The Oklahoma wheat harvest, which began last week, promises to yield smerges into the outer air of common-is,000,000 bushels. The territory will place humanity, and wends his way have its greatest crop of corn this year. back to the busy West End.

In six of the largest cities of Switzerland foreigners make up 40 per cent of 18 to orders she gives for personal the population; but of these all but 10 requisites. It is a well known fact per cent were born in Switzerland.

It is calculated that during the London season the average amount of money spent daily in flowers is \$25,000, since deprive them of her custom. most of which goes to foreign flower

board of health has issued the state- of the shops she frequents nor their ment that codfish is as nutritious as employes shall ever, by word or deed, sirioin steak or oleomargarine. It is signify that they recognize her as of plain that locality sometimes influences royal blood or treat her in any way even the scientific judgment.

stage fright really comes from a disor- something displayed in the windows dered stomach. He argues from this and come in to purchase. that persons meditating public appear- Should any one be so unwise as to ance should be careful of their diet and recognize her and render her the speadhere to regular habits.

bered 233,560, of whom 107,000 were sta- sons for this is said to be a theory she tioned at home; 74,500 in India, 49,000 in has to the effect that did shopkeepers the colonies, 1,800 in Crete. There are know her rank they would charge her 18,000 cavalry. Last year the deser-exorbitant prices for their goods. It tions in round numbers were 4,000.

plied by the Berlin courts to the verses to royalty and ordinary people. "Me und Gott" recited by Captain The Princess of Wales is said to be Caghlan at New York recently, and the the most fastidious of all royalties a edition that had been published for sale regards her dress. Whatever is made in Germany has been confiscated. for her in the way of dresses mus-

the famous Secretan college, which was been in human fingers, or that needledispersed some years ago, is dead. After and cotton have been employed in the having made a large fortune in copper building of them. Bodices must fit like he lost his fortune, and his collection a glove, and there must be no unpick-

At Asti, in California, last year, a cistern 104 feet long by 34 feet wide and lng thoroughly-for did not she and her 24 feet deep was formed in a hillside sisters make their own dresses in their for the storage of wine. The immense tank was lined with concrete two feet thick, and coated inside with a glaze as impermeable as glass. The capacity of the tank is 500,000 gallons.

An association of London women wearer like a glove. ducts the congenial business of caring for window boxes and growing flowers for balconies and small gardens. It window, a conservatory, little or big, or will look after the half dozen or more drawing room plants that one may

Thomas Carleton of Waterville, Me., has a decided novelty for this sectionin the shape of a shamrock which he trouble to her modistes sud is generalraised himself. It is thought to be the ly pleased with her toilettes, and with only one ever cultivated in the state of Maine. He started to grow it last December, and his efforts had such suc- from her lamented mother, the Duchescess that he now has a full-fledged of Teck, who was invariably pleasant,

A dispatch to the London Graphic from Sebastopol says that a Cossack ex-officer, who has just returned from Teberan, Persia, declares that the of the work that I do is like washing Shah is mentally and physically incapacitated and that he suffers hallucinations. He finds his chief amusement with the telephone, which is elaborately installed throughout the palace.

has such a black record for wrecks as is the trained eye of the mistress that the narrow Black see. The number in notes the fingermarks on the edge of some years has average more than one a day, the greatest number of wrecks recorded in one year being 425, and the vessels become total wrecks, all the

A Minnesota man captured a kingfisher when the bird was quite young. and made a pet of him and trained the bird to capture fish and lay them at his master's feet. In summer the bird is thorough cleaning." Only the mistress taken to the river, where fish are discerns these things and sets them known to abound, and set at liberty. The bird poises high in the air, and suddenly dropping grasps his victim and promptly delivers the fish to the

A Russian inventor utilises coal dust by mixing it with a course molasses and a little resin, and working the mixture see artificial lumps burn well, and ing made in increasing quanti-The "briquette" industry is carried on to some extent in western Es rope also, the cheapness of the cos nabling makers to sell their prospetition with the nature

### HOW ROYALTY SHOPS.

The queen does not visit shops in person, as do many of the princes and princesses. She has her commands

At the imperial court of Austria the shef of Emperor Francis Joseph estimates that of \$250,000 expended on the stables every year, the "unused" represents about \$100,000.

India imported 2,835,298 gallons of beer in 1897-98, and the product of the message as to prices and other details which for years furnished to the gold standard advocates a mask behind which to hide while they secretly labored to make gold monometallism permanent. Any improvement in business conditions due to the increased production of gold or to a favorable balance of a lady-in-waiting, who takes his message as to prices and other details

ent grades of footmen, until he at last

Her majesty is somewhat fastidious that should they show these articles or allow any description of them to appear in the press, her majesty would at

There is one very rich princess who delights to go shopping, but is most The secretary of the Massachusetts particular that neither the proprietors other than a lady of no particular im-An expert has arisen to explain that portance who has been attracted by

cial respect due to royalty she promptly The British army on January 1 num- transfers her custom. One of her rea this she is mistaken, for in all respect-The law of lese majesty has been ap. able shops the prices of goods are alik-

M. Secretan of Paris, the owner of never look as though the fabrics have

let's "Angelus," which sold for \$110,000, show the mark of a needle or a stitch. The princess understands dressmakearly days in quiet little Denmark?and her generally placid temper is vermuch ruffled should a dress bodice require alteration that will show, or its make display such outlines as seams, and not fit the figure of the royal

The Duchess of Edinburgh, the wife of her majesty's second son, is as easy will take the contract for filling a bow to please as the Princess of Wales i difficult. Seldom does she send a dress back to be altered, and she is gracious and present as to her orders and the execution of the same.

> The Duchess of York is very much liked by tradespeople. She gives little the manner in which her orders have been executed. She gained her ideas courteous and easily pleased.

## The Mistress' Touch.

"Oh." sighed a weary woman, "most one's face! One receives no credit for doing it, and yet it shows and is a disgrace if it is not done."

She might have added that only the lady and house mother would think There is no part of the world which of doing just the things she does. It the door, where it, instead of the knob, has been seized by Bridget's or Norah's not over-clean hand. It is maliest 134. About 50 per cent of these never Bridget or Norah who thinks to wash out the soap cups in the various bedrooms, or who remembers every few days to scald out the water pitchers, lest they acquire a musty odor. And it is the mistress who dusts the upper back rungs of the chair after North has given the drawing room "a right. It is the lady housewife's touch and supervision that mark the dierence between eye service and love service and makes of an ordinary house a true home. Since her little touches, that she feels do not show, bring about such results, may she not be satisfied?

> "What's the reason of your enmity to that politician?" asked the rather romantic young woman. "Did he cross your path early in your career?" "No," answered Senator Sorghum. "He didn't cross my path. We were after the same office and he ran over me from

# THE THREE PLATFORMS.

DEMOCRATIC.

as the last year rescued 600 people rejectiles for modern big and rapidoguns require about half their gans require about half

then defended by the republicans, has cent within the last three years as a soldly stalked forth from its hiding place and threatens the formation of a force laws in the interests of the pes-

on every hand, testify to the administration's indifference to monopoly, or to its inability to cope with it.

We denounce the failure of the administration to enforce the present law

against trusts, or to recommend new laws, if the present law is deemed in-We are opposed to the principle

monopoly wherever it manifests itself. We demand the enforcement of the present federal law, the enactment of such new legislation as may be necessary and a constitutional amendment, if the present constitution is construed to protect trusts, to the end that the monopolization of industry by private corporations may be absolutely prevented. Every trust rests upon a corporation and every corporation is a reature of law and laws, state and national, must place upon the corpora-tions such limits and restrictions as will protect the public from injury. We heartily commend Hon. C. J. Smyth, attorney general of Nebraska, for his efforts to enforce the state law against

We are in favor of an amendment to the federal constitution specificially au-thorizing an income tax; we also favor a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by the popular vote.

We believe in a government of the people, by the people and for the people, and to the end that the people may exert a more direct and potent influence upon legislation, we favor the use of the initiative and referendum as far as the principle can be applied.

We point with pride to the prompt enlistment of Nebraska's quota of volunteers and congratulate all of the Neand his collection a glove, and there must be no unpick formance of every duty that fell to the owner of Mil- ing of seams or alteration that will their lot. While the Second and Third Eleventh—We most heartily ka have won for themselves and for the state imperishable renown.

We cordially commend the successful efforts of Governor Poynter to furnish to the members of the First Nebraska free transportation from San Francisc to their homes, and we favor an appro-priation to cover the expense. But while we commend the soldiers for obedience to all orders emanating from the chief executive, we condemn the administra-tive policy which has converted a war for humanity into a war of conquest We believe that the Filipinos should have received the same treatment as the Cubans, and that, as the Cubans were assured of ultimate independence and protection, so the Filipinos should have been assured in the beginning of our nation's intention to give them in dependence as soon as a stable govern-ment could be established and protec tion from outside interference, such as-surance should be given now. If the Cubans, as stated in the resolution of intervention, are and of right ought to free, the same can be said of the be free, the same can be said of the Filipinos, and this nation would suffer no humiliation in acknowledging 'ad-herence to the doctrine that govern-ments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

We are opposed to militarism and congratulate the democrats, populists and silver republicans in the United States senate upon their successful resistance of the attempt of the admin istration to raise the standing army to

We are opposed to entangling alliances with England or any other Euro-pean nation, and contend for an American civilization which will recognize the rights of men, and, by a noble ex-ample teach the world the blessings of

In an agricultural community, educa tion in technical agriculture and mechanic arts is of the first importance, and we pledge ourselves to administer the Morrill land grant fund, the Morrill special fund for agricultural colleges and the Hatch experiment station fund, which have been entrusted by the fed-eral government to the state of Nebraska for education in agriculture and mechanic arts, and for original remechanic arts, and for original re-search in agriculture, strictly in the spirit of the various United States laws creating the same, and we shall use all other reasonable. other reasonable means to bring agri-cultural education in Nebraska up to the highest standard.

well known miniature artist has produced a paper for checks which makes it impossible to remove figures and writing for the purpose of altering the amount. The check is made of two sheets of paper. On the upper surface of the under slip somes lines are ruled with ink composed of any permanent coloring matter wixed with easily soluble mucilage. The lines do not show unless you hold the check is held up to the light. As soon as any liquid is applied to the writing the mu-cliage becomes moist and the lines run, forming blots that are visible on both

POPULIST.

India imported 2,835,298 gallons of beer in 1897-98, and the product of the boweries in that country amounted to about \$,000,000 gallons.

The coal production of Great Britain amounts to 190,000,000 tons a year; of Germany to 100,000,000 tons, and France to 25,000,000 tons.

Telegraphic communication is to be established between the Scottish islands Rum, Egg. Canna and Muck, and they are all to be connected with the mainland through the Isle of Syke.

The Oklahoma wheat harvest, which

Arbitration grows more necessary every year and government by injunction grows more dangerous to the liberties of the people.

"The industrial trusts, springing upon every hand, testify to the administration's indifference to monopoly, or to its inability to cope with it.

We denounce the failure of the administration to enforce the present law of the industry may determine the question. The trust danger of this country is so appalling that the evils the question. The trust danger of this country is so appalling that the evils thereof must be combatted by every branch of the government. We demand judges who will obey the law that vests the judiciary with jurisdiction to protect the people from unreasonable and oppressive prices for the necessaries of

Beventh—We declare that the repub-lican party has needlessly increased the rate of taxation; that it is guilty of needlessly causing an annual deficit in current revenues of the government by useless and prodigal expenditures of the needle's money to be made good the people's money to be made good by additional taxation, or the issuance of additional interest-bearing bonds; and that its attempt to retire the greenbacks and turn over the issuing power of paper money to private cor-porations is a shameless and inexcus-

able surrender to the money power.

Eighth—We heartly endorse all efforts of organized labor to better its condition, and we believe that all classes of citizens and all legitimate enterprises should receive the protec-tion of the laws and that all attempts to coerce honest labor by injunction or by the use of the military is a violation of the constitution and the established

rights of American citizens.

Ninth—Municipal ownership of public utilities is a public necessity.

Tenth—The history of the three splendid military organizations furnished by Nebraska in the Spanish-American war

is the just pride and glory of every citizen, and for their bravery, valor and devotion to duty we offer them the braska soldiers upon their faithful per- heartfelt gratitude of the patriotic peoregiments were not called upon to the able, patriotic and conservative ad-

prove their bravery upon the battle ministration of Governor Poynter and his official associates and we congratuate the people of the state on his sucess in securing free transportation for the gallant First Nebraska to their respective homes.

## SILVER REPUBLICANS.

The platform of the convention declared for the free, independent and un-limited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1; for the control of corporations and combinations of capital b the people; against militarism as in the interests of the trusts and a men-ace to the welfare of the people; against three years of Hanna republicanism as showing the difference between it and the republicanism of Lincoln Grant, and Blaine; demanding that the course Grant. of action for the country outlined by the resolution of congress authorizing intervention in Cuba be carried out in its true spirit also with reference to Porto Rico and the Phillippines; oppose1 an alliance with England for any purpose or an any pretext; advocated mu-nicipal ownership of all public utilities; charged the republican administration with the grossest mismanagement of the war department as showing the en-tire unfitness of the republican party to administer government for the people of the United States; condemned the president for removing from the operation of the civil service laws 4,000 clerkships, offices and situations as an act in the interest of politicians and against the interests of the people; commended the valor and achievements of the Nebraska regiments in the war with Spain, and the World-Herald and State Journal and all other papers and Mr. D. E. Thompson and all other persons, including the governor, who made it possible for the First regiment to come from San Francisco with free transportation; pledged the party to further the purposes for which the ag-ricultural funds of the state were pro-vided and declared in favor of an in-

come tax.

Besides the platform, the convention adopted a resolution condemning any candidate who should receive or use. either during the campaign or in office, if elected, any railroad passes or free railroad transportation. The convention received notice that this resolution had also been adopted by the populist

A few years ago an eminent London physician, on my mentioning to him tomatoes as an article of diet for myself. said: "Why do you eat tomatoes?" said. "Why not?" He said, "Well, I think that there are grave reasons for thinking it possible that eating tomatoes increases, if it does not produce, the liability to cancer. I do not say positively that it does so." It strikes a layman as a fact, that the consumption of tomatoes has increased as much in England of late years as has caces.—Pail Mail Gasette. Pall Mail Gasette.

"You think you know all about we men, don't you?" asked the newly married boarder. "No," replied the Savage Bachelor, "and I'm mighty giad I den't."—Indianapolis Journal.

"We've got one of the stupidest servants you ever laid eyes on," said the man on the back platform, as he pulled out the end of his flowing neckscarf. "She isn't to be trusted with anything she can do mischief with. She's just like an infant in this respect. Good girl, too. About a week ago I was sprinkling the lawn early in the even-

ing when Nora came out.
"'Mr. Jimson,' she said, 'I lak to do

"So in a fit of temporary insanity I yielded the hose to her and went up on the porch where my wife was sit-

Inside of five minutes the girl had "Inside of five minutes the girl had soaked a passing popcorn cart and put out the popper's lamp, had showered a slightly intoxicated man who swore blue vengeance, had doused a small boy in a ruffled collar, who ran home bellowing; had sprayed a young woman in a pink shirt waist, and placed at least two gallons of water under her our chir. her own chin

## CARRY OFF HUMAN PREY.

News has been received in Lucknow of the depredations of a pack of wolves in a village a few miles out. Among other acts, one of them carried off a little baby, but on being chased the beast dropped the infant, which, un-fortunately, died. A party of sahibs arrived with their guns, and when they heard of what had happened they sug-gested that the child should be left where it lay in hopes that its destroy-er might return and be awarded a just penalty for his misdeed. The parents, who were bitterly grieved and anxlous for revenge on the vulpine beast, consented to the arrangement, and the sahibs sat up over their novel "kill." The wolf actually did return, and a well-aimed shot hurried him off to that bourne from which no wolf retnrns.

### MISS WABASH AMAZED.

"What is that old proverb about the moss and the rolling stone?" queried the Chicago girl. "A revolving fragment of the paie-ozoic age collects no cryptogamous veg-etation," replied her cousin from Bos-

'Land's sake!" ejaculated the Chicago girl, and let it go at that.

A NEW DOG.

Lady (to dog fancier)—What kind of dogs have you for sale? Dog Fancier—Scotch terriers, Chinese pugs, French podles and English set-

Lady-Have you any of those ocean greyhounds that I have read about?

HE KNEW NOTHING "Har, har!" laughed the Kansas irmer; "then Eastern fellers don't farmer; know nothin'."

What's the matter now?" asked his wife "Why, I got ter quarrelin' with one of 'em, an' he said as how he'd knock the socks off'n me."

DISPENSING WITH LUXUARY. "Mrs. Flighty," said the gossip, "has gone down town to see a lawyer. She wants t oget rid of her husband."
"Dear me," sighed the debutant of five or six years' standing. "Some people don't know their luck, do they?"

Imme that he was a fool for marrying her.

A woman may sometimes admit that there wasn't a good excuse for it.

New York Press.

PROUD OF IT.

Mrs. De Tanque-You horrid wretch! Aren't you ashamed of coming home

De Tanque-No, shir; I'm (hic) proud

to see her and stay till nearly morning, at the end of a furrow, which he plainWhen she saw him coming that particular evening she was so frustrated that she at once put the hose on him and "They alius travel on their heads." his baby-blue neckscarf and knocked to able fast when've a mind to. red ribbon straw hat into the swimming gutter. And say, by

"Frances," said that little girl's mamma, who was entertaining callers in the parlor, "you came down stairs so noisily that you could be heard all over the house. You know how to do it better than that. Now go back and the clam, like the oyster, was a home-come down the stairs like a lady." few minutes re-entered the parlor. 'Did you hear me come down stairs

"No, dear. I am glad you came down quietly. Now don't let me ever have to tell you again not to come down noisily, for Il see that you can come juletly if you wil. Now tell these ladies how you managed to come down like a lady the second time, while the first time you made so much noise,"
"The last time I slid down the ban-isters," explained Frances.

London has 1,380 miles of streets;

A large orphan asylum in St. Petersourg is supported by the tax on play-The Chinese tael is a coin which has

It is simply a unit used for convenience. Foreigners in China buy nearly everything on credit, giving signed "chits" for every purchase, the reason

being their unwillingness to load themselves down with silve or native coin, while paper money fluctuates too Salt and pepper can be shaken independently from a newly-designed box, a partition being placed in the center, with the sifting cap formed of two

"What man dare, I dare," he quoted, "Well, you haven't as yet," she replied, regretfully, for it was her first season the seashore.-Chicago Post.

with but one chamber at once.

"I wonder if any of the bride's relatives are present." "Oh, yes. I saw people in the next room counting the presents."-Life.

"Now," said the border photographer, pulling his gun and levelling it across the camera at the man in the chair, "will you have the kindness to look pleasant?"

Much amused by the cheek and the cool nerve of the request thus conveyed, the bold cowboy smiled broadly; and at that instant the border photographer pressed the button.

The Deacon-Brother, do you think we ought to accept that gift from Heighwein, the distiller? The Pastor-I think we might. We accepted one from a cornet manufacturer, you know.

## CHICAGO NEWS PROVERBS.

It's a short street that has no saloon. Some great minds have some small

One-half the world wonders why the

other half lives.

The mule doesn't admire the short ears of the horse.

The silent watches of the night are those we forget to wind.

After the field is plowed then comes the harrowing details.

the harrowing details.

Better kiss the girl before you propose—she may refuse you.

Some men stop traveling afoot as soon as they begin to get ahead.

A man is indeed ignorant if ignorant of the fact that he is ignorant.

A baggagemaster checks your trunk and a physician checks your grippe.

Baseball is the one business in which an occasional strike is necessary.

Nothing takes the conceit out of a man like being beat at his own game.

man like being beat at his own game The clergyman doesn't object to a young man's ringing a bicycle belle in

An old bachelor says that love is the sugar-coating on the bitter pill of matrimony.

Experience is such a costly teacher

that it keeps a man hustling to pay the tuition fees. You can sometimes judge a man's ability by the number of relatives he

has to support.

The man who can accurately describe a woman's dress made a mistake in

not being born a dressmaker. When a grass widow selects a seat in the park she always gets as far away from a keep-off-the-grass sign as posom a keep-off-the-grass sign as possible.

TERSELY TOLD.

Germany has established three post-offices on the Chinese coast. The average duration of a silver coin

in circulation is twenty-seven years. In Morocco when the sultan marries every subject is expected to contribute

a wedding present.

An establishment has been opened in Paris for the sale of water of the river Jordan for baptism, when the pa-rents desire it, and can afford to pur-

There has just died at Vaslui, Molda-Georghi Moldoveanu, who is said to have lived 128 years. He leaves two via, a Greco-Roumanian priest, named children, one of whim is aged 90 years. Bad weather may be predicted from the rise and fall of wells. Curiously enough, however, small and rapid changes of barometer are more certain to affect wells than large changes.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR. The main difference between lunatics and other people is that lunatics have no fads.

When you get close enough, most of the deepest footprints on the sands of time look pigeon-toed. If the men ran things for three weeks

the human race would be eating off wooden dishes that they could put into the fire after each meal.
In his heart, every man thinks about once a week that his wife was a fool for marrying him, and the rest of the

time that he was a fool for marrying

CLAMS TRAVEL.

"They do all the same and I'll show you," he said, and backed water with his oars, stopping the boat. "There's one now right under you."
"I looked down into the water, and there, at the very end of a furrow, was a clear restless underly the control of the same and the same are same as a clear restless underly the same and the same and the same and the same and the same are same and the same are same and the same and t

way home when they're fullsh this.

"When I yelled to her to drop it, she turned the nozzle square on the porch, and we had to run for our lives. But we got one good thing out of it. She had an idiotic beau who used to come had an idiotic beau who used to come gress, but in every case the clam was

she at once put the hose on him and "They allus travel on their heads," soaked his nice pink negligee shirt and the boy said. They can work along known one to go the length of this

boat in a day. What's their idea in all this balancing on their heads?' I asked. 'And where are they going, anyway? "Dunne. But I guess they's brows-in' round for something to eat," the boy answered, and so far as I have an opin-

in the matter I thing he guessed "It had always been my belief that ity in the place where he was born, and never moving from the spot of his own accord," says a New York man, fond of sports with rod and gun, "but this belief was changed during my last summer's vacation in Maine. I spent several days at Sebec lake, usually starting on my day's fishing excur-sion from Greeley's Landing, on the south shore. Here for a long distance out the water is shallow, with a sandy bottom. All over this bottom extending out to where it was too deep to be seen were queer little furrows, such as a man might make in the sand with the tip of a walking stick. I knew that they could not have been made by eels, which would have left sinuous tracks, while these were straight, and I was puzzled to explain them. At last I asked

my boatman, a country boy, bred on the shores of the lake, what caused these furrows.

"Clams," he said, briefly, with a slight tone of wonder in his voice at my ignorance."

PAVEMENT OF GLASS.

Yet another street pavement! Not satisfied with cobblestones and wood, the city of Lynn has been experimenting with glass as a substitute. This new product is obtained from broken glass heated to a temperature of 1,250 degrees, and compressed in matrices layers of metal, with the perforations so arranged that they will register by hydraulic force. The glass pavement is laid in the form of blocks, eighteen inches square, says the London News, each block containing sixteen parts in the form of checkers. These blocks are so closely fitted together that water cannot pass between them, and the whole pavement looks like one gigantic draught board. As a pavement I tis said to have greater resistance than stone; it is a poor conductor of cold and ice will not form on it readily, dirt does not accumulate upon it as easily as upon stone, and it will not retain microbes. It is more durable than stone and just as cheap.

> Two men were standing outside a jeweler's window, admiring the gorge-ous display of glittering gems that lay before them. Presently one of them, pointing to an object in a red plush

> tray, said:
> "Just look at that scarf-pin representing a fly. Any one can tell that's

not real."
"Well, I should think so," answered his friend. "Whoever saw a common fly with such a bright appearance? If I saw that on a man's sear! I could tell directly that it was an enameled imi-

tation the eye often means to rest the nerves, and the refreshment of the eyes as as condemnation moved across the tray, necessary to comfortable life as the renewal of the other bodily forces by food.

At that moment the object of their condemnation moved across the tray, flew in the air and vanish. The two men looked at each other, gasped and moved away without a word.