Death by the Guilletine. Paris Letter London Telegraph.

The recent double execution of Allorto and Sellier at La Roquette has again given rise to a considerable amount of discussion as to the moral effect of the "guillotine" on the criminal classes. It is quite possible that President Carnot's severity in according few reprieved has had a deterrent effect on the cutthroats who had learned to expect so much from the misplaced clemency of M. Grevy. This would seem to be borne out by the observations of the Abbe Faure, chaplain of La Roquette prison, who has just communicated a report on his ministration to the government. The abbe believes that no other punishment which may be substituted for execution by the "guillotine" will have so

fear-producing an effect as the terri-

ble instrument of justice at the ser-

vice of the public headman. In his report the abbe draws a realistic picture of the suspense in which the doomed murderer lives from day to day, until he heard either his summons to the scaffold or the news of a reprieve. Nearly all the murderers seek consolation more or less in religion, according to the degree of education which they have received, and none of them give up the hope of a reprieve until the last moment. The condemned criminals rarely or never sleep when they know that their time is approaching, or if they do it is only to doze off into a horrible dream, from which they jump up all livid with fear and dread. Sleeping or waking the "guillotine." the lunette, the headsman and his assistants are for ever present to their imaginations. Out of eleven persons whom the abbeattended during his six years of office only three were really asleep when their summons came.

On the whole, the French system of keeping criminals in suspense for weeks or months is a severe one; but neither the prison chaplain, who considers it his duty always to buoy up the doomed men with hope, nor the magistrates and police officials who deal with the dangerous classes, are inclined to recommend its alteration in any of its details.

His Wife Felt Nervous.

From the Chicago Journal.

A Denver gentleman who has been on a camping tour through the mountains has recently returned and relates an incident which testifies to the statement that even the most dangerous callings become ordinary, every-day affairs to the menengaged in them, the element of danger being apparently lost sight of. He was driving his team across a mountain road when, coming to a narrow place, another team was met. In this latter were the driver and his wife, and as the passage was narrow and rough, there being many bowlders on the side where the turning out had to be made, his wife got out of the wagon. This was to be expected, but when the Denver tourist saw her run somewhat speedily to hide herself behind a large rock, it somewhat astonished him.

"I say," he asked, "what makes your wife act that way?" "Oh, I don't know exactly, but I guess she may be a little scared."

"But what is she scared about?" "Oh, I have got some stuff in my wagon which she does not like to see bumped over these rocks," and he coolly proceeded to head his team over the bowlders. "Say, what have you got in your

"You see those three boxes-well,

they are full of giant powder.'

"My God, man, you don't intend to drive over those rocks with all that explosive matter?" "Yes, I do. Why not? I have

been teaming giant powder for ten "But it might explode and blow

us, horses and all to the devil." "What of it? We would never know what hurt us, would we?"

And it was with difficulty that he was persuaded to wait and carry it about fifty feet.

The Summer Heat.

The original sorrce of the summer's heat is the sun, but many local causes tend to modify and vary the action. The earth is really farther from the sun in summer than in winter, so that the warm weather does not de. pend upon the greater proximity of the source of heat. It is due to the fact that in summer the northern hemisphere is turned more directly towards the sun, so that it receives its rays in a more vertical direction. while in winter it is turned farther of the days is also an important element, as the long days of summer allow the earth to be exposed for a longer time to the influence of the

source of heat. The thermal summer, that is, the period of greatest heat, does not correspond with the astronomical summer. On June 21 the sun rays are most nearly vertical, and the earth is exposed to their influence for a greater proportion of the twentyfour hours, but the hottest weather is not generally experienced till about a month later, and, similarly, the greatest cold does not occur until after the winter solstice. A certain amount of time is necessary for the increasing heat of the approaching | him. summer to counteract the cold of the preceeding winter, and vice versa. A similar delay is noticed in the daily fluctations of temperature; the hottest part of the day is not at noon, but about 3 o'clock, while the lowest temperature of the night is reached in the early morning hours .- Popular Science News.

An acre of land devoted to small fruits will often give a larger return than five acres devoted to grain.

TWO OF A KIND.

"I wouldn't marry the best man that ever lived!" And she meant it or, what answers the same purpose she thought she meant it. After all how few of us ever really know what we mean? "I engaged myself once, when a girl, and the simpleton thought he owned me. I soon took the conceit out of him, and sent him away about his business." The voice was now a little sharp. What wonder, with so galling a memory? "No man shall ever tyrannize over menever! What the mischief do you suppose is the matter with this sewing machine?"

"Annoyed at your logic, most likely," said my friend, a bright young matron, as she threaded her needle. "My husband is not a tyrant, Miss Kent."

"I am glad you are satisfied," was the laconic answer.

It was quite evident by the expression of the dressmaker's face that she had formed her own opinion about my friend's husband, and was quite competent to form and express an opinion on any subject. Miss Kent was a little woman, fair as a girl and plump as a robin. She wasn't ashamed to own that she was forty years old and an old maid. She had earned her own living most of her life and was proud of it. She was a good nurse, a faithful friend and a Cousin Mark will read to you-won't jolly companion, but stroke her the you, cousin?" wrong way and you'd wish you hadn't in much shorter time than it takes me to write it Her views on all sucjects were strikingly original, management, was never awake in and not to be combated. "What are you going to do when

you are old?" persisted the mistress of the establishment. "What other folks do, I suppose."

"But you can't work forever." "Can't say that I want to." "Now, Miss Kent, a husband with

means, a kind, intelligent man—" "I don't want any man. I tell vou best man living, if he was as rich as Crosus, and would die if I didn't have him. Now, if you have exhausted the marriage question, I should like to try on your dress.'

There was something behind all this I knew well. My friend's eyes danced with tun; and as Miss Kent fitted the waist, she threw mealetter from the bureau.

"Read that," she said, with a knowing look, "It may amuse you."

This is what the letter said: "MY DEAR JENNIE-I shall be delighted to spend a month with you and your husband. There must be, however, one stipulation about my visit-you must say no more about marriage. I shall never be foolish again. Twenty years ago today I wrecked my whole life." ("Better embark in a new ship, hadn't he?" put in Jennie, sotto voce.) "So unsuitable was this marriage, so utterly and entirely wretched have been its consequences, that I am forced to believe the marriage institution a mistake. So, for the last time, let me assure you that I wouldn't mar-ry the best woman that ever lived, it by so doing I could save her life. Your old cousin, MARK LANSING."

"Rich, isn't he?" said Jennie, and then pointed to the chubby little figure whose back happened to be turned.

I shook my head and laughed. "You'll see," said the incorrigible. "See what?" inquired Miss Kent, quite unaware of our pantomine.

"That parties which are chemically attracted will unite. Of course an alkali and an acid. Don't you think this sleeve a little too long, Miss

Kent?' "Not after the seam is off. But what were you saying, Mrs. Carlisle? The other day at Prof. Boynton's I saw some wonderful experiments." "And did they succeed?" inquired

Jennie demurely.

"Beautifully. "So will mine. I never yet botched

a job in my life.' "I don't think I quite understand you," replied Miss Kent, perplexed. "No? I always grow scientific when talking about marriage, my

"Bother!" was all the little woman said, but the tone was much better natured than I expected.

The next week Cousin Mark arrived, and I liked him at once. An unhappy marriage would have been the last thing thought of in connection with that gentleman. He had acaccepted the situation like am an, Jennie told me, and for fitteen years carried a load of misery that few could have endured. Death came to him at last, and now the poor fellow actually believed himself

an alien from domestic happiness. Singular as it may appear, Cousin Mark was the embodiment of good health and good nature; fifty, perhaps, though he didn't look it, and as rotund and as fresh in his way as the little dress maker was in hers. As I looked at him I defied anybody to away, and the oblique heat rays are see one and not be reminded of the unable to raise the temperature to other. True, he had more of the polany great degree. The yarying length | ish which comes from travel and adaption to different classes and individuals, but he was not a whit more intelligent by nature than the bright little woman whom Jennie

determined he should mnrry. "I was surprised you should think it necessary to caution me about that. Cousin mark," cooed the plotter, as she stood by his side, looking out of the window. "The idea of my being so ridiculous!" and in the same breath, and with a wink at me, "Come, let us go to my sitting-room. We are at work in there, but it won't make any difference to you, will it?" Of course Cousin Mark answered "No," promptly, as innocent as a

"This is my cousin, Mr. Lansing, Miss Kent." And Mr. Lansing bowed politely and Miss Kent arose, dropped her scissors, blushed and sat down again. Cousin Mark picked up the refractory implements, and then Mrs. Jennie proceeded with rare caution and tact to her labor of love. Cousin Mark, at her request, read aloud an article from the Popular Science Monthly, drawing Miss Kent into the discussion as deftly as was ever fly drawn into the web of a spi-

dove about the trap being laid for

"Who was that lady, Jennie?" Cousin Mark inquired in the evening. "You mean Miss Kent?" said Jennie, looking up from her paper. "Oh' she is a lady I have known for a long time. She is making some dresses

for me now. Why?" "She seemed uncomonly well posted for a woman." Under any other circumstances

Mrs. Carlisle would have resented this, but now she only queried, "Do you think so?" and that ended it. Two or three invitations to the sewing-room were quite sufficient to make Cousin Mark perfectly at home there, and after a week he became

familiar enough to say:

"If you are not to busy, I should like to read you this article.' "Oh, I am never too busy to be read to," Miss Kent would say. "Sit down, by the window, in this comfortable chair, and let's hear it."

After a couple of weeks, when the gentleman came in hoarse with a sudden cold, Miss Kent bustled about, her voice full of sympathy, and brewed him a dose which he declared he should never forget to his dving day; but one dose cured. After this occurrence Miss Kent was a really wonderful woman.

Ah, what an arch-plotter! She let them skirmish about, but not once did she give them a chance to be alone together, Her plans were not to be destroyed by premature confidences, until the very evening proceeding Cousin Mark's departure for California. Then Miss Kent was very demurely asked to remain and keep an eve on Master Carlisle, whom the fond mother did not like to leave quite alone with his nurse. "We are compelled to be gone a

couple of hours," said she; "but "Certainly, if Miss Kent would like

it." replied the gentleman. The infant Carlisle, thanks to good the evening, so the victims of this matrimonial speculation would have plenty of time. The back parlor was the room most in use during the evening, and out of this room was a closet with a large blind ventilator. and out of this closet a door leading to the back stoop and garden. Im-

agine my surprise when I was told that Mr. Carlise was going to the Mrs. Carlisle, I wouldn't marry the lodge, and that we, after profuse are estimated to cover 100,000 warnings about the baby, and promises not to be gone to long, were to proceed to this closet over-looking | worked. the back parlor by the way of the back gate and garden. In vain I "Why, you little goosie," laughed

a lifetime. John wanted to come awfully, but I knew he'd make an awful noise, and spoil everything, so I wouldn't let him.'

The wily schemer took the precaution to lock the closet door from the outside, so there was no fear of detection. On a high bench, still as two mice, we awaited results.

Presently, Cousin Mark, asitarous ing from a protracted revery, asked Would you like to have me read?" Miss Kent.

"Here's an excellent article on elective affinities. How would you like

Jennie's elbow in my side almos took away my breath. "Who is it by?" she inquired.

Jennie exclaimed (clear in my ear) That's to gain time, see if it ain't. "It's by a prominent French writer. I believe," answered Cousin Mark. "I don't think I care for a transla

tion tonight," said Miss Kent. "Nor I; nor reading of any kind, he continued. "This is my last evening in New York, Miss Kent."

"I hope you've enjoyed your visit," she returned. Jennie (into my very head this time), "She's as shy as a three-yearold colt."

"I didn't think I should feel so bad about leaving," Cousin Mark went "He is the wreck, you remember,"

whispered Jennie. A long pause. "I think I hear the baby," ex-

claimed Miss Kent. "Oh, no," said Cousin Mark. "You are fond of babies, are you not, Miss Kent?" No answer from Miss Kent.

"I have been a very lonely man, Miss Kent," Cousin Mark resumed "but I never realized how lonely the rest of my life must be until I came to this house."

"Now I must return to my business ing-house for a man so fond of domestic life as I am, Miss Kent."

"Oh, how lonely!" echoed Jennie.

from Miss Kent. "I have friends in San Francisco,

badly if I die." "That'll fetch her," said Jennie.

Jennie in convulsions. "If you will go to California with me, Miss Kent, I'll wait another week."

"Why, Mr. Lansing, what do you mean? What would folks say," she said. "We don't care for folks," said Mark. "If you will go, we will have

a house as pleasant as money can flowers and horses, and all the scientific monthlies that you want, deuced if you sha'n't, and you shall never me. Will you be my wife?"

close to the man's breast who wouldn't marry the best woman that ever lived, not even to save her life. We came away then, but it's my to go into the box itself. And fully opinion that they remained in just | one-third of those so left are taken that position till we rang the bell half an hour later.

"My dear," she answered, "my

ture: and let me tell you. dear goosie, whatever else may fail, that never does."

"Why, Miss Kent, what makes your face so very red?" inquired Jennie upon entering: "and Cousin Mark, how strangely you look! your hair is all mussed up.

"And I hope to have : mussed often," said Cousin Mark, boldly. "Miss Kent and I are to be married this

Jennie laughed till her face was purple, and when I went upstairs, Miss Kent was pounding her back .-Waverley Magazine.

The World's Coal Supply,

In view of the question which has suggested itself on more than one occasion as to how long it would be before the old world coal deposits would become exhausted, the Deutsche Handels-Museum supplies some interesting figures relating to the world's coal fields outside of the North American continent. According to these the low countries, Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, and Bohemia, possesses coal mines of a surface area of about 59,000 square miles. Russia alone has 22,000 square miles. The deposits of the island of Formosa amount to something like 10,000 square miles, some of the coal veins ranging up to 96 feet in thickness. The coal fields of Austria, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Turkey, and Persia cover about 39,000 square miles, those of India 35,000. and those of Japan 6,000 square miles, while those of China are estimated at the enormous figure of 400,000 square miles. But these are not all.

The Falkland islands, Patagonia and Peru are very rich in coal, while the southern part of Chili is one immense deposit. In Brazil veins varying in thickness from 17 to 25 feet are found in numbers, and in the United States of Columbia there is an abundance of the mineral. Mexico and the Vancouver islands are all well supplied, there being probably not far from 20,000 square miles, while the deposits thus far discovered in Tasmania, New Caledonia, and Natal square miles, the larger number of these deposits not yet having bee

Without reckoning the immense stores of coal in the United States, and merely relying upon those given above, there seems to be but little Jennie "there'll be fun enough to last | prospect of a coal famine for some

A Curious Adventure on a Locomotive.

A curious adventure happened the other day to Mr. D. Campbell, late honorary assistant engineer, Public Works Department, and now permanent-way inspector of the Indian Midland Railway. As he was traveling on the Cawnpore Line some "Oh, I am not particular," replied | twelve miles out of Jhansi, seated on the front part of a locomotive, he noticed in front of him a large number of vultures collecting and evidently disputing over some object, which, as the engine drew near, proved to be the carcass of a jackal, probably killed by a passing train. The locomotive, with the inspector in front, charged in among these birds, who seemed determined, notwithstanding, to abide by their prey. The result was that while some were killed others af them were thrown against Mr. Campbell, whom they straightway proceeded to attack in a most vicious manner, tearing his clothes, and inflicting considerable wounds on his hands and face. He was able, however, to retain his position on the engine, and todefend himselffrom further injury, and he considers himself fortunate in escaping without anything more serious happening.-London Exchange.

The Slyness of the Crawfish. A correspondent of the Forest and Stream writes that he recently observed a very cunning and ingenious trick of a crawfish (or crayfish) for catching flies. "Sitting on the bank of a muddy pond, or 'borrow pit,' over the surface of which many small flies were swarming about, I observed that the crawfish came to the surface near the water's edge, and, turning and to my boarding-house-board- over on the side, the tail probably touching bottom, with claws and legs 'sprudling' about in the water, Just then we very distinctly heard | he assumed the exact semblance of a little kind of a purr, which sounded | dead creatures floating on the water. very like a note of intense sympathy | In a few seconds flies would alight on the apparently dead crawfish, and as soon as one got into the proper posiof course," said Cousin Mark, "but | tion there was a sudden and instanno fireside like this, no one to care | taneous flip, when fish and flies would for me if I amill, nobody to feel very | disappear together under the water. In a few seconds more he would appear on the surface and go through "I wish that I lived in San Francis- | the same maneuver, with the same co," said Miss Kent, in a little quiv- result. There were, perhaps, two or ering voice. "You could call upon three dozen of them in sight at the me at any time if you needed any- same time, and all industriously engaged in the fly catching game."

> Licensed Thievery. From the New York Graphic.

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the best man that ever lived, hugged | theft to take a package from the top Dr. Lawson took a plate of this substance of a delivery box. Yet thousands of papers are so placed every day in New York, because they are too large off by collectors who make it a business of removing the stamps and re-"How did you know?" I asked of | selling them. I have heard of a man- ter was fired through the material. This ufacturing concern whose postage amounts to over \$5,000 a year, us- in no longer than a few seconds of time the whole reliance was upon human na- ing no other stamps but these. It is sow diminished in volume, and in the course

SUPERFICIAL SURVEY.

A Londoner advertises that he is "perce

"Jimmy" Hope, the bank robber, has been discharged from Auburn prison, where his vaulting ambition sent him.

The National Association of Sleeping Car Porters will use its organized interest in opposition to the wearing of yellow shoes. The shah spent \$125,000 for hotel and railroad expenses on his latest tour. Europe is glad that it costs the shah so much to

Berry Wall, in his latest chapter on men's dress and adornment, lays down the rule that the bigger the watch-bain the lighter the man who wears it.

John Goslow, a street-car driver in San Jose, Cal., has been arrested for fast driving, and a new crop of headlines, based on 'what's in a name?" may be expected from the Pacific slope.

A very old pear tree is now standing on the grounds of W. H. Smith in Richmond. Me. Its exact age is not known, but its identity can be traced back for 150 years It still bears fruit. It is claimed that a new discovery in tan

ning will revolutionize the leather business and make shoes five times as durable as now. The revolution will be not only in shoemaking but in lasting. A girl caught the small-pox on a Pacific Mail steamer and her father has sued the

company for \$25,000. It is not enough that the patient is pitted. Something mcre substantial than sympathy is wanted A bird, snow white, and standing seven feet high, is reported to have been shot at Dundee, Ind. It weighs less than four pounds. For want of the proper name, the

people call it the "phantom heron." A feminine summer boarder, who last week killed a rattlesnake in Passaic county, N. J., will wear the tanned skin of her victim as a girdle. She gave the snake a

"belt" and it politely reciprocates. There is a growing exportatation of American hogs to Mexico, but the duty charged on Mexican pigs entering this country has compelled the shutting down of lead mines in that country. This is not re-

"Grace" was a title assumed by Henry IV. of England in 1399. "Excellent Grace" was assumed by Henry VI., about 1425. This continued the title by which the king was addressed till 1603, the time of James I., when it was succeeded by the title "Majesty."

A peculiar industry has sprung up near Albany since 1883, that of supplying crushed stone for asphalt and macadamized roads. The quarry from which the stone is taken is operated night and day. One thousand tons of rock a day are crushed and 250 cars are used in transporting the fragments of rock to all parts of the country.

Dwellers in Florida who are fortunate enough to possess pet sand-hill cranes have discovered that they are alert night watchers. No tramp or thief can approach the premises without hearing a clear bugle note of alarm. The cackling of a goose saved Rome and the cry of a sand-hill crane performs the same service for the Florida henroost and smoke-house. Dr. Wace, the principal of King's college,

said in the course of a recent speech that although the study of dead languages might be very valuable "in developing intellectual faculties and sympathies, he could not see why the same degree of mental intelligence could not be promoted by the study of modern languages, and particularly by the study of English classics." There was one thing at Hatfield with

which the shah was much struck, says the Manchester Guardian, the magnificent chapel in which service is daily said while the family are in residence. The shah wished to know if all the English nobility had prayer-houses, and was much amazed to learn that the son of the prime minister was the parish priest in Hatfield. A religious society has been formed in Cleveland under the name of the Cleveland Evangelization society, which has

bought a wagon, with the intention of having the vehicle driven through the streets of Cleveland on Sundays and of having addresses made from it on religious topics, The clergyman who will make addresses from the wagon will especially aim to induce their hearers to go to church. The holidays of the Paris board school children are holidays indeed. The municipal council allots a considerable sum of money to the school authorities for sending

the most deserving pupils on holiday tours. In former years the tours have been to Rouen, Harve, Mont St. Michel, etc. This year, in order to enable more children to share in the treat, the tours will be confined to Versailles, Fontainebleau, and other environs of Paris.

A couple of good natured Frenchmen got into a quarrel and challenged each other to fight. The morning of the duel they and their seconds tramped through the woods to the fatal spot, when one of the duelista, the challenging party, tripped and fell His second helped him to his feet. "I hope you are not hurt?" said the other duelist. "I'm not much hurt; I only bumped my nose on the ground." Does it bleed?" "Yes, a little." "Heaven be praised! Blood flows, and my honor is vindicated Give me your hand, old boy;"

Pigeon-flying is growing to be an absorbing amusement in England, particularly among the Birmingham laborers. The spread of the sport has developed quite a new branch of railway traffic. It is the practice of fliers to send their birds in baskets, addressed to the station-master at a particular station, with the request that he release them, mark on a label the time that they were released, and return the basket. This request is regularly granted. The officials rather like the work. In cloudy weather porters have been known 'a feed birds for three days before setting

Visitors to the Paris exposition seem just now intent on illustrating the superfluousness of the very appliances of civilization velop. Thus Herr Loewy of the Vienna Extrablatt, showed it was quite possible for an Austrian to see the exposition without availing himself of the railways if he only possessed a gig and knew how to drive it. Then a Russian Cossack officer, Lieux Michel Ascef, went a step further and dispensed with the gig. He rode on horseback from Lubny to Paris. Now a party of a dozen English visitors have shown that the Paris hotels are not indispensable. They have taken with them a large tent, fitted with a portable stove and twelve hammocks, and they camp out at night on the no-man's-land beyond the fortifications.

Investigations have been made by Dr. Lawson to test M. Barriere's proposed employment of refuse cocoanut fiber for the automatic closing of shot-holes. According to this a quantity of the powdered refuse is Just then Jennie and I stepped up age, and thereby hangs the secret of taken before it is quite dry and subjected to another peg, and there was that lit- their cheapness. The courts have a heavy pressure, under which it forms a sort of brittle millboard. In his investigations eighteeh inches square and three-fourths of an inch thick, and using it as one side of a water-tight box fired three shots with a bullet one-half inch in diameter through it without a single drop of water issuing through the bulletholes, the material clos-ing up automatically beaind the bullet. In another instance a bullet one inch in diamewas at first followed by a jet of water, but quite au item of saving in expense. | of one minute had completely ceased.

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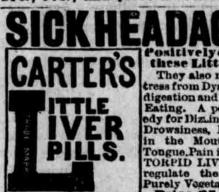
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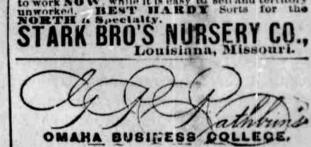


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