WON'T BAVE FROM DROWNING.

from the Water.

A arrange antiphilty over provailed to repruing a dressming man, the time key. The folding manny begins saris being that the primes second would, amoney or later, do seens will of throw ; in the man who preserved his life, file Walter South, 38 the "Picate," tells how Bryce, the publics, returned the her Mordsont to save the shipscreeked salley from drowning, and even remomstrated with him on the rankness of such a dead. "Are you mad?" sold the public, "you that have lived one long in Rotland, to tisk the saving of a documing man? Welye not if ye bring him to life again. he will be sure to do you nome in-This projudice, which was BUR T drepty rooted among our sea-going commission in many parts of the country, existed not very long ago in Cornwall. It is found, too, among French sailors and the boatmen of the Donnite, and in very widely credited in Russia, Mr. Barry, in his "Ivan at Home," gives a striking instance of the Russian repugnance to saving life from drowning. One day a drunken man walked into the water and dis- fifty men anxiously await the arrival long a time it should be made not appeared. A number of spectators stood by and gazed on the scene with the utmost indifference, but no one tried to rescue him. A court of inquiry was held, but as on examination no cross was found on his neck, a verdict was quickly agreed upon by the villagers, who declared that the man was "drowned because he had no cross upon his neck." The Bohemian fisherman ahrinks from snatching a drowning man from the waters, fearing that when that operation is finished they the water demon would take away his luck in fishing, and drown him at the into another part of the establishfirst opportunity. This is a lingering survival of the ancient significance of this superstition, the explanation being that the water spirit is naturally angry at being despoiled of its victim. out to dry in the open air. If the and henceforth bears a special grudge against the unlucky person who has dared to frustrate him. Thus, when some one is drowned in Germany, the remark is made: "The river spirit claims his yearly sacrifice," or "The nix has taken him." Out of Europe, also, the accidental drowning of a person is attributed to a similar seizure. and the Slamese dreads the Pauk, or water spirit, that seizes bathers and drags them under to his dwelling. The Sloux Indians have a similar fancy. and tell how men have been drowned by Unk-Tahe, the water monster. For the same reason, it appears, the Kamtchadals, far from helping, a man out of the water, would drown him by force. If rescued by any chance no one would receive him into his house or give him food. The Chinese reluctance to save a man from drowning arises from quite a different beliefit being supposed that the spirit of a person who has met his death in this way continues to filt along the surface of the water until it has caused by drowning the death of a fellow-creature. A Chinaman, therefore, who attempts to rescue another from drowning is considered to incur the hatred easy spirit, which is deeven at the expense of a man's life, to escape from its wanderings .- Boston Giobe

CATCHING THE BABLINE.

Scrange Autipathy in Miscostog Fulk Curtons Things Atout & Large and Brouttable Stoheve.

The 1995 survive is now on the marin done, and is now successful in places along the Atlantic coast and on Puppi second. The mast of Norway and Britlany, in France, are the scenes. of the heaviest takes, and the grade of anothers chinkned there are supe-FOR. As sunn in the fishermon notions should of perpetant at flooks of warulls off shore sail is made immodiately, for the sarding is there. A cordons thing about this kind of fishing is that one rarry sees a living sarding out of the water. The fish makes a little squeek when taken from the water and dies instantly. Of the 250 or 500 fishing hoats fitted out at Belle Isle about 200 belong to Paintz. and the other to Haugon. It is in these two purts that the French fishermen tell their fish. An ordinary catch of aardines gives to each hoat from \$,000 to 10,000 fish, and the price in regulated by the quantity brought in by the fish comers. Seven france a thansand is a fair price. During the draw strings of broad ribbon. Since sardine season about 300 women and of the first boats. If there are no fish there is no work for them. When the news arrives that the boats have their welcome cargoes the women, in their picturesque costumes, rush to the cannery like a flock of frightened sheep, and each takes her place in the great room where the fish undergo their first preparation. Here the sardines are spread upon the table and sprinkled with salt. Then they are cleaned, and are sorted by little boys and carried ment, where they are put in pickle. After this the fish are washed and placed one by one, with great care, upon the nets, called "grills," and put weather is wet or even foggy this operation is impossible, and the fish spoll and become worthless, except for an's Home Companion. fertilizer. The tins in which the sardines are then packed are carried .o the oiling room, where the last manipulation consists of filling them with A oil. It is in this part of the establishment that the tomato sauce and the spices are placed in the boxes which give to the French preparation of sardines their universal renown, In any of the above important establish- the fact has been set down to the credit ments the sardines are prepared and of the Mauser bullet. It is well known exported ten hours after coming out among surgeons, however, that an inof the water. Gourmets should never jury to the brain from any cause is eat newly prepared sardines. They not necessarily fatal, and an admirable have neither the perfume nor the fla- illustration is to be found in the pervor of those which have lain in the son of a mechanic now employed in boxes for a year.

EXCITED AT THE THEATER.

California Woman Overcome by the Woes of Nancy Sykes.

As presented by good players, the at a lathe in Birmingham, a piece of murder scene in the dramatized ver- machinery broke and he was struck on sion of "Oliver Twist" is almost enough the side of the head, just above the to upset the nerves of an experienced ear, by a flying bolt. The blow fractheater-goer. Nance O'Nell and Me- jured the skull and the iron pene-Kee Rankin were the leading actors trated the brain itself to a depth of production of the play at the Co. about two inches. The man fell as if lumbia theater, San Francisco, last shot and lay unconscious for several week, and among the spectators was weeks. His death was hourly antici-Mrs. George C. Willard, accompanied pated, but to the surprise of everybody he regained his senses and slowby her husband, Dickens' immortal chapter read once, is forever imprint- ly recovered. It was found that he ed on the memory, but the utter brut- had forgotten certain things, and for ality, misery and wretchedness of the a while he had great difficulty in keeping his balance while walking, but this scene when enacted on the stage are accentuated many fold, especially at was eventually overcome, and he is at the point where Nancy creeps on the present apparently as well as ever. There is a frightful indentation at the stage after Bill Sykes has struck the blow. At that moment in the San place of the injury, but his faculties and general health seem to be wholly Francisco theater the audience, which unimpaired. "The case is a very rewas straining every sense to miss no markable one," said a surgeon, "and word, no movements of the supreme proves that a man may lose a conyoung actress, was distracted and alsiderable portion of actual brain tissue most terrified by the hysterical feminwithout being any worse for the exine voice of Mrs. Willard crying piteously: "Oh, God! Oh, don't kill her! perience." Don't kill her! This is too cruel!" The speaker's emotion overcame her and Singular Fact. she could no longer articulate words. "The singular fact that people are She stood upright, tense, moaning, sobbing, her arms stretched in suppliabout half an inch taller in the morning than they are in the afternoon has cation toward the stage. Her exciteenabled many a fellow to slip into the ment was contagious. Gasps and sobs army," said an officer who has seen a were heard from all parts of the house. good deal of recruiting service. "Time In one of the boxes a woman fainted. and again when the examinations were In a few seconds the scene ended, the being conducted at a tolerably early curtain fell and the lights went up. hour, men have been passed in my Meantime Mrs. Willard had been led presence who were barely up to the by her husband to the lobby, where regulation height. In fact, they were after a time she regained some measunder it a shade and the thickness of a ure of composure and went home. sheet of cardboard would have resulted in throwing them out. I am perfectly confident that if these same men

INVALID'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Unique him for Bringing Cheer and Southing fats the Stok Room.

In these among your friends a weary invalid for whom you are longing to the purposed have furtilized maintenance ods the summer holday season? If so, you onthing in hetter than to undertake the proparation of a wonder hag for Christman. A wonder hag is a large hag filled with gifts from many friends, which are to be drawn out on special days, according to accompanying directions. It may be arranged to last for any length of time-three months. six months or a year-drawings being made once, twice or thrice a week, as may seem heat. Since the recipient of the hag is not given a that of the donors, nor informed of the character of the gifts, a double surprise awalts her at such drawing. This contrib utes not a little to the novelty and charm of the scheme. Make a strong ing of sultable material, cretonne, denim, canvans or linen. Embroider t with initials, a monogram or other suitable design, and finish it with stout It is to hang in the sickroom for so morely durable and serviceable, but also dainty and attractive. Wrap each article in tissue paper, using many tints; mark it with the name of the donor, and the it securely with narrow ribbon of a contrasting color, leaving one end long enough to be used in drawing it out. Pack the parcels carefully in the bag, heavier ones at the bottom, and let the long ribbons hang outside at the top. Gifts appropriate for special days, such as the invalid's birthday, July 4, April 1, Easter Sunday, Feb. 22, a "very weary day," a "stormy Sunday," etc., may be designated by tiny cards attached to their ribbons. Most of the gifts, however, should be left without dates in order that the invalid may have the privilege once in a while of deciding which ribbon to draw .- Belle M. Brain in Wom-

STRANGE BRAIN WOUND.

Mechanic Who is Alive Despite a Remarkable Injury.

The hospital records of the recent war have directed a good deal of attention to the cases of brain wounds from which the patients survived, and one of the foundries of this city, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. He is somewhat sensitive over the matter, so his name need not be mentioned, but the circumstances were these: Some years ago, while working

had been remeasured just before taps

in the evening they would have fallen

so far short that they would never by

any possibility have been accepted. I

have heard it said that a man can put

nearly an inch to his height by staying

in bed for a couple of days and mean-

while taking several hot baths, but I

have never seen the thing tried. The

average morning and evening varia-

tion I have found by a good deal of ex-

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exert upon the pencil lessens the fa-

cility of the hand and renders an easy,

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"In the beginning," said the cornfed philosopher, "man is much concerned that his little wife's heart shall always be light. Later, he pays more attention to the weight of the biscuit."-Indianapolis Journal.

Rise of the Tomato. According to the latest available statistics the United States has this year canned 4,500,000 cases of tomatoes. Less than fifty years ago people did not know tomatoes were good to eat.

Really a Wonder. "What a pity, Flossy, it is that you can't dance in better time, when you've not such lovely clocks on your stockings."

MANY MILES OF GOLDEN HAIR

Crowning Glory Galors Boasted by a Chorus Girl in Boston.

Envied by all in the Castle Square theater, Boston, is Marie Stuart, a chorus girl, who according to careful estimates has 200 miles of beautiful golden hair. It claims attention not only from the quantity, but from fits exquisite texture and color. There is no hint of bleaching fluid about the strands. They are as fine as gossamer and glint like the purest gold. End perimenting on myself and others to to end those golden hairs measure ap proximately 200 miles, or 1,056,000 feet Figure it out yourself. There are upor Miss Stuart's head about 123 squar inches of hair-bearing scalp. The hair den in the schools of Zurich, Switzeris very abundant, and counts on an land, and pen, ink and paper have been average 1,650 hairs to the square Inch substituted, even in the lowest forms. The hair averages about five feet 'n The reasons given are that the light length; taking the length at even five gray marks of the pencil cannot be folfeet and the actual number of hairs al lowed without straining the eyes; that 211,200, you see the 200 miles of hall the pressure which it is necessary to and a few inches to spare. Miss Stuart is hardly five feet in height, so that the hair falls in a golden shower about

Made It Harmonize.

her shoulders.

"You didn't fasten your essay with a blue ribbon, as you usually do," said "is pay as you go." The landlady shook the editor of the magazine. "No," an swered the contributor. "My sense of her head. "It wouldn't do in my busiharmony wouldn't permit it. This is ness," she said. "A man might hang an article on the management of the around a month and then forget his war. I tied it with rep tape."-Wash | motto. My motto is pay Saturday night or go."-New York World, ington Star.

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