LOUP CITY, - NEBRASKA

Spears Versus Pruning-Hooks. A French writer on nervous diseases declares that women are more subject than men to the disturbances known as "fixed ideas." He suggests that many a woman is fit patient for his treatment whom her family regards as merely obstinate and unreasonable. This is a cheering view for the families of the victims. If a "queerness" can be cured by a course of pills and powders, life will be simplified. Meantime there is one prevalent fixed idea which may be easily recognized as such, and perhaps cured by a dose of concentrated public opinion. The woman is known to us all for whom the pruning-hook is far more terrible than the spear, remarks the Youth's Companion. If one proposes trimming a rose-bush or training a vine, she regards the plan as she would one for the abbreviation of the fingers and toes of her children. To cut down a tree is as heinous in her eyes as to drown a baby, and to clear a vista for a sea-view would be a veritable massacre of the innocents. Hours of tears or days of gloom are the penalty of the transgression of her fixed idea. Argument wiht her on this sensitive subject falls on deaf ears. She may be a good neighbor and a wise adviser on every other question, but she would live in a jungle rather than use the pruning-shears on her beloved greenery. The woman who thinks the right to grow and spread is inalienable with the vegetable creation is a perfectly well-recognized type. If the French specialist can cure her as well as classify her he will do a public service.

American business men, persistent and daring advertisers though they are, would hardly venture to offer to buy "space" in a government publication; yet the new British issue of twoshilling books of stamps contains a notiee to advertisers, to the effect that "The postmaster-general is prepared to consider offers for the insertion of trade advertisements in these books." and inviting communications on the subject. There are persons who will criticise this step as being in the wrong direction, toward the sacrifice of dignity; but manufacturers of pills, powders and potions will approve it heartily, and unless the postmastergeneral is strong-minded enough to refuse much of the business that will be tendered, one can foresee stampbooks in which the advertisements will hide the stamps.

Last summer the city of Trenton, N. J., bought 2,000 baseball uniforms, togloves and masks to equip that number of boys for playing ball on the public playgrounds. The boys were organized into three leagues. The first contained those between the ages of 10 and 14 years. The boys between 14 and 16 played in the second league and the third was composed of those not more than 18 years old. Decent behavior was insisted on; boys guilty of swearing while in uniform, or of smoking, were suspended for the first offense and expelled for the second. The boys were kept so busy playing ball all summer, or planning games, that they had no time to get into mis-

The game of billiards was invented by a pawnbroker, William Kew by name, who flourished in London in the sixteenth century. He used to employ his leisure hours in wet weather when trade was dull by taking down the three balls which were the insignia of his profession and pushing them about the counter of his shop with a yardstick, after the manner of the game as at present played, and using boxes fastened to the sides of his counter for pockets. Out of this was developed a table with a fence of slight elevation about it to keep the balls from rolling off on the floor, and to enable the player to make what have since become known as cushion shots.

One characteristic of the present feetball rules, as compared with those in force a year or two ago, is the proportionate strengthening of the teams of the smaller colleges. The small colleges are increasing in the number of their students, and therefore have more football material to choose from. The new rules give greater opportunity for speed and skill, as contrasted with mere weight and strength, and therefore offer a more attractive game. for which more candidates present themselves. These results amply justify the changes in the rules

The cheering news comes from astronomical experts at Albany that, contrary to the sad suggestions of the French astronomers, the new comet has not lost its appendage, but, like the sheep in the old rhyme, is coming along the skies, bringing its tail behind it.

Hunters are to be barred from New England forests until the fire fires are conquered. The loss of the amateur kunters will be a great gain to the rest of the community.

Prof. Edwin Emerson, who died recently in Tokyo, when he lived in Europe knew intimately Gladstone. Herbert Spencer and Bismarck. It was possible, therefore, for him to follow Edward Everett Hale's advice, "Talk a little every day with somebody who knows more than you do."

The new issue of stamps comes out just before the Lincoln centennial anniversary, but President Lincoln's pic- dozen it may be taken that she comes ture will not appear on any one of from a rich family. They are carefulvalued at \$115,000,000 for the wood

# IN THE PUBLIC EYE

### MAY HEAD BIG BANK



Frank A. Vanderlip, who, unless the unforeseen happens, will succeed James Stillman as president of the National City bank next January, began his business career as a reporter on a Chicago newspaper in 1889. Believing the opportunities offered in Aurora, where he was born November 17, 1864, were too limited, he went to Chicago for a broader field.

After a short period of general reporting he was made financial editor to succeed Joseph French Johnson, now dean of the school of commerce and finance of the University of New

After seven years of daily newspaper work Mr. Vanderlip secured an interest in the Economist, a Chicago financial weekly. He enhanced the prestige of this publication by issuing under its name a supplement known as "Chicago Street Railways" that conveyed

more information concerning the mortgages, contracts, agreements, and statistics than had ever before been presentd. Mr. Vandrlip did not remain long with the Economist. Contrary to the advice of his partner and some of his friends, he became private secretary to Lyman J. Gage, who March 4, 1897, assumed the office of secretary of the

treasury. Mr. Gage at the time of his own appointment was the president of the First National bank. He was the one banker in Chicago the newspapers were accustomed to seek for views on financial matters. Although Mr. Vanderlip began as a private secretary, he was within three months made an assistant secretary of the treasury, and this position afforded him a wide range of opportunities. He was not only an assistant secretary

of the treasury but was in a way the confidential adviser on the secretary him-After four years in the treasury department Mr. Vanderlip resigned on February 26, 1901, to become vice-president of the National City bank.

The National City Bank of New York is by far the largest banking institution in this country. It has a capital stock of \$25,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$25,219,000. Its deposits are over \$226,500,000.

### IS CHAMPION OPTIMIST



William C. Brown, first vice-president of the New York Central railway system, is an Optimist. Moreover, the title should be spelled with a capital "o." No lower case letter would ever do justice to the great mantle of optimism that covers Mr. Brown as a blanket. It is an avalanche that falls over and around and about him like the yellow sunshine or the balmy air of spring.

Not that Mr. Brown ever lets his optimism interfere with his business. Far be it. Rather, he permits the optimism to gild and refine the sordid business necessity-to hallow it and make it a bright rose color instead of the dull gray that is presumed to be its natural hue. In the pleasant pursuit of his calling as the

high priest of optimism, Mr. Brown has just announced that the railroads of the central west are about to boost the freight rates on January 1 next. He smiled pleasantly when he said it, as though it were just the one thing the commercial world had been waiting for and longing for during the past six months.

Of course, there was an immediate response in the way of a long-drawn howl from the large business interests. What does Mr. Brown do then? Does he crawl back into his hole of a private office and refuse to see any of the reporters? Does he come out with an explanation that does nothing but retract? Does he rush into print with another interview that gives masses of dry figures and comparative tables? Not for a minute. On the contrary, he permits himself to be quoted again. He explains that the business interests really want a raise in rates. They don't know it, but they want it bad. Now he's going to call a little meeting-just a conference-of the business interests, and explain to them just why they have been longing for the rate boost. gether with the necessary bats, bails. He is going to make them like the idea.

Wherefore we repeat that Mr. Brown is certainly an Optimist.

# AN UNPOPULAR ENVOY



Vienna, is the latest incumbent to find that especial job a long way less attractive than it seems from a distance. Mr. Francis followed Bellamy Storer in the position-and all the world, or that section of it which reads the United States newspapers, remembers how Bellamy quit. He resigned, it is true, but the act was accompanied by red fire effects during which President Roosevelt expressed several chaste but emphatic opinions of Mr. Storer and likewise of Mrs. Storer.

Mr. Francis has seen much of the diplomatic game before, and should have known how to work it. He was secretary to the Russian embassy while his father was United States minister some 30 years ago, and on his own hook he had been minister to Greece, Roumania and Ser-

via. Moreover, he is a newspaper man, owner and editor of the Troy (N. Y.) Daily Times, and might reasonably be expected to have all the tact, sangfroid. smoothness and nerve anybody would need even at the court of Vienna.

But Mr. Francis has apparently got in wrong with Francis Joseph and some of his friends. He came home to vote, of course, and now, on the eve of his return, some of the Vienna papers are editorially hoping the boat sinks before he gets back. "Never in diplomatic circles," says one Vienna journal with a name like a handful of pied type, "Never has a more unpopular men held the post of ambassador. He and his family, knowing no French nor German, have complained of Viennese ignorance of English, and have never concealed their contempt for Vienna houses, shops, climate and women. When he should have returned hospitalities he subrented the embassy to the Japanese legation, sent the ladies to America and himself occupied a back room on the fifth floor of a hotel, paying \$1 a day." And a few other bon mots of

Mr. Francis may be a good ambassador. In fact, he must be, for he has been a typesetter, reporter, city editor and held other jobs wherein it requires the diplomacy of an angel to keep out of eternal feuds and knockdown arguments with the foreman, the editor and other domineering enemies of civiliza-

Of course, the editor may feel a little peevish about something.

# MAY GET TREASURY POST



Joseph H. Millard, formerly a United States senator from Nebraska, is said to have been tentatively tendered the secretaryship of the treasury in the coming Taft cabinet. At least, he is near enough to a probability to make it reasonable that five and twenty bright young newspaper writers in various portions of the country, beginning at Washington, should sit down and click out on their typewriters the near-positive assurance that the job has been offered, accepted and all but started. That may not mean much to the reader, or it may. Mr. Millard is a banker of Omaha, and is one

of the real pioneer bankers of the west. His institution, the Omaha National, is considered one of the soundest of the western country. It has always been a great lender, and never a bor-

rower, in the east. During the hard times which followed the dry years of 1894-5, when Nebraska was in the throes of bankruptcy and hundreds of settlers were compelled to go east to save their lives, the Millard bank and its minor connections were never in peril.

Born in Canada, the Omaha banker is still an American in that both of his parents were residents of this country who were temporarily domiciled across the border. His early years were spent on the farm. He has been president of the bank since January 1, 1867. He was mayor of Omaha for one term, and served one term in the senate.

### Dogs as Dowries.

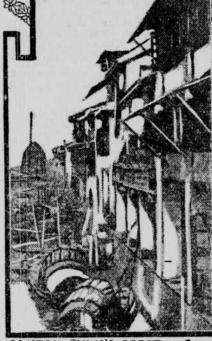
Everywhere is the dog the friend of man, but in Manchuria he is more strictly the friend of woman. There out. the dowry of a young woman does not consist of hard cash, but in a certain number of sleek dogs with thick fur or silken hair. The girl's status may almost be guessed by her wedding portion of dogs. If she receive six she easy circumstances, and if twelve ly fattened for the savory flesh, their alone.

skins after death become coverlets, pelisses, vests for hunters or bedside carpets which scarcely ever wear

Expert Finds Large Forest. The British colonial office recently sent out an expert to report on the Kenia forest in the East Africa prois poor; if a dozen, her parents are in tectorate. He found the forest to be 287 miles long by eight broad, and to comprise 1,000,000 acres of timber.



PHASE OF LIFE NOT OFTEN SEEN BY TOURIST &



CANTON, CHINA'S GREAT COMMERCIAL CITY

A cynic has said that our minds are ruled by catch-words, and there is dred dollars a boat that is (comparacertainly this amount of truth in the tively) luxurious in its appointments statement, that one's mental image of can be obtained; and not infrequently place is usually based upon some European travelers who wish to make telling phrase which has stuck, once a prolonged sojourn in the vicinity of heard, in the memory, and become in- Canton, and do not care to pay the separably associated, rightly or wrong- high prices charged in the one hotel. y, with the locality to which it os- hire a comfortable house-boat, at a tensibly refers.

childish lessons, has for its natural cooking is done for the traveler withfeatures icy mountains and very little out extra cost, with the additional adelse. That a coral strand, of a deli- vantage of free transportation to any cate pink shade, encircled the conti- point on the river. nent of India like a fairy zone was a cherished belief only shattered when I small. A thatch of palm leaves, or a first traveled to the east and wondered cover of matting, over a part of each

miliar phrase is more than justified, eating and sleeping place. The inand preconceived notions are startling. terior presents a curious picture of ly indorsed by first actual impressions. | domestic economy, beside which the Every schoolboy knows that China is arrangements of an Irish cabin or a inhabited by "teeming millions," and I crofter's cottage in Lewis are palatial. defy the most felicitous of phrase. On many of them pigs and chickens makers with two words more succinct- are reared, and frequently, when the ly to summarize such a first glimpse | smallness of the boat does not afford of a Chinese city as is afforded, let us deck-space for such stock, a box or say, to the traveler from Hongkong cage is suspended from the stern to who approaches Canton up the Chu- serve as a pigpen or chicken coop.

cities is a problem which has come to haust the accommodation of the tiny be regarded as amongst the most craft, for on many flower gardening is pressing and perplexing of all that carried on, a considerable space being confront the social reformer. But set apart in the bows for the flower compared with cities of the east, and pots. of China especially, those of the west may almost be regarded as depopu- quarters, cribbed, cabined and conlated. Only those who have penetrated fined, well-nigh passes comprehension. the innermost purlieus of a Chinese It has been estimated that about Cancity can conceive the degree of con- ton there are not less than 85,000 ingestion in which it is possible for a great Chinese towns it is literally true | located-250,000 to 400,000 human fines, the result sometimes being, as falling with the tide. Births, deaths at Canton, those extraordinary floating and funerals all take place within the slums which choke the riverside and narrow limits of the boats. form at once the most picturesque

These are no ordinary craft, mere ves- in the hotel, and he is sure to be a thither, but the countless homes of ative. myriad Chinese, in which millions of human beings have been born, have lived, and have died. They are the streets of them are moored in rows dwellings of the very poor, who live in that extend from mid-stream to the them practically free from rent, taxes, shore, and every night they are and other burdens of the ordinary citi- thronged with seekers after pleasure

dwellers), as the denizens of these to be found thereon are of a very high floating houses are called, form a sort moral order. Concerts, or rather singof caste apart from the rest of the songs, are held on some, but most Cantonese. The shore-dwellers re- cater to that gambling instinct which gard them as belonging to a lower so- is the national vice of China.

cial order; and indeed they have many customs, peculiar to themselves, which mark them as a separate community. How the swarming masses of them contrive to support existence is a mystery, but their chief mode of employment is in carrying merchandise and passengers from place to place. In some cases the daughters of the family go ashore to work in factories, as do the girls of other countries; but the year's earnings of a Chinese factory girl would scarce suffice to buy a single hat for her western sister. It is of course hardly necessary to point out that, as against this low rate of pay, the standard of living is correspendingly different.

The "nouses" which make up these

vast floating slums are of all sizes. Some are but 15 feet long. From these cramped dimensions, however, they range up to a length of 50 and 60 feet. A boat large enough to accommodate a family of moderate size can be obtained for \$20, and since the anchorage is free it is obvious that the Tankia effects many savings impossible to the shore-dweller. For a huncost of about one dollar per day. In The Greenland of my fancy, thanks that case the native owners occupy o a mind exceedingly retentive of a small space in the bow, where all

Most of the boats, however, are poat serves to protect the occupants But there are times when the fa- from sun and rain, and serves as an Nor do sties and henneries, in addition In the west the over-crowding of to the apartments of the family, ex-

How life can be endured in such habited craft, and that of this vast human community to live. In the number some 40,000 are permanently that the population overflows its con- lives, that is to say, daily rising and

Not all the boats in the dense mass and most pestilent feature of the city's that blocks the riverside are squalid. however. There are some as gaudy Stand beside the imperial custom and resplendent as the majority are house at Canton and let the eye wretched and poor, and these are farange down the river towards Hong- miliar to every one who has visited kong. As far as the sight can reach Canton. "Have you been to the flowerlie boats, boats, and again boats. boats?" is a question continually heard sels of transport plying hither and recent arrival who answers in the neg-

The "flower-boats" are, in brief, the pleasure resorts of Canton. Whole and recreation-of a sort. For it can-The Tankia (which means boat not be pretended that the amusements

# WATER SUPPLY AND POWER.

Torreon in Mexico.

Following the report of government engineers who have been making sur- ing to the uncertainty of rains in the vevs and estimates of a projected dam | mountains the river cannot be dependcross the Nazas river near Torreon the federal government of Mexico has supply for irrigation purposes when agreed to give financial support to the proposition, and the contract for its this difficulty will be overcome. The construction has been awarded. Ac- site of the proposed dam is in the San cording to the estimates of the engi- Fernandez canyon. neers the dam will cost about \$6,000. 000, and will form one of the largest water storage reservoirs on the continent, affording a water supply to the whole Nazas river cotton-growing district for a period of three years without replenishing.

In connection with this dam, it is also planned to install a hydro-electric | The length of the spark depends priplant to supply all of the towns within a radius of 150 miles. There are many large industrial plants in the Nazas valley which will be provided with nomenon with high-potential frictional cheap power from the proposed plant, electricity, and not with ordinary voland it is expected that the establish- taic currents.

Great Hydro-Electric Project Near ment of manufacturing enterprises will be greatly stimulated.

The principal cotton-growing region of Mexico lies in this valley, but owed upon to give an adequate water most needed. By storing the water

#### The Electric Spark. An electric spark is the luminous

effect produced when a sudden disruptive electrical discharge takes place between two charged conductors at different electric potentials. marily upon the difference of potential of the two charged bodies; it is, hence, in general a conspicuous phe



To-day, within the galley's hold. We yearn for Naples far away. The vision of the Matterhorn Is calling to our hearts to-day!

Thus, longingly, we strain and sweat From daybreak to the fading sun-A struggling horde that plays the game For prizes when the work is done. Ah, yesterday we yearned the same All week within the stuffy school

We conned our lessons o'er and o'er

'Amo, amas, amat," we droned And bounded Chili on the map, But over all we heard the croon Of rivers where the billows lap Ho! Saturday would set us free To wander by the bayou's brim, To fish for lunkers at the bridge

With Stubble and with Fat and Slim Ah, when the sun rose in the east And mother called us from our bed, We did not drop to sleep again
But heard, the first time, what she said.

Then off to join our happy crew, How gladly, joyously we sped: And as we chorused by the way, Our faithful Tiger barked ahead. Oh, those were days worth hoping for, Worth slaving for, when work through-

For what in Switzerland or France, Can yield the happiness we knew?

Ah, Saturdays of youth! Thy joy Sweeps back with macking voice of

And scoffs at us each week-end day When carols wake the timid dawn; For what vacation is so sweet As that we knew in childhood, pray, When, gladsome as a meadowlark We "went a-fishin" "Saturday?

000 On the Wing.



There are a lot of people who cannot afford to do things, who do them because "we cannot afford not to."

A Michigan lumberjack has been bitten by a vicious skunk. It is almost impossible to believe that the lumber its legislative reports than any other jack didn't know the skunk was there.

Gum chewing is said to be coming state paper, and its energies are in again. Those of us who stuck our pushed in the direction of dealing guids under the side bar of the bed with state affairs. Whatever inter a year or so ago, are thus reminded lests you as a taxpayer, interests The to dust 'em off and get busy!

When you take one of those new Chicago street cars, you have to pay in advance, but when you take the home newspaper, you can fool the conductor if you are foxy by jumping off the car at the end of the trip.

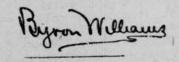
The comptroller of the currency is kicking because there is not enough money in circulation. One would think he was once a literary gent to hear him talk. During the late panic, all bankers gave evidence of being great novelists in this regard.

We cut the initials of our sweetheart upon a tree. Beneath them we cut our own, and around both we fashion a heart. Then we go away and marry another woman and the woodchoppers come and obliterate our registration of love. In some flaming fire, our amorous record is burned to ash and, by and by, even we cannot remember what her initials were. Thus it is with many of the things we loved. Time is shifting the point of view and making insensate the heart throbs of yesterday.

#### 000 Scissorettes.

An exchange observes that a boy can sit on a sled six inches square tied to a sled moving nine miles an hour, but can't sit on a sofa five minutes for a dollar. A man can sit on an inch board and talk politics for three hours, but put him into a comfortable church pew for 40 minutes and he gets nervous, twists and goes to sleep. A man can pouch his cheeks with tobacco and the juice running down his chin feels good; but a hair in the butter simply knocks him out completely.

A young lady visited a cooking school recently and her attention was divided between a dress worn by a friend and directions for making cake. So when she undertook to write the recipe for her mother, the old lady was paralyzed to read the following: "Take two pounds of flour, three rows of plaiting down the front, the whites of two eggs cut bias, a pint of milk ruffled 'round the neck, half pound currants, with seven yards of bead trimming, grated lemon peel with lace fichu; stir well, and add a semi-fitting paletot with visite sleeves; garnish with icing and passementerie. Bake in a moderately hot oven until the skirt is tucked from the waist down on either side, and finish with large satin rosettes."



Danger in Speculation. The farmer sows his seed and has no doubt but that the harvest will repay him; but he who embarks in speculations that promise sudden and great wealth, knows that he may be sowing the wind to reap the whirlwind.-Quincey.

Modesty of Great Men. Great men, Milton says, are modest. because they continually compare themselves, not with other men, but with that idea of the perfect which they have before their mind."

East Indian Woman Writes Book Miss Cornelia Sorabji, a Parsee. who was educated and took her degree at Oxford, has just published a book. She is legal adviser to the government of India in cases in which the zenana and the rights of women are concerned, and most of the material for her book was collected in this way. She calls the book "Between the Twilights: Studies of Indian women.'

The man who fails seldom gets any sympathy from the man who never

Tipping Barred.

A well known New York hostelry has inaugurated an anti-gratuity policy for at least the current season. The management makes official statement thus: "The servants of the house receive full and satisfactory compensation for their services from the owners, and are neither permitted to accept nor do they expect to receives fes of any kind from guests."

The reason some people stay out of debt is that no one will let them get in.

#### A Novel Bottle.

In furnishing information concerning Calcutta's supply of the various "soft" drinks, Consul General William H. Michael refers as follows to an improved bottle in use:

This bottle is so blown as to contain in the neck a round glass stopper, which is forced upward by the gas in the bottle and holds the gas perfectly. An expert can remove half the contents of one of these bottles. and by a shake force the ball up into the neck, and thus preserve the remaining half for future use. It is an ingenious device, and every way superior to the old-style corks. In opening a bottle a wooden, cup-shaped device, which fits in the hollow of the hand and contains a short nipple, is placed over and against the glass ball stopper and pressed downward. This causes the ball to drop down into the neck of the bottle, prevents too rapid escape of gas and foam, and, if only part of the contents is required, the ball may be forced back into the position as stopper.

### Nebraska's Meeting Place.

That's what people are now calling the city of Lincoln. Nearly all societies of every sort meet sometime during the year in Lincoln, and this gives The State Journal a peculiar interest to state readers, as it devotes more space to such meetings than any two of the other state papers. The recent teachers' association called together nearly 5,000 of the state teachers and every home that has a school child was interested in the reports of their doings. Especially was every member of a school board interested. Soon will come the great agricultural meetings and columns of facts will be printed in The Lincoln Journal that affect the earning power of etary farmer. Then of course the legislature will be here for three months and surely you will be interested in what iquer traffic and guaranteeing bank deposits. The Journal spends more money for and devotes more space to paper. It's a Journal specialty. The

### Putting It Up to the Querist.

Journal and you will find the impar

tial, disinterested facts in its columns.

Journal is not a city paper, it's a

The next letter the information edtor opened contained this question: "What is the correct pronunciation f 'irrefragable?' "

"Consult your unabridged," he wrote, and savagely impaled both the query and answer on the copy hook. For somebody has carried away the office dictionary.

It was about midnight that the detectives arrived with their prisoner, and a Mr. Collins, the principal depositor in the bank, and, therefore, the principal loser, was awakened at his home and informed by telephone of the

He expressed his gratification and went back to bed.

Shortly afterward he was aroused to receive another telephone message to the same effect, from a different This sort of thing continued to such

an extent that Collins grew very wrathy; so that, when he answered the 'phone bell for the last time, he was in anything but an amiable frame of mind. "Hello, Collins," came over the wire.

"Yes. What do you want?"

"Collins, this is Deputy Sheriff Myers. We've caught that runaway receiver. Is there anything you'd like to have me do, personally, in the mat-

"Yes!" roared Collins, "hang up the receiver!"-Illustrated Sunday Maga-

# The Jolly Fat Man.

When you meet a bow-legged man in the street, do you stop him and ask how it feels to walk that way? On being introduced to a man with a face like an inverted comic supplement, do you condole with him on being so homely? Do you recommend to the sallow man sitting next you in a car a tonic for his liver? At uncheon do yuo hint to the puffy-eyed, pr-nosed stranger opposite you that he ougt to get on the water wagon? Of course you don't! You would not be so impolite. You might hurt their

But when you meet a fat man, it's different. Everybody recognizes him as legitimate prey. He is a buttt for jokes, a subject for condolence, an object for advice. Even the man se thin that he does not know whether it is his back or hi sstomach that hurts him, takes it for granted that he is the fat man's ideal, and insists en giving him advice on how to reduce. Everyone imagines that the fat man must be unnappy because he weighs more than the average person. -Exchange.