A READING LESSON.

THEY sat in a dusky corner Turning the leaves of a book, O er each picture fair, Or legend there. Bending with eager look.

She was a modest maiden. And he was a timid youth;
And the volume they view
Together—those two—
Is a bit of fiction, forsooth.

And there wasn't as pretty a picture In all the book, I'll engage, As the one that leaned— By the twilight screened-Well over the printed page;

His tresses with hers so blending They turned to a lighter shade; While the cheek of the youth Was in very truth
As red as the cheek of the maid. The shadows began to deepen.

The printed page was a blur Yet he did not close The book, nor propose A change of employment to her. But as in their eager reading

Their hands together had met. In the same warm clasp, More than friendly grasp, They lingered, and lingered yet. Nor needed they for a moment In each other's face to look

For the secret guessed Was at once confessed, And each heart was an open book!

—Josephine Pollard, in N. Y. Ledger.

THE LAZIEST MAN IN TOWN.

"Notion o' buyin' Solomon's farm?" "Hardly know, yet." "You'll get out o' the notion when you see it," said the first, as the two

farmers, each on horse-back, took the little further on to the village of Hard-"Why, that's not the place?" ex-

done her utmost. "Yes, that's Solomon's farm; begins where you see that tumble-down fence,

that woods." "Well, I'm beat! I never would bills, have known the place. Ive not been

ain't he?" "Yes, that's their family burying-

the creek, was the vineyard."

"And the finest fruit you ever saw; stood riveted to the floor. but there's none, hardly, now. Guess the hogs got all the apples this year, for there's not a fence on the place worth

old shed, in the yard? looks like a "It is a tombstone-the old man

Boyd's tombstone; and the other side of that bush you can see the old wom-"Well, why in the name of common

sense ain't they back there on the graves, where they belong? Rather ghostly ornaments for a door-yard." "Why, there was provision in the will for tombstones, and so they were bought and paid for; the dealer brought 'em out from town, and set 'em down here for Solomon to put in their proper places. He was so mortal slow about it that, finally, some of the churchmembers offered to put 'em up. But the base blocks, or whatever you call the big square stones they put next the ground, had been put under the corner of the house there where you see it's sunk down; some of the timbers lad rotted out, and the house was about to tumble. That wasn't the worst, though,'

find the graves." "Couldn't find the graves! You don't tell me that John Boyd's grave is lost! Why, he was one of the best men in the country.'

"And right well off, too. No, we couldn't tell his, or his wife's, from a good many others that's not marked; and the locust sprouts and 'pisea' vines were so thick we could hardly tell where any of 'em were. Solomon thought the one next the fence was his mother's, but he was not sure. Step this way," added he, quickly, as they dismounted; "you'll go through there

and get a sprain. And the warning was not in vain, for the board walk, which led from the barngate (held up by a rail) to the house, was rotten, broken and jagged.

"Watch out, too, where you step on that porch. The well is just covered with a board. Used to have a chain pump, and a trough to carry the water to a big cemented basin in the milkhouse," explained he further, as they approached the tottering, leaky porch which ran along two sides of the house, looking very much as if it wanted to part company with the main building. "Why has everything gone to de-struction in this way? Looks like an

army had been through here. Is Solomon sickly?" asked the other as they "No." was slowly answered. "He's

healthy as any man 'round here. The fact is, Solomon's lazy. Nothing suits him as well as goin' to town; and if he can just get stuck on a jury, and sit round the Court House about three weeks, with Mandy and the child home doin' the work, he's in clover." "That reminds me-how was that

Martin-Johnson case decided last Octo-"Wasn't decided at all. Got to be

all gone over. Cost like fury, too. His doin's," nodding toward the house. "On the jury and would not agree with evasive answer. the rest; he never does-so knowing and stubborn, whew! He oversizes the Scripture account, for Solomon's wiser child was dying?" asked Mandy, and sore limbs and in hunger, to enthan eleven men that can render a rea-

Let us go back nearly twenty years, when the house and every field and more rapidly than usual, while it which has been nearly worn out, and fence betokened industry and good dawned on Mandy's mind that he was will not last half of a natural life time. management. Solomon is seventeen, Jim fifteen, and Mandy, the bound girl, again, and did not wake until morning. Will not last half of a natural life time. There is a law in Louisiana for the protection of animals against such cruabout the same age. Solomon has the One moment Mandy stood irresolute. elty as you petitioner daily suffers, but reputation, which quiet people often Her first thought was to run for the it never protects your petitioner. In have, undeservedly, for great sagacity. doctor herself, her next that she must view of these barbarous practices— He had early learned, however, what folly wisdom is, when it leads to work; ment—it might—oh, could it be too titlese barbarous practices—which are worse than death to your petitioner and his unfortunate companand had saved himself many a trip to late? the barn by not being able to tell a "Oh, my Father!" she cried, with tion of this species of property, thus blind-bridle from a saddle-girth, and streaming eyes. And the Father heard damaging greatly the public interests and sent her strength for this hour. how to sur the apple-butter, so as to keep it from burning. Yet all, except Jim. esteemed him wise beyond his room.

"Has the doctor come?" asked Mrs. view of the defenseless condition and the utter helplessness of all who suffer in this manner.

"Do you know, Jim," said Solomon, such apparent calmness that the kind one day, with great benignity, "that old soul suspected nothing wrong.

Christian State—as the law-givers of that State, who have power to protect

lower creation-

"Certainly, why not? If other of the looked appealingly at the mother." ...Well, say, Sol, give us a specimen

of the snail vernacular, with a translation, won't you? Teach you goose Latin, if you will," continued Jim, as Solomon glanced angrily toward him. "You may be a goose, but I'm not a snail," growled Sol; and he threw no more chunks of wisdom to Jim for a fondly on her cheek.

The mother's head sunk down on the treatment by heartless masters, or by others who may be intrusted with them. thick voice of Nannie.

"Solomon has a turn for books," ex- alone. Diphtheria claimed many preplains his mother. "Now, Jim," con-tinues she, "is more for tradin'; but la! cious victims that spring, and the doc-tor had been called in another direction childhood.

he never keeps nothin'. Mandy, you half an hour earlier. No matter, the go and get some wood, and be sure to "lamb" was in the Upper Fold. brush the snow off, it's so wet and plow, and it snows like winter. "It's too cold to work out to-day,"

"Solomon, does your stor ach feel better?" suddenly asks the old lady. it for you?"

his big arm-chair by the fire.

boy occasional fits of dyspepsia. Having eaten the chicken, he leans musingly against the window. "Wish I had the paper from the postoffice."

"Can't you step over and get it?" asks his mother, kindly. lame excuse he offers for not going, as door, too." he lounges into a chair again. The railroad ran across the corner of the

village, just on the other side. wife made a mistake in allowing Solo- gars to start a store.' mon so much leisure for books, and Jim so much money for trading. However, ly, for he had that day received a letter we leave that for those parents to de- from Jim, which ran thus: cide whose boys have all turned out "Bro. Sol.: I have this day received precisely as they once planned. One a letter from Skinner, concerning a idea was uppermost in their minds, and note on which I am the supposed secuthat was, to spare their children, if pos- rity. How is this? You must have put sible, the privations and hardships they my name on that paper yourself, for I themselves had undergone. John Boyd am sure I never did." (Idleness and himself once had a "turn for books" vice go hand in hand.) "Furthermore,

from want of capital. Time passed. The father and mother Have taken the children out of school, died, leaving the farm to Solomon, and and cut down the wages of nearly all road leading to Solomon Boyd's, and a its equivalent in money to Jim, who my hands," etc., etc.

Solomon did not have the usual on all spring, and, finally, from want of claimed the other, when they had reached the top of a hill overlooking a Mandy. He needed some one to keep and another grave was made among the tract of country for which Nature had house for him, and Mandy could "cook forgotten. just like mother"-a qualification few | Summer passed, frost came, and one

wives possess. The neighbors often wondered how of the shop-store now, for Jim did and reaches to the forks in the road, Solomon Boyd, who never worked, and send the cigars, and these constituted and further back than you can see, for who dragged around slower every year, the entire stock. The express stopped found money to pay his taxes and store | -- an unusual thing at Hardscrabble

Sometimes Mandy wondered, too, and got off and made his way up to Soloup this way before since Solomon's fretted some over the leaky house and mon's door. father died; that must be nine or ten broken well. Nevertheless, she trusted years ago. Let's see, he must be buried all to Solomon's superior judgment; for just beyond that big walnut-tree yonder, you remember that he said little and was reckoned wise.

One evening, when their little Nannie ground; good many others buried there, was six years old, 'Squire Skinner came though; must be more'n twenty graves over. Mandy was in the kitchen, getthere. That field, covered with briers," ting supper. Hearing loud, angry continued he, "which slopes down to words from the sitting-room, she hastily times and big expenses broke me up. that old broken-down stone wall, along entered to close the door to the bedroom | The Howards got me a through ticket, beyond, where Nannie lay sick, when or I would not be here now.' "Solomon's father used to ship loads the words "mortgage," "sell the "Where's your wife and children?" of grapes to Baltimore, and on East, so farm," with oaths from Skinner, seemed "Dead," answered Jim, sadly; to freeze the blood in her veias, and she "buried 'em all in one week.'

"I've been put off as long as I'm Great Waster. The cigar-shop is a goin' to," said the 'Squire. "I worked lounging place for idlers, where vastly hard for that money, and now I'm goin' more talk and trivial controversy tranto have it. And Johnson and Burbank spire each day than business. Solo-"What's that leaning against that wants their'n, too. Nice state of affairs mon, slovenly clad, hair uncombed, for a man that's had the chance you've half the buttons gone from his clothes. had—best farm in the State, and three shoes run down at the heel, and minus mortgages hangin' over it."

muttered Solomon. "Not loafin' round and lettin' things go to pieces, and borrowin' money from | work-bench, which serves for a counter. everybody," retorted Skinner. "Yes, and I wrote to Jim about that threehundred dollar note that he's security for." At this Solomon looked up with a jerk, "Intend havin' a grand final settlement with you fellers," growled do, and try to lay up some money. Skinner, as he strode away.

Mandy sunk down on the floor where she stood, her head drooping lower until it rested on her knees, around which her arms were tightly locked. She understood it all now. They had been living on other people's money, and now the farm must go to pay their A choking cough from the bedroom

roused her. She arose, gave Nannie a drink, then finished up the evening continued he, slowly; "we couldn't work with such an aching heart. Solomon dozed a while over an old dictionary, and finally shambled off up stairs to bed, while Mandy remained with the sick child.

Midnight came, and Nannie was more restless and feverish. Two-

"Solomon, get up, Nannie is worse." asked he, turning heavily, making the are connected, and also consider our cord bedstead creak like an old door. the doctor."

"Is it daylight?" but it's starlight. Here, I'll leave the lamp on the stairs. Now, do hurry, for once," said Mandy, almost bitterly, as the description of the soil is able to "No, nor won't be for two hours; she descended to the kitchen, where she | pay heavy taxes; without us agricultgrabbed a shawl and ran to a near ural pursuits in the State would be im-

tap on the window. She flew back home, found the lamp on the stairs

"Where's Solomon?" asked Mrs. Burk, soon after her arrival. "Gone after the doctor." "And none too soon," said the elder lady, looking critically at the sick child.

"There, don't cry, Mandy-hope for the Then she busied herself with the all was done, they still waited long and day in a hot sun, with galled shouldanxiously for Solomon and the doctor. ers and a back covered with sores as

wildly. "I'll go right away," said he; "guess and curses that are hard to endure. it's daylight." And he shambled off He is young in years, but old in body

"Not yet," replied Mandy, with the representatives of a great and

"Nannie, are you 'fraid?"
The child shook her head feebly. "Are you Jesus' little lamb?" "Yes-Jesus -lamb," murmured the

After a while Solomon came, but

How Mandy lived through the sucnasty. I do wish, Solomon, that your ceeding days those can best understand father would come in; it's early yet to whose only treasure lies buried in a little grave. For such there is but one sweet balm, one sure comfort. A few weeks later the farm was sold; says the young man, decidedly, from

and the entire proceeds therefrom did not pay Solomon Boyd's debts. "Mandy," said Uncle Zade, a dis-"Could you eat a bit o' chicken if I fixed | tant relative, who had remained with them a few days after the sale, "you Lack of exercise and over-eating know that shop-lot of mine, over in cause this rather fat, healthy-looking town" (he called Hardscrabble, town).

" Into that old shop?" "Yes; it won't be so bad for this summer. That back room, where the turning-lathe was, has a good floor. The boards on the roof's slipped round so "Don't want to be on the track when that it leaks some, but Solomon can the Express is so near due," is the very easy fix that, and put hinges on the Mandy sighed.

"And Solomon might fix up that Boyd farm, between the house and the shed, in front, for a shop of some kind," continued the old man encouragingly. It may be that John Boyd and his "Maybe Jim would send you a few ci-

"He might," said Solomon, dubious-

and a "turn" for trade, too. Yet books it is impossible for me to pay it. Busiwere denied him; and many times had ness is dull; expenses enormous. Last he seen some duller man pocket the year the books showed a balance in my big profits" resulting from a specula- favor of ten thousand dollars, yet it did tion, into which he had not ventured not meet my family and personal expenses. Trying this year to retrench.

proceedeth, forthwith, to a Southern | Moving to the shop, in the rain, Mandy caught a hard cold, which hung

afternoon Solomon sat in the front door and a man, having a sickly, sallow look, ".Jim!"

"The same, Sol."

"Well, you don't look the same." "Been having the yellow fever," exclaimed Jim. "You know how it has been down there with us this summer." "Why didn't you come North?"

"Didn't have the money. Hard

Here we leave the Sluggard and the strings, folds his hands and slumbers, "Can't make any money on a farm," while his customers help themselves to cigars, and are supposed to drop the money in a box beside them on the old Now and then Uncle Zade drops in, and

his kindly advice is always this: "Now, Solomon, don't make any more debts; live honest. Work is the best investment yet. Get something to Work is no disgrace, except when bad-ly done."—Debbie Dunbar.

A Mule's Petition to the Legislature. THE New Orleans Picayune prints the following petition, which it alleges was presented to the Louisiana Legis-

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana: Your humble petitioner begs leave to represent to your honorable body that he, in company with about one hundred tions, is suffering under a servitude of the most brutalizing nature, and that, with some honorable exceptions, we are three o'clock. Mandy could wait no compelled to submit to hardships of the most cruel character. Our masters and oppressors place a high value upon "Can't you do something for her?" the species of property with which we services indispensable in carrying on "I have done all I can. We must have the plantations and farms of the State of Louisiana, which State your honorable body represents. Our value in the census list, including all of this kind of possible, and the whole domain of the "Yes, Mandy, I'll come as quick as waste howling wilderness." When State would be waste lands, and "a I can," was Mrs. Burk's answer to her well fed and well cared for we serve our masters cheerfully; but starvation where she had left it, and the house all valuable service, and hurry thousands of our species yearly to premature graves. Your petitioner has often been scourged with raw-hide lash and booppoles, in a half-starved condition, often nearly perishing for want of water to cool his parched tongue and feverish body, and has been cursed as though he were the most hardened convict, because he could not draw a load which countless deeds the sick-room suggests would be sufficient for two such as himto the experienced nurse. Yet, after self. He has been tortured day after Morning came, and the lamp was painful as those of Lazarus, or as the blown out. Mandy heard shuffling feet | boils of Job; and when humane neighin the kitchen. In an instant she was bors appealed to his master to grant re-

there, and saw her husband, his hat lief from this suffering, the reply was down over his eyes, standing before the that your petitioner was his property and he had a right to do with it as he "Directly! Why didn't you bring hungry and often thirsty all night long, him with you? Did you tell him the and rises up in the morning with stiff dure another day's work under stripes

ions-in view of the abuse and destruchonorable body to inquire into these great wrongs set forth in this petition, and to enact such laws, in addition to that already enacted and referred to in this petition, as may more effectually

TENNYSON is one of twelve children who were all clever verse-makers in their

protect your petitioner and all others

in the State, who suffer from cruel-

HOME, PARM AND GARDEN.

ONE mode of protecting the trees gainst insects that crawl up to the bark, consists in fastening a rope around the tree and nailing a strip of tin four inches wide around the rope, where they may be killed by applying

MR. SANBORN, of New Hampshire, thinks, after careful experiment, that currying cattle prevents them from fattening. If this is so with fat cattle, what must be the effect upon cows in milk, whose bones are so much nearer the surface? THE chief products of decaying veg-

table matter are carbonic acid gas, carburetted hydrogen gas and sulphuretted hydrogen gas. All these are prejudicial to health; therefore be careful to remove all decaying vegetable matter from your dwellings. TREATMENT FOR STIFLE LAMENESS IN Houses.-Take one or two tablespoonfuls of raw (i. -c. before it is

boiled) linseed-oil and rub it over the stifle-joint thoroughly; then bathe or heat it in with a hot shovel or iron; if it does not get well in three or four days repeat it. CANKER-WORMS often change the bearing year of whole orchards, greatly to the owner's benefit; they are easv destroyed with Paris green when no longer wanted. Cultivation, manur-

crop from many varieties of apples nearly every year. WRITERS often advocate a change of food for cows, because human beings get tired of one kind of food. Our experience says Land and Home, is that the only change cows like is from poor to rich food, as from hay to corn-meal, or fresh grass. Changes in any other way always require several days to get the cows to eating freely.

A GERMAN gardener has found by experience that black or green flies, caterpillars, etc., are at once destroyed by syringing the plants affected by them with water in which the stems of the tomato plant have been well boiled. The liquor is applied when cold, and not only kills the insects, but leaves an odor which prevents others from com-

GERMAN chemists claim to have proven that a change of the quality of a cow's food does not change the quality of her milk. This seems good philoso-phy, as it would greatly hurt the calf if the quality of the milkchanged every time the cow got hold of a new kind of food. Yet many of our best dairymen say the amount of cream is greatly affected by a change of food from poor to

Horn all is quite common among cattle in the spring, and is indicated, at first, by a dry nose and loss of appetite. A simple remedy, yet one which is very often effective, is to grasp the hide on the back firmly, and, by pulling it up, loosen it the whole length of the backbone. Sometimes there will be a cracking, but no harm will be done, and the animal will show signs of improvement surprisingly soon

writer says: Last fall I had two cocks must terminate in metal points, well affected; the first one was almost projected into the air. These points affected; the first one was almost choked to death when I found him, a in the windpipe. I had saved the lives carried down into the earth, and be of others by taking it out with the connected with it by a surface contact nel the size of a child's finger, opened the cock's beak and another person rod, except when they are liable to be blew a half teaspoonful of sulphur down his throat. We put him out, I supposed, to die, but he did not, and after the third dose he could crow as loudly as ever.

CARROT PLUM PUDDING. - Quarter pound flour and as much of suet. For carrots, do not take the long ones, select the more tender short ones; grate fine the same quantity of raw carrot; use a quarter of a pound of white pulverized sugar, same of currants and of raisins: grate in a third of a nutmeg, and add a very little cloves; mix all these ingredients well up together; if it be too stiff, add a very little milk, but generally there is water enough in the carrots to hold the mixture together; tie up in a light cloth and boil for six hours. If properly managed, this pudding makes very handsome appearance at table.

Eat with a hard sauce. Is spermaceti is dropped on any garment, or furniture, first carefully scrape off all that can be removed without injury to the material; then lay brown paper over the spot, or a piece of blotting paper, and put a warm iron on the paper until the oil shows through. Continue to renew the paper and apply the warm iron until the paper shows no ink and iron-mold the most so of all. Whenever much writing is done in a house, and children have free access to the writing desk, books, papers and the carpet are most likely to bear the marks of misrule, but the injury is not irre-

In regard to the use of hen manure and the health of poultry, D. N. Kern, in the Practical Farmer, gives his management, which is well worth copying: I clean my poultry houses every nine head and in the third house fortyeight head-in all, eighty head, and the droppings from them weigh forty-four pounds every week. During the months of July, August and September, I had 100 head. As soon as I have my poulis, the sooner you give your hen ma- per would not be much affected. nure to the needy soil, the sooner you get the profit from it. Not long ago I visited a certain man and to my astonishment I saw about two tons of hen manure lying in his large poultry house. No wonder the chicken cholera comes around."

Oregon's Floating Island.

Among the many natural curiosities of this country it is not generally known that there is a 'floating island Up in the Siskiyous,' lying like a pearl in the great mountain chain, is Squaw Lake, a beautiful sheet of water, now utilized by a mining company as a reservoir. For many years the lake has been a favorite and delightful resort for fishing parties and contained, nearly in its center, an island comprising about one acre of ground covered with luxu-"Do you know, Jim," said Solomon, one day, with great benignity, "that animals have a language of their own, by which they communicate with each old soul suspected nothing wrong.

A strange feeling came over Mandy while she watched the little girl—so quiet now after the restless night. A half of abuse and suffering and dying companions, your petitioner prays your the island rose slowly until it had been to protect the weak and innocent against the strong and dying companions, your petitioner prays your the island rose slowly until it had been to protect the weak and innocent against the strong and dying the weak and suffering and dying the island rose slowly until it had been the strong and the strong and the strong and dying the strong and the strong and dying the strong and dy elevated fully sixteen feet above its original level. It would be a question for the naturalist rather than the geologist to determine the age of this floating island, as it is evidently made up entirely of decayed vegetation. Perhaps at some remote period the roots of a tree, uptorn by the mountain storm, drifting out into the lake, formed the nucleus from which the island has grown, but it seems singular that it should have remained anchored and unchangeable in its position. - Johnsonville

Poetry of the Multiplication Table.

bard's "Newspaper Directory of the World," published by him at New Haven, Ct., we extract the following highly interesting and instructive facts and figures in regard to newspapers: There are 10,131 American (U. S. and Canada) newspapers-899 dailies, 8,428 weeklies, tri-weeklies and semi-weeklies, 804 monthlies and semi-monthlies. The total circulation of a single issue of each of these papers (omitting 1,920 not given) reaches the enormous aggregate of 20,677,538 copies, divided as follows: Dailies, 3,540,156; weeklies, tri-weeklies and semi-weeklies, 13,511,-424; monthlies and semi-monthlies, 3,625,958. This is an average of 2,041 to each paper for a single issue, and taking all issues of the whole for one year a grand total of 1,836,473,592 copies. Taking ordinary 40-pound newspaper at its average measure of 4,000 sheets (solid) to the foot, one issue of all these piled up would measure 5,170 feet (nearly a mile) in height, or for a whole year 459,119 feet (over 87 miles high). Counting them all at the average size of 27 x 41 inches, and placed end to end, one issue would extend 70,648,255 feet (13,380 miles); for one year, 6,274,618,106 feet (1,188,374 miles), or over 47 times around the earth, and five times the distance from the earth to the moon. In a thousand ing and proper pruning will insure a ems of type there are nearly 2,000 different pieces, and in an average fourpage eight-column paper, set in solid brevier type, there are 148,000 ems (about 450 pounds), or 296,000 type in one newspaper. To print one issue of the total 10,131 papers of this average size, there must be handled nearly 5,000,000 pounds of type, or 2,998,776,-000 types. The total number of editions of these dailies, weeklies and monthlies for one year would make 724,796, and to print them occasions the handling of 2,173,499,849,696,000 types.

LIGHTNING-ROD CONSTRUCTION .-According to a late writer, certain conditions must be observed in putting up rods to insure their protection, viz: The main stem of a copper lightng con-ductor should never be less than fourtenths of an inch in diameter. This dimension is not sufficient for a building more than 80 feet high. Galvanized iron may be used instead of copper, but then the diameter must be greater in the ratio of 6.7 to 2.5, the conducting capacity of iron being to that of copper as 14 to 77. A galvanized iron-rope eight-tenths of an inch in diameter; a galvanized iron strip should be four inches wide and one-eighth of an inch thick. A lightning-rod must be continuous and unbroken from end to end. A rod need not be attached to a building by insulated fastenings; metal clamps may be safely employed, provided the rod be of good conducting capacity and CURE FOR ROUP .- An agricultural otherwise efficient. Above, the rod should be multiple and perfectly sharp. hard, cheesy substance having formed | The bottom of the conductor must be point of a scissors. In this case I took of large extent. All large masses of a piece of writing paper, made a fun- metal in a building should be metallically connected with the lightningoccupied by people during a thunder-storm; an iron balcony, for instance. In such cases it is better not to have the iron connected with the conductor, for there is some risk of persons standing on the balcony furnishing a path for the lightning to the rod.

which is about \$5,000,000.

EXPORTING ICE.-Ice has now become an interesting subject on account warm iron until the paper snows income twenty years since the welliam table or animal juices, resinous matter, table or tar, iron and ink spots, to Europe, and has done so well that it to Europe, and has done so well that it Saturday morning. In one house I for ice rapidly increases every year, and have eleven head, in another twenty- it is probable that, by the end of the

In Powder Form. it of them inclose 50 cents in postage stamp for one package, or \$1 for two packages, and I will send it by return mail. H. R. Stevens,

E. L. BAKER, a Minnesota miller, claims priority over Thomas B. Osborne, the Yale student, in the discovery that middlings can be purified by frictional

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the West. The engineer is delayed by a wash-out, and the Injun there is stimulated by a What It was. tties will be doubled. These averages are minimum rather than maximum. There is usually twice

of the exorbitant price which the ice companies have determined to demand for it. It is also interesting because the trade, both domestic and foreign, is largely American, and because we are the great consumers of the world. We had long used ice at home before we began to export it. Exportations were begun seventy-five years ago by Frederic Tudor, of Boston, who then sailed to Martinique in his own brig with a cargo of 130 tons. He continued in the business, though he made little or no money until after the war of 1812. Three years later he obtained important privileges from Cuba, including the monopoly of Havana. In May, 1833, he sent the first cargo to India, and it was delivered at Calcutta the following autumn; in 1834 he sent the first cargo to Brazil; and he carried on the trade alone until to send 20,000 tons annually to Great Britain, whose supply now comes mainly from Norway, 139,421 tons, valued at about \$650,000, having been imported thence in 1872. The total value of ice stored in this country in ordinary years is computed at from \$5,000,000 to \$6,-000,000, and of the ice trade of Norway, Sweden, and Russia at \$4,000,000, which shows that some \$10,000,000 are added to a comparatively small body of water merely by freezing. The demand century, the ice crop of the globe will be worth \$20,000,000.

PRICE OF PAPER .- An authority on this subject makes the following prediction: In view of the continued rise in try houses cleaned, I take the manure the price of the raw material and the and spread it over my wheat field, or probability that there will be no reducon a poor spot in my meadow, and you lion for the remainder of the year, the can take my word that a man with one probability is that the price of paper will eye can see where I put it. To put ma- be advanced considerably during the nure in a box or barrel and keep it one next two months. Should, however, year before it is put to a crop, I think any reaction take place in May, perhaps "Where's the doctor?"

"He'll be here directly," was the evasive answer.

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