AN INCIDENT.

UNARMED and unattended walks the Czar Through Moscow's busy street one winter The crowd uncover as his face they see—
"God greet the Czar:" they say. Along his path there moved a funeral,

Gray spectacle of poverty and woe.

A wretched sledge, dragged by one weary ma
Slowly across the snow, And on the sledge. blown by the winter wind, Lay a poor coff.a, very rude and bare. And he who d'ew it bent before his load, With du! and sullen air.

The Emperor stopped and beckoned to the "Who is't thou bearest to the grave?" "Only a soldier, Sire!" the short reply.
"Only a soldier dead."

"Only a soldier!" musing, said the Czar;
"Only a Russian, who was poor and brave,
Move on. I follow. Such an one goes not nhonored to his grave."

He bent his head, and silent raised his cap: The Czar of all the Brisslas, pacing slow, Following the coffin, as again it went, Slowly across the snow.

The passets of the street, all wondering. Looked on that eight, then followed silently; Peasant and prince, and artisan and clerk,

Still, as they went, the crowd grew ever more, Till thousands stood around the friendless Led by that princely heart, who, royal, true,

ored the poor and brave.

Agnes Maclonell, in London Speciator. Note-This incident is narrated by a lady who was living in Moscow when it took place,

## MODERN MAGIC.

An Explanation of Aerial Suspenalon, Decapitation, Cafe Mogul, Magic Cage, and Other Tricks,

BETWEEN the modern prestidigitateur and the old-time conjurer there is a wide a couple of upright brass rods fixed in difference, not only in his appearance the centre-table. Two large silk pocketand style of living, but in the character handkerchiefs were placed over cage of his performances and the apparatus and box, and Hermann, standing at the used. The stock in trade of him who small table, fired a pistol, instantly long syne amused a few gaping rustics withdraw the pecket-handkerchiefs, and by making a hasty-pudding in a hat or showed the glass box empty and the drawing a rabbit from a frightened cage full of canaries. For a long time, woman's gown and that of the gentle- as has been said, this trick was a puzman who, clad in faultless evening at- zler; but the following was found to be tire with diamond stude sparkling on its explanation: The ordinary looking the bosom of an immaculate shirt, per- cage had in reality a false top, or rather forms his feats on a handsome stage be-fore a fashionable audience, are no more the cage was peaked, and between its alike than their possessors. It would ridge and the bottom of the taves was form an interesting and odd study to what might be called a garret. Defore trace, step by step, the changes that being brought on the stage the same have led to the present condition of taumber of canaries were therein conthings, but in this article it is only in- fined as the box contained. The wires tended to show, by describing a few which held the cage suspended were hitherto unexplained tricks, how elabor- connected with a battery outside. The ate and costly is the para nernalia of a glass box was also peculiarly construct-modern magician. Herrmann, now ed. The sides were secured by brass that his brother has retired, that poor miter joints, but the bottom and top Heller is dead, and that Cazeneuve is still were beld together by wires conceeled hampere's by an interpreter, may be re- by these joints, and could at will be slid garded as occupying a representative down until the top formed the bottom position among dealers in the black and the bottom hung below, sustained (dress-suit) art. The illusion given by the corner wires, like the standards under the title of "Asleep in Mid Air," of a what-not. When the box is laced had been performed long before Herr-mann had any idea of calling it his own. and at the moment the pistol is fired The trick, we believe, is of French in- Herrmann presses the spring, the trap vention, although it was years ago pre-sented at the Egyptian Hall, London bottom of the box, and the canaries are It is only necessary to say, in explain- thus forced out of their quarters. The ing this "realization of an Arabian spring is released, the box receives again Night's Dream," that when the person to top and bottom in their places, and who is to be suspended in mid air is the canaries are left in the table. Codressing herself, she buckles around her instantaneously with this maneuver the a light but strong frame composed of watchful attendant presses the bottom leather and steel bands. These bands of the battery, the floor of the stage are so arranged that the wearer could "garret" gives way and the released be suspended from any of them and re- birds flutter down into the cage. tain the free use of her limbs. The only point of attachment made use of new one, and the Chronicic readers, of in this trick is a snap-hook behind the course, knew that the magician comes right shoulder. Mile. Addie, it will be upon the stage with the bowls and their remembered, rested her feet on a stool set between two upright rods about six his coat, a stout rubber cover that fits feet high, her elbows resting on top of tightly over the rims of the bowls, the rods. The rod under the girl's keeping both water and fish from esright shoulder is really a tube, down caping. The large handkerchief which which passes a strong but small rope, with a catch at the upper end. Under pretense of arranging his wife's drapery, Herrmann slips this catch into the snaphook spoken of, the attendant below the this damp cover grasped in the handstage grasps the rope, and by an easily- kerchief is the reason, by the by, that a understood system of leverage not only new handkerchief is required for each keeps Mile. Addie erect when Herr- new bowl. But Herrmann introduced a mann removes the stool and left-handed rod, but also draws her into a horizontal this trick. The fish-bowls, when exhibposition. Resting securely in her frame, ited, had each a stand of some two or Mile. Addie moves arms and legs actions three inches high and shaped like a cording to her husband's disposition squat tripod. It of course seemed im-

One of Herrmann's most remarkable

tricks was that of "Decapitation." Some years ago a magician who per- fixture it seemed to be. To be sure it formed in this city as a Turk, we believe, introduced a more ghastly ver bowl, but all these legs were hinged so sion of the same feat. He gave his entertainments at Platt's Hall, and made like three flat fingers, without at all, or this beheading the sensation of his last materially, increasing its bulk. The week. The hall was darkened, a strain of weird music was rang out of a piano, to the rythm of which the magi- may become in the art of palming, and cian marched slowly on the stage, ac- amateurs who may wish to occasionally companied by a pale-faced youth. The attendant laid himself upon a table in the center of the stage and was put to of success in diablerie is practice. The sleep by mesmeric passes; the magician mechanical aids to the more elaborate arranged a cloth about the victim's tricks are, as we have already seen, neck, drew a seimiter, sent it hissing costly and of intricate construction. through the air, and with one sweep San Francisco Chronicle. drew the blade through the youth's neck, separating the head from the body. Women used to faint and men shudder, as the head was lifted up with the blood streaming from it and placed upon a salver to be "handed around for the company to examine." The cold lub delivered an address on the Central caput mortuis was then taken back and South African tribes from the South ed to the body, a little magic pow- Coast to the Zambesi. Dr. Holub had der was sprinkled over the points of found along the South Coast traces of contact, and the subject, being awak-ened, sat up, looked dreamily around burnt bones of wild animals, none of and backed of the stage. The explanation is simple enough. The youth's Other tribes once belonged to the rehead lay on a trap in the table large gions between the Limpopo and the enough to admit of both head and Zambesi, and here were found ruins of shoulders. In the cavity of the table towns, generally in the vicinity of was a rubber head admirably construct- mines, especially gold mines. The ed to resemble that of the attendant, with a little stage blood in the hollow mountains, put together without any of the neck. At the moment of sup- cement, but so well fitted that they have posed decapitation, the magician, who stood for hundreds of years. Some of stood with his back to the audience, the ruins were formed of blocks of gran- can have little idea now of the effect it pressed upon the attendant's head, ite in the shape of bricks. The tops of had upon backwoods folks who saw it it, bleeding, aloft, the cloth about the mains probably belong to those who inhead. To "recapitate" the youth it potapa, mentioned by the Dutch and was only necessary to drop the rubber Portuguese traders as existing two hunhead back in its place, release the spring of the trap which brought the attendant's head to its proper level, and the trick was done. With Herrmann children prisoners, and educate the latthe more horrible adjuncts were done ter as warriors of the victorious tribe: away with, and a vein of comedy was in this way whole tribes have ceased to introduced into the act. At the same exist in South Africa. Even since Livtime the simplicity of the feat was destroyed by the use of expensive and cumbrous machinery. The rustic, who complains of a "sorter buzzin" in his nated. Dr. Holub divided the living head, was, it will be remembered, seat- tribes into three races—the Bushmen, ed in a large arm-chair, the back of the Hottentots, and the Bantus; he which was thickly padded, with two found a link between the Bushmen and in the receiver, because he speaks race is divided into three tribes—the no tracks on the dead leaves, and carfor you can't imagine what satisfacthrough the open visor in full sight of real Hottentots, the Griquas and the

Jay Gould's Relired Pessessions. "TATH" says in a recent letter the Cincinnati Enquirer: Jay Gould's

opening of which is concealed by the towel and the receiver, Master Rusticus rests his head behind the chair, with his body recumbent and the "receive?" left standing empty on as thest, close to the neck. His right hand is now adroitly drawn up, whilst he struggle: ceived new attention to-day by the puband kicks as Herrmann plies his mili-derous knife, and a false head, which is than any other man. The Pennsylhung behind the chair-back, is intro-duced into the receiver. The receiver, with its burden, is piaced upon a cabinet which occupies the center of the stage, the vizor is opened to show that the head is still there, and then dropped again. This cabinet, shaped like a safe, apparently contains deep shelves filled with bottles, skulls, etc. In reality there are 8,168 miles of road, Mr. these shelves are very shallow, a mirror, Gould is still seeking to conirol other which is of the same height and breadth | roads, and reports are current that he of the cabinet, being placed in such a is efter the Ohio & Misstssippi, the position as to leave about four-fifths of Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & the cabinet vacant. In this vacant space, indianapolis, and the Indianapolis, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & sits the smallest of the Lorellas, "made up" to look like the countryman; when the receiver is placed on the cabinet, and, the vizor down, Lorella No. 2 opens the trap on which it rests, removes the false head and inserts his own. Herrmann takes away the receiver, the head makes the presumed last dying speech and then falls over. this movement being given to the supposed member by the young man in the cabinet leaning his head on one side. The third Lorella plays the "Devil," by a galvanie battery behind the There was one trick in Herrmann's reportory which for a long time puzzled is. The reader will remember that a

small glass box, about hine by four

inches, was exhibited, containing a

number of canaries. This was placed

on one of the side-tables, and a cage of

ordinary size and appearance was passed

among the audience, who were thus en-

abled to see that it was "perfectly

empty." The cage was then suspended

from two wires, which were fastened to

The fish-bowl trick is by no means a

contents neatly stowed away beneath

clever novelty into his performance of

possible that such an unwieldly article

could be concealed upon any one's per-

Extinct Races.

Cincinnati & Lafavette, aggregating 16,227 miles. In some States all the leading lines are under Gould's management. He has a formidable competitor in the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, but all the other routes in Kansas are in his grasp. In Missouri he controls or is interested in every east and west line, except the Chleago & Alton. In Colorado he has every mile of road except that owned by the Atchison, and all the lines in Utah are within his control. The fact that at and the articulated skeleton is worked present Gould has no connection with Louisville, Cincinnati and Cleveland adds weight to the report that 26 is after the Obio & Mississippi. Gould's relations with the Baltimore & Ohio folks have been very intimate lately. Gould's American Union Telegraph wires were put on the road by the Baltimore & Ohio managers, and Gould and Garrett have been much in conference lately, and before Gould's late Western trip. Were Gould to secure the Ohio & Mississippi, and then strike a compact with the Baltimore & Ohio managers, he would get a through outlet to the seaboard for all his roads west of the Mississippi; and were he to get control of the Iron Mountain Road, which rumor credits him with having in view, his system west of the great river would be well-nigh perfect. By use of the New Jersey Central, New York would be reached in connection with the Baltimore & Ohio. That Gould is actively negotiating to effect such an arrangement is believed by many long-

> llow a Horse Remembered His Old Master.

headed men in Wall street.

I OWNED a very gentle stock horse for two years, which I sold to go South in 1848, and for intelligence, kindness and affection for those having him in charge exceeded anything I ever witnessed in any animal. After the horse went South I did not see him for two hired a team and drove out to see him; arrival. The man in attendance not him out; I informed him that I preferred to go into his stall alone, to which he objected, saying he was not fond of strangers, but a friend being with me said he thought there would be no trouble as I had owned him before he came South. Therefore I was permitted to enter his stall, they closed the door, and I found the horse eating his grain from a box in one corner of the stall, and took no notice of me on enthe name given him by the family, he he would not return to his feed, but all their profanity upon. followed me about the stall, kept as close to me as possible, and when I left tried to push out the door. He watched Cor. Household.

## Stories About Elephants.

son. The tripod, however, was not the Nobody in the country professes to was riveted on to the bottom of the know as much about elephants as Stewart Craven does. He began his experience with famous old Tippoo Saib in from behind. Just beyond the breast works, it was nece sary to pass over a spectacular production at the Broadway greater part of Herrmann's tricks was to Theater. Since then, with the exception be taken as a proof of how adept a man of a couple of years spent in cattleherding in Texas, he has always been with elephants. He is a tall, raw-boned. amuse their friends by a little parlor powerful man, with a quiet, serious air magic are assured that the true secret that the elephants seem to like, and they appear to understand him as well as he does them. "When he is contented and feels safe," says Mr. Craven, in answer to a question, "the elephant always lies soldiers persuaded with whoops and down to sleep, I believe; but he can sleep standing up, if there is any occasion for it. When we were on board the Floating Palace on the Mississippi AT a recent meeting of the London River in 1854, Tippoo Saib laid down and slept for the first three months as Anthropological Institute Dr. Emil Horegularly as any body connected with the show did. But then one night a steamboat ran into us-came crashing into the Palace, and came near sinking us. The accident happened while Tippoo Saib was lying down, and frightened him so that as long as we remained on the domestic animals, and broken shells. Floating Palace, full six months after, of his heels, the animal started on a he never laid down except in a performance. It seems to be as easy for an elephant to lie down and get up as for a dog, and takes no more time; but when he imagines that any danger is about, he houses were of stone, on the top of wants to be on his feet to meet it.

"The elephant was a great card in the South and West in those days. You

this swinging portion of the back is three cuts on the chest made with ap-hinged. On this flap, so to speak, the propriate ceremony.

town, was attracted by the appearance of a little garden, went in, found it to his liking and ate it up. Then he went reaching out after new railroads relication in a financial newspaper of the fact that he controls more miles of road vania lines controlled by Colonel Scott

elephanus?" "Yes, often. There is never any absolute certainty that a bull elephant ute but se a tule !! can be sein for several days before they get one of their fits of rage that they are becoming dangerous. Then the keeper has to use determination and judgment in addition to the watchfulness he must always maintain. Romeo was the worst beast I ever had in my charge. In the winter of 1847, when Romes was wintering cut on Miller's farm. near Hatboro, eighteen miles from Philadelphia, he killed his keeper. by showing myself to him from time to of trees, and their general uses.

through, and stationed two men at it to | could be protected and promoted. pull me through if I could not pass it dare to trust himself on those beams, and was fairly trapped where I could go right out in front of him and punish him with spear and shot until he was subdued. But it was a daily disappointment and grief to him as long as he

could not kill me."-N. Y. Sun.

lived and had me in his sight that he

An Army Incident. THE country had few more efficient tering. I stepped into the opposite servants, during the war, than the corner, when, on calling the horse by "unwept, unhonored and unsting" mule. Occasionally he was self-willed immediately left his grain and came and troublesome with his heels. But bounding toward me like a child to its that was his emphatic protest against parent, smelled me over from head to the unsympathetic handling of white foot, laid his head on my shoulder, teamsters. A negro seldom had any closed his eyes, and commenced hand- trouble with a mule, owing to a mysing up one foot and then the other to terious affinity which adapted each to shake hands as I taught him years be- the other. Again and again we have fore. No mortal ever expressed more seen a negro make one or more obstijoy and gladness to meet a long-lost nate mules start that white drivers had friend than was manifested by the horse; exhausted in vain their patience and

Though a grave animal, the mule was prolific of fun. At the most serithe stall followed me to the door and ous crisis he insisted on joking. An incident, illustrative of this peculiarity, me as long as he could, then called occurred the morning on which Grant after me, and kept running from one assaulted the works of Vicksburg. A side of the stall to the other, hoping to regiment, lying on the exposed side of escape, that he could meet me again -- a hill, had fired away all of its cartridges. Two soldiers were detailed to bring a supply. They went to the ammunition wagon in the rear, and strapped two boxes of 1000 "58s" over the back of a mule. Starting for the front, one soldier led the mule while the other propelled him with a whi , rise of ground which ran for a dozen rods in full view of the enemy, and then terminated in a hollow and safe

The two soldiers and the nue emerged from the breastworks on a run. But when on the top of the rise, and not a hundred yards from the encmy's fort, the mule stopped, threw out his heels and stood stock still. The blows. They pulled and pushed; but the beast fixed himself to that spot as coolly as if it had been his favorite baiting-place. Perhaps an inveterate humorist, such as Theodore Hook. would have taken in the fun of the scene. The soldiers didn't; for bullets were whizzing about their ears. They couldn't run, for the cartridges were needed. Screaming, one tugged at the bridle, while the other pounded the flanks. Suddenly, the bridle slipped gallop and ran right into the regiment. He was caught, unloaded and tied to a bush. When the regiment fell back, he was left standing as an out-post, and fell into the hands of the enemy. -Youth's Companion.

Nine Years Walting for a "Thank You." WHILE in Detroit he noticed the genwhere she was, she dropped, and never was looking out of this window when I terials smiled again. He was up on a raised saw a horse galloping up the road. When the farmer is fully informed on platform, and looked awfully big, but I There was no one in the carriage but a these subjects, he can realize the com-

the cloth about the neck after the fash ion of his predecessor, the assistant presses against the back of the chair, which gives under the pressure and opens for a triangular space, the two sides of which are formed by the lower portion of the X spoken of, the base being on a line with the chair arms, where the cutward and visible sign of which is three cuts on the chest made with an anasobserve many of the virtues of the went to eating.

A House built in 1639 still stands in West, once, for a little while. And that white elephant? Yes, once, for a little while. And that white elephant was Tippoo Saib. It was in Keokuk, Iowa, where he untied himself one morning a little before daying on a line with the chair arms, where the outward and visible sign of which is through the country on his own account.

A School of Porestry.

him. Next he pushed open the door of ter. The popular ignorance prevalent the for its magnitude, daring or brutal-a little summer kitchen at one end of as to the worth of our timber-lands, as ity; and these can scarcely be excused vania lines controlled by Colonel Scott the house, and there he found a barrel thave a total mileage of 5,400, and the Vanderbilt roads are 4.697 miles in length, including the Chicago & Northwestern, in which Mr. Vanderbilt has an interest sufficiently large to efficiently large t "Have you ever been attacked by regarded no longer as experiments, but from practice, lives alone with a man have proved themselves to be of im-mense public utility. Through them houses lately built near to Maria Maghas come an impulse to the growing of giori. Yesterday morning, while his will not go for his keeper at any min- timber on waste lands, as well as a servant had gone out, he heard a more seconomical management of forests, ring at the bell, and, thinking it was the

> their foundation. These schools are found in Neustage Eberswalde, near Berlin; at Tharaudt, ing litte wished to speak to him, and, in the vicinity of Dresden; at Eisenach, once inside, class the door, pushed Stockholm, Zurich, Aschaffenberg, and him into his sitting-room, 2nd threw him other places; and the testimony, after on the ground with great violence. Dr. years of practical working, is that Small, who is advanced in years, could through their influence forests have offer no resistance, but, nevertheless, been grown upon once barren and one of the ruffians knelt on his chest sterile lands, while systematic efforts and squeezed his throat, while the other William Williams, better known as have been successfully made for the took his keys and ransacked the drawers 'Canada Bill.' The elephant was show. preservation of woodlands or the re-ing a dangerous disnosition, and Bill growth of timber which offee out off. to being by this time unconscious, they prodently tried to reduce him to The instruction furnished in these subjection with a pitchfork. Romeo schools embraces mathematics, pure knocked him down within reach, drew and mixed, so that, according to the

him in, knelt and gored him with those report in question, "the forester may huge tusks of his. He broke every reckon interest on capital invested, de bone in Bill's body. Miller, the termine the value of a given piece of farmer, did one of the bravest things a forest-land, measure distances, compute man could do, for he took the poor the cubic contents of a group of trees, keeper's mangled form from the furi- and ascertain the average annual inbus brute; but it was too late. Canada crease of the same by growth." Fur-Bill gasped faintly for half a day and therefore, the course of study includes then was dead. When the show start- physics, chemistry, physiology, the fifted out in the spring I took charge of ural sciences, with particular attention Romeo. Again and again he has tried to ornithology and entomology, to to kill me, but I always managed which may be added civil and criminal to give him the worst of it, law in its bearings on forestry and on get out of his reach, and punish the economical actualization of him. Once, in Delavan, Iowa, I had tion of the latter. Besides the above, in forest history, to fight him for three days and instruction is given in forest history, nights. He was loose in the barnyard, wood-planting, protection of timber and I managed to keep him there simply lands, methods of fostering the growth

time. Whatever else he was doing or Such a school in this country, with its whoever he was after, the hope of get- full yet practical curriculum of study, ting a chance to kill me would call him | world furnish us with men who as exoff. At length I got the floor of a log aminers and managers of our forests stable fixed so that the front half could | would be of great value; and through all be pulled up at once by twenty men | such the timber interests of the Northin the loft. Then I cut a hole in the west, and the various mechanical and back, just big enough for me to get | industrial pursuits depending thereon,

The public need of an institution of quickly enough myself. That done I this kind no one will deny who knows stood in the doors and threw them wide aught about our forests, or of their open. He saw me and supposed he had reckless destruction, entailing wideme, for he had been housed there and reaching damage. According to the knew the stable had no back door be estimate of the United States Surveyoryears, then being in that section and fore. He came for me with the speed General, there are in Northern Minneof a greyhound, and it was lucky I had sota alone thirteen millions of acres unwould have grabbed me. As it was, he robbed of millions of acres of timbertle pony. I found him in a large box didn't miss me by more than a foot. land, as the report of the Commissioner stall, twenty feet by twenty, and just The next instant up went the flooring of the Land Office declares, by "the behind him, revealing only single fraudulent use of Homestead laws, solbeams, wide apart, and a space three diers' additional homestead and balfknowing me, said that such a horse was feet deep below them. He did not breed scrip." Whole townships, once covered with luxurious pine forests, have been entirely denuded of the same. and are now unoccupied wastes. Something should be done to arrest at once this wanton destruction of our Northern forests, and efforts made to diffuse a more correct sentiment in reference to their worth, and how they may be economically consumed, or, where already destroyed, be reproduced. The present Secretary of the Interior, in his report for 1878, says: "The disastrous consequences which always follow the destruction of the forests of a country are known to every wellinformed man. These consequences will inevitably come upon us in a comparatively short time, considering the rapidity with which the timber growth of this country is being swept away. unless legislation be adopted systematically to arrest this indiscriminate spoliation." To no county would a school of forestry be of greater utility than to ours, while European experience in the premises is sufficient to show us the economical advantages of the same. Such a school would become a bureau of information in reference to the culture of forests and their sanitary and material benefits. It would supply us men competent to explore them and re-

> regrowing them. Our timber-lands may be so cared for as to become sources of permanent supply, and not, as by present practice, be reduced to desert wastes. From such a school would naturally come those whose knowledge of the science of forestry would make them available to railroad and lumber companies and those industries dependent upon the use of wood .- Rev. M. M. G. Dana, in N. Y. Independent.

## Preserve the Fertility of the Soil.

How MUCH individual poverty has been caused by excessive cropping and a total neglect, or an inadequate application of manures? writes the author of American Manures. That this state of things has in a great measure been caused by ignorance we charitably admit; but whatever be the cause of the evil the effect is the same.

In this vital principle of true and successful farming sustaining fertility by sufficient manuring, we are as a Nation, shamefully ignorant and criminally negligent. In this matter many of our farmers seem totally indifferent, either to precept or example; and the work of deterioration is still going on (to a great extent) unchecked and unheeded in all parts of the country, while the very substances that would prevent and avert this great National evil, are allowed to permit their stable manure to lie for months exposed to the influence of the weather, thus losing the most valuable part of it, namely the ammonia and the solvable salts that are dissolved and the boss of this train.' washed away by rain. Whereas all such substances should be stored under which at once sank into the small hills were fortoned in this way, for the first time. Some were disposed them at whose house he was a guest cover, so that a certain amount of fer-old man. table and seizing the dummy head, held with openings in the walls. The re- to doubt its being alive. One woman I saw looking wistfully out of a window which mentation may be produced, thus predrop stone dead in front of Tippoo Saib, commanded a view of the road for a paring them as an active manure when neck hiding the angle of the sunken habited the ancient Empire of Mono- just through sheer fright. He was at long distance. The side of the gentle- needed. All the waste material of the me. He goes where I go every time in one end, with a row of cages con aining man's face was distigured by great farm should thus be prepared. An acthe year. animals on each side down to him. This scars, which told of his having received curate knowledge of the value of these woman went along looking into the serious wounds. Mr. Hammond asked waste products, as representing grass, gage-car. cages, and did not see the elephant until him what he was thinking about, which she was right in front of and close to he answered by a touching narrative. other necessaries of life, will naturally

When the farmer is fully informed on "The rules of the road---" thing she must have had heart disease. little girl. I ran down stairs and out on mercial value of those elements of fer- be banged around by everybody, and "You had some stories in the Sun a few weeks ago about elephants, which people unacquainted with the brutes might think were pretty tough, but I assure you they do no more than due assure you they do no more than due and drove off. For three days I rewhich was thickly padded, with two gilt cords running crosswise, one from the inner edge of either arm up to the inner edge of either arm up to the opposite side, thus making a broad X. When the elixir is administered to the patient he is told be will have to place his head in a "receiver." The moment this receiver. The moment this receiver is placed over his head the trickery besigns. The countryman's head is surely gins. The countryman's head is surely gins. The countryman's head is surely in the receiver, because he speaks. produce is a constant drain on the valu- dus!" the audience, but directly the visor is closed, and whilst Herrmann is placing the cloth about the neck after the fash the cloth about the neck after the neck after the fash the cloth about the neck after t finally give his land a value; and that if he wishes to preserve its average productiveness or improve it, he must return an equivalent in some cheaper "Yes."

To meet this want, concentrated manures and superphosphate of lime are prepared, and the farmer finds in them much obleeged, though you did kinder the most convenient means at his command to supply the wants of his land. - and behave yourself!"-Detroit Free Western Farm Journal.

Adapter of Italian Brigands. AT a recent meeting of the Chamber | For some time past, says the Rome around to the back of the house that the garden belonged to and found there a half barrel of soft soft, which he took up with his trunk and showered all over country of an institution of this charge. sufficient to viridicate the economy of baker with the rolls for breakfast, he opened the door himself. Two young men decently dressed, stapped in, say-

tied his gress and legs, wrapped a thick cloth tightly round his head, over the mouth, and left him. After & while, as he recovered, he was able to free him self and send for the police. Fortunately the thieves only secured very little booty, but they werd persons evidently well acquainted with his habits. ! have Iceland. just heard they are already both arrested, to the great credit of the Roman police. Another very desperate attempt on the house of a priest, who also lived alone, is féported from a village near Cassino. In this case, however, the priest had received warning, and for some nights an officer and six gendarmes had been keeping watch in the house. At last they had begun to think it must be a false alarm, when in the dead of the night they heard the sound of a hole being made in the wall at the back of the kitchen fireplace; a breach was quickly made, by which six men entered the house, the police keeping quiet the while. The leader then struck a light, but, catching sight of the police for the first time, blew out the match, and with his followers opened fire on them. The officer dashed at the leader of the party and grappled with him, and a terrible fight occurred in the darkness. The gendarmes, fearing to wound each other made for the door to surround the house, but there found nine other men, who opened fire on them. Meanwhile the thieves inside escaped as they entered, and the whole party took

the officer had seized, who was mortally wounded with a pistol shot. Through his means the whole band was captured within twenty-three hours, for he took it into his head that he had been betrayed and entrapped by them, and From Bologna we hear that the land agent of Prince Torlonia, the millionaire ex-banker, who owns land over the whole of Romagna, has absconded leaving a deficit of nearly 1,000,000 lires in his accounts. This man seems to have been implicitly trusted by the Prince, who mostly manages his own affairs himself, with great attention. He had a place to live in, rent free. two horses at his disposal, and a handsome salary for Italy, besides the presets and pickings, which, in the management of such a property, amount to a considerable sum in the year. There is no news of him yet. A successful fraud on the Government has lately been brought to light in Genoa. The provincial treasuries are authorized by the central office to pay the coupons of to them, and draw on the Treasury for the amount, forwarding the said cou- him to reach. pons in packets of so many lires each, course, classed together. There apgence in the verification of these pack- families for many generations. ets, for in the last lot forwarded, one of them having been opened as a formalithat instead of containing all coupons of £50, each of the center ones were of port the best methods of preserving or far smaller value, and further examination showed that there were £35,000 wanting in that parcel alone. Some-

are stored in a room in the prefecture, and a half. to which there are three locks, the key of each one of which is kept by a separate officer. A short time ago, on entering the room, what was the horror of have been tampered with, and they could not imagine how the room had been entered. At last an active and intelligent policeman discovered that, at approached from the roof of a church near, and thus the mystery was explained. A large fraud on the lottery has also been discovered, it is said, at Milan. In this case the officers in charge of the registers are believed to

# A Conductor Who Backed Down.

BEFORE the train left Bay City yes terday morning for Detroit a woman nearly six feet tall and having a complexion like a fresh-burned brick, entered the depot followed by a dog al- going alone. go to waste everywhere. Farmers often most as big as a yearling calf. Having purchased a ticket, the woman stood beside the train until the conductor came along, when she led off with: "You have been pinted out to me as

"Yes'm," was his modest reply. "Well. I'm going to Detroit fur the

"And this dog is going along with "Yes, he can go down in the bag-

Not any he can't! That's what I she was right in front of and close to he answered by a touching narrative. other necessaries of life, will naturally stopped you for. This 'ere dog is gobefall her where she was about nine years ago," he said, "I lead to economy in saving those maing long in this 'ere car and nowhere cliffs." "Rules be-hanged! My old man can

credit to the cunning of the elephant.

All that about their untying bags and breaking open granaries to get at food breaking open granaries open granaries to get at food breaking open granaries open granaries open granaries open granaries open granari

the shape of cattle and grain and other to sail in with me. Come here, Leoni-

"No row after the cars start?" " No.

Press.

Our Young Readers.

BABY TALK. L. PAPA Depart And do as do do: ery producent, my baby, you are But tell me, my little one,

To remedy the evil, he had set him self to work before the laying some began, and with good sized stones had built little inclosures, about a feet and a half square and one foot high, on the southern or most sheltered part of the island. He then had gathered man, from a bog a little back from the above on the main land, and beating it a rose to the island, had filled these squares half-full with the moss and formed is

the relks of the broken eggs.

even allow him to take the eggs and

form from the nests without seeming

Hitherto, they had given the bry

spot they chose and in places where the

eggs frequently were broken, and where

the down was matted and spoiled with

it the least disturbed.

into shapely nests. The ducks had taken to them were derfully, though some of the youngand more timal ones would still crawl far into the crevices between the real. where it was impossible to get the down and eggs without the assistanof a "hook," which Jan aiways carried with him a pole three or four feet keewith a curved iron at the end

The method of obtaining the oreand down, though profitable, would scent to you very cruel. It is then After lining her nest with the soft down from her body, the elder-duck lava from five to seven greenish brown eggs No sooner are they laid than she is taken from her nest and its contents confiscated. Again the duck plants her down to line the nest anew, and Jaw lived with his father, Christoph continues laying this time not more Jansen, his good mother, lise, and his than two or three eggs. But her peace

By this time the down on her own body has become nearly or quite veup three or four foot from the ground, hausted, and she calls upon her mate to with turf between the layers to keep assist, which he does, plucking his out the cold. Then above this was a breast amidst loud quackings at the

sloping roof of wood covered with turf, cruelty and injustice of the whole thing which, in these long sunny days of Now, indeed, the eider must be left June, had sprouted up thick with grass, to lay the remaining eggs, and pursua making it rescribes a green hillock her maternal instincts in quiet, for it more than a human dwelling. And, in the nest should again be disturbed, it deed, their only ewe -a present to lite would be abandoned by the discouraged lived inlend and owned flocks of sheep | Jan west from nest to nest removing

and cows would often climb the fami- the ducks, and filling his basket as ly mansion, and, clinging with her sharp bag, carefully notching the state of hoofs to the turf, nibble a breakfast dwarf birch (Betules nema) which was driven down beside each nest to indicate Christoph Jansen was a fisherman, the number of times it had been rifled and spent the greater of his time in his for the older ducks begin to lay earlier boat, setting fishing nets, or gathering in the season than the younger ones, in quantities of haddock and cod-fish, and so the owner of the egg-var has to

unwatched, the pilfering ravens, not a large, flat, lava rock, bidding her not unfrequently, would come in large to get down while he went his rounds to flocks and devour whole "catches" at the farther end of the island, where the shver ducks, disdaining all his attempts But the business from which the fish- to tame them, and lure them to comerman derived most profit was from fortable homes, had crept into some his egg-var. And first I must explain large crevices, depositing their eggs and flight, with the exception of the man to some of you just what an egg-var is down far beyond the reach of Jan's

are numerous islands, some of them with his hook and laid them in the situated at a considerable distance from basket, and stuffed the down into the the main-land, but others within a bow- bag-which, though almost as light as shot of it. These islands are of two air, assumed enormous proportions, and gave all their names before he died kinds, many of them being nothing was as elastic as a rubber ball when more than high masses of rock, while suddenly he heard a great outery from others are flat, or nearly so. The form- the ducks, and saw them all rise from their nests and go flapping, hissing, and Upon these var the elder-ducks con- quacking toward the water, beneath gregate in large numbers for laying which they all plunged in a great tunnuit,

The next moment a huge sea-earle. who is as great an epicure in his cold, down toward the red hooded baby on

Dropping basket and bag, Jan ran to-Clutching the little girl's clothes with - and the young eiders, or the rich eggs his talons, the eagle succeeded in drag-

his paw, make one of the daintiest meals ping laboriously as if to carry her to ward the beach. Her piteous cries of Yet Nature teaches the defenseless "Jan! Oh, Jan!" were muffled by the

mies by nesting in places impossible for dashed his hook at the fierce looking bird, which loosed its hold, and lightly The high price set upon the feathers lifting itself a few feet, sourcd so closecoupons of the same amounts being, of of the eider-duck renders these islands by above his head, that Jan could hear very valuable, and they have been in its great beak snap close beside his ear. Seizing little lise's arm, the boy made off with her over the difficult ground, More than twenty-five years ago Ice- stopping every few steps to beat off the land exported between four and five eagle, now wrathfully diving and flapty, it was discovered, by mere chance, thousand pounds of eider-down in a ping upon his head, and almost stun-

supply, the amount sold has probably Jan's only thought was for lise. The more than doubled since then. The eagle's sharp talons pierced through true "down" is worth from three to his jacket at every swoop, but he stagthing of the same description lately hap- four dollars per pound, and it is said gered bravely on, hoping to get over

> "Gaae skyndepa, Ilse! gaac skyndepa! The laws of the country are very strict (run faster, lise! run faster!), cried Jan. in relation to the ownership of the striving in vain to keep the angry bird

"Jeg kan ikke, god Jan!" (I can't, good Jan), panted the little girl, and Jan hastily lifted her in his arms.

Contesting every step, he had nearly gained the crest of the ridge when the no terrors—the raven and the great buffetings of the savage bird upon his sea-eagle. These birds of prey make head became so farious and bewilder-Exhausted, but still brave and determined, he stood Ilse beside him, and,

> grasping the hook with both hands, set Back and forth he stumbled over the rocks, beating at the bird, which, lightly rising and falling, adroitly eluded the attack, till at last, as it awooped down

toward him, he gave it a hard blow It was effectual. The sharp hook elung fast, and in the sudden, short struggle which followed both boy and bird tumbled to the foot of the cliff on

which they had been battling. pleaded Jan, who did not like always deed, vanquished as well as his enemy. and could not reply to lise's entreaties to come up to her.

After a time the child slid down the path to where he lay, and, conscious that something terrible had happened to him, began to pathis face and hands,

with you. But mind and let nothing crying, lying asleep on the unconscious boy's neck. Her yellow locks and eried the delighted boy; and attired in head, cut by the sharp lava rocks upon

But Jee did not die. Between mothnot far away, he was, after many weeks, able to sit in the now waning separating the island from the main-was too late for the egg-var again that year.

I must not forget to mention that, at Jan's request, his father carried the skin of the sea-eagle to Reykjavik. where he went to dispose of his year's plunging and flapping, and sending the stock of fish and down, and sold it for spray sparkling high in the air. seven rix dollars to an English naturalist at that port. The eagle probably

SPENCER WALKER, aged fifteen, was went galloping across the flat on the behind in his studies at the Newton (Mass.) High School, in consequence of Ah! here was a sight fit to set any illness, and there was soon to be an ex-Yankee boy's heart fluttering! The amination, in which those who failed very ground was covered with ducks. would be sent back to the grammar each on its own nest; and it would have school. Walker became convinced that, been difficult to walk about without no matter how hard he studied, he

prefer, don't you know, the plain English, b

red conversed in this way. red, though fureign the secures, sweet the syllables are— The gas gas gas gas. The de de de de

H. (BARY MESPONES.) And do do do do Funny old pape, how stupid you are! Samehrit and Rebrew, and Russian and Over

Arri da da da da sendy Love's lexicon, Then may be the meaning of this you'll divide his dear old pape, at rumpled and gray -

Is just what my baby lips Karnes, day mirrord, how happy we are That i pur per per per.
And del de de de .

-E. S. Breakt, in Wate-Aurale.

### ... AN ADVENTURE ON AN EGG. VAR.

wee sister. Ilse, her mether's namesake, is soon disturbed, and she is once more in a little but on the southern coast of left with an empty nest.

This her was built of layers of stones, tle lise from her Uncle Gotthard, who poir for a spot on some other mand with much contentment.

and preparing them to dry on the know the history of each nest. beach. And he constantly had to keep As his load grew heavier and more a sharp eye over his game, for if left difficult to carry, he sat little like upon

All along the west coast of Norway and the southern coast of Iceland there | Scarcely had he dragged the eggs out er are called holme, the latter var.

eggs and rearing their young; for when crying and splashing. nesting on the main-land they are much disturbed by the cunning Arctic fox, cirching low over the island, swooped northern haunts as is the red fox in the rock. New England. It would not be unreasonable to suppose that his appetite, ward them, swinging his book and from the colder climate in which he shouting wildly. lives, would be considerably the keener which he deftly cracks with a stroke of ging her off the rock, and was now flap-Revnard can procure.

bird that she can, at least, protect her- broad wings of the eagle. Italian stock which may be presented self against this one of her many ene- As Jan came close up to them, he

pears to have been considerable negli-the possession of Icelandic and Danish

single year, and as great care has been ning him with the blows of its powertaken to promote an increase of the ful wings. that enough down for a bed coverlet the cliffs to the boat and in sight of pons and bonds of the municipal loan would not weigh more than a pound home.

islands, and the poacher, if caught, is at bay with his book. punished with a fine of thirty dollars for the custodians to find several packets the seizure of a single duck. Even an missing. The locks did not appear to egg cannot be stolen with impunity. But the var-owners have other poach-

ers to deal with, for whom the law has some risk of life, the window could be sad havor among the young eiders, in ing that Jan was forced to stop. spite of the vigilance used in protecting them-the eagle sometimes even carrying off the old ducks themselves. Christoph Jansen's var was but a short distance from the main land, and upon the eagle desperately. was looked after entirely by the fisherbe implicated, as they are said to be at man's wife and Jan, now eleven years Naples in the famous fraud of 2,000,000 old. by the priest Mattei, which, by the way, "Now be off, good Jan, for it is get-

has never been cleared up yet, though ting late," said Mother Jansen, as the directly under the left wing. boy was about to set off to the var one evening early in June, "and be quite sure, my son, not to disturb the old eiders, and do not forget to cut the notches," she added.

"Let little lise go, too, mother,"

" Nai, nai," returned Mrs. Jansen. "Ilse is but a wee thing; she would stumble over the rocks. And have ve forgot the raven that perched on the gable only yesterday? I fear, Jan, he boded us ill' and she gazed solemnly at the tiny, blue-eyed fairy playing Jan! Tale Ilse!" (Speak to Ilse, Jan! with a string of blown egg-shells, then Speak to Ilse!) Christoph had been gone since early It was late when Christoph and dawn to fish. "However," she added, seeing Jan's disappointment, "thou ground," and, not finding the children art a careful boy, my Jan, and, since I must go to the beach to help your off to the island, and before long he I must go to the beach to help your off to the island, and before long he father when he comes in, she may go came upon them: Ilse, exhausted with

an eider-skin jacket and scarlet cloth which he had fallen. hood, baby lise went laughing and skipping toward where the boat was drawn up on the rocky beach. Jan following. er lise a careful norsing and the mining up on the rocky beach, Jan following. trations of the kind old priest, living Lifting little Ilse into the boat, Jan rowed across the narrow strip of water

The sun was yet high, although it was nearly eight o'clock in the evening. and as they approached the island they floated amid whole flocks of the eider drakes, shinning white in the sunlight,

"Now, Ilse," said Jan, after tying his boat to a stone, "cling to my back and I'll be your pony," and climbing the path that wound over and about the St. Nicholas.

treading upon their great brown backs; would have to suffer what he considered to the birds were very tame and would a disgrace. To escape this disaster he not stir at Jan's approach, and would committed suicide.