divine law.

Two Chicago cabmen have been arr sted charged with highway robbery. But why this in idious distinction in only arresting two?

THE free libraries have had to rule the tramps out. They insist upon going into them to sleep. Isn't this rather severe on the standard au-

"smoke the pipe of peace" the happier both nations will be. It doesn't look as if brotherly love and the atiny silver star meets a man with a amenities of life were being c lti-silver star, she will say. "How d've Whe life had such a zest."

Ny Pate a clearly lost, appeared not pleased, our was ever selzed with parts of unress. The will praise of his traveling days when life had such a zest. amenities of life were being c lti- silver star, she will say. "How d've conflict between two such powers d'ye do, sister " Either is then would shock the world in these closprivileged to extend any courtesy or ing years of the nineteenth century, ask any favor of the other, without in about a week or so."

is that we have no lack of shining men are more and more ind spensable thought to those who desire to make But this was by perso s ineligible to their lives successful.

MISS CHARLOTTE M. YONGE has a pretty little home in Hampshire, England. She is, per als, more be- by California women against gross wives Billy Haven, out of respect for loved than any pastor or master sensationalism in newspapers is throughout the breadth of the county. prompted by laudable motives. The tracking crimes of a kind whose Her house lies at the foot of on of petition they are circulating declares origin was obscure and the clue to the most dangerous hills on the road that the 'spread ng broadcast of which was not visible. They said from Southampton to Winchester, vicious and debasing news in our among themselves, when their at-The village of Otterbourne, for such homes, and among our children, and tention was first directed to the kind is its name, owes a considerable part the consequent knowledge and easy ing, that this was a job Billy Haven of its prosperity to her. The school- familiarity with crime in all its would like the unravelling of if the were built from the proceeds of . The tone of thought among the best of never getting a signt of the burglar,

lators profited very largely by the big a sentiment that will demand the Haven was at work the inmates of not appear to have any reason for crime and scandal from all newsserious complaints on the score of papers. Wholesome as the attaintheirown profits. The Yale-Harvard ment of this object would be, the game at Springfield netted \$27,000 task will encounter serious obstacles. and the Yale-Princeton game in New There are very few newspapers that York netted \$30,000. Yale gets one- do not have a clientage of their own. half of these sums, which puts her ex- The character of that clientage molds chequer in fine condition. The prof- the character of their news columns. its of college football not only pay All newspapers do not deal in "victous the expenses of training the teams. but they help to meet the outlay for papers, for example, studiously keep other college sports, the income their columns free of such matter. from which is not so large. All the money goes where it does the most port of intelligent, clearminded and good.

STRANGE as it may appear, the entire earnings of the railroads in the State of Georgia do not equal onetenth of the aggregate amount carned by roaks in Pennsylvania. And vet Georgia is the most progressive of the Commonwealths of the South. The annual railroad report just issued gives an exhibit of \$2,588,500 as the highest amount earned during the year by any one road. The report of the Secretary of Internal Affairs of this tate shows that the freight earnings of the Pennsylvania lines alone were \$4°,000,000, exclusive of the passenger traffic. This is millions more than the combined earnings of all the railroads in Georgia. The Georgia lines have a productive future befo e them and may catch up.

THE grip has apparently taken a firm hold in England, and the Princess of Wales is one of its victims. An increasing death rate in London. Liverpool and Bristol shows that the epidemic is general, and that, unfortunately, the theory which has recently prevailed, that the enervating scourge had worn out its own strength, is not sound. The epidemic seems to be general throughout Europe and ten thousand cases are reported from Berlin as discovered in time holding the January term of the Province of Hesse. Although in the United States reports are less alarming than those from Europe, this winter is a very good time to thought desirable, was requested by guard with unusual care against him to describe the animal in quescatching colds or allowing them to run unchecked.

A Young person has been writing an article on the bringing up of mothers Thirty years ago mothers were not brought up; they just grew. They were care early, gave up danc-

TOPICS OF THE TIMES, lay when their children were to short frocks and knicker ock rs. and de-A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.

Teresting items.

Tomewhate and Crimeless Rared Crime

The Happenings of the Day-Mistorian

The Way it should so Now the old

The Way it should so Now the old the Happonings of the Day Minterior the way it should be New the old tree is promed and pared into shape. He journeyed far, he journeyed wide, Proper never think of whistling tirls have assumed the responsibility in Ice and It is a violation of the of looking after their motters.

Mothers are kept to see to a well-Mothers are kept to see to a weilordered house, onax refractory fatn. The lea flort smiled as he saw his face ers, and attend to bore. The An nefs but eper a ske from all ep must, moreover, be ornament . look | An well at the head of the table, dress be omingly, keep up with the degot up at the earliest dawn fashions look nice when the g ris
take them out with them, and smile
encouragingly at the young men.

Totacht testil worm,
for busile and his lead general rustle
descened to be attegrin,
and he wou such a name he soon became
A member of the firm. encouragingly at the young men. Nor a e their morals forgotten. Fre- and soon he bought his partners out, bo rich h d he become, quently one hears a girl say: "It is an interesting show, but not one I'd care to take my mother to."

So finh it die beeches, and he held in blocks of gilt-edged stocks. A comfortable sum: With a bouse hear the Park—I may remark that it cost a pretty plan. This sooner Germany and France care to take my mother to "

vated in either nation. An armed do, brotner?" and he replies. "How so be telephoned his wife one day ing years of the nineteenth century ask any favor of the other, without the act being misapprehended. If, and it worked so well, I've heard him tell, It is a celebrated thought of Soc-rates t at if all the misfortunes of the theater, she can ask a man to go mankind were cast into a public with her without his thinking she is

The habit now her go. When matters drag and his spirits and And h. doesn't know what is what. He aman his grip and takes a trip

To some secluded spor. stock in order to be equally divided expressing a too flattering preference. His friends don't know, and they'll tell you so among the whole species, those who for his society. If he wishes her now t ink themselves the most uncompanionship on any occasion, she happy would prefer the share they ac epts it in the spirit it is overed.

There he in truth resides, He's of to day for the reguency, or who re the soulley these, sunshins or rain, he takes a train, who ever his famey guides. are already possessed of, before that Owing to men's conceit, nicegirls are which would fall to them by such a afraid to behave naturally to young for be now commutes on a dezen routes division.

And Care -ecms under the lean:
For be now commutes on a dezen routes the lean of the lean Young men who expect to cut a girls, men are alraid their attentions figure in the years to come, will do will carry more weight than they inwell to consi cr what is being done tend. "The order of the Si ver now, by men of affairs It is said by Star" says the I vening Sun arises knowing ones that all the future is out of the necessities of a social made out of the present. Certain it civilization, in which men and wo examples about us, and I know from to one another. For this the new actual experience that about all the organ zation provides. Otherwise, it success that has come to me, has is called the "Anti-Matrimonial been due almost entirely to observing League." This by no means probibits tention to business and the endeavor how others get along. This sugges- marriage. In fact, it has been called tion is worth more than a passing the "Ante-Matrimonial League." membership. Neither widows nor they always recognized his handliwork widowers are admitted.

houses immediately opposite her door forms, have a tendency to lower the were alive, and so they drifted o., Heir of Redciyste," and many sums our people and to strengthen the until the crimes were called "Billy are spent in unostentatious charity. Worst instincts among the masses." The women who have started this Bill, Haven. UNDOUBTEDLY the ticket specu- movement hope to be able to create and debasing" sensationalism. Some They aims to earn the favor and supselfrespecting readers. There are newspapers that pursue a different policy. These seek a constituency of different mental tastes and moral standards. So long as such newspapers find countenance and profit they are not likely to pursue a different course. Instead of attempting promiscuously to purify the columns of the newspapers of the United States, the women engaged in the present movement should admit to their homes only such journals as do not familiarize children "with crime in all its forms" and 'strengthen the worst nstincts among the masses." There is an abundance of such newspapers. A greater demand for this class of newspapers will be a strong incentive on the part of publishers to make them still better. It will tend to diminish what is impure and degrading in other newspapers. No profession is more quick to respond to public sentiment than that of jour-

Well Known

In some small New England cities the intercourse between judges and witnesses seems now and then to be of a pleasant colloquial sort not to be found elsewhere.

A judge who was not only learned in legal matters, but was also an excellent judge of horses, was at one

the Supreme Court at Saco, Maine. A horse case was on trial, and one of the witnesses, who was not as clear in his testimony as the Judge tion more minutely

"Why, Jedge," was the reply, in a patronizing tone, 'all you Saco fel-the name of Mr. Slider. Billy was ter know that air hoss. 'Twas the the man of brains in the gang, and Bill Littlefield hoss that Al Hodgkins used to drive."

The "Saco feller of smiled quietly, but the rest of "fellers" smiled sadisty.

THE TRAVE NA MAN.

in the partie were great which he sat up

And set SeT ckey, merchant prince.

And he's happy now as the day is long.

AN OBLIGING BANKER

Billy Haven was no ordinary burglar. His theory was that if a man wished to make a success of his profession, he needed to use his brains rather than his muscle. The conseuence was that Hilly, by strict atto pease customers, soon began to but d up for himself an enviable reputation among the police. They never caught sight of Billy or his pals, but by the nextness and dexterity of it. They did not even know his name, THE warfare recently inaugurated but they called him among themthe memory of a detective of that name who was especially good at

As a general thing, where Billy the house never knew a robbery had been committed until next mo ning. Billy and his gang left almost no traces of their is t except the disappearance of the most valuable things in the residence. At last these neat burglaries ceased, and there were no traces of villy for years. It is probable that the authorities would never have known any particulars about Billy's career if it had not been that a convict dying in one of the prisons told about Billy's last and successful coup, which enabled Haven and his gang to ret re into respectable but

monotonous private life. Billy, it seems, had long looked with hungering eyes on a large mansion that stood in a lonely part of a lonely suburb. It was entirely sur rounded by a high brick wall, and ever got inside that mansion they could work in uninterrupted security Inquiry show d Billy that it was the residence of Mr. Slider, the wellknown banker, a man intimately connected with numerous pros erous companies, and a man of great reputed wealth. Billy's investigations led him to the knowledge that Mr. Slider was a most careful man who had arranged every electrical appliance then known for the disco ery of a burglar.

He appeared to realize that If once burglar got entrance into the big house the family would be, comparitively speaking, at his mercy, and so it was that every window was protected by half-a-dozen different deices. The door-mats and passages wife so arrange I that after everybody went to bed the lightest footfall on any of them would ring a large bell in the tower, would te egraph a warning to the nearest police-station, and would set more gongs ringing all over the place than a burgiar who was at all nervous cared to hear.

Billy reali ed then that the ordinary methods of a burglar would have a tendency to fail if applied to the big house standing in its own extensive grounds, and so he resolved that when he and his pals entered the house it would be by the door and not by one of the windows, a d it would be at a time when the family had not retired to rest.

Billy's plans, when matured, were very simple. He obtained the costume of a police inspector for himself and the clothes of an ordinary policeman for sach of his four pals. got, likewise, a very good imitation of a warrant for arrest, made out in the man of brains in the gang, and the other four realizing this, did exactly as he told them. pe feet state of discipline, and had utmost confidence in Hilly's insaulty. The plan was this:-

They were to obtain entrance into "The only question is can we have STORY OF AUSTRIA'S EMPERON the house about a o'clock in the the money in gold he e and now?" evening, in perfect legal form; the who might, of course, be indignant, of law wou dat least insure the sur- IL" mission under protest, and while the "Very in-pector stood guard over the arrested man, two of the all ged polic men were to be posted so that no one could leave the bouse, even if Mr. Slider wanted to send a m seenger away, which was not likely, because of his certainty that this was a mistake which could easily be cleared up. The other two a leged po icemen could then search the house under the protection of a bogus search warrant, and quietly ecrete all the valuables and money that they could lay their hands on. The inspector then intended to tell Mr. Slider that, because of his prote-t, he would not take him to lail, but he must understand that he was under arrest, and that he might have to report to the head officer when called upon to d so. Billy imagined that the time w ich must intervene before the news of the unwarranted arrest reached the real police would give him all the opportunity he wanted to cover his tracks and secrete bis spoils. This clan worked admirably un to a ertain point, when Billy and his pais were treated to a stupefying surprise.

The man at the perter's lodge tremblingly admitted theo | cersof the law into the grounds. He was then anxiously. ordered to lock the gates, which he did and one of the policemen took the key and remained in the porter's lodge with the man and his wife, who were certainly very much frightened. Another policeman was left to guard the entrance of the lause, while the bogus inspector and the remaining policemen rang at the front door. The person who admitted them was also terrified at the sight of their uniforms. Billy asked if Mr. Slider was at home, and was informed that he was in the draw ngroom. He then sked that he and the officers might be shown there without eing announced.

Mr. Sl der was sitting in an easychair surrounded by his family. He turned his head round when the door opened without the customary knock, and when he saw the uniform of the inspector a ghastly pallor came over his face. Before the ins ector could speak, he held out his hand and

"One moment please." Then, turning to his wife, he remarked to her in a low voice: 'Take the children to your own room and stay there till I come. I have some business with this gentleman. Don't be alarmed. Everything is all right. I had an appointment with h m. but forgot to mention it to you."

The pale woman and her frightened children withdrew, and Si der stood alone confronting Billy and his

"I am sorry to say," began Billy, "that I have here a warrant for your arrest. All the entrances are guarded. and, of course, you understant the futility of making any resisance."

"Quite so, quite so," said Slider, uskil). "I appreciate all that." appreciate all that 'I have also a search warrant here. and while I stay with you my men must have a look over the premis a Do you wish me to read the warrant

to you? "It is not at all necessary," said Slider, in agitated voice. "I have no doubt but it is quite correct. As for searching. I have no power to prevent that; but before you begin I would like to make a proposal to you. Inspector. You look like a shrewd man. How many policeman have you with you?"

"I have four," answered Billy. "There are five of you altogether,

"Exactly.

'Now. Inspector, a am a man of business, and, as y u know, a man of Buly felt that if he and his mates great wealth. I would like to have a few words with you in private. Would you kindly ask these officers to step out of the room a moment? 'That is harldy regular," objected

the inspector. "I kn w, I know," answered the make it worth your while to do what "Rogers," said the Inspector to the

policeman beside him," you and itenham just step out for a moment into the hall, but come at once if you hear me call. Rogers and Benham saluted and

withdrew without a word. When the door was closed Billy stood with back against it and :lider remained standing near the fire. "If I had bappened," said Slider,

"not to have been at home when you came, what would you have done?" "I presume," answered the Inspec-

tor "I would have tried to find out where you were without arousing suspicion, and if that could not be done I would have had to come at some other time." Precisely. Now, what will you

take in gold to go back to the station and report that you have not been able to find me?" That would be a dangerous busi

ness," said Biliy, quite honestly. "I can make it worth your while to run the risk," said Sider. Give me a start of twenty-four hours, and that is all I ask. Now, how much?" Billy hesitated and pondered to a moment "What do you say," said at last, "to \$25,000 for m and

That would be \$85,000 in all," said the banker. "Well," said Billy, "suppose we make it \$100,000 as a lump sum. If

\$15,000 spiece for each of the men?"

you say \$100,000 in gold, it's a go. 'I agree to the \$100,000," said the banker after some parley. 'Can you make sure of your men-of their si-

"Responsibly sure," answered Billy.

"I am not sure that I can give you inspector was to arrest Mr. slider, all that amount in gold, but I think I can." He consulted a pocket-book but the con-pirators expected that he had with him, and added ome the respect a banker has for the forms | gures "Yes," he said, "I can do

"Very well," said Billy, "it's a

Billy called his pais, and together they accompanied the banker to another rom that contained a large sale which Silder opened. He took out several bags, and, taking down a pair of scales from the top of the saie, said:-"You may weigh this, and you'll

find it correct. There are ten bags here, and they each contain 10,000. "open all of the bags." said Billy, cautiously. The banker did so, and Billy ran a handful of gold from each of them through his fingers and found everything correct.

"How much does a thousand weigh:" he asked the banker and, on receiving his answer, placed one of the bags in the scales.

"It is a pity to break bulk " said Billy, "I think we will call it right." "very well," answered the banker. · Suppos you call your men in. I wish to be sure that you will keep

your part of the compact The our men were speedily inside the room, and their eyes opened as they saw the glitter of the gold. The inspector brieny detailed to them the po ut o. the bargain, while the banker looked from man to man and I stened

"You agree to thes" said Billy. and each o the men nodded

"You will have no urther trouble from us, Mr. slider," said Billy Haven, politely, 'at least or twentyfour hours.

The banker drew a deep breath of relief as each man took some bags of gold and quietly departed.

A few days a ter the papers were filled with the startling innouncement that a.r. the well-known banker, had absconded, and that an enormous amount of money was missing.

Investigation of the books showed that he had teen preparing for flight for over a year, and rumor has it that he is now living somewhere in South America. But that is one of the things about which nobody knows an thing definite -- Frank Harrison's Family Magazine.

Rainfall and Population.

The re-ults of the last census have shown that the distribution of the population in the United States is regulated by the abundance or scarcity of rain. The largest part of the population is distributed in those regions where the annual rainfall varries from thirty to forty inches. These comprise three-fourths of the people.

The density of the population diminishes very rapidly where the amount of rainfall differs considerably in either direction from these flyures, which may be taken as of mean value.

Greatest density is found where forty to fifty incres of rain fell yearly, the number of inhabitants in such districts being fifty nine per juare mile. Where the rainfall is thirty to forty inches per annum the mean density of population is 43.1

per square mile. The dry regions of the east, where less than twenty inches fa'l in a year, which includes two-fifths of the territory, contain actually less than three hundredths of the people of the

States The population has multiplied most rapidly with a rainfall of twenty or thirty inches, in the great plains

extending from Texas to Dakota. where the density has increased from 16 to 18.1 per square mile. These figures show that, as might naturally be expected, in the variety of climatic conditions found in the

great expanse of territory constituting the United States, those most favorable to increase the number of in abitants are a moderate temperature and a moderate annual rainfall.

Following a National Precedent.

A good honest fellow, in his way, was Bill Botts, but he had never had banker, hurriedly, "but I think I can an opportunity to study moral philosophy as it is taught in the colleges and universities He came from Biddeford in Devon, and lery likely some of his ancestors had belped Drake 'wallop" the Spaniards. He had followed in their footsteps by enlisting in the nawy to fight for his Queen and country whenever called upon to do so. When he returned from a voyage

to China he brought with him a present for a gentleman who had been very kin i to his old mother during his absence. It was a curious fashloned Chinese garment made of bits of a species of straw strung together. "Plase, sur, you must excoose un being torn," he said ba hfully, when he presented it, "the Chinaman

wouldn't part with un alsy." He had run across a Chinaman wearing it somewhere in the streets of Hong Kong, and the unfortunate Celest al not understanding his summary request to 'Hand that over here," he had simply yanked it off

him. To the suggestion that his conduct had hardly been consistent with strict honesty he replied:

"Beggin' your pardon, sur, he wuz only a haythen, an' I never heard that taking things from a haythen counted as stalin."

"Well," replied his friend, n any illustrious Englishmen had not acted on that assumption I don't know where the British Empire would now be, so I'il keep the heathen's garment "

who lived five years with a ball in Lemocrat. his head. We have known ladles to live twice as long with nothing but "balls" in their heads.

Lost Dog.

From I chl comes the following incident, which is reported to have happened a few days before Emperer Joseph left that lov 1, mounts n city for the mancuver- in Galicia, says the Vienna correspondent of the Los-

don Daily News. The American ladies in Ischi have a maid with them who is a dadroon speaking very imperfect German, and whose duty it s to lead a heauti of I tue dachshand by a chain. When the ladies were out walking one morning the d g to e him elf away and dis ppeared into a thicket. The giri guessed that the dog had ent-res private grounds, but lumped over the hedge and followed him. uddenly an elderly officer stood before her and asked her what she was looking for. She told him, and said, "We must call him that bring him back faster than running after him. What is his name?" "waldmann," was the reply

The officer took a silver whistle out of his pocket and alternately called and whistled for the dog, who did not re-pond, though he was heard barking hoar-ely in the distance. Then a forest guard came, and the of cer told him to find the dog, and asking the quadroon where the ladies lived told the man to take it to the hotel she named. He then bowed politely and went his way. The quadroon asked the forest guard who the gentleman was. When he told her That was our Emperor" she left him to look for the dog himself and ran back to tell her ladies. In the evening an imperial servant appeared in the hotel to ask whether the dog had been found.

Wealth of the World.

Few people, even among professed politicians, have much idea of the weath of the world or of the manner in whi h that wealth is growing. Still fewer hav any not on of the potential ty of wealth to increase.
M. Jannet quotes the elaborate calcu ation of an inventous author to show that 100 francs, accumulating at 5 per cent, compound interest for seven centuries, would be sufficient to buy the whole surface of the g obe, both land and wat r, at the rate of 1,000,000 francs (£40,000) the hectare. The actual growth riches has not hitherto assumed such inconvenient proportions, says the Edinburg | eview.

M. Jannet cites various authorities show that the wealth of the United Kingdom exceeds £10,000,-000,0 0: that of Franch £8,000,000,-000; that of all Europe, £40,000,000,-000; that of the United States £14. 000,000,000. If we place the we Ith of the rest of the world at £26,000,-00 ,000 we shall arive at an aggregate of £80,00 ,000,000. We should have, we may add, to multiply this vast sum 30,000 times before we reached the total to which, according to M. Jannet's ingenious authority. 10 . francs ac umulating at 5 per cent. compound interest for 700 years would grow.

The ngures we have given are so able idea to the ordinary reader. It may assist the apprehension if it be added that France on an average possesses more than £200, the United kingdom more than £250 for each member of the population. Just 200 years ago Sir W. Petty estimated the entire wealth of England at only £2 0,00 ,000. Two centuries, therefore, have increased it forty-fold. But the chief additions to it have been made in the last fifty years and we believe that we are not far wrong in saying that the sum which is annually added to the United Kingdom amounts to £200,000,000, or in other words is nearly equal to its entire wealth at the time of the revolution of 1688.

A Journalistic Mentor.

A brilliant and not unsuccessful newspaper proprietor once remarked to me, apropos of his staff: "I de not care for men of broad views, sound common sense, and correct principles Give me a clever, disappointed man, or morbid mind, who wants to get his knife' into as many of his fellow-creatures as possible. That's the kind of man who can write what the public like to read: but, of course, he needs constant supervision."

At the time I was somewhat shocked by the cynicism of my journalistic mentor; but an extended experience of life is apt to conone that most persons inwardly h ish disparaging and 'spicy" comments on others, and are not over and above pleased when an old schoolfellow or next door neighbor is publicly acclaimed. Let those kindly souls who may feel inclined to deny this cynical view of human pature turn again to Dean Swift's pungent verses on his own death, with their famous (and shall we not say, accepted?) motto from his master Rochefoucault, "Dans l'adversite de nos meilleurs amis nous trouvonos toujours queique chose qui ne nous deplait pas."-The National Review

Healing Power of Egg Off.

Extraordinary stories are told of the healing properties of a new oil which is easily made from the yolk of hens' eggs. The eggs are first boiled hard and the yolks are then removed, crushed and placed over a fire, where they are carefully stirred until the substance is on the point of catching fire, when the oil separates and may be poured off. One york will yield nearly two teaspoonfuls of oil. It is in general use among the colonists of A MEDICAL journal tells of a man cuts, bruises, etc.—St Louis Globe-

> WHEN a woman is not at a dry goods store, she is at the dentist's.