Chances for Linkting Companies. E. L. Harris, United States consul at Smyrna, makes an interesting report on conditions in Asia Minor, and in regard to electricity, says: "The city of Smyrna, with nearly 400,000 population, has no electric railway, electrie light or telephone. There are citics all over Asia Minor varying in size from 20,000 to 50,000 inhabitants where there are opportunities of getting concessions for electric light and true tion. It is strange for American electrical concerns to turn their backs on this field with the excuse that noth-Ing under a \$1,000,000 concession would attract them."



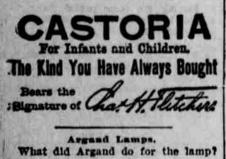
Hospital Horror. First Interne-What a funny little appendix that last patient had ! Second Interne-Yes; regular comie supplement.

People Tell Each Other About Good Things.

This of the property of the second s

Old-Fashioned Simplicity. "Our dads were a lot of mossbacks weren't they?"

"'Deed they were. Why, those old chaps used to actually think that the "Black Crook' was indecent."-Louisville Courier-Journal.





CHAPTER IV .- (Continued.) | brow, and held the saits to the delicate He immediately sent the girl to n nostrils.

Parisian school, and then be set about "I've been with her ever since she wore a child," she said, huskily, to Audrey, trying to force his way into the ranks of the upper ten. His money, his powho stood with her hands tightly clasped together ; "and she'll never be nothing litical views, and his power, as determinto me but Miss Constance, poor dear !" ed by the fact of his being a large employer of labor, and, therefore, of con-"Is-is she always ill?" Why was it trolling a large percentage of votes. that Audrey could not control her voice? Marshall nodded her head, and just brought about an acquaintance, and then then the bell pealed through the corridor a friendship, with Sir Edwin Gascoigne, an impecunious but most aristocratic again, and Mrs. Fraser opened her thickly baronet. By Sir Edwin's sid, Mr Frafringed eyes with a start and looked ser was returned in the Conservative blankly around her. Marshall motioned cause, and his step planted on the first Audrey away. Audrey reluctantly withrung of the ladder. He was a decidedly drew her gaze from that sweet, suffering elever man, and although ico mean and ace, and with the memory of those deepniggardly to be altogether popular, he e eyes clinging to her, she returned to her mistress' room. was not long in finding some friends. Among these, however, could not be class-"Another fainting fit?" observed Sheila impatiently. "Dear me, now tiresome!

sd Constance Gascoigne, Sir Edward's second and only surviving daughter. Miss suppose she won't be able to go to the Gascoigne was a very beautifu! girl, but Glaston hunt ball to-night. Maxse, you she had won the reputation of having a seem to me inclined to dawdle. I can't bitter and unkind tongue. Every one have lazy people about me. Bircham, my white serge tea gown. I suppose the knew that Constance Gascolgne did not breakfast gong has sounded?" share in her father's infatuation for Mr. "Yes, miss, ten minutes ago; and I met his lordship a goin' down as I come

Fraser, and yet she electrified the whole social world by suddenly becoming his wife. There was the nine days' gossip. up. You'll just have trace to run into Mrs. Fraser's room and----and then the Frazer marriage became a thing of the past, although there were "I shall have nothing of the kind," retorted Shella stamping her foot imsome of Constance's women friends who patiently, as Audrey's cold fingers moved

still discussed the subject. "There has been something mysterious about the girl for the last two years!" cried Mrs. Fanfare, the biggest scandal-

monger of the time, "and I for one albreakfast. Bircham, this girl is simply a clumsy fool ! If you can't teach her to ways thought that young Frank Anstrumanage better than this she must go!" ther's sudden death had a great deal to do with it. Constance was madly in love with him, poor girl! Well, she has done very well in one sense. This Fraser man tears. She was doing her very best, but Sheila had no pity for her awkwardness, and could willingly have kicked her for is rolling in money-positively rolling, my dear !" looking so beautiful.

In a vague, yet uncertain, way Shella. felt that it was only through her step-"What time do we start?" Sheila Framother's popularity and undoubted social position that she was received and welser asked Lord John, as breakfast drew comed as the friend of the county fami to an end. She was not alone with the young lies around the neighborhood, and posman; an elderly lady, a poor relative seased the entree of the jest houses in London when they stayed there for the of her mother's, was present. Had Sheila been left to her own inclinations, season; and, bearing this in mind, it this quiet, grim, and undoubtedly midwas only natural she should be very careful to keep on good terms with one who die-class Mrs. Watson would never have was so very indispensable to her. Deep down in the girl's shallow pretense of a heart there lurked a rankling jealousy for the delicate, eristocratic, still beau tiful woman who had been her father's wife. Shella had never quite understood Constance Fraser, and she was just a litconnection. tle bit afraid of her; she knew how bit ter the sweet, refined voice could ring sometimes, and how contemptuously the pale lips could curve when occasion mer-ited it. She felt vaguely that Mrs. Fra-

ser knew her at her exact worth; and yet the young stepmother had never, by word or sign, been anything Lut kind and affectionately considerate to the girl whose guardian she was.

Shella turned away from the mirror with a frown, and throwing berself on her lace-trimmed pillow, again took up her letters. The frown vanished as she read the warm and pressing invitations from two or three of the best houses around to luncheon, dinner, tea, and the like. "Bah! I am a fool !" she said to her-

Jack Hendurwood folded his arms and ooken down at her gravely. "Promise to go to bed at , once," he "I shall not leave totil J hear you are at rest." "At rest?" A faint, bitter smile flickered across the pale lips, and then Mrs. Fraser stretched out her hand. "Good-

night, my friend. Heaven bless you and thank you for your loving usre of me. I-I am not worth it, Jack, dear; I am ot worth it." For answer he bent down and kissed

said.

the white hand, and then Mrs. Fraser aught sight of Audrey standing behind. "It was no dream ! It was no myth! om, to me, child ! Ah, do not be fright ned; I will not harm you. I will only

you, and gaze into your face." Jack Glendurwood had turned with a start, and made way for Andrey to pass She move slowly across to that 14. black-robed form and knelt down. She was not frightened, only awed and strangely stirred.

"Lift up your eyes. Ah !" as Audrey obeyed her. "Child ! Child ! Who are you? What are you, with your face that es up from the past?" She bent forward and touched the girl's brow with her lips; she clung to the girl's hands and a moan escaped her. Suddenly she released her hold, and her hard dropped on her breast.

"Take her away, my mord !" cried Marshall, bending over her mistress, "She has got something on her mind! She has don . nothing but talk of this child's face all day. It's only weakness, I fear. Poor Mi - Constance !"

"Come," said Jack to Audrey, very gentis

As one in a dream she rose to her feet and followed him out of the room, and then, when she was outside, she burst into a flood of irrepressible, persons tears. leaning against the wall, incliess of any one of anything but the strange, wild tumul and pain in her breast. Jack stood by in silence, but as her sobs died away put his hand gently on her shoulder "Foor child ! Poor little child !" Then. as she lifted her tear-stained, eloquent loveliness to his face, he lrew both her hands in his. "Don't cry, child !" he said, quickly, "I-I hate to see you cry. You seem very lonely; you are strange Come ; shall we strike a bargain? here. You let me help you yesterday, you must

let me help you again. Shall we be friends?" "Friends, my lord?" she faltered. "You

and I! Oh, it cannot be! I am only servant, a charity girl, and ycu-"Are henceforth the friend of that char ity girl," was his answer, and with that bent and kissed her hands as he had just kissed Constance Fraser's and, with a tender smile and gentle "good-night" went slowly down the stairs and out of the bouse.

(To be continued.)

NATION OF SALT EATERS.

Barrel a Year Is Consumed for Every Three Persons.

The United States consumes 26,872,-00 barrels of salt annually, or a barrel for every three persons in the land. Last year it went abroad for only 1.151.133 barrels. In 1880 63.5 per cent of the salt used in our country was of home production. Last year 95.7 per cent of the product consumed was produced within the borders of this country. In 1880 the consumption in this country was only 9.384,263 barrels. Thus we see that the people of the United States are using annually three times as much salt as they used twenty-six years ago.

Only 5.961,060 barrels were pro-

Beneath His Dignity.

fires should not be made up after 3

p. m. unless the room is fikely to be

occupied after 5 p. m. Where offices



mannen Maidenhood.

Maiden ! with the meek brown eyes, In whose orb a shadow lies Like the dusk in evening skies !

Thou whose locks outshine the sun, Golden tresses wreathed in one, As the braided streamlets run!

Standing, with reluctant feet, Where the brook and river meet, Womanhood and childhood fleet!

Gazing, with a timid glance. On the brooklet's swift advance, On the river's broad expanse!

Deep and still, that gliding stream Beautiful to thee must seem As the river of a dream.

Then why pause with indecision, When bright angels in thy vision Beckon thee to fields Elysian?

Scost thon shadows sailing by, As the dove, with startled eve, Sees the falcon's shadow fly?

Hear'st thou voices on the shore, That our ears perceive no more, Deafened by the cataract's roar?

O thou child of many prayers! Life hath quicksands; Life hath snares! Care and age come unawares !

Like the swell of some sweet tune, Morning rises unto noon. May glides onward into June.

Childhood is the bough where slumbered Birds and blossoms many-numbered ; Age, that bough with snows encumbered !

Gather, then, each flower that grows, When the young heart overflows, To embalm that tent of snows.

Bear a lily in thy hand ; Gates of brass cannot withstand One touch of that magic wand.

Bear through sorrow, wrong and ruth, In thy heart the dew of youth, On thy lips the smile of truth.

Oh, that dew, like baim, shall steal Into the wounds that cannot heal, Even as sleep our eyes doth seal ;

And that smile, like sunshine, dart Into many a sunless heart, For a smile of God thou a.A. -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

THEIR MARRIED NAMES.

Homespun Parents Could Not Mas ter Foreign Pronunciation.

International marriages are, in these days of travel, more common than they used to be; but they were not unknown to our ancestors of a century ago, and were least rare, it seems, in some of the old seafaring families. Old-time sea captains made friends in many lands, and were occasionally accompanled on board ship by some adventurous daughter, eager, like Lord Bateman of the ballad, "far countries for to see." One such, who traveled as far as Russia, did not return; she remained there as the wife of a prosperous Russian

EXPERT ADVICE ON EATING. Authorities Tell Us What Foods We

Should Consume and Avoid.

Cicero told us long ago that we should eat to live, not live to eat. and Prof. Gautler of Paris amplifies that wise prononneement in the course of a very interesting article on "How We Ought to Eat." The professor is the sworn enemy of all culinary arthfices the object of which is to stimulate taste, excite the appetite and induce a man to eat without hunger and drink without thirst.

These, he says, are prejudicial to the maintenance of health. When one has an appetite for plain bread, vegetables or meat unmodified by any seasoning. then and then only can one be said to be really hungry. Another paternal recommendation which the professor makes is the old advice of our grandmothers, that we should always leave the table with a slight sensation of hunger not entirely appeased.

It appears that we lose every day from eighty-five to 100 grams of albuminolds, corresponding to 420 or 550 grams of muscular flesh or analogous tissue. An inhabitant of Paris, for instance, recuperates on the average to the extent of 102 or 103 grams a day.

As a guide to what we should eat the professor tells us that the best meat is that of animals fattened on pasture land-beef and mutton. Then comes poultry and pork fed on products of a vegetable origin, whether grain or herbaceous.

One should always avoid the flesh of animals fattened to excess on muscular flesh and also, to a certain extent, that of animals which are too young. Veal is not good for either gouty or arthritic people. It is not recommended for people with fragile, irritable, eruptive skin.

Fish, excellent in itself when it is quite fresh, is easy to digest, but it is not suitable to eczematous persons or those who have any other skin disease. Black meats or game excite the kidneys, predispose to gravel, to hepatic congestions and to arterio-scierosis. One may live absolutely without meat: one cannot do without vegetable allments.

Prof. Gautier deprecates all exaggerations and sums up as follows: Boil your drinking water when an epidemic is raging; boll milk, cook beefsteaks sufficiently and sleep peacefully. A cup of light and savory smelling bouillon, a slice of roast beef properly cooked, a small glass of Bordeau and even of Burgundy never killed anvone.

Eat with regularity and in accordance with the demands of hunger such dishes as have always been regarded as innocuous and remember that, as a rule, it is neither meats nor boullion nor wine nor spices nor coffee which polson us, but their abuse.

mann FACTS OF THE FAN.

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The Pope lately presented to the Unlversity of Pennsylvania a pair of the splendid fans carried before him in an ster procession. The fan has a dis-

SHARKS ARE HARMLESS.

Still No One Cares to Make Personal Investigation.

In "Questions and Answers" it was said that 'there can be no doubt whatever of the existence of sharks that will attack men in the water," and, referring to the offer of Hermann Oelrichs, some twenty years ago, of, \$500 reward to any person who could cite au authentic case of a man being bitten by a shark north of Cape Hatteras, it was said that "Mr. Oelrichs received data of thousands of cases which happened in seas not included in the limits he set."

I well remember Mr. Oeirich's statement and offer, as I supported him in the discussion which followed in your columns, and I still do, for in more than fifty years' sen service-not yet ended-in both men-o'-war and merchantmen, and in the waters of almost every part of the world and those where sharks most do congregate, I have yet to learn of an authentic case of a shark atacking a human being, and I have yet to meet a man-whom I consider worthy of beMef-who has ever witnessed or had knowledge-beyond a question of doubt-of a person being injured by a shark, says a writer

In the New York Sun.

I have seen the waters allve with human beings and sharks, neither interfering with the other, though frequently in contact, and in waters infested with sharks of every type, breed and construction. I have known sailors frequently, alone and at all hours of the night, to swim long distances from their vessels to the shore, returning by the same means in safety, gloriously drunk and surrounded by sharks. Every sailor and every lubber as well can cite apparently authentic cases of men being devoured by sharks. I've heard them from farmers, but sifted down they amount simply to : "I heard of a man who knew a man who saw a

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man," etc. The statement that Seaman Dunlap of the United States gunboat Elcano, while using his forefinger as a boat plug, had it bitten off "close to the garboard strake," may be relegated to the stories that may be "told to the marines." Sailors, before taking stock in it, will demand that the thickness of that garboard strake and the original length of that forefinger be specified and well authenticated. They will then figure on about how much finger the shark got. In the statement as it stands there are a few discrepancies and a dearth of details.

But with all this, permit me to add that I am and always have been afraid of sharks, and have had what I felt to be at the time several close calls and narrow escapes from themwhether imaginary or not, I didn't stop to ascertain. Nor shall I in any future similar instance. Notwithstanding my experience with the shark, I have no abiding personal faith in him and do not assert either that he will or will not attack a human being in the water, merely that I have never known him to do so, nor have I met a man who did, and, like many others, I would like to have the fact established.

been given a place in her home; but Constance Fraser had spoken so direct and to the point on this subject that her stepdaughter had given in, and offered in as gracious a manner as she could the post of housekeeper to this impoverished "Do you seriously think of going to day?" he laughed, turning to the girl, who looked very fresh and protty in her

picturesquely draped white serge gown. "Why not?" demanded Sheila. "Remember the ball." "Ob, the ball !" with an s'ry laugh. 'My dear Lord John, I could follow the hounds for a week at a time, and then

dance through two balls." "Sheila has excellent health," Mrs. Watson remarked, monotonously. Sheila rose abruptly. How slow their friendship advanced. He was perfectly aware that it was his mother's most earnest desire to see Sheila Fraser his wife.

but he was equally well aware that he

had no such desire himself. He was in

slowly in their task of buttoning her

dainty shoe straps. "You must go in

and tell Mrs. Fraser I will see her after

Audrey's eyes were blinded with hot

CHAPTER V.

Examine an ordinary lamp in which coal oil is burned. The chimney profects the flame from sudden gusts of wind and also creates a draft of air, just as the fire chimney creates a draft. Argand's lamp was the first to have a chimney. Look below the chimney and you will see open passages through which air may pass upward and find Its way to the wick. Notice further that as this draft of air passes upward it is so directed that when the lamp te burning an extra quantity of air plays directly upon the wick. Before Argand, the wick received no supply of air. Now notice-and this is very im portant-that the wick of our modern lamp is flat or circular, but thin. The ald in abundance plays upon both sides of the thin wick, and burns it without making smoke. Smoke is simply halfburned particles (soot) of a burning substance. The particles pass off half burned because enough air has not been supplied. Now Argand, by making the wick thin and by causing plenty of air to rush into the flame, caused all the wick to be burned and thereby caused ift to burn with a white flame.

After the invention of Argand, the wart of lamp-making improved by leaps and by bounds. More progress was ade in twenty years after 1783 than had been made in twenty centuries before. New burners were invented, new and better oils were used, and better wicks made. But all the new kinds of tamps were patterned after the Argand. The lamp you use at home may not be a real Argand, but it is doubtless made according to the principles of the tamp invented by the Swiss physician in 1783 .- St. Nicholas.

Not the Eternal.

"Dresses and hats! dresses and hats! we exclaimed, in an effort to be wittilly philosophical. "It is the eternal femi-

"No," corrected one exact friend ; the external feminine."-Judge.

WENT TO TEA

And It Wound Her Bobbfn

Tea drinking frequently affects people as badly as coffee. A lady in Salisbury, Md., says that she was compelled to abandon the use of coffee a good many years ago, because it threatened to ruin her health and that she went over to tea drinking, but finally, she had dyspepsia so had that she had lost twenty-five pounds and no food seemed to agree with her.

She further says: "At this time I was induced to take up the famous food drink, Postum, and was so much pleased with the results that I have never been without it since. I commenced to improve at once, regained my twenty-five pounds of flesh and went some beyond my usual weight.

"I know Postum to be good, pure, and healthful, and there never was an artile, and never will be, I belleve, that does so surely take the place of coffee, as Postum Food Coffee. The beauty of it all is that it is satisfying and wonderfully nourishing. I feel as if I could not sing its praises too loud." Read "The Hoad to Wellville," in pkgs. stance !" There's a Reason."

"I was only half awake just now, and what if this girl is protty, how does that affect me? I am Miss Fraser, of Dinglewood, and heiress to a good hundred thousand pounds. I don't think I need trouble my head about a servant maid's face !" She read through the rest of her letters, and then rang her bell sharply. "Why doesn't the girl come back? I must get up, or Jack will be off telore I have half dressed !"

The bell rang sharply in the corridor outside, but Audrey neither understood nor heeded its purpose. She was very frightened, and very full of pity at that particular moment.

She had gone direct, as Miss Fraser had commanded her, to Mrs. Fraser's room; she knew it, because Bircham had pointed it out to her the evening before; she had knocked gently, and on receiving an answer, she had gone timidly in. The room was large, airy and pretty; it was hung with dainty chints, and was, compared to Sheila's magnificent apartment. simple beyond description ; yet Audrey felt, in a sudden and indescribable way,

that she liked it much better ; it was so fresh and dainty looking, and there was plenty of room to move about. A fire was burning brightly, and a large bowl of daffodils and tulips made a spot of color in the window. A woman, in a white mob cap and large apron, was just placing a tray by the bedside, and Audrey, raising her eyes very nervously, saw delicate, lovely face lying on the pillew.

"Who is it, Marshall?" inquired Mrs. Fraser in a low, but singularly sweet voice.

"If you please, I-I am come from Miss Fraser." Audrey stammered out the message as

easily as she could. She was not exactly frightened, and yet her beart was fluttering, for she felt rather than saw that Mrs. Fraser's eyes were fixed upon her. Marshall was replying in a brisk yet respectful way when her mistress stopped her. She stretched out a fragile hand, white as snow, toward the girl.

"Who are you?" she asked in eager, hurried tones. "Where do you come from? Come nearer! Come close! I want to see your face. I----

"If you please, ma'am, th's is Miss Fraser's new maid as Mrs. Thorngate as got for her," said Marahati.

sobbing cry:

in her mistress.

Mrs. Fraser had pushed herself up in bed ; her deep blue eyes were shining like stars, and a rush of color had come into her white cheeks. Involuatarily Audrey had drawn nearer, and had pot her small, stairs. work-stained fingers into those other deliente ones. Mrs. Fraser pusaed the girl round with her face to the light, paused

for an instant, and then gave one broken. "Merciful heavens! It is-it is She struggled with her oreath, stretchstant. ed out her two hands as though to some unseen yet precious protector, and then

gave an inarticulate moan and dropped her great blue eyes. back on her pillow insensible. Audrey. trembling in every limb, hastened to obey Marshall, as she directed her to bring some eau-de-cologne and silts from the

large chintz-hung dressing 1-ble; she did not know why, but the signt of Mrs. how it would be; you weren't fit for it. Fraser's death-like face pained her bemy lamh! Bring her here, my lord. Em youd description. Marshall evidently right thankful to you for carrying her was not unused to this sinn of weakness what she is.'

"She'd one of her bad nights," Audrey heard her mutter; "poor lamb! I knew it when I first saw her this morning. Poor Miss Constance! Poor wretty Miss Con-

She whisked away a tear while she rubbed some of the scent across the pale cleanes lace about the nock.

o hurry to be married, and he certainly would never marry for money. All this, however, he kept to himself

and although he was so intimate with the heiress of Dinglewood, he had never by word or deed given either Shella or any 122 barrels. one else reason to suppose that he held any deper feeling for the girl than that

of an ordinary friend. Later Sheila had some dinner in he oom, having ascertained that Mrs. Fraser would be well enough to accompany her to the ball; and when the time came thirds of the total production of the she arrayed herself in her magnificent United States.

diamonds, and even gave "the charity girl" a smile, as Audrey, overcome with the brilliant spectacle, put her hands ogether, and exclaimed aloud with delighted admiration. "Let Maxse sit up for me, Bircham," she ordered, and then she swept away and joined Mrs. Fraser's tall, elegant

figure in the hall below. "My mistress ought not to hav out to-night! It is enough to kill her !" exclaimed Marshall in indiguation, "If I had my way, I'd have totd Miss Frapretty plain what I think of her.

was a little over 23 cents a barrel. dragging a poor, sick, suffering creature which is lower than that reported in out a cold night like this, and al! for her any previous year. Dry sait, of course, selfishness! It's heartless, that's what call it!" brings a higher price than brine. The Bircham made no reply, although she average price for dry salt last year overheard this speech; but Audrey felt was 21.51 cents a barrel. her heart beating with sympathy, too.

How fragile and ill Mrs. Fraser looked ! Surely Miss Fraser could not have known how weak she was! dee Advertiser, that the officials of "Now, keep up the fire, and you may go to sleep, if you like," Bircham said. Dublin castle have always been considered by the Treasury Department as "See that Miss Sheila's allppers are warm, and everything out that she wants. most extravagant in coal. As the re-

They'll ring the bell when they come, but I don't expect they'll be home till quite morning." Aurrey glanced at the clock and sighed wearily; she sat down timidly on one of the richly covered chairs, and dictated to herself that she must not and should not go to sleep. Needless to say, before half an hour had gone, soothed by the warmth. the luxurious cushions at her back, and lulled by the silvery ticking of the clock, she was fast asleep, dreaming of Jean

All at once she was awakened, a bell went pealing through the silent house. She started from her cozy nook and rubbed her eyes. Nearly half past twelve! They were home early. She stood at at tention, and went to open the door for Miss Fraser. There seemed to be some little confusion, and then Audrey heard a frank, determined voice.

I will not leave you till I see you safe in your room." There was some murmured protest, and then Audrey perceived Jack Glendur-

wood, coming along as easily as possible, carrying Mrs. Fraser's slight form in his arms. He saw the gld in an in

clock? "Which is the room?" he asked, quick to read and appreciate the sympathy in She led the way and opened the door.

Marshall was dozing by th fire. "What is it?" she cried, starting up five feet. hurriedly; then, as she grasped the sit-"Ah, Miss Constance, I knew

up; she's as weak as an infant, that's "Don't believe her, Jack," safd Con stance Fraser in her sweet, feeble voice She was lying back in a great wide

chair, looking inexpressibly beautiful though as white as a ghost, in her long, black velvet dress, with the rich Valen

perchant. duced in this country in 1880, and the Her father's fellow townsmen were consumers were forced to go abroad for 3.427.639 barre's. Last year the

naturally interested to hear all about the match on his return, but there was total production at home was 25,966,one important piece of information they never obtained-the bride's mar-The chief salt-producing States are ried name. Michigan and New York. Statistics

It was so unpronounceable that the recently gathered by the government good captain declined even to attempt show that the combined output of these it. He always spoke of his daughter two States amounts to more than twoas "my gal who married a furriner;" his mother called her my "my granddarter over in Rooshy," and everybody No attempt has ever been made to else soon fell into the way of saying ascertain what per cent of the salt simply-and not at all jocularlyconsumed in the United States is used "Maria Thingumajig."

for cullnary purposes. The annual Another old sea captain had two output is consumed in the industries of charming girls who accompanied him to meat-packing, fish curing, dairying and France, both of whom married Frenchthe like. The chlorination of gold ores men. French is a less difficult tongue demands a large quantity, and great than Russian, but the old man's ear quantities of salt in the form of brine was not good, and the two brides, on are used in the manufacture of soda their first visit home, were somewhat ash, caustic soda and other salts. Salt chagrined at the havoc he made with is cheap. The average price for 1905 their names.

They had become Madame Carette and Madame Le Boutillier; but he introduced them cheerfully to strangers as Mrs. Lee Bottles and Mrs. Carrots. They gently remonstrated against such a perversion of their names, but in vain; he could achieve nothing better until a compromise was reached, in ac-It is a curious thing, says the Dencordance with which he ceased to try to pronounce them at all.

Thereafter, when an introduction became necessary, he presented "My darter, Mrs. Nancy B.," or "My darter, sult of an investigation recently held. Mrs. Polly C.," adding, genially, "and the following annusing notice has been if ye want the full of her name in circulated among the various offices in French, she'll tell ye on askin'. She speaks the language,"-Youth's Com-"Notice-In order to obviate the waste of coal, it is requested that panion.

BOY LIVED ON CIGARETTES.

Smoked for Two Days and Then Fell Senseless. are closed at 2 o'clock on Saturdays

Having smoked nine packages of igarettes in two days and being without food and sleep for three, Harry Reynolds, a 14-year-old boy, fell unconscious under a street lunch wagon In South Norwalk, Conn. When taken to the City Hospital his body was cold and for a time it seemed that he would the object of his visit, that functionary not revive.

> "I knew those cigarettes would put me on the burn," were the boy's first words on regaining strength and a realization of his surroundings. He said that he had paid five cents each for the packages, each of which contained twenty cigarettes, making 180 cigarettes in the two days. He told Dr. J. Milton Coburn that he had begged and borrowed money in the streets for the elgarettes, without know ing why, as the smoke made him ill. The doctors say it is probable that the drugs in the cheap tobacco affected his mind, for he had emerged from se cluded spots during the three days he was away from home, only to borrow money or to buy elgarettes. He had tried to mount the lunch wagon and fell, head downward, and became wedged between a whoel and a fence. It is probable that he had bung there several hours before he was found. Now that the boy is out of danger, he is intensely ashamed of himself for his ci garette "spree."

tinct ceremonial position in many countries. It plays a more dignified part than in this land, where its presence suggests heat, flies and mosquitoes. In the Eastern world it is an implement of tradition. A Sanskrit poem attributes the orgin of the fan to King Nilas' daughter, who, having charge of the sacred fire on which her father's glory and success depended, fanned it lest the flame should expire.

A Chinese legend makes Lang-sin, daughter of a great mandarin, respon sible for the fan. At a feast of lanterns, overcome by the heat, Lang-sin removed her mask, a daring thing for a Chinese maiden to do, and waved it rapidly to and fro, near enough to her face to conceal her features. Her ladies quickly followed her example, and

the fan was evolved. Chinese and Japanese fan etiquette is elaborate. In Japan there are fans for the court, for the kitchen, for dancing, for tea and or war. Japanese ladies play pretty fan games. One of them is performed while the fair owners are rowed on the streams in pleasure boats. The fans are floated on the water and

a poem must be composed while it makes a stated journey. A Japanese servant must always

hold an open fan before his mouth while receiving orders from a highborn master. According to true Japanese etiquette, a fan must never be used in the presence of cut flowers.

A good deal of royal significance has been given to fans. They were symbols of authority in Mexico before the conquest. Queen Mary of England recelved on New Year's Day, 1556, "7 fannes to keep the hete of the fyre. Queen Elizabeth favored the custom that a fan was the only present a sovercign could receive from a subject. Fans have not always been dainty trifles. Jean de Balzac, a French writer of the seventeenth century, wrote from Italy, during the reign of Louis XIV. of the enormous fans in use there, suspended from the ceiling and worked by

four servants. He says: "I have a fan that makes wind enough in my chamber to wrede

a ship." In Old San Francisco.

"You have offered me a bribe, sir," thundered the city official.

The promoter cowered. "I assure you, sir," he said, "that I did not take such a view of a business transaction, a mere matter of paying for service

"Cut it out," broke in the official. 'It's a bribe, all right, but a mighty small one. You'll have to come again." After a little discussion a satisfactory understanding was reached .-Philadelphia Ledger.

Less Danger.

Polleeman-What are you doing out at 2 o'clock in the morning. I've a good notion to arrest you. Latchours-Go ahead, old chap. I'd

a good deal rather be arrested than go home at this hour of the night -- Detrolt Free Press. Is it proper to condole with a man

when he fails in business?

Kindly Soul of Lincoln.

"The first time I saw Abraham Lincoln was in 1852, just fifty-five years ago," said former Governor William Pitt Kellogg of Louislana recently. "I had just been admitted to the bar and was in Springfield, the capital of Illinois. I was young and perhaps rather timid and for that reason I remember particularly Mr. Lincoln's kindness to

"He had large black eyes that looked out on you from deep sockets and seemed to peer down into your soul. Though his cheeks were rather sunken and he had a hungry look, his face was lighted with inspiration; you felt in his presence that he was a man far above the ordinary.

"I sat there at the table that morning in the court and Mr. Lincoln, who was then known as one of the greatest lawyers of Illinois, leaned over and picked up a book just in front of me. As he did so he bowed in a kindly way without saying a word. To this day I have never forgotten that bow and the expression on his face.

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"Four years later in the convention in which the Republican party was born I sat next to him as a delegate. He represented Sangamon County and made that great speech in which he said : 'You can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time.'

"He had the most winning way in getting votes I ever saw. Two years later, in 1858, he was a candidate for the United States Senate against Douglas and made speeches from the same platform on which I spoke. I was a candidate for the Legislature on his ticket and he advocated my election. In 1860 I was a presidential elector on the Lincoln ticket in Illinois,

"Only this morning I received a copy of a paper containing the state ticket of that year and found that I was the only man whose name was on that ticket who is yet allve. Those were wonderful days and they produced wonderful men, but Lincoln was the greatest of them all. He was the greatest man that I have known in the fifty-five years that I have been in public life." -Washington Post.

Mistaken Identity.

Mrs. Morningsyde (showing Central Park to Mrs. Struckoyle of Pittsburg) -That monument? Oh, that is Cleopatra's needle. It came from Egypt, you know, and is literally covered with hieroglyphics.

Mrs. Struckoyle-Goodness gracious! And basn't the board of health ever tried to exterminate them?"-Puck.

The Ruling Passion.

Professor (about to commit suicide) I am tired of life. I will drown myself and then it will be ended. However, I must wait a while, as I have been perspiring and it might give me a chill.-Lo Scaccliapensieri,

Bibles and Candy for Soldlers. Every German soldier's equipment includes a Bible and a half-pound cake of chocolate.

about the coals," and then walked out of the room .- Buffalo Courier. Sure to Jump. Gunner-Always jump out of bed on time, ch? Have you a good alarm

Guyer-Oh. I have something better than that. I have an automobile horn by my bed that toots by compressed air at a certain hour and then I jump Such Loving Friends Mildred-1 wonder if the count nows I have money?

Helen-Was he attentive to you? Mildred-Very. Helen-Then he evidently knows.

Strenuors Jub. "Has young Dudeleigh any occupa-

tion?" asked the dear girl's mother. "Indeed he has," replied the d. "He's raising a mustache."

fires should not be made up after 12 on those days." Some years ago the treasury sent over one of its highest officials to in quire into the extraordinary consumption of coal in the castle. When he called on the under secretary and told

the castle:

said nothing, but rang the bell for the "I tell you I'm going to carry you upcare taker. "Mary," said he to the domestic, "this gentleman has called