AT HOME.

At Home we keep our treasures, the precious ones of life:

Father, mother, brother, sister, children, husband, wife; At Home we lay foundations for coming good And start out on the journey up life's uneven At Home

At Home we build heart temples wherein we may enshrine altars and the tables where branches twine; At Home we ask and answer the questioning of fate, And seek to find the narrow path up gate that's straight,

At Home we shun the broader way to gate And hold the path of rectitude when opening And hold the path of paths divide;
At Home we trace the chart of Time, with mingled hopes and fears,
Find pain and pleasure, sun and storm, 'mid treasured smiles and tears,
At Home.

At Home, where loved ones gather, the purest joys we know. While holding closely in embrace our own, for weal or woe;
At Home we drink of sorrow's cup, when fails affliction's tear.
And greetings and farewells are said by those we hold most dear. At Home.

At Home we tire and wander, but though w roam afar, We keep the range and reckoning of our mag netic star.

At Home, the dearest spot on earth, where deftly and with zest

We weave life's web to lay it down and seek eternal rest,

-Clark W. Bryan, in Good Housekeeping. "SNOB ARISTOCRACY."

Foreign Titles. The Beginstag of American "Nobility".

Anglomania and the Rage for

· I rogram of Suckbery, and Its Ignominious Maturity at a Poreign Court.

In this country we have no aristocracy according to the European acceptation of the word, and what is more, we do not desire to create one. The reward which genius and labor bring to the sons and daughters of this Republic are sufficient for all who stand up for true Americanism.

It is amusing to watch the efforts which are made by some of our young swells to imitate the manners and eccentricities of English people who move in high society. Anglomania, as this mild form of idiocy is called, has of late years taken possession of a large por-tion of our dude population, and if this class of brainless, faultlessly-attired youths could have their way an American aristocracy would quickly become a social entity.

A few days ago your representative encountered a would-be American nobleman, walking in the street, with his trousers-tucked up and an open umbrella over his head, although the flagged sideway was scrupulously clean, and there was not a cloud visible in the

"Hello," said the scribe, addressing the Anglo-American dude, "what's up now, Charley? The sun is not so hot that you need carry an open parasol?"
"Aw, my dear boy," languidly replied
the swell, "you really can not understand it, but 'tis beastly weather."

"Why, on the contrary, 'tis delightful. A finer day I have not experienced



HOW AMERICAN "NOBILITY" BEGAN. I assure you 'tis raining in a beastly

"Raining! Where, might I ask you? Look up at the sky and undeceive your-

"Aw, I know all that sort of thing, but fact is, we've had a cablegram at the club a few moments ago saying it was raining in London, you know, and, fact is, we fellows who are about to leave for Europe in a few days have al-ready completely identified ourselves with the mother country. Ta, ta."

closes its sleepy petal of the morning sun.

One of the Italian commenting on the re-



WHERE THE MONEY TO BUY "NOBILITY" WAS MADE

No one who has ever been a careful

would-be aristocratic set at Washington, but it would scandalize a good

It is said that in Boston no one can gained to the receptions of the first landed on its shores—these, and these families. If we carefully examine the only, are America's noblemen. genealogies of most of our "first families" we shall see that they spring from a ristocracy to hear that the great fort-a simple, hardworking stock who did not consider the humblest labor undignified so long as it brought them an some wild mixing district of the far honest recompense.

ica the strongest patent of nobility sworn to rob the bar. To-day the money over in the "Mayflower." Many a proud is spent in renting some sumptuously American millionaire, whose family tree | decorated flat in the Avenue del Opera Pilgrim Fathers, owes his name and the ranean. foundation of his present great wealth to the hard toils and indomitable perseverance of some poor German or Irish outcast, who crossed over to this country in the slow old leaky sailing craft which braved the terrors of the Atlantic in the beginning of the last century. Family trees are not difficult to construct as may be desired.

As men grow rich it is only reasonable to suppose that their uninterrupted leisure and the facility afforded them of gratifying every desire will lead them nto a search after empty titles. There are not fewer than one hundred fullfledged American noblemen at present in Europe, and the number is being gradually increased by the purchase of foreign patents of nobility. The Duke de Campo Selice, at present residing in Paris, is nothing more than a smart New Yorker who made his money in sewing machines. His wife-Madame la Duchesse-is a verybeautiful and talented lady, and at her receptions whenever any of our other American "aristocrats" are invited, the ducal coronet is certain to be trotted out. The title is an Italian one, and is said to have cost its owner \$250,000. There is an old saying: 'A fool and his money are soon parted."



SHODDY "ARISTOCRACY" ON ITS TRAVELS FOR "NOBILITY."

A New York lady, well known in cer tain circles, the widow of a wealthy Cuban, and who afterwards married the old Scotch Earl of Caithness, is now the Duchess di Pompar. It would seem that the family title. Caithness, was not pompous enough for this American, and as her son insisted upon a onable circles as the Duke di Pompar. for the title-loving citizens of America. Nor is the craze entirely confined to the male dudes, as unfortunately the youth and beauty of our sweet society rosebuds have an almost unquenchable longing for an Italian title, and its meet accompaniment, a palace by the Lake of Como. A list of some of the rich American girls who have allied themselves to penniless Italian Counts and edition de luxe of the "American peerage." The leading names which now accept every English method. Our occur to the writer are Miss Mackay, country is a young one, yet its brief hisnow the Princess Colonna: Miss Field, Princess Vicarara Cenci; Miss Broadwood, Princess Ruspoli; Miss Kinney, Countess Gianotti; Miss Fisher. Countess Gherardesca; Miss Roberts, Countess Galli; Miss Fry. Marchesa Torregiani; Miss Lewis, Countess Barbolini Amadel; "Aw, my dear boy, you think so, but Miss Gillinder, Marchesa di San Marzano, and Miss Hungerford, the Countess Telfener.

We wonder if these haughty American princesses and countesses would like to have their attention drawn to their husbands' compatriots, who, with crook in hand, skip from ash barrel to ash barrel on all our sidewalks, like the bee tasting the sweet flower when it uncloses its sleepy petals to the first rays

One of the Italian comic journals, commenting on the rage for titled alliances evinced by our American girls, puts the following sarcastic saying into he mouths of two fithy lazzaroni. Father: "What shall we do with our

good-for-nothing son?" Mother: "Why, make him assume his grandfather's title of Conte de Stracci ed Ossi." (Count Rags and

Father: "Yes; and then he can marry some rich American lady." To the credit of the Astor and the Vanderbilt families be it said, they have not sought any stupid alliances with foreign noblemen, but contented themforeign noblemen, but contented themselves intermarrying with native-born
Americans. Our young ladies, when
they take their usual European trio, get
dazed, as it were, with the pinchbeck
glitter of foreign society and thus easily
fall victims to the present craze for
empty and high-sounding titles.

In Hood's witty ballad of Miss Kilmansegg, the heroine is represented as
being captivated with the linguistic accomplishments of the Count:

complishments of the Count:

He plied her in Flewish. Spanish and Dutch.
With now and then an Italian touch.
Till she yielded, without objecting much.
To homoge so continental.
Many of our young society maidens who have flown from us heroes the Atbut must have been struck with the foolish efforts indulged in by the gilded youth at the capital, apeing the English mobility. Crests and coats of arms, English out clothes, and every conceivable imitation of this British aristocracy are Anglo-maniacs can only succeed in get-ting hold of a real English lord or but the girl who would despise her own

We want no lazy, glittering idlers here. The toilers, who work unces American to hear this sobriquet used in ingly day after day, and sometimes far and about the White House in all serious well who are America's noblemen. The pilgrim father, the persecutelaim to be an aristocrat whose grand- ed Irish peasant, the German, forced by

father plied the humble avocation of a stern necessity from the Fatherland, all green-grocer; in New York one must be who have subscribed to our laws, built able to trace one's descent from the themselves herein a home, and have Knickerbockers, and in Virginia from striven either by word or deed to make Pocahontas before admittance can be this country better than when they

It may horrify some of our "shoddy" West. The elegantly-attired grandson. If one wishes to give expression to of the original gin-mill proprietor has the antiquity of any English family line long since forgotton the doughty deeds tis usual to say of the ancestor that he performed by his ancestor when "he got came over with the Conqueror; in Amer- the drop" on some wild rowdy who had eems to be that one's accestors came made in the old liquor traffic can prove beyond disputing that the at Paris or some charming "villegratufounder of the house was one of the ra" by the blue waters of the Mediter



VOULD-BE AMERICAN "NORLEMAN" EUROPEAN SOCIETY.

When once the young American who inherits money and property begins to study the British peerage, you may depend upon it all veneration for good old Uncle Sam is beginning to ooze out at with which we can trave! nowadays. suggests at once a grand tour of the European continent, and it is here that the young American becomes perverted gods of an effete monarchical system. If you have ever noticed the Anglo-American dude in mid-ocean, it must have caused you no small amount of pleasure, albeit tinged with some measure of disgust, that a man should lower himself to copy the aristocratic manners of another nationality, and not succeed in that attempt beyond making himself a mark for ungraceful com-

A single eve-glass is the first article mounted by the American dude when he would wish to pose as an Englishman. See him with it most excruciatingly under his evebrow, as he leans or lolls about the promenade to one of the ocean liners, and lisps or mumbles out some drawling sentences to any of the ladies of his acquaintance whom he may

Then, when England has been reached and with an incredible amount of labor and sycophancy he has suc-ceeded in worming himself into, what he styles, high society, his methods and manners are alike vile travesties on the wonted grace of high-bred English gentleman, and his great wealth alone saves him from contempt and insuit.

But it is when on his knees to some dukedom, she crossed over to Rome and tate, receiving from his hand the dearbewhiskered Italian Prince or Potentitles. Her son is now known in fash-ionable circles as the Duke di Portugal that our ci-devant American dude is Italy seems to be a kind of Eldorado Bow down, degenerate son of seen in his most appropriate attitude. mighty Nation of intelligent toilers, you are but the drone in the great hive of this busy world, and have never worked for the honey which you now sip and feed on. America can easily afford to forget you in her fifty millions of free and independent citizens.

England is a great Nation which, for centuries, has developed all the arts Princes would go a good way to a new of peace and refinement, but this fact alone should not make us slavishly tory is not uneventful, and it has before it a glorious future. Why, then, should we have our young gentlemen dudes copying English dress and manners, our rose-bud debutantes forgetting the old American custom of clothing the body with becoming modesty and not shocking us with the sight of the foreign imported custom of naked arms. and gowns so extremely decollete as to be an offense against good taste and



"ENNOBLED" AT LAST. These objectionable customs may be long to a foreign aristocracy. We do not want them here. The nearer we apyroach the effeminate manners of

marquis, the genuine article can, if countryman and give her money in the garden is neglected on the form. The willing, he feted, dined and wined at the expense of the spurious imitation. A son of the late President was regularly dubbed "Trince Arthur" by the sons and daughters of Columbia.

CULTIVATION OF THE SOIL The Object of Such Cultivation Not the Destruction of Woods Only.

If a farmer were asked why he hoed or cultivated his crops, such as corn, potatoes, beans, roots, etc., he would in nine out of ten cases say it was done for the purpose of destroying weeds. In this he would be quite right as to the purpose most frequently intended, but altogether wrong as to the real effect produced by the working of the soil. For if there were no weeds, and the soil were perfectly clean and free from them, cultivation of all these crops would be indispensable for their profitable growth. It is a great mistake their claim was given attention, a resomade by American farmers universally. and English and European farmers for the greater part, that every crop-even the small grains-is not as well worked famous fortress of Peter and Paul. as are corn and the various root crops, From "Peter and Paul" three letters for those crops need the benefits which written in the prisoners' blood have accrue from frequent stirring of the soil reached the outside world, and Stepniak quite as much as these do, and where has held them in his hand. After readthe small grains are cultivated in a ing, one does not wonder that exile and methodical manner the yields are as death are eagerly sought in preference largely increased as are those of corn to this imprisonment. The extracts we and other so-called hoed crops. Wheat | make tell but little of the story. There rarely yields thirty bushels an acre un- are details of outrage, and of enforced der the usual system of cultivation, but life in cells recking with corruption, alhas produced more than twice as much most too horrible to repeat. Here is a when hoed several times in the earlier picture of the condemned cells, "real stages of its growth. Oats have yielded underground vaults, dark at noonday. eighty bushels per acre when drilled in and infested with loathsome vermin. rows twelve inches apart, using only "The small windows are on a level one bushel of seed per acre, and have with the river, which overflows them been worked with a suitably devised when the Neva rises. The thick iron dred bushels and over per acre.

into action, exists for a period, and terminates by the operation of the same laws. Thus while animals take food and learns to bow down to the false into a stomach where it is digested. pass it into the circulation where it is assimilated and changed into blood, which is kept pure and fitted for conatmosphere inhaled by the lungs, so stance by the roots and pass it into the not rise from their beds. Covered with circulation, where it is acted upon by vermin and eaten up with scurvy, they themselves. the atmosphere and prepared for assim- emit an odor like that of a corpse." ilation into the cellular tissue. Now, it 'But is there no doctor?' it may be is known that the greater part of the asked; and What is he doing all this love or geographical aspect, the one carbon, and the next larger portion is are even two doctors. One, however, place in ernithological literature is one made up of nitrogen. We also know is past fourscore, and past work. He which redounds least to its credit. If that the atmosphere is the sole comes to the fortress only occasionally. during the next few days the keen obsource of carbonic acid and of the The other is young, and probably kind nitrogen which originally furnished enough in intention, but not very resoall organic matter with its supply, and lute in character, and standing in great begin now to perceive how necessary it were afraid of something; never goes egg in its bill, ready to be deposited -N. Y. Independent. actively absorptive, but tenaciously re- approaches the sick man's bed, or generally accepted as an article of the that you don't go to the theater alone. nitrates from which plants derive their subsistence. This, however, can only be done by making the soil extremely porous. A porous body is an in the same words: 'For your illness apart from the fact that the process "That is the way with me. I always active chemical agent; we know thus there is no cure.' 'No mercy is shown mentioned has been observed more like to have a chap around." Druke's far; but precisely how much further it even to the mad, says another of the than once, all but impossible that it Magazine. may act than our present knowledge letters, and you may imagine how could sit on the nest in which its egg is __A man in the smoking-car on a indicates we can not tell. Porous bodies many such there are in our Golgotha. found. It is also a mistake to suppose Danbury & Norwalk Railway train this are such active oxidizing agents that they not only maintain a slow combustion, but actually produce it in many cases, and in some cases cause active inflammation shear down below you or at some little and conflagration. Then, when we make the so.l porous by frequent cultivation and stirring of the surface, we produce a constant circulation of air in it, into obedience." - Stepniak. which effects such changes in the existing organic matter as to make available large quantities of plant food: it also sets free a large quantity of nitrogen which may form combinations as we know it does with mineral matter, and so produces food for plants: it also lib-

> OVER-FAT FOWLS. A Condition Which Is Not Favorable to

mer the extra quality of the feed same Europe, the farther shall we recede from the glorious principles of liberty pro-bone and tissue, thereby demanding nettles have received attention in this of mosses. Even and the domestic "paisano" of Califor-the glorious principles of liberty pro-bone and tissue, thereby demanding nettles have received attention in this a near relation construct those elaimed in that Magna Charta of our more for subsistence, in proportion to respect, together with pea-stalks, peat won terful "runs" for which it is celeclaimed in that Magna Chartz of our rights—"the Declaration of Independence."

Worth, not wealth, should be respected in this country; natural manners, not affected once. The toiler should rank because of his meritines. The toiler should rank because of his meritines above the idler, and the native-born American gentleman above all sickens and Hamburgs, selden hard age impersonations of a spurious American aristocracy.—N. T. Cov.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

—It is too often the case that the garden should be should be

RUSSIAN PRISONS.

The Horrors of the Fate Reserved to Political Prisoners.

When an accused Nihilist is sentenced to Siberia, his friends "congratulate each other and say that their beloved prisoner was born under a lucky star." And well they may, hard as is the fate of exiles to "the land of cold and misery, of brutal task-masters, and cruel punishments," when they think of the Central Prison-where in 1878 the po- I and its distribution. Discussions, which litical prisoners enforced a demand to come and go with less regularity than be treated as well as murderers by refusing to eat anything whatever until are again and again raised regarding lution they maintained for eight days and nights-or, worse still, of the horse hoe which stirs the soil between bars of the grating, covered with dirt, the rows. Potatoes which have been shut out most of the little light that else they who hear the first notes of the hoed every third day through the grow- might filter through these holes. If the cuckoo with an empty pocket are desing season have yieldedent the rate of rays of the sun never enter the cells of tined to remain co-nless until hed saptwelve hundred bushels per acre, and the upper floor, it may easily be imag- pears. The Danes dread to hear the corn cultivated every week for eight ined what darkness reigns below. The cuckgo on an empty stomach, for in weeks and then hoed by hand until the walls are moldering, and dirty water such case the hapless wight so placed is corn was glazed has yielded one hun- continually drops from them. But doomed some day to come to actual most terrible are the rats. In the brick starvation. There is an old adage in It is interesting to consider how these floors large holes have been left open Servia to the effect that when the cuckoo results are produced by this frequent for the rats to pass through. I express sings in a wood without leaves he is the stirring of the soil. We have often in myself thus intentionally. Nothing harbinger of distress; whereas, if he these columns mentioned the analogy would be easier than to block up these wait till the period when the trees are which exists between the vital functions holes, and yet the reiterated demands clothed, all will go well with we preof animals and plants; how in their sex- of the prisoners have always been sume, the person who has not been too ual differences, their productive meth- passed by unnoticed, so that the rats premature in detecting the song of illods, their modes of feeding, and their enter by scores, try to climb upon the omen. The French peasant imagines manner of deriving substance from the beds and to bite the prisoners. It is in that in the autumn the cuckoo changes atmosphere, plants closely resemble an- these hideous dungeons that the con- itself into a hawk, just as the Vancouver imals. The fundamental principles of demned to death spend their last hours. Island Indians believe that the groupe life seem to be similar if not the same Kvatkovsky. Presniakoff and Soukanoff | become gulls during the winter. In for all creatures, animal or vegetable passed their last nights here. At the short, there is a mythology of this bird whose life, started by a creator's act, present moment, among others, there is just as there is a zoology; and even the in whatever light we may view the cre- a woman with a little child at her ph lologists have contributed some very ative act, whether by a distinct and breast. This is Jakimova. Night and learned pages to its voluminous history. singular process, or by gradual evolu-tion from a primitive germ, springs should be devoured by the rats."

The name which the bird bears is curiously enough, nearly the same in all And here, finally, is a glimpse of the treatment of the sick, among whom kukuka of the Sanscrit, the kuckuk of duction shows its author's enthusiastic "are horrors that defy description, that Germany, the cucco of Italy, the kokkuz love of literature. N. Y. Tribune. only the pen of a Dante could adequate- of Greece, the gok of Sweden, the

They are not sent to any asylum, but with whip and scourge. Often you shrieks, cries and groans. It is some vretched lunatic who is being flogged

PAPER.

some of the Materials Used in Its Manu

The patents of the present day com-

prise almost every conceivable material erates large quantities of carbonic acid. of which paper can be made, some of of which plants need such a large quanthem being rather unexpected and not tity. All these facts go to show that a few being novel to even well-informed were there not a weed in existence we persons. The patents cover paper made should nevertheless cultivate our crops. and that this process is as requisite for from aloe-fiber, asbestos, which makes the good of every crop as it is good for an indestructible paper, not to be cona single one. - Henry Stewart, in N. Y. sumed by fire; bagging or sacking which makes a coarse wrapping paper. The fibers of the banana are also employed, which would suggest that persons who throw the peelings of this There are some breeds that do not fruit on the pavement might put them fatten as readily as others, while again to a better use, while over fifty different there are those that become too fat on kinds of bark are employed. BeanTHE CUCKOO.

Mird That Has Boon an Object of Su perstition for Ages-How It Trespasse Upon the Nests of Other Birds.

The swallow and the nightingale have been the themes for a prodigious amount of indifferent verse. But it may be doubted whether either of these birds has been the moving cause for as much poetry as the cuckoo has prose. Volumes have been written on its habits the bird over which they are expended. its habit of laying its eggs in the nest of other birds. Yet, so comparatively little is known for certain regarding this migrant that there is, perhaps, no single fact in its history which is accepted without cavil by the hundreds of ornithologists who busy themselves with its private life. As for the country folk, they seem more interested in the supernatural powers which the superstitions girl, when she first hears the notes of the bird, counts the number of times it is repeated, under the belief that an equal number of years will clapse before she is married. In Germany a similar augury is drawn as to the num-ber of year the listener has to live; and in this country it is a current belief that curiously enough, nearly the same in all countries. It is, for example, the ly portray. Oh, if you could see our koekkoek of Holland, and the coucou sick! exclaims the writer of the blood- of France, while the oldest English written letter. 'A year ago they were spelling gives us cuccu for a bird which version into tissue by the effect of the young, healthy and robust. Now they evidently derives those names from its meats by chance. - Youkers Gasette. are bowed and decrepit old men, hard- familiar note-this fact giving the stuvegetables take food into their sub- ly able to walk. Several of them can dents of onomatopoia a weapon of which they have not failed to avail tor, "it is this that reconciles us to However, interesting though the cuckoo may be from a linguistic, folk-

solid substance of a plant consists of time?' Yes, there is a doctor; there point which gives it so prominent a server chooses to keep a watch on the baunts of the bird he may see it skimming along the hedge-rows, often purthat it is also largely the source awe of the officers of the jail. When sued by flocks of the smaller species, that the sparrow is the species usually morning leaned over to the man who shut up in their cells and kept in order | selected for this imposition. The garden tat in front of him and said: "Have warbler, the blackeap, the whitethroats, you a match?" "Yes, but I bain't got the redstarts, the robins, warblers, any eigar." was the prompt reply. distance the sound of heartrending willow wren, whinchat wagtails pipits, "Then you can't want the match skylarks, yellow-hammer, red-backed | aid the first man, swently, - Danburg shrike, nightingale, chiff-chaff buntings, (Ct.) News. greentinches, linnet, wheatear, blackbird, bullfineh, turtle dove, wood habit of calling at the office of a local pigeon, jay, spotted flycatcher, and lawyer and receiving a small sum on various other species are each of them account of former sequaintance. Last at times chosen to be the victim. So week the mendicant called as usual, sound an ornithologist as the late Mr. but the lawyer said, "I can't assist you Gould was at one time inclined to distrust the old tale of the young cuckoos need all the money I can lay my hands turning out of the nest the rightful ten- on." "Well, now, that's just coming ants, apparently unconscious that one it a little too strong. Here you actual of the earliest contributions to science of the famous Jenner was an account of such a scene. Whether a suspicion ever crosses the foster-parents' brain Lake Shore Company employs a lady that there is something wrong, it is hard to say. At all events, they are assidnous in feed ng their ungrateful bantlings, sometimes even sitting on their backs in order to reach the months of the overgrown fledgelings. Shakespeare will have it tust the voung cuckoo devours not only its foster brothers and sisters, but ultimately consumes its foster-parents also. Happily this awful charge is not confirmed by more aca very small allowance of food. The fibers of the sugar-case after the juice bad enough, without the addition of curate observation. Yet the reality is Brahmas, Cochins, Plymouth Rocks has been expressed. Cocoa-nut fiber any calumny. Of late years execulie and Wyandottes are subject to excess makes a good brown paper, while the literature has been increased by some of fat when fed exclusively on corn. shell of the nut is also employed. Dried not debates over the theory which In the winter the feed goes to heat, but clover has been made use of in the teaches that the cuckoo selects a nest is liable to cause them to cease laying per, while cotton has been a source of instead of promoting it. As the fowls paper for many generations. Paper is foster-parent. This idea seems a little "I'm so glad to hear it, must have some grain, the best for the made from both linen and flax, as well fanciful. It may be that now and then afraid you wouldn't like it." purpose at this season is oats, espe- as from fresh water weeds, fur and the cuckoo chooses a nest which aiready cially if they are ground. Wheat is more than a hundred different kinds of contains eggs similar to her own. But excellent, but wheat is also fattening. grasses. Gutta-percha papers have at the egg in question is so often found though not so much so as corn. A least the ment of novelty, but paper among others different totally from it method in use by some is to give wheat from the hair of men and animals in color that, apart from the difficulty at night, ground oats in the morning would be a still greater curiosity. Hav of supposing that the encked flies and plenty of green stuff during the as a material of paper has been tried around, egg in mouth, seeking for a day. Over-fat fowls are subject to with some success, while nearly fifty match in color, or has any power of in-apoplexy. If your fowls are very fat, patents for making paper from hemp you need not be surprised if occa-have rewarded the labors and skill of to maintain a neutral position toward sionally there is found a dead hen un- inventors. Sixteen different patents the ingenious theory with which the eyes ache, and if I want to grit my der the roost in the morning. They have been issued in England and other name of Herr Baldamus is connected. often fall off the roost, dropping dead without previously giving any indications of disease in any shape. Overfat cocks are also useless, being clumsy and inactive. Caickens, however, may be fed as much as you desire, for while stems of Indian corn and more than a asserted, denied, and a-serted again,

plan; the rugs may be therough shaken without employing an army workmen to take up, bust and put de-ugain.—Southern Trude Gunette.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

-Mrs. Elizabeth Granger, of Pittsfield, Mass, who has been a widow seventy-five years, celebrated her one hundredth birthday anniversary re-

-Robert Collver says the scientific length of a sermon is thirty minutes, If a man has anything at all worth saying he can say it in that time without repeating himself.

-A marked spirit of deferential coursesy is shown by the more impertant of the English reviews in treating of the works or personality of American literary men who have won their spurs. -Chicago Current.

-The Emperor of Germany has conferred upon Minnie Hank the honorary title of "Imperial Chamber Singer," a distinction shared by only three other foreign prima donnas, Adelina Patti, Jeuny Lind Goldschmidt and Artot-Padilla.

-The Bible revisers base their confidence in the ultimate general acceptof ages have woven around it than in ance of the new version on the precesolving the many most problems in its dent afforded in the history of the King career. In Switzerland, for instance, the James version, which came into gencuckoo is considered to be a trans | eral use despite the fact that it was not formed baker's boy, and the hepherd received by the generation contemporaneous with its production. - Chicago

-Some of the ephemeral poets of a generation or two ago, who fluttered and soared aloft on not over-strong pinions, are nearly forgotten by readers of the present day. Among them was Grenville Mellen, who wrote so many temperance lyries that he acquired the aqueous nickname of "water melon." - Boston Budget.

-The story is denied that "Orpheus Kerr' is in straitened circumstances. One who knows him says of Mr. Newell that "he is not old, but, on the contrary, young, hale, merry and the delight of a charming circle of which his family is the center and most devoted to him. In other words, Orpheus C. Kerr lives an ideal life; he writes when he pleases, and besides his family, who adore him, he has many friends."-Chicago Tribune.

Dr. Allibone is the veteran literateur of America. At the age of thirty-four he began his "Dictionary of Authors," which may almost be termed his life work, since it gave him occupation for eighteen years. His only assistant in this task was his wife, who copied the manuscript notes to the extent of 20,000 pages of foolscap. This work contains

HUMOROUS.

-The tramp is of the genus that

... There are poems unwritten and songs unsung." "Yes," says an edi-

-" An Omaha doctor kisses his wife seventy-five times a day." Trying to kill her, probably; eminent authorities say that kissing is deleterious to health. -Lowett Citizen.

-"Dearme," said a lady in Fifth avenue the other evening "How the china craze is growing! Here's a New York club that is paying \$3,000 for a pitcher." - Albany Times.

from whence growing plants procure he visits his patients he is invariably action this part of their food. We have companied by a brace of gensdarmes, conscious that its flight betokens no loud mamma?" asked little Joe in a learned, too, that the roots are the lest he should surreptitiously convey good to their still unhatched offspring thunder-storm. Another small friend feeding organs of plants, and these letters to prisoners. He enters a cell The cuckoo is on the outlook for a under similar circumstances and that must be supplied from the soil. We with a troubled countenance, as if he nest. The chances are that it has its she was afraid of the "quick sunshine."

is that the soil should not only be made further than the threshold, much less in the likeliest one for it is now very -Miss Miggs -I hope, my dear, tentive of the carbonic acid and the makes any examination of him, feels his zoological creed that the bird first lave Estelle "No, indeed. I never think

-A Galveston mendleant was in the any longer, as I've got a wife now, and y go and get married at my expense." -Texas Siftings.

-At a station down in Indiana the ticket agent. She is a good agent, and attends closely to her business, but she a woman still. The other day a lady traveler stepped up to the ticket window and inquired about a train that was a little late. "Will the train be long?" she asked, meaning if it would be long in arriving. "Oh, yes," was the reply of the fair tieket agent, "longer than last season, but without so many ruffles around the edge."-

"How do you like your new home, Mrs. Gazatem?"

"Splendid! It's a charming place." "I'm so glad to hear it, for I was "On what account?"

"Why, the church across the way, It would be an annovance to some

"Why, that's just what makes the lace so lovely, according to my notion. It's a privilege I never enjoyed before, for without taking the trouble to dress and go out I can peep through the teeth I can do it and nobody's the wiser. It's perfectly splendid, and makes a body feel as contented as a wax figure in a show window."-N. Y.

His Father Taught Him.

Complaint was brought to Colonel Vizzletop that his boy Johnny had at-