

By President Diaz,

# IRRIGATION IN OLDEN MEXICO.



are susceptible of irrigation, the National Geographical Exploration Company made a survey of the Santiagullo lake, in the valley of the Guatimape river, of which the waters can be diverted to the rich Nazas region, and made reconnoisances of the Tunal, Conchos and other rivers looking to the use of their waters for the encouragement of agriculture by Irrigation. Increased interest is constantly being manifested in the utilization of water courses subject to federal jurisdiction, stimulated during the last six months by the ample resources which the important financial institution known as the Bank for Loans to Irrigation Works and for the Encouragement of Agriculture has been able to furnish to our agriculturists and by the sums assigned out of the treasury reserves for the promotion of irrigation works wherever they are possible

With a view of benefiting properties' that

As a consequence of these new facilities concessions have been granted, such as that to the San Diego River Company, the Sautena Company and the Chapala Company and others with subsidies, which it is hoped will accelerate the progress of our agriculture and make it the basis of our national wealth. In the first half of the current fiscal year 142 applications were received for the utilization in different ways of federal water courses.

## GROWTH OF THE DIVORCE EVIL. By Edward Alsworth Ross.

Twenty years ago an investigation by the Department of Labor showed that 328,716 divorces had been granted in the United States between 1867 and 1886, and that divorces were increasing two and one-half times as fast as population. The recent census for 1887-1906 brings to light 945,625 divorces, and demonstrates that the movement constantly gains in velocity. At present one marriage in ten is broken, and in some States the proportion may be as high as one in four. Forty years ago the broad contrast was between North and South; but the divorce rates of North and South have been converging, whereas those of East and West have diverged. The Central States have two and one-half times the rate of the Atlantic States, while for the Western States the proportion is three and one-half.

Although the tide of divorce is rising the world over, nowhere is it so high, nowhere is it rising so fast, as in

the United States. Our rate is twice that of Switzerland, thrice that of France and five times that of Germany

The census figures dissipate many false impressions. It is often assumed that many couples separate precipitately before they have given marriage a fair trial; but the average interval before separation exceeds six and one-half years, and is not diminishing. Since more than half the couples lived together above four years, while in the majority of cases the duration of marriage exceeded seven years, it would be rash to surmise that people are forming risky and unstable unions in full view of their easy dissolution.

Nor is divorce usually sought in order to remarry. In Connecticut, during a period of years, the number of divorced persons married was about 40 per cent of the number divorced in the same time. In Rhode Island, from 1889 to 1896, the proportion was only 28 per cent. Remarriage is one of those cases in which, as Dr. Johnson put it, "hope triamphs over experience," and it is not at all certain that the rate for divorced persons much exceeds that for widows and widowers of the same age. Certainly the restrictions that many States are imposing on remarriage do not seem to affect appreciably the divorce rate .-- The Century.

## MODERN DRAMA REFLECTS LIFE.

By Prof. Archibald Henderson.

The drama typical of our day is bourgeois in character, dealing with the thoughts and passions, the loves and hates, the comedies and tragedies of the sort of people we meet every day on the street. They are people with like passions as ourselves, and the incidents of their lives are constantly being reproduced around us in real life.

The influence of the first truly realistic novels. dealing with the affairs of people quite commonplace in every respect, save that of human interest or moral passion, was gradually felt in the sphere of the The pedestrian realism and middle-class predrama, occupations of Richardson, of Fielding, of Rousseau, set up a movement in fiction which first met acceptance in the drama at the hands of Diderot, and found further and higher development through the instrumentallty of Dumas fils, Angler, Ibsen, Bjornsen and the modern school of playwrights.

The anecdotes and adventures which constitute the material of the earlier drama have lost their hold upon the modern world because they no longer furnish us that thrill of immediate actuality, that vital interest of contemporaneous circumstance, which live only in

-----Sacred Truths.

The truth of affection is more sacred than the truth of science-Rev. Lyman Abbott, Congregationalist, Srooklyn

SHORT METER SERMONS.

Hes" Should Prove a Stimulant. That a young society man of Philadelphia has enlisted in the regular cavalry with a view to making a career is a matter of current news. In

course, says the New York World, The

army does not with us, as with our

British cousins, offer for the sons of

the rich opportunities classing with

those of politics and the church. The

Spanish war, it is true, brought a

number of cotillon leaders into uni-

form, and they acquitted themselves

well; but it was the emergency that

In our service the only aristocracy

is that of military rank. Theoretical-

ly, the way to the top is open to any

enlisted mau. West Point supplies of-

ficers direct, but not enough of them,

If the young Philadelphian persists he

may go far. Already he is a corporal

and has done wonders in promotion of

One thing the American army can

furnish, if younger sons ever begin in

force to look to it for careers, is an

inspiring list of names of "fighting

The Porters, from whom have come

having furnished since the Revolution

nine officers of the name to the army

and seven to the navy. The Mercers,

going back to Hugh, who fought for

Prince Charlie before coming to Amer-

ica, are an army family dating from the colonies. The Lees of Virginia,

the Caprons from Rhode Island, the

Muhlenbergs, the Meades, Biddles, Pat-

tersons, and many more continue the

called, not the custom.

regimental polo.

families."

True progress lies not in individual

levelopment, but in working for others .- Rev. John L. Elliott, Ethicist, New York.

The Saloons. If the saloons were eliminated the social evil problem will be at least half solved. Rev. C. F. Stevens, Christion, Spokane.

God always goes beyond the expectation of His people in fulfilling His promises .- Rev. J. Henry Haslam, Baptist, Philadelphia.

The finer feelings are like the wind; men know not whence they come nor whither they go .- Rev. Dr. Hillis, Congregationalist, Brooklyn.

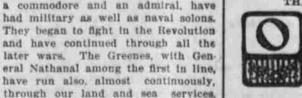


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WOMAN AS ELECTOR. Is quite certain that if women ruled, we should have a more beneficent public life. They have loftler ideals than men. Their sense of justice is more alert and more stable. Their loyalty to the standards of righteous conduct is firmer. And, perhaps above all other virtues, their devotion to

childhood-to nurture it in body and soul, that it may flower out into an unselfish and honored manhood and womanhood-is the noblest. Wherever woman has been qualified as an elector, however limited her right, or wherever she has been summoned to administrative or executive work, she brings with her refining and uplifting influences to regenerate methods which have become perfunctory and hardened .- Philadelphia Telegraph.

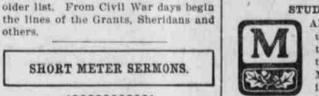
#### THE CABINET A TRAINING SCHOOL.



NE of the pecultar powers of the presidential office under our system comes in the number of great carcers in the public life of the nation which its occupant may make. It is not uncommon for men appointed to the cabinet from private life, as Mr. Knox was chosen by Mr. McKinley, to be after-

ward elected by their own States to some important office, notably to the Senate. The Cabinet has indeed been a great training school for the body, the drift from Cabinet to the Capitol being much larger than in the other direction. Men who are now willing to exchange a place in the Senate for the Cabinet are exceedingly rare, and in doing it they must be moved by high considerations of public duty, as was John Sherman several times and only recently Mr. Knox .- Boston Transcript,

#### STUDY MYSTERIES OF THE AIR.



AN has been born of woman for centuries upon centuries, yet he is as little wise to the control of weather conditions as he is to the truth of what comes after death. Must it be ever so? Is prophecy, even as it may some time be perfected, to remain the ineffective substitute for the power to

regulate? The air throbs with wonders. It affords the medium of wireless telegraphy, perhaps of telepathy. The mystery of how it absorbs and restrains or lets loose the elements that make for storm or sunshine is infinitely better worth attention than are the shortcomings of a forecaster. Let some carnest seeker find a key to this riddle and see how all the sons and daughters of time sit up and take notice .- New York World.

#### JAPAN'S WAR PENALTIES.



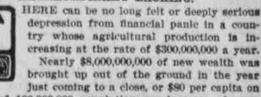
HE recent growth of Japan along lines of Occidental civilization has not been healthful, physically or morally. The spread of leprosy among her people-so great already that the government takes every precaution to conceal the facts of its existenceis becoming known to the outside world.

The physical endurance of her soldiers, so often cited as an argument in favor of vegetarianism, is found on

In One School Alone 300 Are Given and seclusion of her father's house at dominated and dictated to it as she Meals of Soup, Bread and Milk. London always is busy with its coppet raced back to Paris with the would bave dominated and dictated to it as she

investigation to be slight. It is true that the sanitary and hospital work in the field at the time of the Russian war was wonderfully efficient and praiseworthy, and gave rise to the impression that the Japanese forces. lost a remarkably small percentage by disease; but foreign experts residing in Japan report that the Japanese have very little recuperative power, and the the ravages of disease resulting from that war have really been enormous, though long deferred .- Leslie's Weekly.

#### EXTRAORDINARY BACKING.



try whose agricultural production is increasing at the rate of \$300,000,000 a year. Nearly \$8,000,000,000 of new wealth was brought up out of the ground in the year just coming to a close, or \$90 per capita on a basis of 100,000.000 population-an increase of more than a third of a billion over the soil production of 1907.

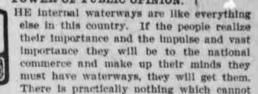
These are farm values based on prices paid the producer, and the increase has come despite the fact that cotton and hay, the second and third crops in importance, measured by aggregate value, have experienced a heavy slump in price as compared with the prices prevalent a year ago .- Atlanta Constitution.

## HOPEFUL OUTLOOK FOR RAILWAYS.

HE rallways have had a hard year, but it is an impressive fact that practically no receiverships have been ordered except those which were inevitable before the panic of a year ago. There have been few reductions of dividends. Most railways have paid all obligations and carried over

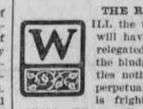
a surplus. It is also true that new loans have been made on favorable terms, so that there is no crisis impending. With the revival of business which is certain to come it is also certain that the railways will have no reason to complain .- Philadelphia Inquirer.

#### FOWER OF PUBLIC OPINION.

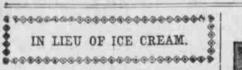


be done by the force of public opinion. All other forces and factors find themselves obliged to yield to its power. -Baltimore American.

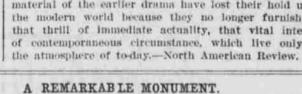
### THE REVOLVER HABIT.



ILL the time ever come when the revolver will have had its day in America and be relegated with the sword, the dagger and the bludgeon? The revolver argument settles nothing but the contestants. It is a perpetual non sequitur, as childish as it is frightful, and as frightful as it is childish .-- Minneapolis Journal.



However men may talk of rising superior to the pleasures of the palate, the desire of the individual on short commons for something good to eat with intrude itself in even the gravest situations. That in time of battle one's thought may be occupied, not so much with dread of the bullet as the wistful recollections of a generous and tempting bill of fare, is shown by Frederick Faimer's experience, told "With Kuroki in Manchuria." Mr. Palmer and a fellow war correspondant had spent the night sleeping on th, stalks of a corn-field. When we awoke, the flashes of the Russian guns were playing. Drowslly we rolled out of our blankets with the comprehension that the artillery fire was going on, as it had yesterday, and that we were hungry and there was no breakfast in sight. Probably the artillery fire would go on forever; probably there were no soft beds and no square meals anywhere in the world.







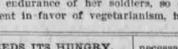
others.

True Progress.

# Beyond Our Expectation.

The Finer Feelings.

LONDON FEEDS ITS HUNGRY.



necessary to a saloniere. What, in- ing personality she gathered her deed, had she who from the safety world-famous circle about her, but she

As we dressed, Collins broke in with:

What I should like would be, first, some grapes, all dewy, off the ice, then -" but I would not allow him to go any further.

We had a little rice and some coffee. He boiled the rice and I made the coffee, and I assure you we did not overtax our stomachs.

"And after I had topped off with ice cream," said Collins, reminiscently, "I think I'd go to sleep with orders not to wake me-ever."

We had something that tasted as good as lee cream to the diner-out in town. A spring bubbled out of the plowed earth, bubbled carelessly, coolly, from a filter of sandy loam, laughing typhoid to scorn. When I looked at it I remember wondering how such cool water could come out of a corn field on such a hot day,

If a linen cloth, and spotless napkins, and Collins' idea of a breakfast had been realized. I could not have felt much happier than I was to have my turn at this fountain of joy. You felt each swallow trickle down until you were full to the throat.

BRITISH CABINET OFFICER NOW IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



David Lloyd George, who is held responsible for the rise in various taxes in England which has caused a fur ore in quarters affected, is the son of a page whice who searedy had the nersallies of life after her husband. died. Liuwi dicorge was brought up ; hy a shonnaker uncle who him sir inhoriously learned the granumars in order that he might teach his nephew.

had.

#### Corrected by His Wife.

Hubby (modestly)-I was later by reprise when you are plad the. Wifey furronstically i-is that co? And there's a bunch of violets for that You were taken by mistake. If surthing -Kanana City Journal.



COMMEMORATES THE LOSS OF A SUBMARINE BOAT.

In memory of the flooding of the submarine "Steregustshy," A remarkable group that is to be erected in St. Petersburg. This remarkable piece of sculpture, which is to be erected shortly in St. Petersburg, commemorates the disaster to the submarine "Steregustshy."-Illustrated London News.

"THINKING" A FLOWER. How Katherine Consoled Her Sick Chiffonier. Dear! How I wish I

Friends Without Expenditure. "Dear Miss Katharne," said the childish, uneven writing, "the mishun school has sent me a Easter lily and an who understands. "Bless your it is in the window where I can see it. and this house is full of their fraany, but please I want to tell you that grance. Child, there isn't a conservaand I love it. I could not send you tory that can grow a thing to comwhite one you ever had .. I thought it pare with the blossoms of rememthought you a flower-the butiflest brance you're always sending .-to you before any one was awake this Youth's Companion.

morning. Your Little Friend, "JANEY."

Katharine Sedgwick felt a mist be-Of all the thousands of ways in fore her eyes. All through the day bewhich the telephone contributes to the ore she had been girding at economy; needs and luxuries of mankind, the not economy in necessaries,-that was most remarkable one so far recorded easy,-but the sordid economy that denied one the luxury of sending Easter is its use as an auxiliary in hunting dowers to friends who were especially coyotes. Leroy Moreland, says the Gridley needing comfort. Oh, for a box of sil-(Colo.) Herald, of Gridley Colony No. er dollars-kept shored for flower-giving! There would be poetry in that, his chicken inclosure. He procured 3 saw a coyote sneaking up toward

And now, from a little iron bed in his rifle and shot at the animal, breakcharity hospital, a child who had ing his leg. The coyote is fairly nimeen perhaps three times in her mis- ble in a get-away with only three legs sion-school class had sent her this blos-som—"the butifiest while one you ever ress out of the country, when Mr.

Moreland went to his house and tele-That was a year ago. Since then phoned Harry Turner to pick up the Katharine fiedgwick has given more "varmint." as it was going his way. flowers to her friends than in all the Mr. Turner had but one shell for his other years of her life together. Some- shotgun and he used it without eftimes she sends them in little while feet. He then telephoned to W. L. envelopes; sometimes by telephone. Harkey that the animal was bound his Only yesterday she called up a neigh- way and for him to get him. Mr. Harbor whose three children are strug- key shot the coyote and killed it. gling up from scarles lever. The animal had evidently been driv-

"I want you to know that I'm think- en out of the river bottom covers by ing you two dozen plak roses," she said. The high water and was forced to forafter hearing the daily bulletin from sging in the open. This is the first the patients. "They're on the mantel coyote seen by the settlers on the Colin your room, reflected in the mirror. onles in several years.

darling little Prizellia right on the When the boss is away his assistant white stand by the nead of her bed, poses as a wise guy.

Used Telephone in Hunt.

Ultimate End of Sin.

gregationalist, Providence.

#### Allurements.

Difficulty, abnegation, martyrdom, death are the allurements that act on the heart of Man .- Rev. Charles F. Aked, Baptist, New Yorn City.

#### Patience.

around the heart, which deadens the blows inflicted on it .- Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, Lutheran, New York.

## The Old Theology.

We have outgrown the old theology. It is as obsolete as the outworn shell on the beach on the great sea .- Rev. E. L. Powell, Christian, Louisville.

#### Lack of Idealism.

All great art is idealistic. If our stage to-day shows so little of idealism this ought to make us ponder instead of complain .- Rev. Dr. Schulman, Hebrew, New York City.

#### Pinin Dealings.

Only by plain dealing can parents and teachers be able to influence the life of the boy toward the things for which a boy was made .- Rev. H. T. Musselman, Baptist. Philadelphia. Bridge Gambling.

The bridge whist gambling mania, now so prevalent among women, is more subtly dangerous to the public good than the policy evil.-Rev. James E. McConnell, Congregationalist, Prov-Idence.

The Law of Moses. The law of Moses was, in every part, tinged with mercy; it stood for liberty and it had for its ultimate goal freedom from ignorance and despotism .- Rev. C. Ross Baker, Baptist, Spokane.

## Facing the Future.

We should fearlessly face the future, knowing that God can turn even the follies and the failures of the past into a certain sort of good to us .--Rev. A. W. Snyder, Presbyterlan, New York City.

## Hateful Processes.

Apologists for Christianity should never be guilty of maintaining superstitions, because they help to control the passions of the ignorant. Such processes are hateful to rightly con-

stituted minds; and if we seriously care for our religion and its defense a week, the milk being served hot. less vitality and restless energy. She ation which is involved in it .- Rev. fund are encouraged to do so. S. Parkes Cadman, Congregationalist,

with firmness.

"It is mooch like war," said his of the word, Mme. de Stael never held ruled her head-to think of refineponderous friend, "only in war dore a salon at all. To begin with, the ment. It is noted that she once kept is more beoples dakes part. It is no! time had already gone by for select her salon walting-ye shades of the great difference, my frent."

charities and especially the work delecry, "A revolution, and I not in it!" France and to the whole world, had Sin never attains its ultimate end gated to the county council. The disuntil it produces agony for some per- covery was made some time ago that and the equally well-bred courage of ed to link the centuries pursued her son .- Rev. James E. McConnell, Con. money spent in an effort to school the those goddesses in their temples? with relentless persecution. "Ce n'est, minds of underfed children was a True, those same goddesses would tray- point un salon c'est un club," said waste, and to remedy this error the el across Europe to meet their lovers Napoleon when, after Benjamin-Conplan of feeding the hungry pupils was under circumstances which might well stant's famous speech on the dawn of adopted and with satisfactory results. make the hardiest modern traveler tyranny, the conqueror of Italy, sus-In one school of 1,400 children 300 hesitate; but that was a very differ-

underfed boys and girls were found. ent thing from throwing themselves closed Mme, de Stael's salon of the A menu was arranged so that now into the common herd and the com- consulat and sent its hostess into exthese children are given soup twice a mon matters of the day! Mme. de lie. Probably Napoleon never spoke Patience is as a case of armor week and bread and milk three days Stael was the embodiment of bound- truer word.



CHILDREN PARTAKING OF FOOD SUPPLIED TO THEM AT LONDON SCH OOL.

and establishment we cannot manifest The larger children are allowed two was herself a product of the thought our solicitude in a better way than to helpings if necessary. Such children which had given birth to the revolufrankly and fully examine every situ- as desire to contribute to the food tion. As a young girl her cry had been for liberty, and her idol that archhumbug Rousseau. Life and maturi-

MME. DE STAEL.

A Note on Her Grave Deficiencies as without, however, modifying their ara Saloniere.

dor. She was, in fact, no grande dame, and unlike her mother, she had as set forth and explained by his famous salons has passed into history, little natural refinement. She was far neighbor, Mr. Baumgarten. " The a for there it may truly be said that his too busy, too occupied with the big haythenish, barbarious way o' con tory was made, says Rose N. Bradley, events of the day, with her literary ductin' a quarr'l," said Mr. Mooney, in the Mineteenth Century. Neverthe- interests, her emotions-for it is unless, in the true or original conception deniable that her heart sometimes

ty wrought some change in her views,

and intimate gatherings of intimate goddeeses!---and that Mme. Recamier

Mr. Mooney. "In war ye can lie in markable and powerful minded of breach and entertained the company means about as much as you do when wait or get behind comething, mani" ! women had few of the characteristics until her arrival. By her own amaz- you grant it.

pecting whence it emanated, forcibly

#### ANEMIC VOCABULARY.

This Girl, Like Many Others, Was Poverty Stricken for Words.

Two attractive-looking young women -both members of the freshman class in a large Western university-met on the campus.

"Congratulations, Gertrude! I just heard," said one of them, in the voice of a refined girl.

"Thanks, ever so much, Anne. Who told you?"

"Harriet Dunning. It's grand, dear" -simply grand! I'm so glad for you! When were you pledged?"

"This noon." "That's fine, Gertrude! How many others?"

"Only four," with becoming modesty.

"You don't say! That's simply swell, Gertrude! It certainly is just grand." "I think so, too,"

"Yes, it's dandy-perfectly dandy! I don't know that bunch very well, except Ruth Delavan."

"Ruth Delavan! I'm not pledged Delta."

"You're not? What then?" "Sigma, of course."

"Gertrude! Why, that's grand-simply grand! Congratulations, dear! That's certainly fine!"

"I thought you knew it was Sigma." "No; Harriet said Delta. So it's Sigma. That's simply swell, dear-no mistake! They're such an intellectual bunch! It's dandy, Gertrude-perfectly dandy! So glad for you, dear!-so glad! It's certainly swell!"

Then they parted, while the oldfashioned person who had overheard murmured, with a shake of the head after well-dressed Anne, "Povertystricken for words! What would she have done if she had had to congratulate Gertrude once more?"-Youth's Companion.

#### An Egyptian Spring Chicken.

"You sold me that chicken, yesterday, for a spring incubator chicken," said the man. "I did."

"You're sure it was an incubator

chicken?" "I am."

"Well, you know it is said the insubator was invented by the ancient Egyptians, and I believe that chicken was a living proof of it!"-Yonkers Statesman.

There is one place where rich and poor meet on an equal footing-at a sambling house. They are all robbed alike.

The man who begs your pardon

Brooklyn. A Chance for Shelfer, Mr. Mooney disapproved of dueling The story of Mme. de Stael's three

"Sure there is a big difference," said friends; and, further, this most re- characteristically stepped into the

and a dozen red carnations for each of the twins. The carnations are on the could make them all come true!" "Come true!" was the echo, for the neighbor to whom she spoke is a womheart! I can see them everywhere,