#### CATFISH IS A FIGHTER did the fish. At last he had room ac-

HE KNOCKED OUT THREE MEN and fish on the floor and the number ON DRY LAND.

In Transferring the Catfish from His Case in the Fair to the State liatcheries He Broke Loose and Mixed Things Up for a While,



about in a tank with extra heavy glass sides in the state hachery of away. Nebraska, at Omaha, is a member of the finny tribe that has suddenly leaped into piscatorial fame as a "man smashing"

WIMMING Jazily

atfish.

IN

building with three broken ribs. Sup-It is beyond question that this is the erintendent O'Brien, of the hatcheries, only catfish caught in inland waters went head over heels from a blow of in the world which has a record of that powerful tail on one of his eyes. knocking out three men on terra firma, State Fish Commissioner W. L. May and which has lived to be feared and never knew what hit him because it at the same time admired by his hucame so quick and hard, but it drove man victims. him some distance along the floor and

lehthyologists are, scientifically caused him to feel as if he had experispeaking, unacquainted with the apenced a sudden and violent attack of pelation "man smashing." No denimuscular rheumatism. ten of the water is classified by them under that forcible term but fishermen and attaches of aquariums are very familiar with the slangy but expressive title, just as circus employes know and dread a man-killing ele- together. The monster lay limp and phant.

This "man smashing" fish has justly sarned the strange name by actually One man went forward, and to show The two culprits, alarmed by his exsmashing in three ribs of one man and painfully bruising two others, one turend in triumph and the-well, returned the can. If it had not been to less a person than the state com- then there was a sudden s-w-i-s-h and for the interference of others Lehr

# THE RED CLOUD CHIEF, FRIDAY, DEC. 25 1896. They heaved right royally and so HER ASHES IN A CAN.

Widower Lehr Carries the Remains of Itis Wife Wherever He Goes.

For several years Louis Lehr, a laboring man of Memphis, Tenn., has carried with him as his constant companion a can looking much like an ordinary paint or oil receptacle with a top which screws on, but which, so far as any one knows, has never been removed, says the New York World. If he had been seen with the can only once or twice or a dozen times it might net have attracted attention, but when those who knew Lehr found that this commonplace object was the constant companion of his life, night and day, they began to wonder what it contained. Some of them asked him about it, now jokingly and again seriously, but he never had any satisfactory answer to give. The first thing when he got up in the morning Lehr got that can. He carried it to the various points about the city where his duties called him. He stood it while he worked where he could see it constantly, and going home in the evening he carried it carefully with him. At night it stands on a little table close to his bedside, whence he can see it readily when he wakes. The longer those who knew him watched this performance the more mysterious did it seem and the more lively was their curiosity. One day last spring some began to tire. The absence from his fellow laborers thought to play a joke wonted element told on him. The flerce on Lehr by removing the curious little strokes of the tail became less and can when its owner was not looking less often until at last they ceased al- and hiding it. When the usually quiet and reserved man discovered that the precious object was gone it changed him into something like a madman. his courage patted the fish. Then he cited state, confessed their joke and

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city.

# MECCA OF THE CROOKS here were Mrs. Harlow, alias Sarah L.

# WASHINGTON USED TO BE A and Raff, Mrs. Harlow was 50 years REFUGE FOR THEM.

fareet of the "Duchess of California" Conversationalist and Always Wore Good Clothes.

> (Washington Letter.) S EVERAL SCATA. ago this city was the meeca of adventuresses, crooks in petticoats and that city, valued at \$250 each, and had S confidence women. They came from 25 every point of the compass and their victims were usually men of high

were finally gratified to see their game degree. approaching. The women carried two There are many women in this country who live by their wits and large bundles. They entered the hotel roguery, and Inspector Hollinberger. and proceeded upstairs to their room chief of detectives, says the confidence closely followed by the two "shadows." women, blackmailers and shoplifters, Mrs. Harlan and Kate Friday deposited who have visited Washington, were the two packages on their beds. Their found to be equally as shrewd and cunbacks were toward the door and they ning as males in the same profession. did not see the sleuths peering in Photographs of some of the most nothrough the opening. The next move table of these tricky females, who was to raise their outer skirts, discloshave plied their shady vocation here, ing a false one, in which were capacan be found in the rogues' gallery, clous hidden pockets. They then prolocated in the inspector's office. Deceeded to draw from the concealed tective Joseph Carter, one of the veterprockets valuable jewelry and precious ans at headquarters, relates some interstones. It was while thus engaged in esting reminiscences of the "light findisgorging their plunder that Carter gered ladies" who have "turned tricks' and Raff made their presence known. in this city. Perhaps the best known The women professed to be highly inof these was Ollie Ellis, better known as the "Duchess of California." She was a native of Cincinnati and at the time of her arrest here by Detectives

Block and Raff, Feb. 23, 1886, was 35 years of age. The "Duchess" was plump of figure and pretty of face. She was also a most accomplished and agreeable conversationalist and always wore stylish and costly clothing. She came here from California to escape the vengeance of relatives of a millionaire she had ruined there, leaving him a derelict on the sea of bankrupt She is entered upon Inspector Holinberger's records as a shrewd confi dence woman. Her game in Washington was blackmail and her victims prominent men high in official life. she represented herself as a real

> KATE FRIDAY. dignant at what they termed the "unwarranted intrusion of men upon the privacy of ladies." When they were informed that the intruders were detectives, Sarah and Kate quickly accompanied them to headquarters. Afskin coats and capes. At headquarters a fast as articles were stoles they were sion of a vocal teacher is one of the expressed separately to him 1.1.1. 1.0. cuse, N. Y., was being worn by Kate When taken to the photographer's to have them "mugged" for the rogues gallery both women made a desperate resistance and resorted to all sorts of expedients to prevent the camera from reproducing a likeness of their feaheld their hands before their eyes laughed and made grimaces,

# MORALS OF THE BATHTUB.

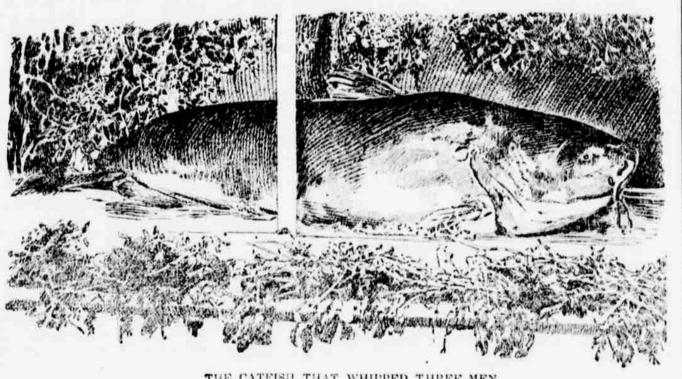
# Its Important Bearing Upon a Man's Morality and Business Success.

"It is very easy to find a direct connection between the cleanliness of a people and their moral standard,' writes Edward W. Bok, editorially, of "The Morals of the Bathtub," in the Ladies' Home Journal, "Of all the external aids to a moral life none is so potent as tidiness. An untidy man or woman soon becomes a moral sloven. Let a man be careless of his surroundings, of his companionships, of his dress, his general appearance and of his bodily habits, and it is not long before the same carelessness extends into the realm of his morals. We are all creatures of our surroundings, and we work and act as we feel. If a man lives in a home where carelessness or untidiness in his dress is overlooked he very soon goes from one inexactitude to another. He very quickly loses himself. The moral fibre of a man, fine of itself, can soon become coarse if the influence of his external surroundings is coarse. I believe thoroughly in the effect of a man's dress and habits of person upon his moral character. I do not say that neatness of appearance and cleanliness of person constitute the gentleman or the man of honor. But I do say that they are potent helps. And I would like to emphasize the importance of this belief upon the women of our homes. For it is given them to be an important factor in these helps to the betterment of the world's morality. The man who makes a point of keeping himself clean, and whose clothes look neat, no matter how moderate of cost they may be, works better, feels better, and is in every sense a better business man than his fellow-worker, who is disregardful of both his body and dress, or either. He works at a distinct advantage. The external man unquestionably influences the internal man. I would give far more for the work done by a man who has the invigorating moral tone of a morning bath and the feeling of clean linen than I would for the work done by a man who scarcely washes and rushes into his clothes. The time spent upon our bodies is never wasted; on the contrary, it is time well invested. A machine of metal and steel must be clean before it can do good work. So, too, the human machine, A disregard of the body and disorder in dress soon grow into moral slovenly DONE."

#### "THE VOCAL STUDENT"

Madame Melba on the Exactions and Rewards of a Musical Career.

Madame Melha addre ses students of music in an instructive, practical paper ter they were locked up the officers re- in the Ladica' Home Journal. She tells covered \$1,700 worth of jewelry, seal- in her acticle on "The Vocal Student" of the nee saity of securing a thoroughthe younger of the shoplifters refused by competent teacher, of practice, and to give her name. The older woman, the care of the health; emphasizes the was overheard addressing her as Kate importance of being trained musicians and as the arrest was made on Friday an well as vocalists; talks of the moneshe was named, at Detective Carter's tary value of a musical training and suggestion, "Kate Friday," It was af- of European study. With regard to the terward learned that the females had monetary rewards of a capable singer male accomplice, who had gone Madame Melha says: "To a girl propahead and stopped at Alexandria. As erly trained and qualified the profes-



cording to his tail. Over went men

of revolutions the terrible tail made in

a moment would put any respectable

fly wheel to shame. All hands rolled

around the floor, the fish landing

every time he struck. It was the pret-

tiest fight Omaha over witnessed. The

heanty of it was, too, the police

couldn't stop it, not even the fish's

tail. If Sharkey should ever hit Cor-

bett with anything like the force with

which that fish struck his antagonisis

there would be a new champion right.

There were really three men in this

boat and a pretty bad boat it was to be

in. The more the fish struggled, the

stronger and wider he seemed to get.

Presently his tail went sideways with

a swish. A second later John Mere-

dith, of the State Fish Hatcherics,

found himself up against the side of the

Then the great, big conquering fish

This was the coveted opportunity.

apparently lifeless upon the floor.

THE CATFISH THAT WHIPPED THREE MEN.

nissioner of Nebraska. Lew May, the man of courage went into space as might have gone to the gallows for Were he not the property of the state, if he had been inspired by a full grown that day's work. Before help could to Maj. Dye, then chief of police here, he would, doubtless, he widely sought catapault. It was the tail again-the reach them both men were felled by that Ollie was attempting to blackmail tall of the biggest fish Omaha by museum agents and exhibited from an iron bar that stood handy and as ever it was thought at the time, fatally in-

of age, and the Friday woman just 17. The latter was a fairly pretty woman. with petite figure, while the elder crook. was as ugly as a mud fence struck by she was Pretty and an Agreeable lightning. Both dressed well and preconted a swell appearance, besides be-

Lewess, and her pal. Kate Friday,

When arrested by Detectives Caster

tag suave of manner and polished and

The first intimation the detectives

had that the shoplifters were in this

vicinity came from the Baltimore po-

lice. It was a statement that the wom-

en had "lifted" two scalskin capes in

gone to Washington with their plunder.

Delectives Carter and Raff were as-

signed to the case, and after visiting

all the hotels the female thieves were

located at the Howard house. The

detectives "piped off" that hostelry and

persuasive talkers.

one end of the country to the other. | saw, As it is, several of these enterprising zentlemen have unsuccessfully enleavored to secure his lordship.

There have been plenty of instances of a fish knocking a man out when both were in the water, but for even a big fish to accomplish that feat on land is certainly a novelty.

The catlish weighs 110 pounds. A catfish that weighs a good deal less than that is an ugly customer to hantle, for he has vim and bounce enough for a dozen of some varieties of his brethren. They are all weaklings when compared with this 110 pounder. the world just like a child, and then in as the story of his achievements thows.

He was one of the big attractions at the recent state fair at Omaha, for ever since a plucky fisherman netted kim out of the Missouri river at Plattsmouth, he has been growing larger and even handsomer, as fish go.

He showed such a record as a fighter that his captor, instead of keeping him and serving him up to hungry customers, pat him it, a came soon enough. From being the troubles of his unfortunate captor. He was getting too big and valuable as a curiosity to kill, and, at the same time, his destructive habits threatened to force his owner into bankruptcy.

Almost every day he managed to break the light wooden tank in which he was at first kept into a greater or less amount of kindling wood.

When the fair ended it was decided to transfer the big fellow to the hatchcries. This was the beginning of trouble. The big jawed leviathan rather liked to be on exhibition. He seemed to look at the people just as much as they looked at him. to retirewhen it came So. ment, he objected. How he did Even the venerable Holobject! man, in the days of his dictatorship, couldn't hold a candle to him.

His catship's home at the fair had been a narrow tank, so that he would is tail with sufficient power to do any damage. His reputation for amiability was not above par, and when It came to moving him precaution was taken to prevent him hurting any one.

head before any efforts were made to than table demands. lift him out of his abiding place. The cloth was made fast, it was supposed. and then the word was given to these heave away.

There is an end to all things, and so, after awhile, the fish capitulated, was wrapped in a blanket and carried in triumph to the hatcheries. When they dumped him into a tank there he deliberately sank to the bottom and refused to move. Whether it was sulks or exhaustion, no one knows, but to see just how he appears glance at the accompanying illustration.

The fish-strangely enough he has no name of his own-has always been considered rather dangerous, ever since he began to approach his present size. For days at a time he will sulk, for all a moment seem to reach a fury of passion and do his best to disturb his surroundings.

Wisely, though, he is so quartered that that powerful tail of his can inflict no danger. If it was not for that there would be no tank in the hatcheries of sufficient strength to hold him.

A Story of Archbishop Benson There are many stories told of the late Archbishop of Canterbury. One reank and awaited developments. They lates to his Weilington College days. The Prince Consort, attended by a sina big fish he was rapidly becoming an gle equerry, rode over to Wellington. enormous one and each day increased and arrived just as the doctor was about to address his boys. The Prince expressed a wish that the master should proceed with the address in his presence. Having with bare head, as etiquette demanded, shown Prince Albert to a seat, he turned to the boys.

and, replacing his hat, began his lecture. Just then the equerry went up and touched him on the elbow, "Dr. Benson," said he, "his Royal Highress is present." "I am proud to know it," was his reply, and the doctor serenely continued with his interrupted address. Scarcely had a dozen words been spoken, however, before the persistent courtier again broke in with, "Dr. Benson, we all remain uncovered in his Royal Highness' presence." "I am his Royal Highness' most humble and devoted servant," rejoined the future archbishop, at the same time bowing low, with uncovered head, to the Prince; "but," said he, replacing his head covering, and turning to the boys not have much of a chance to swing once more, "I am also my boys' head master."

#### A Use for Eggs.

Callco print works use 40,000,000 dozen eggs per year, wine clarifiers use 10,000,000 dozen, the photographers and ing to any but the slightest figures. This precaution consisted in wrap- other industries use many millions, ping a folded cloth around the fish's and these trade orders increase more

#### Locusts in Argentine.

Argentina is reported to be overrun further recommendation of being exassembled to perform the task to with locusts, which are asstroying the tremely becoming to the average Arops.

jured. They recovered afterward, but the incident showed more clearly than ever the intensity of Lehr's feelings about the mysterious can. It now appears the can contained the ashes of his dead wife. At her death she had requested that her body be cremated. Lehr carried out her wish, and, heart broken at her death, determined never to be separated from her ashes. This accounts for his constant care of the tin can, or urn, as it has proved to be.

#### Too Much for Him.

The horse beheld the bloomer girl And straightway jumped a fence, And folks declare who watched him there

It showed he had horse sense,

## NOTES OF THE VOCUE.

The old-fashioned pointed waist is in again, and even the stiff and ungraceful stomacher is seen on some of the newest evening gowns.

It is to be a fur season-than which nothing is prettier or more becoming. Narrow bands will be used not only for street costumes, but for evening gowns and tea gowns as well.

Black satin and velvet ribbons in various widths are used lavishly for dress trimmings, and are particularly pretty to finish the bolero jacket or vest, either sewed on plain or plaited in a frill.

The fur vest will be much worn this winter, whether in Persian lamb, chinchilla, sable or economical astrakhan. A sensible fashion, which gives just the needed warmth to the useful coat and skirt gown.

The newest skirt models are trimmed at the bottom, paneled at the sides, draped with the effect of an overskirt and made with tablier fronts-two kinds of material being invariably used to make a harmony of tones.

If you want to be in the very top notch of fashion have a touch of red on your winter gown or in your winter hat. Paris has declared in favor of that long-neglected color, and it promises to be the mode par excellence. Little bolero jackets of fur are a de-

cidedly new fancy of the moment, and even girdles and belts of fur are seen. on some of the smartest walking gowns -a fashion, however, rather unbecom-The prettiest novelties are seen in neckwear, and these dainty confections of chiffon, lace velvet and fur give a touch of elegance to the simplest costume, while they have the woman.

him. Detectives Raff and Mahan acrest ed her as a suspicious character under the vagrancy act. She was tried in the police court and found guilty, but having plenty of ready cash the fair duchess purchased a bondsman and was released from custody, being under \$200 security for her good behavior for a period of six months. She was afterward arrested three times on the same charge, for trying to blackmail prominent men, and served two terms in the workhouse. Upon her release the last time the duchess disappeared, and has not since been seen in this vicinity. "She came here 'in purple and fine linens."" said Detective Joe Carter last evening to a reporter, "and went away bedraggled, soiled and forlorn, a victim of her own iniquity." Dora Strawbridge, alias Cartwright, was another female crook of high degree who fell into the hands of the law. She was a native of Sweden, 29 years of age, and not very prepossessing in either face or form when she was arrested by Sergt. Moore of the 1st precinct for forgery

duchess and produced manufactured odence to support that claim. The

first game she tried to work was on

Col. Snellbaker. Her right name was

Olive Chumley and she was the dauga-

ter of a Cincinnati policeman, who was

shot and instantly killed by Snellbak-

er, while he was chief of police in that

baker with being the cause of the

downfall of a younger daughter and

one day, in a fit of rage, the patrolman,

with upraised club, rushed into Snell-

baker's office and attempted to brain

him. The colonel drew his nistol and

killed Churaley on the spot. When

the "Duchess" came here she called

upon Snellbaker and demanded \$1,000

as hush money. He refused to give

her the money and at once complained

Olive's father charged Snell-



OLIVE CHUMLEY.

was a single woman, but represented herself to be a widow of a prominent physician. Her victims were medical men and a number of the leading medicos of this city were "touched up" by this crooked daughter of the land of the midnight sun. She would borrow a foung infant from some one at her boarding place and carry it in her arms to excite sympathy and dispel suspicion. Her scheme was to call upon physicians, exhibit bogus letters stating that she was the widow of a prominent practitioner in some other city, in destitute circumstances, and seek aid. Once inside a house Dora would steal anything she could lay her hands upon. She also managed to get possession of her victim's signatures, and made forged bank checks and orders for money and clothing. After her capture by Sergt. Moore, she was convicted and served time in the Albany "pen." Two of the most daring and successful shoplifters that ever did business

"One man can lead a horse to the trough," said Kate Friday, repeating an old saw, "but one thousand cannot make him drink."

It was learned that they were experlenced shoplifters and had committed thefts amounting to thousands of dollars in other cities. The portrait printed herewith was found in her possession some months later.

Just before their trial in the Criminal court here "Black Lena," a notorious Italian woman and keeper of a "fence" in New York, came to this city and offered \$1,500 in cash to any one who would become bondsman for the prisoners. She did not succeed in securing their release, however, and they were brought to trial. There were eight counts in the indictment found against the women but they were only tried on one and sentenced to serve four years each in the Albany penitentiary. Before being sent over the road Kate Friday was brought from jail and resentenced, her term being reduced to two years. She was afterwards released from the "pen" on a writ of habeas corpus by Judge Coxe of Albany. She was next arrested at the Sheepshead race-track by Pinkerton men, who placed her in charge of the notorious political boss, James Y. Me-Kane, who was then chief of police and mayor of Coney Island. Detec ive Carter learned she was in custody | trouble. there and went to Coney Island to get possession of the woman and bring her to Washington to answer to the other | daily, it would keep their flesh clean seven counts which had been brought against her. He found upon his arrival that she was again at large. Me-Kane, by some hook or crook, had move severe headache, but should be taken Kate before Judge Bartlett, in Brooklyn, and she had secured her liberty for the second time by habeascorpus writ. Since that time the Washington police have not heard of either of the women.

#### And Gets Him.

Some folks look out for number one That all may be quite true; But when it is a widow she Looks out for number two. -Truth.

remunerative, Good teachers sent them to New York or Boston, are scarce and in great demand, and where they were sold. The plunder as the fees are large an excellent inrecovered from the women filled a come may be obtained. Next comes the push-cart. A handsome seaiskin coat career of the church singer. Every they had stolen from a dealer in Syra- church has its choir, and in the majority of cases the soloists composing Friday. It was returned to its owner, it are paid, and often well paid. Engagements as a drawing-room singer can be secured in large cities when one has talent and faculty, and when the voice is not sufficiently large for its possessor to become a concert singer. The fees of the successful concert tures. They screwed up their faces, singer are large; she is constantly in demand; her repertoire is of songs, not of entire roles, and is more easily acquired; her expenses are limited to the cost of a lew evening gowns, in the place of scores of costumes. For the opera singer there is plenty of hard work, but for that there is the compensation of being associated in many cases with the famous artists of the world, whom to know is a liberal education."

### AMMONIA.

Door plates should be cleaned by rubbing with a cloth, dipped in ammonia and water.

To brighten carpets wipe them after sweeping with warm water, into which has been poured a few drops of ammonia.

To wash you brushes and combs put one tablespoonful of ammonia in one quart of water, rinse, shake and dry in the sun.

A tablespoonful of ammonia in a gallon of warm water will often restore colors in carpets and will also remove whitewash from carpets.

Yellow oil stains left by the sewing machine may be removed by rubbing the spot with a cloth wet with ammonia before washing with soap.

By rubbing nickel and silver ornaments with a woolen cloth, saturated with spirits of ammonia, they may be kept very bright with but little

If those who perspire freely would use a little ammonia in their bath and sweet, doing away with all disagreeable odor.

Spirits of ammonia will often, recarefully used, as the constant use of salts, ammonia and other strong scents injures and inflames the nose.

Equal parts of ammonia and turpentine will take the paint out of clothing, even if it has become hard and dry. Wet the spot as often as hoods sary, and wash out in soap suds.

One teaspoonful of ammonia in s capful of water will clean gold or silver jewelry. A few drops on the under side of a diamond will clean it immediately, making it very brilliant. .