

## AT NORTH THEATRE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Prices, 25c, 35c and 50c

evening.

the storm.

ter Tuesday.

relatives at Defiance, Ia.

Fred Buss has bought 2,000 bushels of

corn from Joseph Koprtzka, a portion of

attended and the usual good time re-

Geo. A. Syas, the efficient assistant at

the Lutejen farm, was renewing friend-

ships at the Martin Albers home Sunday

J. P. Hagemann's sale, which was to

have been held last Friday, was post-

poned until February 8 on account of

Arnold Schmitt, who is in the milling

business in Lincoln, came home Sunday

Henry Goedeken, who has been spend-

ing a couple of weeks visiting his par-

ents, left Saturday for his home in Cam-

Wm. Behlen took advantage of the nice

Wm. Albers, sr., and daughter, Miss

Anna, were visiting at the old home

farm and also at Mr. and Mrs. Wm.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lutejens were

caught in the storm Thursday, while in

Columbus. They started home, however,

but by the time they reached Fred

Wille's farm it was so severe that they

had to remain there until the next day.

Ferdinand Seefeld was celebrating his

fifty-fourth birthday Tuesday, ground

hog day, and remember his many friends

by inviting them to his home Among

those remembered was the carrier of the

route, who wishes him a whole lot of just

Quite a number of windmills are down

The friends of Jesse Bisson will no

doubt be surprised to learn that

Blanche Foster of Tulsa, Okla, They

will reside at Miami, Okla., at which Mr.

from all indications he must be prosper-

Preaching services were held in the

Shell Creek Baptist church every even-

ing last week, the Rev. Trowlous of

manifested and the attendance was

Hilds, the oldest daughter of Mr and

Mrs. Peter Schmitt, of this route, was

united in marriage to George Saatfeld

Tuesday of this week, at 10:30 a. m., the

ceremony being performed in the Ger-

Rev. Meissler, officiating. Dinner was

Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of unclaimed mail

Letters-Jake Albrect, Miss Pearl

Parties calling for any of the above

FOR SALE.

Primrose, Neb., 120 acres under

plow, 12 acres alfalfa, good 4

room house, barn for six head

wind mill and sheds. The land

Elliott, Speice & Co.

160 acre farm, located near

CARL KRAMER, P. M.

will please say advertised.

such birthdays.

Lange's Monday of this week.

to be present at the wedding of his sis-

which is being delivered this week.

Route No. 1. Henry Buss shipped a carload of cat-

tle to South Omaha last Thursday. Quite a number of windmills on the

route were blown during last Thursday. The carrier was taking a vacation Monday and Tuesday and Substitute ported, although it was stormy that eve-Brock took his place.

Route No. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hahn were at Osceola Monday.

Thomas Bros. are putting up a new building on their farm.

A majority of the farmers on the route attended the wolf hunt Tuesday.

Carrier 5 found a nice beef roast in Robert Kummer's box last Thursday.

Last Saturday Carrier 5 found a nice assortment of meat and sausage in Henry Houser's box, for which he ex-

Walker Township.

Thursday morning Fred Nordgren's price being paid for hoge and marketed house was damaged by fire to such an eixty head of fine porkers at the Columextent that his family had to seek shelbus market Tuesday. ter with their neighbors. A defective fine seems to have been the cause of the fire.

Boy Johnson of Inavale, Neb., a son of S. H. Johnson, a former resident of Walker township, was visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood last week. He said when questioned about Bryan's "trick mule," that his dad never got the mule.

The worst storm since the 12th of January, 1888, passed over here Thursday night. There is hardly a windmill in this neighborhood intact. We understand there was ordered in a few hours Friday morning, by farmers around St. Edward and Newman Grove, something like sixty windmills.

Route No. 4.

Mrs. Wm, Moore is slowly improving. high wind Thursday night. A few of P. J. Glesson will have a sale and move to Platte Center.

Nine windmills were blown down on damage of a serious nature is reported.

Route 4 during Thursday's storm. The Misses May and Anna Dodds returned from Cambridge, Neb., last Fri- he was married on January 6 to Miss

It is reported that there will be two weddings on the route within the next Bisson is operating a Lyric theatre, and few weeks.

Dave Putnam returned to Lincoln Tneeday, after a ten days' visit at the home of John Ebner.

Elmer Francis, who has been living Creston, Neb., conducting them, Sunon the Dickinson farm on this route, day morning and evening and each evenhas moved to east of Columbus on ing this week until Thursday, meetings Route 1 from Richland. were held by the Rev. Henry Koch of Kansas City, and much interest is being

Ludwig Ebner, who has been visiting his brothers, John and Anton, since the first of the year, will leave Thursday for his home at Norwalk, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoerle returned lest Thursday from a two weeks' visit at Chambers and Clearwater. During their absence Henry Seibler was looking man Lutneran church in Columbus, after the farm.

A crowd of young folks gathered at served at the home of the bride, after the home of John Donoghue last Sat- which the young couple left for an exurday night and enjoyed an old fash. tended visit in Kansas. ioned taffy pull. Lunch was served and a good time is reported.

Wm. Plaggeman returned Monday matter remaining in the post office at from a two weeks' visit at Riverdale Columbus, Nebraska, for the period end-While there he met a number of former ing February 3, 1909: Platte county people and report them as nicely located and well pleased.

Baker, Charlie Domenek, Miss Minnie Joseph Micek and Karolina Koza Domer, Miss Maggie Irwin, O'Neill were married in St. Bonaventura's James Company, Miss Lola M Smith, church last Wednesday morning, and Miss Mary Weaver. after the ceremony there was a reception | Cards—Miss May Anderson, B W

Route No. 3.

Mrs. J. W. Albers, jr., is reported quite

J. F. Goedeken took a load of fat

swine to Columbus Tuesday. O. J. Bisson was on the Columbus

market with fat cattle Monday. John Mindrup lost one of his valuable horses last week, through some kind of horses, granary, corn crib.

nickness. Miss Antonia Meyer of Route 1, Platte is first-class soil and one of the Center, is assisting Mrs. Wm. Behlen smoothest farms in that section of country. Price \$50 per acre, this week.

Bernard Hellbush and Miss Lena re- easy terms. turned home Monday from a visit with

Harriet McMurphy Still In Limelight.

When Harriet McMurphy butted into the Central City merchants in execution of her duties as pure food inspector she had little idea she was starting a tempest which was going to get out of the tea-pot and spread over the whole house and down into the basement. Yet nevertheless she has something worth while, and now learned lawyers are burning midnight oil in weighing the stupendous proposition of whether pure leaf lard put up in hermetically sealed cans is to be classed as canned goods, or whether it is just package stuff, and as such ought to have the correct weight stamped on the outeide.

On this proposition hangs the whole controversy, and it is because of this that some of our best merchants, many of them descons in churches, and one of them. G. M. Scudder, formerly a county official and an honored citizen, are arranged before the bar of justice on a criminal charge and will have to answer before the higher courts.

As we mentioned some time ago, M G. Scudder, A. Fouts, W. W. Moore, G. C. Agnes and Chas. Huxford were hauled into court on the charge of selling lard as mentioned above, in unmarked sealed cans, contrary to the form of the pure food law. As we mentioned also at the time, our merchants were as spotless and free from guilt in the matter as little lambs, for the reason that they were not selling the lard on the claim that it weighed anything, but merely by the can, as they received it from the packing houses. We suggested at the time that it was a shame the state officers had not the nerve to go after the big packers direct, as they had the money to fight the matter and could most likely have any fine imposed set aside by the higher The dance at the Riens farm was well

Now the big packers have taken the matter up themselves and are going to make a test case on the arrests made here. When the hearing came before Judge Peterson on the 27th, T. J. Mahoney of Omaha, sent out by the Omaha packers, and A. P. Moran, sent out by the Nebraska City packers, were here to represent the local merchants, and upon their advice preliminary examination was waived, and the whole bunch was bound over to the district court under \$100 bonds each. The trial will probably occur during the term of the district court which convenes in the city next Monday. If things do not go to suit the packers they will carry the case to the supreme court, and will fight the sees to a finish there

In the meantime our merchants are sitting back and enjoying the experience of being involved in a law case in which all the expenses are paid for by someone else.-Central City Republican.

Marriage Licenses.

Joseph Micek, Columbus...... 28 Karolina Koza, Columbus...... 17 Patrick G. Ducey, Lindsay ......... 43 Mary Sweeney, Lindsay...... 33 William A. Methgen, Columbus.... 22 Winnie Davis, Columbus...... 17 David Kopf, Darrow, Okla..... Emma Seitz, Falls City, Neb ...... 32 Geo. A. Saalfeld, Columbus...... Hilda O. Schmitt, Columbus...... 20 Frank C Seaton, Columbus...... 20 Ethel Babcock, Columbus..... Samuel V. Anderson, St Edward .... 26 Selma M. Samuelson, St. Edward... 25

Card of Thanks. We wish to thank the many Columbus

and a number put out of business by the friends for their acts of kindness and sympathy in the loss of our beloved wife the smaller buildings at the different and mother. farms on the route were moved and CHAS. SNODGRASS AND FAMILY. somewhat racked, but outside of this no

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends and neighbors who so willing assisted us in many ways during the death and burial of our beloved wife and mother, and to express our appreciation of the beautiful floral offerings.

AUGUST DIETRICES AND FAMILY.

COAL.

We have all the leading grades of soft coal. Also Penna. hard coal and Semianthracite furnace coal. NEWMAN & WELCH.

Now He Could Die Satisfied. The dying Englishman laughed. faintly and reservedly, as became his

race. "What ails the man?" asked the vicar, the heir, the younger son in the army, the younger son in the church. the keeper of the lodge and the stolid barrister.

"It is the joke he heard in America in his youth," whispered the nurse. "He has just grasped the significance."

Who Deserves the Sympathy? A fellow doesn't always know where to place his sympathy. A Massachussetts man with 50 children was arrested for nonsupport of recently ar rived twins.-Toledo Blade.

Europe's Record Winter. All of the rivers of Italy were frozen over during the winter of 1344. It was so cold in Denmark that the wolves could not stay there in 1403, and they crossed to Jutland on the ice.

Uncle Eben's Wisdom. "Dar's lots o' ways o' benefitin' soclety" said Uncle Eben. "Sometime you kin do mo' good to de public by workin' ten minutes wif a snow shove

dan by lecturin' two hours an' a half!"

Of Art. Artists may produce excellent de signs, but they will avail little unless the taste of the public is sufficiently cultivated to appreciate them.-George C. Mason.

Some Time Ago. Miss Knox-What was it you said about Miss Gidday? Mr. Goodley-I said her age surprised me greatly. She doesn't look 30, does she?

Stories.

Miss Knox-No. not now. I suppose she did, though, at one time.—Stray

ENVELOPES TO SEND ABROAD. Made Now Lined with Thin Tissue

Paper of Any Desired Color. "Nice sorts of envelopes they have nowadays for foreign correspondents, said a girl who writes letters abroad "You know the envelopes, like the letter sheets, are made of thin paper

so that they won't weigh too much and increase the postage. "With an envelope of thin, plain paper the writing on the letter might show through. So they came to make these envelopes of a paper that was printed on the inner side with close lines in a pretty plaid pattern that you couldn't see through and that served very well, but now you can buy foreign letter envelopes that are made opaque with a lining of the thinnest

tissue paper of any desired color. "Such envelopes you will find and with lining of various colors in stock envelopes lined with blue or with red or purple or tan or violet, but if you don't find among these just what you want they will show you a book of tissues with samples of 50 or more colors or shades from which you can se lect first just the color you do fancy or the color you call your own and then you have the envelopes made to

THE GIRL FROM THE COUNTRY. Habit That Enabled Her Instantly to Be Singled Out.

Said a visitor to a teacher in a busi ness college:

"That girl from the country seems to be the brightest student in the

At the request of the teacher she designated more particularly the girl she had in mind.

"Oh, yes," said the teacher, "she is very bright, but how did you know she is from the country? She doesn't look countrified."

"Her habit of washing her hands so often gave her away," said the visitor. "I have been sitting here about two hours. In that time she has washed her hands three times. No city girl would have done that; she would have sharpened pencils or turned over the dusty books, and simply have polished her hands on her pocket handkerchief and gone on working. The country girl would find it impossible to work under such conditions. She must have clean hands. All country people have a mania for washing their hands. After each task down go their hands into a basin of water. City life cures most country habits: frequent bathing of the hands is the last to go."

Able to Operate on Lungs. A German physician, by means of a glass cabinet with a partial vacuum, has solved the problem of operating on the lungs. He probably has paved the way to successful surgery in cases of internal cancer, and possibly of consumption where the lung tissue is affected. By the use of his cabinet the patient, it is said, can breathe easily with the chest cavity open and without danger of collapse of the lungs, which has been the danger hitherto, owing to atmospheric pressure. After the surgeon and his assistants have taken their place inside this cabinet the subject is placed upon the operating table and his head allowed to project through a tight-fitting rubber collar in the wall of the cabinet. By means of a suction pump the air inside is then reduced to negative

Has Made Quartz Fusible. It is not so long ago that the textbooks on minerals used to describe quartz as "infusible." The electric furnace has made this an error, and now some manufacturers of chemical devices devote special catalogues to apparatus made of this substance. There are two grades on the marketthe transparent kind, made from rock crystal and looking almost precisely like ordinary glass, and the cheaper translucent variety, made of common silica, and sometimes called in the trade "electroquartz." Both kinds are valuable in the chemical laboratory, because vessels made of either resist all acids but hydrofluoric, and cannot be cracked by the change of temperature, however violent. Quarts is useful also for its insulating properties, which are nearly perfect.

A Fellow Sufferer. In Philadelphia they tell a story of a man whose wife had arranged an "authors' evening," and persuaded her reluctant husband to remain at home and help her receive the 50 guests who were asked to participate in this in-

tellectual feast. The first author was dull enough, but the second was worse. Moreover, the rooms were intolerably warm. So, on pretense of letting in some cool air, the unfortunate host escaped to the hall, where he found a servant comfortably asleep on the settee. "Wake up," sternly commanded the

Philadelphian in the man's ear. "Wake up, I say. You must have been listening at the keyhole."-Harper's Magazine.

Sherlock Holmes Again. Somebody wondered how long a certain woman who had just left the room had been married. "About fifteen years," said the jew-

"How do you know?" asked his wife. "You never saw her until to-night." ding ring," the jeweler replied. "The width of wedding rings changes about every five years. The kind she wears was in style 15 years ago."

WHY NOT TRY THE PACIFIC HOTEL same time ring an alarm outside the COLUMBUS, NEB.

The big brick hotel one and onehalf blocks south of west depot crossing. 25 rooms at 25c; 20 rooms at 50c; meals, 25c,

HARRY MUSSELMAN, Proprietor

REAL ORIGIN OF "MEAL TIME." Has Come Down to Us from the Anglo-Saxon "Mael."

With regard to the difficulty of defining a "meal" it may be observed that, originally, a meal meant a repast taken at a fixed time. It is the Anglo-Saxon "mael," a mark, sign, measure, fixed time, and so food partaken of then, and has no connection with "meal" of the oatmeal kind, except by one of those verbal coincidences in which language abounds. All the other senses of "mael" but that of a repast have vanished except in the word "piecemeal." but German has still both "mal." a time (as in "einmal," once) and "mahl," a meal.

Of "mahl," however, tourists should beware. There is a story of a fatigued English pedestrian staggering into a German inn with a demand for "Abendmahl." What he wanted was supper ("Abendessen"); what he got was a clergyman ready to administer the holy sacrament (which "Abendmahl" in practice means), under the impression that he was dying.

"Meal time" has got into the German language of greeting. It was the old fashion after supper in the home to shake hands all round and say "Gesegnete Mahlzeit"— a blessing on the meal-time. And the German digestion is so vigorous that the students at the universities part from each other, not with good-by or adieu, or any such supraterrestrial allusion but-"Mahlzeit!"

SAD STORY OF A WASTED LIFE. Man a Lifelong Hermit Because He

Forgot to Mail Letter.

Here's a life-story in a few lines,

told in Answers: "Half a century ago a young Englishman, while traveling, met a beautiful girl and promptly fell in love with her. A few days later he returned home and his first act was to write her a love letter. In it he told her, that if she regarded his proposal favorably he would expect a reply by the next mail. To this letter he received no answer, and so disappointed was he that, from that time until his death, which occurred recently, he shut himself up in his home and lived like a hermit. Most of his time was spent in reading, and the day after his funeral the heirs began to search the books of his library, for they thought it quite possible that the eccentric old man might have hidden some bank notes in them. They found none, but in a tattered old pamphlet they found another kind of note—the love letter which was written 50 years ago, and which the writer had forgotten to

Bride of the Young Officer.

Consider, my daughter, ere thou hast said yes to the cadet of the slim waist and haughty air. For verily I bride of the regimental goat. For her lord is haughty no more, but even the sergeants speak of him as a shave tail. Thou shalt have many nuptial gifts, yea, many of silver and glass, so that the packing of them is a weariness to the flesh, and thou shalt have no cupboards to stow them therein. And as soon as thy curtains hang fair at thy windows, then shalt thou be ranked out, till no spot on the post shall deem to be thine own. And at last it may be that rooms in the bachelors' building shall be assigned thy spouse: then shall bursts of music trouble thy dreams, and in weariness of spirit thou shalt say: "Why did I wed me to a shavetail? for only those of rank have spacious dwellings. Had I but wed the son of a banker my wedding gifts had not been fractured with many movings."-Army and Na-

As to Cats.

The cat is the most active of all animals. As an acrobat it has no equal. I know that every friend of the column likes to read about animals; therefore I venture once in awhile to say something about cats and dogs. Every now and then I receive letters from people who insist upon "more cat and dog stories." Last night a fine specimen of a man called on me. After some refreshment, and as he was about to depart, I asked if he was married. "Sure," he replied; "many years." "Got any children?" "No, we had two and lost both; all we have in the house now is a cat and a canary bird. They in a measure keep my wife from being lonesome when I'm down town at business."-New York Press.

Their Fallen Idol. Two little newsboys, ragged and soiled, recognized Napoleon Lajoie as he stood on a downtown corner, talking to an acquaintance.

"Lookee!" exclaimed the first boy in a hoarse whisper, "there's Larry!" "He's nothin' but a hen an' goose farmer now," returned the other lad, without any show of hero worship. "But he's the greatest ball player on earth," retorted the young admirer of the second baseman.

"Mebby he is," admitted the other one, "mebby he is in the summer time, but-" disgustedly-"think of a feller raisin' chickens all winter! Poiper. mister?"-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Diplomatic Clerk. "It is quite a coincidence," observed the celebrated pugilist, coldly, "that every time I apply for accommodations at this hotel the house is full."

clerk, edging as far away from the

register as possible, "but we trust that

you will continue to let us have the refusal of your patronage." Newest Thief-Catcher. A recently invented thief-catcher for stores consists of a system of levers, which will close doors from behind a counter on pressing a pedal and at the

building. Dearth of Great Actresses. Although acting is essentially a feminine art. Englishwomen are making far less mark in it at the present time than in probably any other period of our theatrical history. We have no

Mrs. Siddons.-London Tatler.

CAESAR'S GHOST IN POLITICS. Nations Still Cling Tenaclously to No tion of Empire.

Even more tenacious has been the hold of Caesar's ghost in politics. There are two forms under which the idea of world government presents itself: One, the dead notion of empire, the thing for which Caesar stood, the very name of the man still clinging on in the words czar and kaiser. and the name of his idea remaining in the word emperor: the other, the living idea of federation. When we have come to understand the nature of ghost rule we wonder no longer at some political phenomena otherwise absolutely incomprehensible. Why, for instance, does each nation now strive for the chimera of military preparedness? Germany, England and Japan levy an intolerable tax of money and blood to maintain their armies; the nations are in perpetual travail to bring fourth battleship after battleship. If you go to the bottom of the reason of all this you find no reason at all, or a silly one. For it is manifestly impossible for any one nation to conquer all the others. You ask yourself why one international fleet and army could not be supported, to be at the command of one international court, thus to settle all disputes and enforce all decisions. The answer plainly is that this question is mere living, mortal common sense, and hence a puny thing to put against the age-old, dead ghost-principle of empire.—Atlantic Weekly.

INDICTMENT OF THE LANDLORD.

Stern Words for Those Who Surrender Themselves to Greed.

Wherein is the difference between a poisoned well and a poisoned air shaft? Suppose, deliberately and knowingly, we allow our fellow-men to inhabit rooms, to live under conditions which mean a lingering death. The thing has to be proved to us beyond question; then the moment that it has been proved beyond question, it becomes not simply a scientific question, it becomes a question of morals, a question, ultimately, of religion. I like that phrase in the Old Testament where, speaking of those who violate certain fundamental principles of health and well-being, the statement was made that such a man was "an abomination unto the Lord." Now, we want that taught to the landlord as well as to the tenant, that there are some things which are abominations unto the Lord, and there are persons who are abominations unto the

The Origin of Pie.

The origin of pie, especially mince pie, like the origin of sausage, is shrouded in mystery, but certain it is that it was known as far back as the say unto you, sad is the fate of the time of Piers the Plowman, and it may be that in his dinner pail could have been found the precedent which Michael of Pittsburg, now of the hospital, sought to follow. Those who are surprised, after being led to believe that New England is the habitat of the article, to learn that pie is an old English institution, can easily accept the further statement that "planted on American soil it forthwith ran rampant and burst forth into an untold variety of genera and species." Like the Irish potato, which is said to have been originated in the new world, it has been so ingrafted into the life of its adopted country that it seems more like a native than an alien.

Troublesome Small Animals.

Farmers who live near the Blue nountains, in Lehigh county, are greatly bothered with foxes, minks and weasels, and the farmers who live along the lowlands have their land spoiled by the muskrats and the skunks. A crusade has been declared against these animals and the farmers expect to exterminate them by trapping and shooting.

More than 1,000 pelts have been shipped from New Tripoli during the last week. Among the most successful trappers were the following: R. Stump and C. Frey, who had 40 skunks, 36 opossums and 34 muskrats; W. Oswald, six minks; J. Wolf, seven red foxes. There are a score of others who caught as high as 40 foxes, skunks. opossums and muskrats.-Punxsutawney Spirit.

Gladstone's Opinion of the King. H. W. Lucy, dean of the house of commons reporters, who has known every prominent politician for the last quarter of a century, continues his reminiscences in the Cornhill Magazine. He gives the following as Mr. Gladstone's characteristic summary of King Edward, given apparently about 1887:

"A shrewd man, a keen observer, full of tact, always educating himself without deliberately sitting down to learn a lesson; rarely opening a book, but keeping himself au courant with whatever is going on in the world, and when the time comes for him to take his part in public business doing it thoroughly."

The Highwayman's Prayer. Tom L Johnson was criticising, at a holiday banquet, a grasping corporation.

"They are too transparent," he said. "in asking for the passage of this bill. In fact, they remind me vividly of the continental highwayman who, laying his bludgeon and revolver beside him, knelt down on the road in front of a wayside shrine and prayed: "'I do not ask thee, O Madonna, for money-only send this way an automobile with full pockets."

By the Grace of God Alone, No iron chain, or outward force of any kind, could ever compel the soul of man to believe or to disbelieve; It is his own indefeasible light, that judgment of his; he will reign and believe there by the grace of God alone.-Thomas Carlyle.

Cultivate Ideals. It is a cheering thing to meet young minds inspired by ideals. It is a delightful pastime to give a quarter of an hour a day to a great poet. Have a little blank book and copy a quotation or two when you meet them.

FOR PHYSICIANS AND NURSES.

New Watch That Indicates Number of Beats of the Pulse.

A new watch has been invented for the use of physicians and nurses in counting the pulse. The watch indicates, without mental calculation, the number of beats of the pulse in a minute. It operates on the principle of a stop-watch. By pressing the push-button a large second hand is set in motion, and the counting of the pulsations begins. At the twentieth pulsation the motion of the hand is stopped by another pressure of the push-button. The dial accurately indicates the exact number of pulsations per minute. A third pressure on the push-button brings the hand back to the starting point. The use of this instrument does away with the necessity of observing the progress of the watch while taking the pulse, and in addition insures an absolutely correct record. The instrument is also a chronographic counter, facilitating the making of observations, which are automatically recorded in minutes, seconds and fifths of a second. A small dial placed below the 12 records minutes from 0 to 30. The large hand records seconds and fifths of a second.-Scientific American.

HERRINGS NO LONGER SMOKED.

They Are Now Painted with a Harmless Chemical Extract.

"Extract of smoke," said the canner, dipping his brush into a pot of brown fluid "Extract of smoke?" repeated the

dazed reporter. "Smoke extract," said the canner. He took up a fresh herring, painted it with the dark mixture, and laid it on a board beside a long, long line of brother herrings. "Now, in the past." he explained, "you smoked herrings by hanging them up for days in smoke houses wherein smoldered fires of costly aromatic woods. That process was slow and expensive; we have quite improved it out of existence. We paint our herring now with this really quite harmless chemical extract of smoke-a coal tar product-and as soon as he is dry he is ready for the market."

The reporter tasted one of the herrings. "But this isn't half as good as the smoked herring of my boyhood," he protested. "Not as good, perhaps," agreed the

canner, "but ever so much more profit-

Error About Patents. There is a very general notion that when the United States government gives a man a patent for an invention by this very act the patentee is in possession of exclusive and inalienable rights to his invention for a term of years. Now this is the very thing that does not necessarily exist, and the very thing that patentees, investors and the public would like to have established. Most patents are exploited by others than inventors. and the money for the purpose is largely supplied by those with little knowledge of the laws. It has happened time and time again that the governmental patent has proved worthless. Iti used to be that it was litle more than prima facie evidence to be used in litigation. Of recent years there has been some improvement in the laws and practice, but at present there is no governmental guaranty behind the papers issued to any inven-

Scots as Pilate's Body Guard.

Of Andrew Carnegie the London Chronicle remarks: "Mr. Carnegie is not only a millionaire of millionaries: he is also a Scot of Scots, who, in spite of all temptations to belong to other nations, remains a Scotsman. Ever since the fifth century, he says, Scotsmen had led the world, but he might have gone five centuries further back still and asseverated that the bodyguard of Pontius Pilate was composed of Caledonians, the Dugald Dalgettys of their time. Such at least is the claim put forward by the Royal Scots, now the premier regiment of the British line, who are alternatively known as 'Pontius Pilate's bodyguard.'"

Justice Fuller's Idea of Interpreters. Chief Justice Fuller has but a small opinion of expert witnesses and entertains scarcely a more favorable opinion of interpreters. He is not at all averse to expressing his mind on these subjects, and on one occasion summed up his idea of an interpreter as follows:

"An interpreter is a person who translates a language he does not understand into one that he does not

Caruso, But Still-!

At a performance of "Aida," Caruso. as usual, soared into the highest altitudes of song with such consummate ease and thrilling power that he brought down the house-with the exception of one critical young woman in the family circle. "Lou," she observed to her compan-

ion, "ain't it funny that Caroozer don't seem to gripe your noives the way he does on the record? Queer, ain't it?"

Unusual Freedom. "Are all married men as carefully

watched as jokesmiths say they are?" "Certainly not. I know a married man who is allowed two nights out every week, just so he comes home before 11 o'clock, and tells his wife exactly where he has been and brings some sort of little gift, just to show that he has been thinking about her all the time.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Lessons from Experience. Publius Syrus: Learn to see in another's calamity the ills which you should avoid.

Double Use for Electric Fan. The electric fan for winter ventilation is quite as important as for summer cooling.-Philadelphia Record.

Laughter Sometimes Out of Place. Quintillian: A laugh costs too much if it is bought at the expense of pro-