***** THE CUNNING MOSQUITO

Writer Insists the Insect Is Showing Remarkable Educational Progress

point where he is capable of dodging and into my room at night. They were some of the artifices of human kind is simply a fool," said a man who has en wying some attention to anapholes and culex, and whose devotion has been returned with quadrupled to observe a few things within the week, in substantiation of which I make proffer of various red splotches on my face, neck and hands. Just putside of my door there is a cistern. one of these uncovered cisterns about which so much has been said and written. It is a great mosquito breeder and at night these humming desperadoes make a fierce charge into my room. The door, window and transom are not screened, but I have around my bed what is supposed to be ample protection in a good mosquito bar. For a while the bar was good enough. But it did not take any great length of time for the mosquitoes to learn a few things. One night-just a few nights sound and had noticed that my sleep had not been as even as usual. At first I thought the sound was made by room on the line which traverses the of the artifices of human kind, and ually dawned on me that it was the Times-Democrat,

"The man wno believes that the mos | drone of mosquitoes which had been in quito cannot be educated up to the the habit of slipping out of the cistern making a fierce attack on the bar, and I concluded that I would get up and make a little investigation-an after midnight study, as it were-of this winged assassin. I did so.

amorousness, "and I know what I am before. They were mad, too. The fact "I never saw so many mosquitoes talking about, for I have had occasion that they had encountered the bar seems to have made them furious. They were buzzing like a nest of disturbed hornets. But what surprised me more than any other thing was the fact that several dozen had managed to get through and were actually on the inside, and had really begun to chew me. On the outside of the bar I found a perfect swarm. Some of them were fastened in the threads of the bar. They were trying to squeeze through the little holes of the bar, just as the others had done. Their long legs, or their wings, or some part of the body, and become tangled and they were hopelessly tied. Now how did they know how to get through these little places by the squeezing process? ago-I was awakened by a humming How did they know this was the only possible way to reach the food they wanted? I tell you the mosquito is capable of learning a few things, a street car some distance from my and he is being educated up to some street on which I live. The truth grad- that's all there is to it."-New Orleans

THE OLDEST STOVE

Richmond, Va., Claims One Which Seemingly Should Rank With the Best

According to a Philadelphia news | is technically known as "pebbled." paper the oldest stove in this country s at present on exhibition in Minneap-

From the description this old stove is something after the fashion of the one which we have here in our state capitol. It stands upon legs or end supports, similar to those of a sewing machine, only that they are about half as high and of much heavier casting. The total weight of the stove is 500 pounds. It is three feet long, thirtytwo inches high and one foot wide, with a hearth extending in front. There is no grate in the bottom, the fire being built directly on the bottom of the stove, the heat passing from below the oven, back of it and over the top of the pipe. The outside has scrolls and designs and crowns in relief, much after the fashion of the east with the metal are the words. 'Hereford Furnace, Thomas Maybury, age. The surface has a finish which patch.

The famous Virginia stove also stands upon legs, is about seven feet high and is handsomely ornamented. It is "three stories" high and of pyramidal shape, and was made in 1770 for the house of burgesses at Williamsburg, whence it was removed to Richmond when the seat of government was removed hither. The founder, one Buzaglo, whose place of business was in England, wrote of the "warming machine" that "the elegance of workmanship does honor to Great Britain. It exceeds in grandeur anything ever seen of the kind and is a masterpiece not to be equaled in all Europe. It has met with general applause and could not be sufficiently admired.'

So, notwithstanding its advantages of a few years in age, the Minneapolis stoves of to-day, and on both sides stove must pale its ineffectual fires when compared with our big, highly ornamental and aristocratically con-Mfr., 1767." We are assured that the nected (historically speaking) old stove is well preserved, in spite of its warming machine. - Richmond Dis-

Traveling and Wandering

humor the other evening. He was a thankful 'Here at last,' as if that packed up for the summer, and was were the point. The ancients got starting off in the morning on a cheap about in a different spirit. They wanracket walking trip. To traverse the dered where 'sweet adventure called country districts of New England was them.' They merely roamed, setting his program, and an unfailing friendliness his method of getting about cheaply and well.

"I have no use for traveling," he be-"That, of course, is why you are

starting off on the morrow?" I asked. "That, dear friend, is not traveling. It is wandering, and I recommend the world in general to get back to it, as the ideal manner of getting about. Traveling is a distinctly modern invention. It aims at two thingsspeed and the attainment of a definite locality. It is done for a purpose, and the means are always sacrificed to the end. The scenery through which the victims of the system may steam, is blurred. Cards and papers are found necessary to slay the time, and when the travelers dismount from

HIS JOKE COST HIM DEAR.

An Interesting Little Story About Hannibal Hamlin.

"Why don't you comb down that cowlick: said Senator Mallory, laughingly, to one of the pages, whose hair was standing straight. "Some of these days your wife will take hold of it and pull your hair."

The boy glanced up at the senator's very bald pate. "Senator," he asked, is that the way you lost your hair?" There are quite a number of sens-

tors with bald heads. Senator Stewart is among the number. And Mr. Stewart says that it does not pay to make fun of a man who hasn't any hair on the top of his head, in the place where the hair ought to grow, as the old song says. In proof of which he tells an interesting story on how Hannibal Hamlin was defeated for the senate.

"Up in Maine," said Mr. Stewart, "there was a man who was very bald. One day Mr. Hamlin came along and tapped the man's smooth skull. 'I just Can to tell you, he said, that one of your two hairs is crossed with

the other.' "The remark was made only in fun, but the bald-headed man never forgot it. Long afterward he was a member | would recur again for two and a half of the upper branch of the Maine million years."-New York Tribune.

Jones was in peculiarly expansive | the deck or platform they breathe out themselves no goal. They were not whirled in hot compartments from point to point. Under the wide and starry sky they tented; these fine old tramps, Arabs, gypsies and all nomads of the Ulysses type. The peripatetic hoboes should organize a great league to prove that scenery is better than speed, and that every foot of the open road is as good as the place named on the guide post, toward which the wanderer's face is set.

"And no epitaph is more appropriate for the mundane wanderer than this:

'Under the wide and open sky. Where he loved to live, there let him

Home is the sailor, home from the

And the hunter is home from the hill.'

legislature and Hamlin was a candidate for the United States senate. Hamlin was defeated by one vote, and that one vote was cast by the man who was bald."-Washington Post.

Februarys Without Full Moon.

A correspondent corrects some erroneous statements about a month with no full moon, which appeared recently in a paragraph quoted from a Missouri paper. "As a matter of fact," he says, "the month of February, 1886, had a full moon, which fell on the 18th, as reference to the almanac for that year will show. The month of February, 1893, however, had no full moon, nor did that of 1866, and this is no infrequent occurrence. but happens every twenty or thirty years. The month of February having, except in leap year, only twentyeight days, and the moon's phases be ing separated by an average period of twenty-nine days, it of necessity follows that in February frequently only three such phases occur. The phenomena is therefore neither rare nor of any interest, and the only wonder is who could first have started so foolish a story as that no month without a full moon had occurred since the creation of the world, nor

William H. Forwood Named by the President as Army's Surgeon General



war he was in command of the White age limit.

William H. Forwood, who was re- Hall General Hospital in Pennsylvacently nominated surgeon general of nia, but a year later joined the regular the army by President Roosevelt, has army, and has served in almost every been a member of the military branch part of the country where the army since 1861, when he was appointed has a post. Dr. Forwood is a native from civil life. At the close of the of Delaware. He retires this year, by

Deadlier Than the Fer-De-Lance. One who has been over the world

says: "Your Martinique friend ferde-lance is not to be compared with the dukite snake of Australia. It is like the pictures you have seen of sin. a long, red snake, with eyes the living embodiment of evil. The dukites never go alone. If you are unfortunate enough to kill one without killing its mate the latter will follow your trail remorselessly, like death, or fate, and though you camp twenty miles from the spot it will kill you as sure as you killed its partner."

A Pennsylvania Statesman. George W. Guthrie, who has been nominated as running mate for ex-Gov. Pattison in the Pennsylvania gubernatorial race, was born in Pittsburg fifty-four years ago, and has been a lawyer of high standing in that city since 1869. He ran for mayor in 1896, but on the face of the returns was declared defeated. He contested, Pittsburg.

The Greatest Oil Well.

The greatest oil spouter of the Russian petroleum district was struck a few months ago about eight miles southwest of Baku. The well was bored to a depth of 1,800 feet before oil was reached. Then, for nearly three days it sent out oil at the rate of 180,000 barrels a day, and continued thereafter to flow at a diminishing rate until it had produced over 2,000,-600 barrels. The owners lost money, for the well could not be controlled, much adjacent property being damaged by the oil that escaped.

Trustees of Corcoran Gallery. The trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art at Washington have appointed Edmund Clarence Messer principal of the Corcoran Art school, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of E. F. Andrews. Messer has chosen as his assistants R. N. Brooke, Miss Mattide Mueden and James Henry Moser. Mr. Messrs but again lost. He was nominated for is one of the most widely known and elector at large in 1896, but withdrew, esteemed of Washington artists. He Mr. Guthrie is at present chairman of is also a man of mature years and the democratic city committee of known to possess fine executive ability.

Jessie Morrison, for the Third Time Convicted of the Murder of Mrs. Castle



After being out twelve hours the | degree. The jury reached its conclujury in the case against Jessie Morrison, charged with the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, at her home, Eldorado, Kansas, in June, 1900, returned a ver- pealed. It is believed the last verdict dict of guilty of murder in the second

sion speedily.

This is the third trial Miss Morrison has had, the case being twice apwill be final.

Czar Has Faith in Ring.

Editor Who Made a Mistake. A southern Kansas editor innocently contradicted a report that a young woman in his county was about to throw up her job as school teacher in order to get married. "She is not that

kind of a girl," said the editor, intending to convey the idea that she would not break a contract. But the girl saw it in a different light and wrote to him hotly: "I don't know," she said, "as it is any of your business, but I give you to understand that I am not the kind of a girl you say. I can get married if I want to." -Kansas City Journal.

The czar wears a ring in which he believes is imbedded a piece of the true cross. It was originally one of the treasures of the vatican and was presented to an ancestor of the czar. Some years ago the czar was traveling from St. Petersburg to Moscow. He suddenly discovered that he had forgotten the ring. The train was stopped immediately and a special messenger sent flying back on an ex press engine for it, nor would the erar allow the train to move until, several hours afterward, the messenger returned with the riva

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

ELECTRICITY IN FARMING.

Used Extensively in France, Where Coal Is Scarce.

Electricity is used in the house of the French farmer, not only for heacing, but for cooking of food. Now that coal is becoming scarce and high and forests are inadequate to furnish fuel, electricity is furnishing the cheapest source of energy. The current from a generator is led to a central distributing station, where it is divided into as many circuits as there are separate motors-and so power is distributed. In the farmers' barns this power runs root cutters, milk sepacators, fanning mills, etc. It can also be used for cleaning harnesses, for sharpening tools, for ventilators, pumps, milis, etc. Yards, stables and barns are lighted as well as houses.

The water from ponds or brooks or rivers is raised high enough for its distribution through farm buildings and over the fields of irrigation. Elevators, hay cutters, hay presses and cider presses are also worked by electricity - Electricity.

LADY DUNDONALD IS POPULAR.

Wife of Canada's Military Commander Noted for Her Beauty.

All Canada is ready to fall in love with Lady Dundonaid, wife of the recently appointed commander of the Canadian troops. Her simple manners, her splendid education, her love for books and the brilliancy of her receptions have long been known in the dominion. She is of Welsh parentage and is no less popular than her



warrior husband. She has considerable fortune and spends much of it each year in assisting charitable organizations. She, too, has fighting artificial production of rain by means blood in her veins, for she went to war with the parish council at Gwyrch castle in England not long ago because that body presumed to interfere with the pruning of her trees. The war was a bitter one, but her ladyship was victorious, compelling the council to keep its fingers off her business.

Violins Made from Clay. An old Scotch proverb says: "You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." It seems to the ordinary person that it would be quite as impossible to make a good violin out of clay, but it has been done. A well-known manufacturer of the Messein ocarinas and porcelain organus has invented a process for the manufacture of violins and mandolins from clay. Some violins have already been completed, and the inventor has applied for letters patent for the same in different countries. Under this process the violins are cast and every violin is guaranteed a success and to be excellent for producing music. The latter quality constitutes precisely the chief value of this invention. The porcelain body, it is claimed, is better able to produce sound than a wooden one, since it cooperates in the production of sound, making the notes soft and full.

Long Record of Service. Edwin F. Hamlin has just celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as executive secretary at the Massachusetts state house. He has served under these governors: Alexander H. Rice (by whom he was appointed), Thomas Talbot, John D. Long, Benjamin F. Butler, George D. Robinson, Oliver Ames, John Q. A. Brackett, William E. Russell, Frederick T. Greenhalge, Roger Wolcott and W. Murray Crane.

THE THANKS OF CONGRESS.

They Are Extended to Rear Admiral Kempff.

The house committee on foreign affairs unanimously reported a resolu-



tion giving the thanks of Congress to Rear Admiral Kempff for his conduct | time to commit his speeches to memduring the siege of Taku, China.

THE WEEKLY **PANORAMA**

AN AUTHOR OF PROMISE.

Critics Highly Commend the Work of Harry Leon Wilson.

Book reviewers, east and west, have given much praise to a recent novel. 'The Spenders," by Harry Leon Wil-The following is an extract from the book:

"It's just a question of blackmail, isn't it? What did you offer?"

"Well, she has a slew of letters-



gettin' them is a matter of sentiment and keepin' the thing quiet. Them she claims to have a will made last December and duly witnessed, givin! her the One Girl outright, and a million cash. So you can see she ain't anything ordinary. I told Coplen to offer her a million cash for everything rather'n have any fuss. I was goin' to fix it up myself and keep quiet about it."

"But, damn it all, that's robbery!" "Yes-but it's her deal. You remember when Billy Brue was playin' seven-up with a stranger in the Two-Hump saloon over to Eden, and Chiddie Fogle the bartender called him up front and whispered that he'd jest seen the feller turn a jack from thebottom. 'Well,' says Billy, looking kind of reprovin' at Chiddle, 'it was his deal, wasn't it?' Now, it's surethis blond party's deal, and we better reckon ahead a mite before we start any rough-house with her. You're due to find out if you hadn't better let her turn her jack and trust to gettin' even on your deal. You got a claim staked out in New York, anda scandal like this might handlcap you in workin' it. And 'tain't as if hushin' her up was something we couldn't well afford. And think of how it would torment your ma toknow of them doin's, and now 'twould' shame Pish in company. Of course, rob'ry is rob'ry, but mebbe it's our play to be sporty like Billy Brue WAS."

Electricity for Rainfall.

A number of prominent Japanese scientists are at present engaged upon a series of experiments for the of electricity. The first trial was made in the Fukushima prefecture, and the results obtained were very satisfactory. Operations were commenced at 11 in the evening, but no change was noted until 9 the next morning, when clouds began to gather in the vicinity of the place where the experiments were being held. Rain soon began to fall over an area several miles in extent, and continued without intermission for twelve hours.

FOUGHT WITH A BURGLAR.

South American Beauty Shows Bravery in a London Hotel. Marguerite Gana, the famous South



in Washington, D. C., had a thrilling experience with a burglar at the Thackeray hotel, at London, England. The man was captured, but the woman well nigh lost her life. The man entered her room and was at her jewel safe when she awoke and discovered him.

Without an instant's hesitation she sprang from her bed and seized him, at the same time shouting for help.

The thief struggled and succeeded in drawing a pistol. He attempted tofire it at the woman, but she succeed-

ed in turning it aside. Two shots were fired, both of which lodged in the wall. The noise attracted the servants, who rushed in and subdued the man, who was later given into custody.

Too Buzy to Learn Speeches. It has been noticed that for a year

or so David B. Hill, on the occasion of his public appearances, has always read his speeches, doing so, however, with such a show of off-hand speaking that it is difficult to realize thefact. Mr. Hill, it is explained by one of his intimates, of late has been a busy man and cannot afford the