood maltese terriers and cats. He says there are a few so-called maitese terriers in Malta and they are not of pure blood. The pupples which the street hawkers offer for sale to tourists are more or less mongrel, with a strain of the old breed. Maltese cats do not exist in Malta, at least not one of the color called maltese in the United States, has been seen there.

Modern Morals. "This latter-day or new morality is

too lax for me." The speaker was Jerome S. Mc-Wade, the Duluth millionaire. He

"This new morality, which seems in its tolerance rather to encourage than to oppose wickedness, reminds me of a lad in my Sunday school class. "'Now, Tommy,' I said to this lad

one Sunday afternoon, 'now, Tommy, what must be do before our sins can be forgiven?

"'We must sin," Tommy replied." Low Wages for Rescuers.

The appalling number of suicides in St. Petersburg has created a new occupation for the workless. Many watchers assemble every day on the banks of the Nevs and the canals on the lookout for attempted suicides. For each rescue the "hero" receives \$2.50 from the perfecture of police. In one week one man made \$7.50 in this

IN SEARCH OF BLUE ROSE

Modern Horticulturist Has Very High Ambitions, Says England's Premier Gardener.

To find a blue rose! That is the great ambition of the modern gardener, according to Sir Harry Vettch, England's premier gardener, who was recently knighted by the king, and the honor was well deserved, for no one in the world has worked more indefatigably for the development of horticulture, and no one has made more important discoveries. Indeed, in the course of his fifty years of business the gardening knight has introduced into this country many hundreds of plants.

For four generations his family has been associated with the romance of flowers—the late Mr. James Veitch was described as "the first nurseryman of his day"-and it was the Veitchs who began the policy of ransacking the world, especially the Equatorial world, for orchids and studied the reproduction and cross fertilization of foliage plants. Early in life Sir Harry made it his aim to become a sort of universal provider in the gardening world, and for years he has had travelers in all parts of the globe searching for rare plants.

Curiously enough, he considers that China is one of the most wonderful fields for work of this sort, and he mentions the fact that one of his travelers has lately come back from the celestial land after a three years' trip, in the course of which he got as far as Thibet and had to struggle for life with four bandits to preserve his specimens. The risk these travelers run for unknown flowers are often very great, and sometimes expeditions prove very disappointing. "It is farcinating work, however," says Sir Harry, "and has often led flower searchers into corners of the world which have never been trodden before by white men."

WHERE SEDAN CHAIR IS USED

The 3-Century-Old Vehicle Is Still Been on May Day in Knutsford, England.

The news that there is a woman still living who rode in a Sedan chair is a reminder of the fact that there is one town in England where a Sedan chair is still used. It is at Knutsford, in Cheshire—the "Cranford" of Mrs. Gaskell. Every May day Knutsford arrays itself in gala attire. Sports are held on the village green, the May queen is elected and crowned, andin order that no aspect of antiquity should be missing-the Sedan chair is produced.

Whatever may have been absolutely the latest date at which a Sedan chair s used, the chair, at any rate, had longer life than most forms of public conveyance. For it appeared in England as early as 1581, and in London fifty years later, when Sir Francis Duncomb obtained the sole privilege of letting and hiring them. Thus the Sedan chair was in use for roughly three centuries, and how many handsoms are likely to be carrying passengers in 2133, which will be the tercentenary of their introduction?-London Chronicle.

Prehistoric Dinosaurs Found. What is believed to be an important find of hitherto undiscovered species and genera of prehistoric land reptiles has just been made. Twelve fossils or skeletons of dinosaurs, among them two complete brontosaurs—the largest animals that have ever lived-were unearthed from the side of a cliff nine miles north of Jansen. Utah, in what was, in distant ages, a river; as the cobbles, mussel shells, and sand environing the bones showed. Besides these specimens of the extinct brontosaurus fossil, remains of several stegosaurus specimens were also brought to light. These, Mr. Hartley M. Phelps tells us, are very rare. The stegosaurus was the most grotesque animal that ever existed. The brontosaurus often attained a length of 80 feet, but it had a small head. Its neck and tail were short. Like the stegosaurus, it lived by eating succulent herbs. It had powerful legs, 10 feet or so in length. The diplodocus measured 70 feet long, had an immense body, powerful legs, and an enormously long tail and long neck, but a small head. It lived in awamps and ate waterweeds. Its remains have only been found on the slopes of the Rocky mountains.

The Explanation.

At a crab supper in honor of Thomas F. Ryan during convention week in Baltimore a congressman said, apropos of Mr. Bryan's attack on Mr. Ryan:

"I, for my part, am against this muckraking and mud slinging. Why should out public men be kept continually under the lash?"

There was a murmur of approval. Mr. Ryan held up his hand to quiet it, then smiled and said:

"After all, gentlemen, if you are in the public eye you must inevitably be under the lash."

"Been to call on that Boston girl. And say!" and the second second "Well!" "Whenever I call on that girl I al-

A Frigid Atmosphere.

"Where you been?"

-Boston Transcript.

ways feel like I had been farthess

Doubtful... "Jones is extremely attentive to his

"Still very much in love with her, "Either that, or he is afraid of her."

of pronunciation of the English language throughout the empire.

NEW SPELLING IN ENGLAND

Board of Reformers Are Planning to

Deliver Lectures Throughout

the Country.

A campaign in favor of spelling re-

form is to be conducted in London /

and the provinces in the au'umn and

Mr. William Archer, under the aus-

pices of the Simplified Spelling soci-

etv. is to conduct a lecturing tour on

his return from the east, and lectures

will also be delivered by many other

well-known men throughout the coun-

The lecturers will advocate the re-

form of what they regard as the pres-

ent "chaotic spelling," which they de-

clare is so remote from pronunciation

that it is no guide to the English lan-

guage at all, and tends to degrade our

The society desires to fix a standard

winter.

speech.

It has been stated that the English people over seas, particularly in Australia and South Africa, are deviating so seriously from the general standard of speech prevailing in the mother country that the time might come when visitors from these parts of the empire might fail to make them-

selves understood in London Mr. Tate, director of education in Melbourne has suggested several spelling reforms to which effect has been given in the official papers issued by his department. Discussions have taken place and the council of public education in Melbourne is addressing a letter to the president of the board of education in London urging upon him, in the interest of education, the necessity of a general adoption of a simplified reform spelling.—London Daily Graphic.

FRENCH PAPERS FOR SALE

Thief With Valuable Historic Documents on His Person Arrested In Madrid.

A French subject has been arrested in Madrid after trying to sell important historical documents stolen, without doubt, from some museum or French official center The arrest was made by policemen, who had the man under observation, under the pre-

tense of being probable buyers. They found upon him the ratification of the secret treaty of peace between Louis XIV and Philip IX of Spain. This treaty, commonly called the Pyrenees Treaty, was signed in 1659, and terminated the war between France and Spain. In virtue of it Louis married the Infanta Maria Teresa, Phillip's daughter.

Another document contains the marriage articles, in which the princess renounces all rights to the crown of Spain. Finally, the man exhibited a parchment-signed by the emperor Charles V. The documents present all the appearance of authenticity. The two former bear royal seals and the signatures of Maria Teresa, Louis

XIV. and Philip IV. The prisoner's body is covered with tatooed designs in colors, beautifully executed. He has deep scare in both his wrists.

総 New School Sanitation Plan. A new idea in school sanitation has been tested by the medical director of Dartmouth college. About five years ago he began making bacteriologie examinations of the air of the coilege halls and recitation rooms, and soon found a great periodic variation in the number of bacteria colonies that developed on the culture media exponed in the usual shallow open dishes. He then adopted the plan of disinfecting with formaldehyde any room showing more than thirty-five colonies of clusters of any kind of bacteria to a dish This custom has been continued, and the result has been quite striking, the cases of epidemic colds, influenza and bronchitis, among the students having

An Applied Definition. E. Trowbridge Dana, grandson of the poet Longfellow, who was recently married in Cambridge with a beau tiful ritual of his own composition,

been reduced about one-half.

said the other day to a reporter: "If all couples gave to marriage the profound thought and reverence that my wife and I give to it there would be fewer mismatings.

"The average married pair, it sometimes seems to me, are like the Blinkses "'Pa,' said little Tommy Blings one

day, 'what's a weapon?' "'A weapon, my son,' Blinks answered, 'is something to fight with.' "Then, pa,' said little Tommy, 'is ma your weapon?"

Men and Women of World. The total population of the world is now estimated at 1,700,000,000. This is based upon the most recent censuses, which all civilized countries now take, with a careful estimate of the number of inhabitants of uncivilized lands. The proportion of the sexes is known for 1,038,000,000 of these, the ratio being 1,000 males to 990 females. The ratio varies considerably in different places. In Europe there are 1.000 men to 1,045 women; in America, 1,000 men to 964 women; in Asia, 1,000

Trying Ever Since. "So your vacation is over. Where

men to 961 women; in Australia, 1,000

men to 967 women.

did you go?" "Nowbere." Why. I thought you had a fine time. all planned out."

"So I had, but the first day my vacation began, my wife asked me to match some samples for her."

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS