DEAD CITY OF THE BALTIC.

Visby, in Gotland, Which Was Once a Pa-

Its silent grass-grown streets and the blackened ruins of its once stately churches suggest a mournful retrospect. Yet the Visby of to-day merits more attention than it obtains from visitors to Sweden and the Baltic. Its once fabulous wealth has departed from it. The housewives no longer, as in the old tradition, use golden spindles, nor do the hogs eat from silver troughs; while of the eighteen churches of which the town once boasted seventeen lie in sirretrivable ruin, wrecked, it would seem, rather by the ruthlessness of man than by the ravages of time.

Still Visby, even in ruins—we may say, indeed, because of its ruins and the associations that cling to them-is full of interest. Its early prosperity was largely due to the convenient position of Gotland in the Baltic, midway between the Swedish and Russian coasts. Until the new routes by Genoa and Venice and by the cape of Good Hope were established most of the commerce with the east passed through Russia, and Visby as a place of call became so prominent as to gain the name "Queen of the Bultic," or the "Eye of the Baltic." Old chroniclers assert that even Solomon in all his glory was poorer in gold and silver and precious stones than was this small

Visby was one of the first to be enrolled among the Hanse town, and took a leading part in the famous league Its maritime code has served as a model for most of the European navigation laws. From the first the "Eye" of the Baltie was mainly directed to business. Its prosperity received royal recognition when Henry III. allowed the merchants of Gotland the privilege of free trade as regarded purchase and traffic in England. The enterprise of the traders enabled them to secure a double

They betook themselves, with other representatives of the league, to London and established, close to Thames street, a house called the Steelyard, which flourished for upward of three centuries. Meanwhile the population increased rapidly in Visby, and the variety of religions called for the erection of numerous churches and religious buildings. Charitable guilds and hospitals were also established. The monks, after their wont, helped to beautify the town by planting walnut. chestnut, lime and mulberry trees, some chestnut, lime and mulberry trees, some of which still thrive. But the chief charm of Visby lies in its gray walls, which, as a specimen of ancient fortification, are almost unique.

Gotland, in the old days, was a pros-

perous and important center; but little remains of its former greatness. The sole existing trace of former independence is a standing army, which belongs exclusively to the island, and can only be employed in its defense. Every Got-lander, from the age of eighteen to that of fifty or sixty, may be called upon to serve. The active service of the army are unlikely to be called upon. Yet of so much importance is the island from its geographical position and natural defense, that a strategic point of view from it might readily be made a padlock from the gulfs of declared that by means of Gotland the Russian navy could be locked up and the navigation of the Baltic commanded.-Temple Bar.

## THE FIELD-TELEPHONE.

An Ingenious Instrument for Use in Time of War.

The whole matter of military communication devolves upon the signal service, and the signal corps of the army has, until recently, on account of assignment to other service, been able to do little more than keep informed of the progress of other nations in the development of material and methods of conveying intelligence, and to endeavor to judge of the merits of improvements by office tests rather than field trial.

After many tests of foreign devices the government employed the Bell Telephone Co. to devise and manufacture an instrument which it is hoped will meet all requirements for communication in the field. In this instrument the principles of the Eccard knapsack telephone, a previous American device, and the trumpet telephone of the German army are combined. It consists of an ingenious arrangement of Bell telephone, Morse key, and bat-tery, which are all contained in a small leather case worn by a strap over the shoulder. The wire is coiled on a reel in a separate case, and makes a load for one man. The telephone part is so contrived that the receiver and transmitter are one piece which may be held in place by one hand, the receiver at the car and the transmitter at the mouth, while the other hand manipulates the key. The key takes the place of the call-box in an ordinary telephone, and makes a sharp click in the receiver at the other end of the line, which calls the operator's attention.

If desirable, the instrument may also be used to telegraph as well as to telephone. Conditions might exist in action where cannonading and the like would render it difficult to hear spoken words in the telephone. Then it is that the sharp click of the telegraph key spells the message through the telephone receiver in the ear of the operator, who hears it as clearly as if a hundred miles from the scene of action. The wire used is light insulated double conductor, which has a tensile strength that will withstand the strain of being run over by artillery wheels, and may be safely laid on the ground. It is usually strung along fences, however, for rapid work, and on trees and light poles when practicable. One man can carry about one and one-half miles of this wire, which would weigh with reel fifty-two pounds. Harper's Weekly.

-Tell a man passionately in love that he is jilted, bring a score of witnesses of the falsehood of his mistress, and it THE SAIS OF CAIRO.

A Functionary Who Facilitates the Move. ment of Road Traffic.

The sais is a runner who keeps in front of a carriage and warns common people out of the way, and who beats them with a stick if they do not hurry up about it. He is a relie of the days when the traffic in all of the streets was so congested that he was an absolute necessity; now he makes it possible for a carriage to move forward at a trot, which without his ald it could not do. It is obvious that to do this he must run swiftly. Most men when they run bend their bodies forward and keep their mouths closed in order to save their wind. The sais runs with his shoulders thrown back and trumpeting like an enraged elephant. He holds his enraged elephant. He holds his to get through trading.—Lowell Coulong wand at his side like a musket, and not trailing in his hand like a walking-stick, and he wears a soft shirt of white stuff, and a sleeveless coat buried in gold lace. His breeches are white, and as voluminous as a woman's skirts; they fall to a few inches above his knee; the rest of his leg is bare, and rigid with muscle. On his head he has a fez with a long black tassel, and magnificent silk scarf of many colors is bound tightly around his waist. He is a perfect ideal of color and movement, and as he runs he bellows like a bull, or roars as you have heard a lion roar at feeding-time in a menagerie. It is not a human cry at all, and you never hear it, even to the last day you stay in Cairo, without a start, as though it were a cry of "help" at night, or the quick-clanging bell of a fire-engine. There is nothing else in Cairo which is so satisfying. There are sometimes two of them running abreast, dressed exactly alike, and with the upper part of their bodies as rigid as the wand pressed against their side, and with the ends of their searf and the long tassel streaming out behind. As they yell and bellow, donkeys and carriages and people scramble out of their way until the carriage they precede has rolled rapidly by. Only princesses of the royal harem, and consuls-general, and the heads of the army of occupation and the Egyptian army are permitted two sais; other people may have one. They appealed to me as much more autocratic appendages than a troop of lifeguards. The rastequaire who first introduces them in Paris will make his name known in a day, and a lord mayor's show or a boxseat on a four-in-hand will be a modest and middle-class distinction in comparison.-Harper's Weekly.

## THE PORPOISE.

Opinions of Business Men in Regard to His Commercial Value.

Reports have come from around Quebee of a business enterprise for the catching of the porpoise. In a section of the gulf where they are very plentiful colossal nets are to be spread for their capture.

The porpolse has often been caught before. Capitalists have coraled him in quantities while deporting himself near Wilmington, Del., for instance. But to these same capitalists he has ever proved much of a white elephant. Commercially he has been unsuccessful, and it is pleasing to note that he is so far appreciated to-day that a band of moneyed men are again to push him forward. It is a difficult thing to find a porpoise man in New York city. In the business world the porpoise is out.

But a fish-oil man thus speaks of him: The catching of the porpoise is some-thing that has never paid. When dead he is useful in certain ways, but never sufficiently so. Under his skin is a layer of fat-the blubber-which is made into an ordinary fish oil, such as menhaden, selling at twenty-five cents a gallon. The only really valuable oil bout him is within the jawbone. That oil is very fine. It sells at from three to four dollars a gallon and when carefully refined very much higher. But, of course, per porpoise, there is a very small quantity of that. Of the ordinary oil about ten porpoises are needed for a barrelful. It is used for the same purposes that other fish oils are—lubricating, the curing of leather and the lighting of mines. But, he concluded, the amount of porpoise oil actually used is so small that we oil men never take it into consideration at all.

The porpoise's hide is regularly tanned for boot and shoe use. It is too wet and oily a leather to become a material for bags, pocketbooks and the like. Cut into strips for shoestrings it has met with some favor. But otherwise it is not wanted. Recently a man in the swamp, who used to be in the porpoise business, said.

"Don't talk porpoise to me, sir; there is nothing in them nowadays. Years ago we thought there was going to be, but no. In my stock now I have several thousand porpoise hides that I would be glad to sell, but nobody wants them. If this new company is going to capture them by net it will have a job on its hands. For the porpoise is a wriggler and the porpoise is very strong, and the net will have to be of the heaviest wire and tightly

woven together." The porpoise here referred to is just the plain ordinary porpoise such as one may see not far from New York and even at times in New York bay itself. There is another kind of porpoise known as the "white whale," from twelve to fourteen feet long, of a cacimine whiteness from tip of tail to head. But he is, strictly speaking, an arctic perpoise and seldem if ever gets so far south as the gulf of St. Lawrence. The ordinary species is but half the length, and even less, of the

"white whale."-Waverly Magazine.

Destroying Insects. Insects may be destroyed with hot alum. Put it in hot water and let it boil until the plum is dissolved. Apply hot with a brush, and all creeping things are instantly destroyed without danger to human life or injury to property. To destroy ants soak pieces of sponge in sugar and water and place on the shelves. When the sponges are is ten to one but three kind words of filled with ants, which will be in about here shall invalidate all their testimo- boiling water.—St. Louis Republic. an hour, drop them into a bucket of

PITH AND POINT.

-As soon as a thing is fashionable t somehow becomes comfortable. Milwaukce Journal.

-Half the world is ignorant of how the other half lives. This is true, but it is no fault of the so-called society papers.

-It is a strange meteorological fact that the sun never shines so hot on a base ball ground as on the harvest field.-Quincy Journal.

-"Mr. Editor, I am told you called me a swindler in a recent issue of your paper!" "No, sir, we only print the very latest news."—Fliegende Blatter.

-When a man moves out to California he always shows just as much pride in the climate as if he were responsible for it himself .- Somerville Journal.

-It is very hard to explain the attractions of country life to a city man who has just investigated the voltage of a black-faced humble-bee. - Baltimore American.

-She-"What strange weather we are having this summer." He-"Yes, but if you remember, the summer of '50 was just such another." She-"Sir!" -Pearson's Weekly.

-Mrs. Jones-"Is your wife at home, Mr. Wilbur?" Wilbur-"Not certain, but if you'll hold that screen door open half a minute you'll hear from her."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

-"Did you ever have your picture in a newspaper?" "Yes, once. But as the compositor misspelled my name under it no one has ever yet learned of the fact."-Washington Star.

-Mr. Totterly-"Could you marry a very old man with a good deal of money, if he told you frankly how old he was and how much he was worth?" Miss Timely -"How much is he worth?" -Vogue.

-De man dat believes that dere's mly one road to Hebben, deah bredlern, an' dat dat one is de one he's awalkin' on, is the kind ob a Christian dat makes de debbel jump for joy .-Rev. Plink Plunk.

-"Madam," said the tramp. "I assure you I'm hungry enough to eat a raw dog." "Very well," she replied, you may eat mine. I'll cafl him." And she did, but the tramp didn't take the meal he had suggested.—Drake's Maga-

-A Case of Sympathy .- Witherby-'You haven't seen my new boy, have you? They say he takes after his father." Plankington-"If he takes the same thing his father takes, I'm sorry for him, old man." - Detroit Free Press.

-Mamma-"If you eat any more of that pudding, Tommy, you'll see the bogie-man to-night." Tommy (after a moment's thought)-"Well, give me some more. I might as well settle my mind about the truth of that story once for all."-Tit-Bits.

-Miss Twitter-"Brunettes have come in style again. I am so glad that my dark locks are once more fashionable!" Mr. Guy Less-"Yes, my grandmother always used to say: "Keep a thing forty years and it is sure to come back in style again."-Arkansaw Trav-

-"When I marry I shall try to be sure of one thing, and that is that I have a woman of sense." "You mean a woman of prudence and forethought. with fine perceptions and a knowledge of human nature?" "Yes, that's it exactly." "But they are just the ones that never marry."-Funny Folks.

WHERE SHE MADE HER MISTAKE. An Interesting Side Remark That Escaped

It is amusing to see how thoroughly Frenchwoman is a natural matchmaker, and how she supposes that the search for a "bon parti" must ever be uppermost in the mind of a properly regulated young woman. At a dinner in Paris, given by a hostess noted for tact and elaborate entertainments, the pretty woman, convoying a tall, awkward youth, fluttered up to an Amerisan girl, saying: "Allow me to present Monsieur N., Miss X.; he is to have the pleasure of taking you out to dinner" - adding in a quick little "aside" behind her fan, "He is worth ten million francs, my dear." At the table Miss X. discovered her escort to be decidedly uninteresting, while her other neighbor, Monsieur T., proved to be most amusing, though a middle-aged, plain little man. To him she devoted herself throughout the dinner, continuing the conversation afterward in the drawing-room, where the neglected Crossus promptly deserted her.

A short time after, when making her dinner call, the American girl remarked to her hostess that she had found Monsieur T. such a clever man.

"O, yes, quite a clever little man; but what did you think of Monsieur N?" inquired madame.

"He was rather young, and there didn't seem to be anything particularly interesting about him," replied Miss X., hoping to excuse her evident negleet of her escort at the dinner.

"Ah." exclaimed her hostess, "I felt sure when I saw how little he interested you that you did not hear me tell you that he was worth ten million francs."-Chicago Tribune.

Fear.

Some celebrated man, who saw a little clearer than others, once said: "The fear of looking like a fool has prevented many a man acting like a hero!" This unworthy fear, which consists largely of self-conceit and self-consciousness, is the great vice to be eliminated in growing from the heart, out. There is nothing but love which can utterly overpower it. It is that love which is a love to God and a love to our fellow-men, and which, growing greater and greater in the heart, finally casts out self-conscious fear as well as every other baser thing. Where love grows perfect there is room for nothing else. -- Harper's Bazar.

THE FLOUNDER.

happens because it is flat.

If you have ever seen one in market or elsewhere, you know that the upper and under parts of its body are of different colors, and that its two eyes are, strangely enough, both on the same side of the head. If you were to see one in the water you would notice that it swam not upright, as other fish swim, but lying over on one side, with its eyes

Now all these things-the flatness, the two eyes together, the twisted mouth, the different colored sides, the peculiar swimming—come from the fact that the flounder is not and never has been an overbrave fish. We can not blame the poor creatures much, beblame the poor creatures much, because they have no way to defend themselves as swordfish and some others have. Their neighbors enjoy eating them. They know that they are weak, and so they took, ages ago, to hiding at the bottom of the water. This has been done tom of the water. This has been done so long that now they have actually lost the power to come to the surface. Other fish rise and sink by means of an lost the power to come to the surface.
Other fish rise and sink by means of an air bladder. Those of our friends that used theirs and rose were pounced upon and eaten. The poor scares ones that hid at the bottom and saved their lives had no need of the rising apparatus, had no need of the rising apparatus, and now, as is always the case when an organ is not used, they have lost it.

But when the flounder took to his hiding place at the bottom he did not settle himself at all comfortably, according to our ideas of fish comfort. Instead of an upright position, with the two sides equally up, he chose for some reason to lie over entirely on one of them, with the other side up. This position accounts for the differently colored sides. That on which he lay was protected always from the sunlight and lost its color. The upper has come to be the color of the bottom on which he lives, be that color what it may. That it should be so is not so strange as it seems. A bright flounder shining on a dark bottom is easily seen by its enemies, and seized and eaten. The same would be true of a dark fish in a bright coral house. Those who lived to have families of their own were those whose color was most like the color of their home. Only the dullest color was transmitted, and so, the world over, members of this family are the color of rough in a way that makes them wonderfully like their home. We find, for the same reason, arctic animals white like snow and desert insects the color of sand.

Another result of the flatness of this flatfish family to which the flounder belongs is that its eyes are both on the top of its head. We can best see how they have got together, and how other changes have taken place, by noticing the growth of a young flounder. In the very beginning of its existence the regulated eyes should be, on opposite sides of the head, and it swims vertically in the water, as do other fish. But in a few days the influence of a long line of flounder ancestry is felt. He, Red Cloud, Nebraska. too, takes to lying on one side, genererally, but not always, the left. The exposed skin darkens. In this position the view of the under eye is somewhat limited, and it squints upward toward a larger one. It begins to move; it turns the corner and comes to the top. There it takes a stand. The mouth twists upward and the young fish swims along sidewise on the bottom.-Harper's Young People.

A SHREWD EASTERNER.

His Methods of Land Grabbing Were Unique if Not Commendable.

"There are devices practiced in the far west," observed an Omaha man recently, "for making money; devices that appeal to the enterprising and ingenious citizen, and that are, by a long way, more ingenious than commenda-"Every now and then," he went on,

'a shrewd easterner sees an unlooked for opportunity to get ahead in the west. He generally intends to remain just long enough to get a big bank account and then to return home and spend his money. Oftener than not, he does not return, and the west, particularly the 'new west,' is recruited with just such eastern adventurers.

"There is a man living on a claim near the frontier town of Heela, Wyo., whose career so far has been preeminently successful.

"Less than a year ago he took out a land claim for six hundred acres. He had his eye upon the land adjoining his own, where an old frontiersman lived alone with his daughter.

afterward marrying her.
"He then put his father-in-law into

the way of stealing sheep that had wandered from neighboring ranches, claiming that they were communistic property. Both were arrested, as the business' man knew and intended they should be. The latter then turned state's evidence and was set free.

"That was part of his well-formulated scheme. While his father-in-law was serving out his sentence in prison the easterner jumped the old man's claim, hired an unscrupulous neighbor to run away with his wife and obtained a divorce on the ground of desertion.

"He now smokes the pipe of peace as he surveys his broad acres and congratulates himself upon his shrewdness. He will probably return east some day. No doubt he'll pose as a western cattle king or something of the sort when he does."—N. Y. Herald.

-A father, in reproving his son, said sternly to him: "Did you ever see me doing such a thing as that when I was

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