About Authors

The reason why so many books fail is ! or the people who wrote them have a original to say, or what they ray is said badly, says a writer in Mur-'sy's Magazine. Another reason is that low of those who can write know any-2. They have no invention. They other people's eyes. They write books about other people's books and have little of their own to tell us. Chamfort rives another idea of authorship: What makes the success of numerous works," he says, "is the affinity between the medicerity of the ideas of the author and the mediocrity of the ideas of the

When an author has composed a work be necessarily takes an interest in it. beautiful accomplice of Eyraud, the Every writer of books, says Shelley, likes to breech his bantlings. He may have spent many years upon it and prob-ably forms an excessive estimate of its and by an order of the court the police value. He is under the impression that were instructed to place her in a state most readers of books will desire to possens it. Lackington, the bookseller, tells the story of a gentleman who, not being able to find a purchaser for his manuscript, resolved to publish it at his own expense. The publisher desired is not the slightest doubt but that were to know how many copies should be she asked to she would make a full concompute how many families there ing each incident with realistic detail. were in Great Britain, and assured the opinion that at the lowest 60,000 copies only might be printed of the first edimuch to his disgust, to print 1,250 inauthor departed railing at the stupidity duced in any official department. of publisher, bookseller and public.

Bookwriting is quite as much a specuon the other. Only a small number of liarly susceptible to hypnotical influthe books published pay their expenses, and very few of them reach a second edi-"buries its own literature." When an author writes for money, he goes to the old errand boy, Willie Krulisch publisher and endeavors to sell him the head to refund the copy money or return the amount of loss to the pubspeculation, and both must be content so abide the issue.

A Stoker's Life.

The stokers on one of the great ocean steamers work four hours at a stretch had been employed at the furnaces since he was 14 years old. He weighed 180 pound and was ruddy and seemingly happy. He confessed that the work was terribly hard, but "it came hardest on those who did not follow it regularly. But if we get plenty to cat. " he said, "and take care of ourselves we are all right. Here's a mate of toine nearly 70 years old, who has been a stoker all his life and can do as good work as I can, Stokers never have the consumption and rarely catch cold, Their grog has been knocked off on the English and American lines because the men got drunk too often and the grog did them much harm, When I used to take my grog I'd throw in my coal like a giant and not mind the heat a bit, but when it worked off, as it did in a very few minutes, I was that weak that a child could upset me. Take a man dead drunk before the fires and the heat would sober him off in half an hour or give him a stroke of apoplexy."

Be on Hand.

I be longer you wait and think about it, and dread it, the worse it will be.

does what he is required to do. Don't keep your friends waiting, shrine of special sanctity. You have no right to waste the time of In Bombay widows are shaved regu other people. If you are one-half hour larly once a week, and this came ak engagements, and

Hypnotism No Good.

"If hypnotism can be used with got a effect in extracting confessions from eriminals or suspected people ou can depend upon it that it will not he long before the New York police department has a thoroughly equipped force of skilled hypnotists to do the work."

do not see with their own eyes, but with Inspector Byrnes never had much faith in hypnotism until he read the Journal article describing in detail the phenomenon, the furor it has created in medical circles in France and Germany. and also to some extent in New York. says the New York Morning Journal.

But what interested the inspector more than anything else was the annonneement of its use by the French police in placing Gabrielie Bombard, the murderer, completely at their mercy. The woman has shown herself wonderof hypnotism.

This has been done several times, and she has been made to do several absurd things, showing how completely she is controlled by the peculiar power. There printed. The gentleman began to fession of the cowardly murder, describ-

When asked what he thought of hypdisher that every family would at hotism as an adjunct of the New York publisher that every family would at police, Inspector Byrnes made the above least purchase one copy. He was of his police, Inspector Byrnes made the above remark and added; "There is no doubt that this phenomenon has wonderful tion. The publisher prevailed upon him, powers. This is shown by the extraordinary cures wrought by the French stead of 60,000. The result was that only and German physicians in the hospitals. 100 copies were sold, not even enough to But in this country the subject is in too pay for the advertisements, and the crude a state to be permanently intro-

"I have serious doubts as to its appli cabilty with criminals except in indilation on the one hand as bookselling is vidual cases where the subject is peculences. I remember the case of the drug clerk, Weschung, who was mysteriously tion. "Every year," says De Quincy, hacked to pieces in a Third avenue drug store two years ago. The sixteen-yearwas suspected of the crime, and was manuscript for as much as he can get, locked up in the Fast Fifty-first street He may get too little, or he station house. He was an awful liar may get too much. The publand although everything pointed to lisher takes the risk, and incurs the him as the guilty one, he steadfastly expense of printing, binding and ad. refused to make anything like a convertising. If the book sells and the fession. Thinking that he could be author thinks he has got too little, he made to go over the murder if placed proclaims that he has been outwitted in a hypnotic trance, Dr. S. Hammond and defrauded. But if the book does was called in. The boy was very exenot sell, it never enters the author's crable, and although several attempts were made he steadfastly resisted all efforts to hypnotize him. If a halflisher. Both have run the risks of the grown boy can do this, a healthy man can certainly do the same.

Hypnotism may be an admirable art, but we must all know more about it before trusting it absolutely."

Put Up or Shut Up.

in a temperature ranging from 120 to Fourth and Race at midnight last night, through the papers, to serve my con 160 degrees, says the Popular Science The fellow who approached them was stituency." Pesides these papers he Monthly. The quarters are close and seedy and cheeky. He was so seedy receives hundreds of others. Nothing they must take care that while feeding that in a warmer clime he might have is ever thrown from his desk unnoticed, one furnace their arms are not burned sprouted. He did not look like a and when he is not engaged in pour on the one behind them. Ventilation banker, but he talked like one. "I say, ing hot shot into the enemy's camp is furnished through a shaft reaching gents" he remarked to the two young across the chamber he is up to his eyes down to the middle of the quarters, men, "please gimms 10 cents, won't in the correspondence on his desk, Each stoker tends four furnaces, yer?" "I gave you a dime on Vine spending perhaps two or three minutes street not an hour ago," said one of the at each, then dashes to the air pipe to reporters. "I'll bet yer \$5 yer didn't," take his turn at cooling off and waits was the amazing report. "I haven't for snother call to his furnace. When that much money with me," the rethe watch is over the men go perspir- porter said aghast. "Well," remarked ing through long, cold passages to the seedy man, as a look of disgust slid the forecastle, where they turn in for over his dirty face, "yer don't want ter eight hours. One man, 28 years old, make any statements unless yer got de who was interviewed by a reportr money to back'em up. See?"-Cinciunati Commercial Gazette.

Shaving Widows.

Shall the widows be shaved? asks the Belfast Weekly Examiner. That is the great question that is at present causing agitation amongst the barbers of Bombay. To western ears the subject sounds a trifle comic, but in the land of the orient it has a very different and a very serious meaning. In India it has always been customary to shave the heads of widows immediately on the death of their husbands. Of late murmurs and protests have been beard, and the native journals have been calling for reform. The barbers have commenced to coincide with these more enlightened views, and it is expected will refuse to perform the required tonsorial operation.

The Brahmans have threatened that they will use the scissors themselves. but this is believed to be impossible, as it would result in their losing caste-a very important consideration with a religious, self-respecting Brahman. If you are going to do anything, do it Up-country, says an Indian contemporary, the practice of shaving the widow's head is not so persistently en forced as in Bombay. The hair is al-Be on hand. Life is a great deal lowed to grow again, and the widow assuter to the persons who promptly has only to submit to a renewal of the unwelcome operation when she visits a

larly once a week, and this came ment, you may cause a dozen other appear as if the widow in India was regarded with the same touching afuntold perplexities and delays may fection and reverential regard as the some out of just that little shortcom- mother-in-law in lands that lie more in ing of yours which you look upon as the direction of the setting sun.

To an active, energetic, wike-awake Brace up and make an effort, you se is nothing more trying shiftless, indolent, always behind-hand

A Novel Literary Scheme.

A man who has enough impodence and inventiveness to promise that he shall succeed in something recently wrote to a Boston author and offere either to furnish him with plots for stories on the one hand for a moderate ate or, on the other, to purchase any tales which the author himself wished to dispose of in the germ. His idea seemed to be to establish a sort of retail business in the raw material of section, to the end that any man who had a wish to write a story but found himself without the requisite plot might buy it as he would buy a pound wax had be intended to make way flowers instead of novels; while the inventive genius who is always having ideas and never if able to work them out properly is to be given a chance to make something out of his crude ideas and to have the satisfaction of seeing them tricked out by the cleverness of those that have the requisite literary skill. The idea is sufficiently novel, and it is not wholly out of keeping with the spirit of the age. It has a certain co-operative, utilitarian, materialistie flavor, and it has the characteristic of looking upon humanity as a mechanical contrivance, which should recommend it to the sympathies of the socalled nationalist movement.-The Book Buyer.

Wearing Out Shoes.

A writer, in answer to the question, Are more shoes worn out in wet than in dry weather?" says there, are more actually worn out, particularly at the bottoms, when the walking is fine: but the destruction of shoes is at least 25 per cent greater during wet spells. In the former case the shoes have not the protection of the rubber, and they grind out rapidly; but then, again, in stormy seasons hundreds of pairs of shoes are caught in drenching rains without overshoes they are more injured than they would be in a mouth of walking in dry weather. A long walk in a thoroughly soaked shoe causes it irreparable damage. The straining motion of the foot in this soft mass wreck damage that could never be possible in the same shoe when dry. Even the soles of the shoes worn much in the wet, especially those of the poorer grades, have their the farmers and the Knights of Labor. term of usefulness considerably cur-

He Keeps Posted.

Senator Plumb of Kansas is said by a Washington correspondent to receive more mail than any other member of congress. He is a subscriber to more than 200 papers, nearly all of which are published in his state. Some one asked him if he ever read these papers. "Indeed, I do," he answered. "It is by means of these publications that I am kept in constant touch with the people of my state, and am better prepared Two reporters were standing at knowing their sentiments expressed

A Deaf Mute Chairman.

Probably the only feat mute chairman of any organization in the I nited Stateis Anthony Capelli, member of Typographical union No. 6, and at present holding the position of chairman of the chapel in a Fulton street office I met him on Broadway as he was on his way home from his employment. He is a native of this city, and was born June 23, 1862. He entered the institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf Mutes. and later the New York Institution at Washington Heights where he learned the trade of printing. He joined Big Six in 1876, and has been a constant men ber ever since.- New York Star.

Grafting Skin.

A schoolboy in Edinburgh scalded his left leg and foot from knee to toes so badly that the skin peeled off and the flesh ulcerated. There being no signs of healing, the surgeon obtained a grayhound puppy, 7 days old, chloroformed it to death, shaved its body closly, and with the skin grafted the skin of the boy so as to cover all the ulcerated spots. The result was surprising. The leg rapidly healed and when the patient was discharged, 'The color of the grafted skin was uniform and very similar to that of the normal skin.

A Lazy Dog.

There is a dog in Chester, Pa., which will never walk when there is a chance to jump on a street car and ride. He is a black Newfoundland. Much of his time is spent at the stables. Although his home is only two squares away he never walks to it, but waits for a car going that way, on which he jumps. He often goes off on a pleasure trip, riding to the different sections of the city on different cars, always sitting on the curbstone until the car he wants comes along, showing remarkable intelligence in allowing to pass him those cars which branch off in directions contary to the one he wishes to take.-Pittsburg Dis-

If you have agreed to be at a certain place at a certain time be there, unless more annoying than to be made to folks, and see if you can not come to you are sick or dead. In either case you might be excused but not otherwise.

LABOR AND ALLIANCE.

The Enights and Farmers, who have struggled long and hard to establish the immutable principle that "every man is entitled to the fruits of his labor," and that whoever takes it from him, by physical force or legalized oppression, a robber, pure and simple oftentimes get discouraged, both at the indifference and apathy of their co-laborers as well as the gigantic power of "money to oppress," when wielded to combinations of wicked an I selfish men. But this long, persistent, unyielding effort of God-fearing and man loving philanthorpists is bearing fruit. The tide has set in; the waters cannot be much longer stayed. As the old abolition movement against black slavery was worth the lives of its advocates, until all at once its God-like principles broke upon' the hearts of the people, so this great industrial movement against white slavery has cost the lives of many of its martyrs and the forced starvation of their children; but thanks be to our God, the Divine light of industrial e mancipation is rapidly breaking through the hard crusts of prejudice and selfishness into the hearts of the people. As evidence of this, many, who are of the wealthy, aristocratic class, come to me with hearts overflowing with this new inspiration of industrial emancipation. They act like young converts to a new light and a new life. They preach upon that great fundamental principle of Godhood and Knighthood .- "Moral worth, not wealth, is the true standard of manhood."-Journal of United Labor.

The man that has a mortgage on his home is worth more to old Shylock than the blackest slave was to his master in the days of African slavery. Every hour, every day must he work to keep the interest paid up, and besides this, he must feed and clothe himself and family, pay doctor bills, and stand all manner of abuse. -Farmer's Emancipa-

Single Tax.

General Master Workman Powderly in a recent interview expressed much hope of the proposed alliance between

Of the new utterance on the single tax,

Mr. Powderly said:

'Our present land plank expresses the views of the order fully and clearly, but it does not change them in the least, for what we say now we have always believed. We are opposed to land being held for speculation, and have always favored the plan of turning the revenue from the use of the and to the use and benefit of the comfaunity. This plank was adopted by the most enthuisstic, unaminous vote over cast in a general assembly. To ase the every day expression, up to the resent time we have been making up she train, and we have had to do a great deal of shifting and side tracking but all of the couplings are now made We are out on the main line, and while we expect the usual number of red lights will be swung in our faces and s few obstructions placed on the track e will land our train at the end of the

Adams County Resolutions. At the meeting of the Adams county alliance held in Hastings last Saturday there were sixty-three delegates present from twenty-two subordinate alliances.

Upon the basis of representation this humber of delegates would indicate a membership of over 900.

A conference was held with a comhittee representing about 400 members of the farmers' mutual benefit association and arrangements for a further conference made. This conference has in view the alliance of both organizations for political influence and mutual benefit. The meeting was harmonius in every particular. The following, among other resolutions, were reported and adopted:

Resolved. That we will not support any man for the legislature who will not pledge himself not to secure or ride upon a pass from any railroad company; who will not introduce or support, if ntroduced, a bill making it a felony for any elected or appointed official in the state of Nebraska, senators and representatives to congress included, to receive or ride upon a railroad pass, or who will not introduce or support a railroad freight bill for this state pro rata with the rates now charged from the Missouri river to the seaboard,

Resolved. That we are in favor of a liberal service pension to the ex-soldiers and sailors of the war of the rebellion, based on the time actually served.

Resolved, That we demand of our next legislature the Australian ballot system, the abolition of the appointed railroad commissioners and a maximum freight rate not higher than the rate now in force in the state of Iowa.

How was the monopolistic empire formed? By what means does that great power hold in bondage the known world? How is it that a despotisw is established? How is it that the few ensalve the many? How is it that the nobility live on the labor of the peasants? The answer in one word-origanization. The organized trimpuh over the unorganized many. The few hold the sword and purse. The unorganized are overcome in detall, terrorized, brutalized, robbed, con-

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ONLY HUMAN.

A Little Sketch from Real Life-Read It

I am fond of admiration. I wouldn't be a woman if I were not fond of it. own exertions manage better the I like men, when they praise me, and I hate them when they seem indifferent to the fact that my teeth are small and woman, and I like admiration."

blonde. Her figure would command at port her little household, buy he her senior by a full score of years. He 31. We have several such depositors in never danced, nor attended a ball; and this bank. I never see one of these palehe was jealous of every attention which faced tired-looking women at the winwas shown to his handsome wife. dow that I do not feel like going out and Gussie Rundlette Pillsbury was dis- saying something to encourage her. creet, albeit she was outspoken and I don't have much time to read, but I fearless of criticism. Her husband was do not believe there are any such stories accusing her of an over-fondness for so- in print as I could tell you if it were clety, and told her that she was fond of proper to do so. Women stand misforadmiration, and, as a wife, she ought tune better than men. I was in one of not to be. She said:

flesh and blood full of life and vigor; and I am a woman. If your flinty business heart had any intelligence behind life again penniless. it or in it, you would understand what I mean when I say to you that I am a woman. Being such I am fond of admiration; but I never yet have sought it. I did not seek yours, and I do not seek it now, although you are my husband. Admiration comes to me spontaneously, and I love it. I never yet have accepted the compliments nor the flattery of any one man, and I never will. I am not only woman, but I am a wife, and I never forget myself. You may not be able to get the idea through your hard, business sense, but it is true that a woman may be a wife, love admiration, and yet be far better than her husband.

for any wife to be the center of admiration and devotion in modern society and be virtuous and true to her husband," said Mr. Pillsbury.

"It is impossible for a man to understand the heart of a woman, but it is not impossible, Mr. Pillsbury, for a woman to go through life yoked to a is impossible for a business man to apand wags a tail of welcome and moves preciate the fact that when his wife is out of the way. building her husband up and making are received by Major coldly. He keeps duties in the world, or that portion of the bell pull without stepping upon the it in which I am placed, and I shall knowing animal. When the unwelcontinue to receive admiration, and I husband."

She compelled him to acquiesce in unappreciated and misunderstood as house. Philadelphia Inquirer. she was by the man whose name she bore in honor, was almost daily coming in contact at church, opera and every where with the one man of all men whom she loved and who had plainly showed his affection for her before her marriage with George Pillsbury-a marriage which was planned by Gussie's mother and fulfilled by the daughering, gilded vice to meet discouragenent, criticism, fault-finding and conumely. Yet these heroines live lives divine right under the roofs of blind, soulless men, many of whom join with that ancient roue, who sneerinely said: "Who can find a virtuous woman?" S. D. F.

ost of Railroad Dining.

It is said that one of the great trunk sioned, he had for breakfast in one of weather vane on Park Street those cars, one day in April, a trout, a has been pointing an east wind game bird and a bowl of strawberries nearly a month." When the frie and cream, besides coffee, rolls, butter explain and a glass of milk. The meal cost a and the wind had really dollar, and his wife told him she could northwest, the reverent gent not buy any one of the principal dishes was unbounded to think he in the markets for that sum of money, wrongly directed by an er

Women More Economical The

Said a Washington street he reporter for the Chicago Tribune: My observation brings me to the conthat women who are thrown upon their and will save a little out of a small income where a man would give in take to drink or commit sulcide. A regular, my ears pretty and pink, my thinks it beneath his manhood to make cheeks plump and dimpled. I am a a less dangait than 25. A poor woman a less deposit than \$5. A poor woman Gussie Rundlette was a large, voluptuwill wash, iron, cook, and nurse take in ous, bright, vivacious and intense from 86 to 810 a week for the same, sup tention and admiration anywhere. In dren on occasional toy or a little candy, an evil hour, she had given her hand keep her house looking tidy, herself without her heart to George Pillsbury, presentable, pay her rent and make dethe wealthy manufacturer. He was posit here weekly of from fifty cents to

the saving banks that went under in "George Pillsbury, do you want a mar- this city several years ago. The poor ble image of womanhood for a wife? If women who were the losers were the you do, why don't you have another heroines. While some of the men who Greek Slave chiseled for you? I am lost raved, went mad took to drink and some committed suicide, the poor women went on silent and sorrowful beginning

A Senator's Knowing Dog.

One of the noted objects in animated nature at the capital is Don Cameron's Scotch collie. A long period of silent observation of the appearance and peculiarities of politicians, particularly from Pennsylvania, has given Major a' discriminating idea of their value as they turn up at the bell pull.

Don's dog is a thoroughbred in more ways than one. His position of mute inquisitorial observation is from the mat in the outer vestibule at the senstor's front door. He invariably lies with his lower jaw resting on his paws. As the senator's callers appear he gives them a glance without raising his head. "It is impossible, I tell you, Gussie, If satisfactory he will get up with dignified motion and step out on the pavement until the caller enters, and will then resume his place.

He seems to know the difference between the callers who get in and those who don't, and draws a line on the latter The regulars, who come in often, are received with great consideration by tyrant, and uncomplainingly be honest, the Major, who, as soon as he spies true and pure before high Heaven. It them at the vestibule door, jumps up

attractive and makes herself so, she is Those who come and reldou get in but, being a woman, I understand my which makes it inconvenient to reach come callers try to make their way shall not conceal the fact that I like it within the door he whines a doleful and expect it-from every one but my strain, and stands up on the mat and gapes and stretches.

The amusing animal has also assumed her judgment, and then she went to her the guardianship of the ladies of the own room for a long, long, womanly, family and invariable escorts them a cry-baby cry. Meantime that woman, square or two when they leave the

No Doubt True.

There are over eleven thousand applications on file for positions in the Tree ury Department at Washington. All of them are filed carefully away in the appointment division and there they will lie in pigeon holes, growing yellow, dusty and ancient. Every four years ter against her will. But it was, as she they are taken out and filed away down they are taken out and shiel away down in the dungons, and still the pigeon holes are always full; for a new generation of office seekers comes of agreevery four years. It is pitiable, pathetic and amusing to witness the actions of those pathetic and amusing to witness the actions of those years, almost; a quiet, dignified woman, who purns temptation, turning from glitraining, gilded vice to meet discourage. while others march boldly up to desk of the Secretary himself, and mand that their commissions be mout while they walt. They act though all they have to do is to dre letter of recommendation into the de-partment slot, and see an appointment come forth. Poor things! Many im-agine themselves called; but few are

An Orthodox Vane.

A good story is told of the great Uniline railroads deliberately provides for a tarian clergyman, Dr. Channing, of loss of many thousands of dollars a year Boston. The doctor in his latter days, upon the meals served in its dining car, was rather frail in body and very and charges the loss to the advertising antagonistic to going out in an east second, in full knowledge that the talk wind. At one period when the weather such rodigal outlay will create is as had been exceptionally good for three good as that amount of money's worth weeks a friend called to see why he had in printer's ink. A friend told me that, not been out on these fine days, as an illustration of how the loss is occa- "Why," exclaimed the good man, "the a month." When the frie