Rural Minister-None of the brothers whose duty it is to pass the plate is here | phant sleeps-whether he lies down or today. Would you object to taking up the collection?

Modest Wor hiper-I never passed the plate in church in my life, and I'm afraid I'd be rather awkward.

be noticed. Most of my congregation phant in captivity and freedom is that become absorbed in their hymn books about the time the plate goes 'round " -N. Y. Weekly.

Rhubarb as a Vegetable.

After the rhubarb has served its purpose by giving us its leaf stalks in early spring, it often throws up an immense bunch of flowers. An English writer states that if this hend of flowers is cut off, and treated like cauliflower, it is just as good and desirable. One would suppose that there was something of the acid taste of the stalks in this flower head; but this writer says not. Many plants have a great difference between the elements in their flowers or fruit and the leaves. We can, for instance, eat a tomate, and find it both healthful and agreeable; but if we were to venture to eat a handful of tomato leaves they would probably be the end of us. Those who are on the lookout for new vegetables might, however, make a trial of the rhubarb flowers. It may be noted that the common tomato is very closely related to the tobacco, and equally poisonous with that celebrated plant - Mechan's Monthly

Hard Hit. Reggy-Lawst night on the way bome from the club a great idea struck

Wilston-Good heavens! you don't say. I thought you showed symptoms of being sandbagged.-Exchange.

Your blood. Words of wisdom at this season. During the winter months impurities have been accumulating in your blood, owing to diminished perspiration, close confinement and other causes. These impurities must now be expelled. Now is the time to purify

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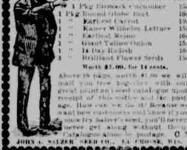
By taking a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine makes pure, rich nourishing blood. It thoroughly erad cates the dangerous poisons with which the blood is loaded. It invigorates the system and builds up and sustains all the organs by feeding them upon pure, rich blood.

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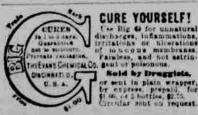
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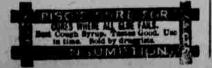
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How an Exceptant Steeps

Have you ever thought how the ele look that in captivity the elephants always stand up when they sleep, but when in the jungle, their own land and and home, they lie down. The reason "Oh, never mind about that It won't given for the d fference between the elethe elephant never acquires complete confidence in his keep rs, and always longs for liberty.

> Discovery of Glass Etching, The art of etching from glass was discovered by a Nuremberg glass cutter. By accident a few drops of aqua fortis fell upon his spectacles. He noticed that they became corroded, and softened where the acid had touched. That was hint enough. He drew figures upon glass with varnish, applied correding fluid, then cut away the glass around the drawing. When the varnish was removed, the figures appeared mised upon a dark ground.

In the Suburbe. Mangles-Is this a church-going

town is a stanch Christian except for an hour every Tuesday and Friday

Mangles-What happens then? Citizen-That's the time they meet to trade horses.-New York World.

A R yal Ambition. Seeker-I wonder why it is that the male cycler always follows in the wake of his female companion.

Sageman-It is the prompting of a roval ambition. He feels that he may become successor to the thrown.-Boston Conrier

Very Likely.

Mrs. Spnggs In case of war on ac count of the Cuban resolutions what would be likely to be the first hostile movement?

in Spain-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Would Offset It. "I say, waiter, this game's just a little too old." "Never mind, sir; you'll find the port

iew enough."-Judy. Very Proper.

"Is Spenwell a proper person

"Certainly: he always has plenty of money with him."-To-Date.

The New York supreme court holds

was weary and copy hard to get. As a consequence Fob "casted" a libera quantity of "white," and across the spotless expanse wrote in an elegant milesian fist, "3.000 for anxiety of mind,"

RENO COUNTY RHEUMATISM.

NERVOUS DISORDERS IN CAS-TLETON, KANSAS.

even Years a Sufferer No Relief from Physicians-Pink Pills Work a Cure

From the Gazette Butchinson Kansas. "If there is anything I have entire faith

were so swollen and my fingers so stiff that I got no sleep at night. My hips, buckbone and shoulder blades were so painful if I moved that I would awake screaming with agony, and a small lump of bone or callons grew on my spine, which was exquisitely painful. My heart was badly affected, and the numerous physicians whom I consulted said they could do me no good.

"I could not leave my bed without help, and once lay for three weeks in one posiwere so swellen and my fingers so stiff that I got no sleep at night. My hips,

and once lay for three weeks in one posi-tion and would not have been sorry if death had ended my sufferings, when one day about three months ago, some one read to me from the Hutchinson Gazette an account of a wonderful cure of a patient whose ills were somewhat similar to mine, by using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

I procured a supply of Pink Pills about

I procured a supply of Pink Pills about six weeks ago, and had not got through the first box when I received relief. I con-tinued with the pills, every day and my health improved. My nerves became tran-quil, the rheumatic pains began to leave me, paipitation of the heart ceased, my kinneys and liver grew normal, and though I am still taking Pink Pills, I am

though I am still taking Pink Pins, I am almost well.

"I can tell you of three persons to whom I have recommended Pink Pills—all of Castleton, who were suffering with heart difficulty; Mrs. L. Smyth, Mr. John Purcell and Mr. Maher, and they will tell you what Pink Pills did for them, and they have what they did for me."

you what Pink Pills did for them, and they also know what they did for them, and they also know what they did for me."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills centain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularties and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose built) at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all drug juits, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Women Ecvivalists.

Women Revivalists.

Two young unmarried women have been conducting a revival at Malia Bend, Mich., during the past week or so, and with "wonderful" results, Among the many converts are several men more than 70 years old.

No-to-Bac for Fifty Cents. Over 400,000 cared. Why not let No-ro-Bac regulate or remove your desire for Tobacco? Saves mote y makes health and in phood. Care guaranteed acc and st., all droggett.

A firemans wife in South Bend, Ind. laims to be the heire s to an estate of over one million pounds in England.

stands up? A naturalist tells the Out- Fifty Good, Honest Citizens Becove as Putty to the Glazier, or Clay in the Hands of the Potter.

VIGILANT SECRETARY

As haigh into the way Ne of ations are Conduct d t . Make the M st out of Present Opportun ties.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 22, 1897.

The fusion majority still flounders along in the toils of the ring. The fifty negative men in the house remain submissive. They are not bad men, but merely negative men. They do not seek out the unscrupulous ring leaders and ask to be manipulated, but when the ring leaders seek them out and whip them into the caucus, they have no power to resist. I have said these fifty negative men are putty. I say so yet. They will remain so to the end of this session. These fifty men are neither fools nor knaves. They are fairly good men. In the main they desire to pass only just measures. House roll No. 5, which is intended as a legal excuse for the perpetration of a crime against the las been there for several years.

J. W. Johnson. constitution, is not approved by the conscience of these fifty men. It was not, it is not, their deliberate purpose to do, or to attempt to do, an unlawful act which will go into history as revolutionary and criminal. They did not think it out. It was thought out by the ring of manipulators who had absolute control of the fusion party and this fusion majority in the legislature long before either of these fifty men had reached the state capitol to take their seats.

These fifty putty men who voted

against their conscience for house roll No. 5, which gives the Governor power Mr. Snaggs-I think the Madrid Gov- to accomplish this criminal purpose in ernment would capture all our castles the interest of his brother-in-law, are not a part of the crime only to the extent that they consented to it. The rank and file of populists and free silver democrats in this state will be a part of this wicked scheme only so far as they endorse it now and in the future. If honest populists in the rural districts resist and denounce this attempted outrage on the constitution, resist it now and denounce it from the very beginning, the effect will be to purge the party to some extent before it must meet the people and the public conthat damages cannot be recovered for science in the next election. But if this anguis cause t by delay in the delivery little coterie of political schemers which of a telegram. This reverses the princi- concocted this hold measure and which ple expounded in the Omaha case- hypnotized and bylldozed the tame printer's case-of Bob Charters vs Dr. members into its support can also Gorge L. Miller. It was in the early hypnotize and bulldoze the ronk and Hon was a type setter on the old, file of the populists, and free silver real Herald. The brain department democrats into the belief that this kind of business is reform, then each populist victory at the pol s is one step nearer revolution. If there had been one strong man in the house or senate to have given voice and force to the higher conscience which was in the breasts of most of the members, the dark purpose of this bill would have risen up like a ghost at a banquet and the conspirators would bousekeping on right away." have slunk away into the oil inspector's oil room which is now the nesting place town now-the girl married the lawwhere the ring hatches out its con- yer."-Washington Star.

on Mrs. Ann T. Devenish in Six Weeks | When will the people learn that honstir their better manhood into action, have selected oak beams.

republican members, and some of the scrupulous character of its leaders and |-London Tid-Bits. the weakness of its followers.

Maret, the governor's private secretary, as noiseless and agile as a weasel, whips in and out of a dozen different places at once as the errand boy of the ring, conveying the desires of the governor to the ring, of the ring to the caucus, and of the caucus to the loitering members on whose neck the caucus yoke rests heavily. Now you see the nimble little secretary whispering over the railing to one of the bosses in th ho se, who is about to crack the party whip. Now you see him beckoning a senator into the ball. Now you see him rounding up the fifty putty men into a caucus, and now you see him whispering cautiously in a dark corner to Bill Paxton, president of the Omaha stock yards.

It is interesting to see this big, burly man of money and power looking down ping him, to show to the sympathizer. on the weaselly little secretary in 'ie dark corner and it is interesting to know that the little secretary and his coterie of well dressed chums, the "new blood," who have secured the soft snaps at the and died. capitol, find time to meet these men of progressing.

Surely these smooth young men, most of all. the soft places, and to make a few deals leader in the opening of that state.

ALL PUTTY MEN on the side, seeing they have taken upon on, old man, you of the old guard who in the flesh .- St. Lauis Republic. ralified about Bill McKeighan at Wilsonville in 1-90, and who followed the clarion voice of Kem from Hell to Broken Bow. Sit still, old man, and wait. Roll your quiet eyes about the room and look at the pictures of Silas on the wall. This the road near Cobham between the is enough for you.

to stop long enough to hear your modest ers is 52 years of age. The result was plea. The secretary is busy with Bill Paxton, and the governor is closeted with Kirkpatrick consulting as to the urther process of house roll No 5. When your understanding, if it ever the duke?" does, grasps the true inwardness of what s now going on at this capitol among the men you have trusted and believed in, you will go home to your farm with your daughter?" the scales dropped from your eyes and with more good sense in your head than

He Was Pestered. A traveling man, who makes mouthly

trips through West Virginia, told this story of a courtship of his:

"There is one of the prettiest girls in the country living in a little West Vir- change. ginla town," he said. "At one time I though myself very much in love with her, and wanted to marry her. The girl's father was a customer of mine, and I always timed my trips so that I could spend the evening at his house.

"One night I concluded to try my fate, and managing to see her alone, I proposed to her. I was accepted, conditionally upon getting her father's consent, and I was not to ask him until presents to send her. I could not see We wrote every day, and I invested a

whole month's salary in presents. "When I reached the town again, I called at once to see her, and she told me to ask her father the momentous question at once. Approaching the old man, he said to me: 'Young man, you act as if you was going to ask me if you could marry Sue. If you are, I'll just say that I've been pestered enough by her lovers. I've just got to the p'int where I don't care who she marries. When that New-Yorker asked me, I told him yes; when that feller from Chicago asked me. I told him he had my blessing; when the Wheeling man wanted her, I told him all right. That was last week. You are the sixth this week, and I ain't going to let you say a word. She told me this morning she was going to marry a young lawyer at our county seat, and judging from the two to three wagon loads of parcels she has received by mail and express the last two months, I should think she had about enough plunder to go to

"I did not say a word, and skip that

Spoiled the Performance.

Last winter a number of literary est government and good law-making is people indulged from time to time is not a matter of honest intentions such amateur theatricals. During February "If there is anything I have entire faith in, in the way of medicine," said Mrs. Ann T. Devenish, of Castleton, Reno County, Kan, to a reporter, "it is Dr. Williams Pink Pills for Pale People. "Why? do you ask—well for seven years I was a wretched sufferer from nervous debility and rheumatism. My wrists amous measure because they were weak, and because there was no one in | which was at the rear of the improthe house or senate of sufficient force to vised stage. He hurried around from the dressing-rooms and valiantly comwill remain weak to the end, and the menced to struggle up the wall, when blame for their weak acts must rest with a polecular grasped him by the neck, the mass of voters, who, in the midst of talaking him a veritable burglar. He a feverish and frenzied campaign, se. started to explain, but the minion of lected pine sticks when they ought to the law would have none of it. The andience was wondering in the mean-I could say some good things of the and the young actors and actresses on time why the play did not proceed, republican members, and some of the populists, whose voices were busky with burgiar to enter and give them the cue. emotion when they uttered their weak when they heard shricks, yeals, oaths protest in the caucus against house roll and threats from the garden. Rushing No. 5, but I have not space to deal in out, they found the amateur burgiar personalities. House toll No. 5 will thrashing wildly about the grass, while henceforth haunt the populist party like a brawny policeman sat on his shoula damned spectre, emphasizing the va- ders hammering his neck into the mud.

Accommodating. The following is told of an old lady who had her hair cut off in a severe illness, and wore a wig in its place. She was staying in a continental hotel, and on day noticed a gentleman looking curiously at her hair. Soon after, on some excuse, he crossed the room to behind where she sat. She calmly got up, turned around, and lifting her hair from her head, said "Yes, sir; it is 2 wig"

When a woman gets too fat to be becoming, she begins to tell how bloated she is as a result of poor health.

The story comes from St. Joe that a teacher there recently whipped a boy very severely. Every time a friend called to sympathize with the mother, she sent her boy out in the yard to get a stick of the size that was used in whip-The boy brought a larger stick every time, and finally began to carry logs of such enormous size that he one day overtaxed his strength, burst a blood vessel

The new piques are finer in texture money and corporation power several and more dainty in coloring than ever times each day and make report of how before. They are both striped and figthe work of regulation and reform is used, but the plain colors in light tints Perhaps I ought not to speak of this. finished stripes, are quite the prettiest

of whom have become reformers in the | Col. Charles D. Poston is living in last few months, have a right to hold poverty in Phoenix, Ariz. He was the Dwarf Lienhart Remains.

The island of Multa is the only known themselves the responsibility of direct. The island of Malta is the only knowning the reform movement. Many an spot where the remains of dwarf elehonest, husky old pop journeys to the phants are found. There are severa state house, and sits hour after hour in places on the island where the bones of the waiting room of the executive office, these miniatore pachyderms have been He sits and waits, and as he sits he sees unearthed, and bundreds of skeleton the ricture of the sainted Silas on the bave been secured, in whole or in part wall, and he feels the soft touch of the One of these, whose teeth and bones Brussels carpet under his feet, but where showed was a full-grown specimen, was is the governor and where is the secre- less than 256 feet in length and coultary who should answer his call? Wait not have weighed over 600 p unds when

Old Scorchers.

The following item from a London newspaper will interest many wheelmen and all men over 50 years of age: "A ten-mile cycling race was decided on Marquis of Queensberry and Mr. C. B. You cannot expect the work of reform Lawes, the sculptor. Each of the ridan easy win for Lord Queensberry, in 35m. 4 3-5s."

> It Always Pays. "How did your daughter come to get

"By advertising."

"Nonsense! You don't mean to tell me you advertised for a husband for

"No. But I advertised my business." -New York World.

Scene-Wallmila Hall, Time-Sunday

afternoon. Green Orator-This age demands men who have convictions! Where shall

we find them? Member of Crowd-In jail.-Ex-

Experience proves that it is easier to get a wife by advertising than it is to get a situation.

209 Bushels Outs, 173 Bushels Farley M. M. Luther, East Troy, Pa., grew 209 bushels Salzer's Silver Mine Ocats. and John Breider, Mishicott, Wis., 173 bushels Silver King Barley per acre. Don't you believe it? Write them!

Fodder plants as rape, teosinte, after she had a chance to soften him a vetch, spurry, clovers, grasses, etc., in little. Of course when I went away that endless varieties, potatoes at \$1.50 a night, I thought of nothing but what barrel. Salzer's seeds are bred to big yields. America's greatest seed cataher for a month, but we could write. logue and 12 farm samples are sent you by John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., upon receipt of 10 cents stamps, worth \$10, to get a start.

A convention of Sea Island cotton planters will be held at Blackshear, Ga., to protest against the admisson of Egypt-

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Mrs. Marilla M. Baker, a lawyer of Dover, N. H., announces herself a candidate for the office of United States min-

ister of Columbia. Cascarers stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Nev-of a cken, weaken or grije. 10c. When y u are a fool don't pretend to

Punishment of Russian Officials

Russia punishes offending officials. The governor of Mohilew recently senenced a man to fifty strokes of the knout, though corporal punishment has een abolished, and the district presilent incressed this to 100 strokes. The man complained and the president was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. This sentence has been set aside as beng too light, and both officials are to be tried for endangering the man's life, -Chicago Inter Ocean.

General Baratieri is spending the winter at Treut writing his book on the Italian campalen in Africa

The German explorer, Dr Jagor, reently cel-brated his eightieth and Dra Schweinfurth his sixtieth birthday. It is said that Dr. Temple, the new are bishop of Cauterbury, is the worst

dressed man an the episcopal bench. Archbisho . Ryau (Roman Catholic) of Philadelphia will have been 25 years a pishop on April 14, 1897 The event will be duly celebrated by the Roman Catholics of Philadelphia.

Bricks of 1612.

The first bricks made in this country for building purposes were manufactured by colonists in Virginia in 1612. They were used in the construction of a church edifice at Jamestown and the residence of the governor of the state. A part of the Jamestown church is still standing, and the bricks are in a good state of preservation, showing that the colonists believed in making articles to resist wear by exposure to all kinds of weather. - Boston Budget.

To retain an abundant head of hair of a natural color to a good old age, the hygiene of the scalp must be observed. Apply Hail's Hair Renewer.

A fat man is all right so long as he is not in his own way.

Wings billions or costive, eat a Cascaret, candy ca-thartio cure guaranteed, 10, 25c

The complaint known as grip is as depressing as unrequited love. Two bottles of Piso's Cure for Consump-

ion cured me of a bad lung trouble.-Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 26, 1895. As soon as a man tails in love, everything conspires to punish him.

Mrs. Winslow's Scotting Sysurfor child en teething, softens the gums, reduces inflam action, allays pain, cures wind colic. De bottle

Two men were arrested at Greene se castle, Ind for passing spurious co r.

CALIFORNIA.

Every Thursday afternoon rtourist sleeping car for Den,
yer, Sail Luke City, San Francisco and Los Angeles leaves
Omaha and Lincoln via the
Burlington Route.

It is carpeted, upholstered
in rattan, has spring sests and
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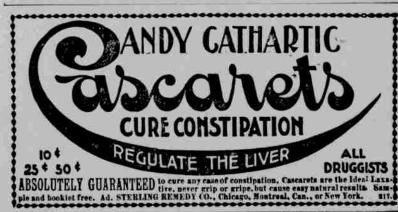
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