Breaking in Shoes.

Frederick the Great had tender feet and used to have an old double who broke i nnew boots for him. Hot weather is a mad time to break them in. Every one should keep old shoes on trees for wet and hot emergencies.

False Pretense.

Mrs. Hyup-"I was so disappointed in Dr. Pullem!" Mrs. Hyer-"In what respect?" "Mrs. Hyup-"I understood he was a great bridge expert, but he was only a dentist."-Puck.

Applied Learning.

See the man! Oh, yes, the man is swearing rapidly.

Now he is putting his thumb in his mouth.

That is why he has stopped swearing; not because his thumb has stopped hurting. How did he do so?

Do you not see the book on the It is entitled "Every Man His Own

Carpenter." Yes, the man was holding it in his left hand and reading the instructions

for driving nails while he tried to follow them with his right hand. Now he has removed his thumb from his mouth and is saying some more things.

Ha, ha! We should not laugh so heartily had we not smashed our own thumb once or twice.

We learn from this that in the onward march of time we often learn that from our misfortunes of today we glean our joys of tomorrow. Is not that helpful?

Let uswatch the man. Maybe he will attempt some more hammering and we will be helped even more.

Brownies.

"They live in very hot countries. They eat with their fingers and wash their teeth with sand and water. Some are like savages, hunt for their prey and they worship ideals. Some boys and girls who have never seen these brownies think they are fairles, but of course they are not."

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A Practical Youngster.

"Why do you think your baby is such a clever child?" "Because," answered the sensible woman, "he just laughs and plays and has a good time instead of thinking up smart sayings for us to repeat to the neighbors."

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Lieutenant Commander Leigh H. Palmer, U. S. N., who has succeeded Lieut. Willard S. Simms, as naval aide to President Taft.

TARS ARE LACKING

A small boy's ideas of brownles: Navy Short 1,500 of Sailors Now Authorized by Statutes.

> Ferce Will Not Be Large Enough to Man New Warships Unless Old Ones Are Laid Up-Injure Young Officers.

Washington.-The navy department s confronted with a probable reduction of the enlisted force through failures to re-enlist on the part of seamen and enginemen now in the servico, as well as the prenounced decrease in the number of new enlistments. This condition the authorities attribute to the increasing demand for moderate as well as high-priced labor occasioned by the rising tide of business activity throughout the coun-

The present authorized strength of the navy's enlisted force is 44,500. The naval authorities had contemplated urging to congress an increase of 5,000 in the next report of the department. It is questioned whether a request for even half that number can

receive executive approval. At the present rate or falling off in practically certain that there will be of eight children. es than 40 000 saile Uncle Sam's livery on Jahuary 1, 1910. Already the navy is 1,500 shy of the authorized strength and the reduction continues day by day.

According to the naval officers. there will not be a sufficient number of men to man the new ships now approaching completion without reducing the crews of the minor cruisers or putting several of the older ships out of commission altogether. They do not approve of laying up the new ships. As fast as completed they will go into commission and into active

service. It is said that even the newest ship when placed "in ordinary" deteriorates much more rapidly than when at sea. This is particularly true of their engines. The only course open to the navy is to send the veteran ships back to the navy yard to be partially dismantled and laid up until the state of the national treasury justifies further increase in the cost of maintaining the navy and the projected in-

crease in the enlisted personnel. Those most hurt by the enforced retirement of a part of the fighting force are the younger officers of the grade of captain and commander. There will be fewer chances for them to exercise the command rank that has been the ultimate aim of all the hard work up through the grades from

midshipman to lieutenant commander. The vessels most likely to be removed temporarily from the active list are the veterans Oregon, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Iows. This will relieve the pressure by reducing the necessities of the line of battle fleet in the matter of seamen by over 2,600.

"Don't Cry," Sings the Bird After All

Danger Is Over-Girl Becomes

Hysterical.

South Norwalk, Conp.-Caliph, a

parrot owned by Manuel T. Hatch, not

alarm, but later offered consolation to

pour on water!" screamed the parrot.

"Fire, fire, fire! Pour on water,

It was a frantic expression of the

bird, but it was given with such fran-

with the other pointed to the roof of

the home of George A. Whilpley, next

the people of the house.

only discovered a fire and sounded an over now.

smaller cruisers out of commission would give opportunity for further economizing to the extent of about 1.800 men.

RISKS HIS LIFE FOR GOAT'S

Man Jumps in Front of Train to Save the Children's Pet Which Had Wandered on Tracks.

Chester, Pa .- At the risk of his own life Charles Dougherty, a young man of Leiperville, jumped in front of an approaching train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to save the life of a goat belonging to his neighbor, which had wandered on the tracks. Seeing animal's danger, Dougherty the grabbed the goat from the track as the train was within a few yards of

The goat is a general pet among the children of the neighborhood, and knowing that the little ones would be grieved if "Billy" was killed, Dougherty performed the daring act.

Twice Father of Twins.

Cleveland, O .- John Resolf, 23 years old, caused much surprise in Judge Philips' court the other day when he said that, although he had been marenlistments and re-enlistments it is ried but six years, he was the father

Four of the children were born in when the court expressed surprise at the large number of children

Resolf applied for naturalization papers. The examiners said they were proud to make him a citizen.

Shah's Missing Pearl Garment to Go to Miss Anita Stewart.

Europe Has Mystery in Announcement That American Girl Is to Receive Missing Treasure When She Marries Miguel.

London.-Europe has a mystery in the announcement that Mrs. James Henry Smith has purchased the missing pearl robe of the former shah for her daughter Anita. This is a marvelous garment composed of thousands of pearls, and no trace of it can be discovered in Persia since the shah ceased to rule. The story goes that Mrs. James Henry Smith heard the erstwhile monarch was anxious to dispose of much of his personal property in jewels rather than that they should go to his successor, and that she promptly sent an agent to interview him on the subject, as she desired Anita to have some wedding present the like of which no bride of this century was ever able to display.

The story also says that the gem, the "World of Light," is also in the possession of the mother of the future princess. This she proposed to have set in the center of the amazing tiara which is to be one of the scores of gifts this adoring mother will give to her daughter.

At Tulloch castle, where the brideelect and Mrs. Smith are now entertaining Dom Miguel, the flance, there is a host of French artists in frocks and millinery designing the trousseau. They have brought with them from Paris exquisite silks, satins and brocades, not to speak of specimens of priceless laces and embroideries, hats and cloaks. Mrs. James Henry Smith and her daughter decided that they would not break up their house parties by rushing to and from Paris for the trousseau, so they arranged to bring Paris to Scotland instead.

One whole wing of Tulloch castle has been set aside as show rooms. Mother, daughter and flance run through every morning to inspect the fresh "creations" which have arrived, or to give an order. Several hours each day have to be given up to fitting by the prospective bride. She says she is weary of it and will be thankful when the wedding is over, if only to escape from the tyranny of the dressmakers, whom she considers veritable martinets.

Mrs. Smith is now more reconciled to the marriage than she was at first and she is throwing herself heart and soul into the preparations. According to present arrangements, the wedding is to take place in London. Although the reigning house of Portugal has been at daggers drawn for years with the family of Dom Miguel of Braganza, young King Manuel and the future bridegroom are the best of friends, and it is expected that the ruler will be present.

The bridal dress is being made after the style of those worn by royal two sets of twins," Resolf explained brides with a semi-low cut neck and short sleeves. Lace which belonged to Marie Antoinette and was purchased by the late James Henry Smith for his wife when they were on their honeymoon will compose it.

Pest Spread by Squirrels

Experts Discover They Are More Dan- by the same flea which caused the gerous in Spread of Bubonic Plague Than Rats.

Washington.-Marine hospital service experts who discovered that ground squirrels are an agent in the spread of bubonic plague on the Pacific coast assert that they are even more insidious and difficult to deal with than the rats that for a time threatened San Francisco and the other large cities.

They seem to have become particularly infected in Contra Costa county. and if given the chance, it is feared. will spread the infection throughout the west.

The ground squirrels have been long a nulsance on the Pacific coast and at various times have caused great damage to crops. The squirrels have been regarded as good eating up till recently. In the regions where they most abound people have salted them down in large quantities for winter, and have regarded their meat as a staple article of diet.

It was discovered during the earlier part of the crusade against plagueinfected rats in San Francisco, that The placing of four or five of the the ground squirrel could be infected

put the blaze out after a stubborn

fight. In the excitement Miss Nellie

Trowbridge, a niece of Mr. Whilpley,

became hysterical, whereupon Caliph

said: "Don't cry, Nellie, dear; it's all

Keeping Chickens Costly.

and chickens old, chickens tender and

chickens tough, chickens hot and

Washington .- Of chickens young,

Parrot Gives Fire Alarm

tic appeal that Mrs. Hatch rushed out had enough. Owing to the enforce-

on the plaza. "Look, look, look!" said ment of the new health sanitary regu-

phone and the firemen were able to residents of the national capital.

spread of the bubonic plague among the rats. As early as 1903 the case of one man was noted, in Contra Costa county, who died of the plague without having been in any of the larger towns, but who was known to have been hunting ground squirrels.

Sergt. Rupert Blue of the marine hospital service noted this case, and as other cases developed, suspicion was more and more directed toward the squirrels. First a boy and several other men, who had been hunting them, were attacked by the plague and finally an examination was made showing conclusively that the squirrels were the hosts of the plague-producing flea.

From this time on a war was waged against the ground squirrel and now regular shipments of them are made to the laboratory of the marine health service, in San Francisco, where they are examined as carefully as are the rats when there is a suspicious outbreak of the plague.

One hundred and seventy-eight in fected squirrels have been discovered. and this alone shows the danger the hunters run in collecting the specimens.

Aged Couple Wed in Boat.

Massillon, O.-Mrs. Anna Devore, aged 62, thrice a widow and for 24 years the occupant of a canal boat, has married Jacob Eckert, aged 78, who for the past eight years has been an inmate of the Soldiers' and Sailors' home in Marion, Ind. The couple knew each other years ago, but then she would not entertain any proposals of marriage. A second attempt on the part of Eckert to win the woman's love was successful. The couple will reside in the bride's canal boat. She gets \$20 a month rent and he draws \$20 a month pension from the governchickens cold, Washingtonians have ment. This the bride says will keep them comfortably.

Guards for the Blind.

Polly, as he stood on one foot and lations concerning chicken coops and barnyards and the fire regulations, London.-Through the intervention owners of egg producers in the city of the board of trade the Great Easthave found it more profitable to kill ern Railway Company has withdrawn A paper balloon had landed on the off their fowls than to meet the new the demand that blind passengers roof and set fire to it. Hatch sum- requirements. As a result chicken should be accompanied by guardians moned the fire department by tele- dinners have become a fad with the or required to make a special contract.

ROBE FOR AMERICAN WESTERN CANAD

riod of the growth of the grain crop in wheat is diminishing today; but as it Western Canada, as well as throughout diminishes Canada's will increase; the ripening and garnering period, therefore, it is safe to predict that in a there is yearly growing an increasing few years from now a large part of the Interest throughout the United States, world will be looking to western Canas to the results when harvest is com- ada for its wheat supply, and espepleted. These mean much to the thou- cially will the United States. In many sands of Americans who have made parts of western Canada it is possible their homes in some of the three Prov. to have a hundred-mile square of inces that form that vast agricultural wheat, without a break. A writer says: domain, and are of considerable interest "We were driven west and north of

to the friends they have left behind.



Moose Jaw through 20 miles of dead

estimates will yield 40 bushels per

A Central Canada Farmer Finishing Cutting His 70-Acre Field of Wheat at 30 bushels per acre, winter wheat at | were never better and throughout the

ever expected to be, and in the mat- the drive did not see a poor crop. I

ter of health, in social conditions, they saw one wheat crop which the owner

over 40 bushels, and onts exceed 50 district the people are assured of a bushels per acre. Barley also has most prosperous year." proved an abundant yield. What will lt would be unfair to close this arattract the reading public more than ticle without quoting from an expert volumes of figures will be the fact that crop-correspondent regarding the two those who bave been induced through Battlefords in Central Saskatchewan, the influence of the Government to ac- on the line of the Canadian Northern cept of 160 acres of free grant land; Railway. Writing on August 18th of or, by the persuasion of friends to this year, he says: leave their home State of Dakota, Min- "It is necessary to drive about six or nesota, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, In- seven miles out of the town of North diana, Ohio, Nebraska or the other Battleford in order to see the best States from which people have gone, crops of the district. This morning I have done well. Financially, they are was driven about 20 miles to the in a better position than many of them north and west of the town and in all

One person who has just returned acre. and I believe it." from a trip through the Lethbridge District, where winter County wheat has a strong School hold with farmers,

says: "We saw some magnificent sights. The crops were, in fact, all that could be desired.' In a few years from

have lost nothing.

now these great plains over whose breadth for years roved hundreds of Town thousands of herds of cat-House

lands are being well filled.

on both irrigated and unirrigated lands."



City Church in Central Canada

He then crossed the Saskatchewan river to the South town, or Battleford proper, and continues his report:

"Conditions around the old town are as good if not better than those to the north

tle, ionowing the millions of buffaio of the river. This district has much that once grazed their grasses, will the best wheat crop prospect of any be a solid grain field covering a I have inspected this year, considterritory of over 30,000 square miles, ering sample and yield. The weathand very little of it but what will yet er conditions for the whole season be worth from \$40 to \$60 per acre. Al- have been ideal and the result is what ready the homestead and pre-emption might easily be termed a bumper crop. A sample sheaf brought in from the In the district of Calgary, south, east farm of George Truscott was shown and north, which comprises Nanton, to me which spoke for itself. This High River and other equally impor- farmer is said to have sixty acres tant districts, a correspondent of the which will yield 45 bushels per acre. In stating an average for the dis-Winnipeg (Manitoba) Free Press says: (Aug. 21) "The grain in this trict of South Battleford I would say district is going to make some money that the wheat will yield 36 bushels for the farmers this year. All the per acre. The oats will yield about

crop is now crowding along and is good 45 and barley 35 bushels per acre." A correspondent summing up a trip There are to be found those who over the Canadian Northern Railway, from Dauphin to Battleford, says: speak of a "pioneering" life in west-

ern Canada, but as one man said, "if | "As I inspected the crops in the va-



A Specimen Group of Elevators That May Be Seen in Many Towns in Central Canada

this is pioneering I don't for the life | rious districts I found the farmers and to carry one to almost the uttermost bushels per acre of barley.' part of it, the telegraph line to flash It is not an unusual thing in many the news to the outside world, the tel- parts of western Canada for a farmer ephone to talk to one's neighbor, the to have 10,000 to 30,000 bushels of daily and weekly mail service which wheat. In the Rouleau district it is brings and carries letters to the said that there are several farmers friends in distant parts; the schools who will have 20,000 bushels of oats headed by college-bred and highly cer- any many fields will return one huntificated teachers; the churches dred bushels to the acre. manned by brilliant divines; the clubs; the old middle-west States. In other every day for the past six weeks.

of me see what our forefathers had other citizens without exception to complain of." He didn't know, filled with expectant enthusiasm over though, for the pioneering of his fore- this year's prospects. No district was fathers was discomfort and hardship. found which could not boast of fields The opening up and development of of 35 bushels per acre wheat, or 50 to western Canada, with its railroad lines | 60 bushels per acre oats, and of 40

It takes an army of men to handle the social and festive life; what is the Western Canada crop, and it is esthere about any of this to give to the timated that 30,000 people have been man who goes there to make his home brought in this year to assist in the the credit of being a pioneer? Noth great undertaking; there being excuring! He might as well be in any of sions from the outside world nearly