The admission of Oklahoma into the; this makes it impossible to arrange a Union has necessitated the rearrange- field of stars that is perfectly balanced. ment of the stars on the flag to admit In order to obviate this difficulty it has the symbol of the new State; and it been suggested that the stars be placed tistic and striking arrangement of stars has been a big task to rearrange the in a circle, so that no matter how many that, like that suggested by the circular stars on all the military flags of the new States and stars are destined to array, will permit of the addition of a

sarily made up of uneven numbers, and some favor with the government offi- Williamsport (Pa.) Grit.

AFTER LONG YEARS.

Are the days when we used to meet,

Come vague sweet dreams that bring you

That I start as the wind sweeps over the

Or somebody slipped out of yours?

TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT

"Dear me, Ezra!" said good Aunt

Hannah, "I do wish something would

happen! Land o' liberty! I get so aw-

ful tired of this monotonous life-not a

happen right here in front of our house

passed something would happen.

Something to look at!"

he sahamed to complain, and I

Dear, whom I would not know

So long and long and long ago

That I often think of you;

As I see the fire-fly's spark.

Bomebody stepped on my grave?

A bit of the love that endures.

-Harper's Magazine

That now and then I thrill

At a rustle in the dark ;

You may be glad to hear

If I passed you on the street,

That somewhere out of the blue

Various ideas have been advanced for | could all be provided for by the simple | making the flag look at a little distance the simplification of the field of stars expedient of adding constellations to like a striped banner with a jack of on Old Glory. The difficulty in adding the end on the circular line. This is pure white, as would be the case were new stars is that the rows are neces- a radical departure that has found the blue field crowded with stars.-

arranging the dag, but it has not been thought expedient to adopt the idea without appeal to Congress and through Congress to the nation, for it is felt that such an important matter as the redesigning of Old Glory is a matter of full national consideration. Par-seeing citizens have pointed out

tive size of the field cannot be changed without spoiling the flag and destroying the appearance of the finest banner on earth or sea. This problem is being

apply for a place in the future they great number of constellations without

entered the cut and slowly disappeared

chairs into the house. Aunt Hannah "Ezra," she said, "when I wished this

"My! My! I don't know when I ever fire and set things going in her usual did have such a good time! And, Ezra, capable way. "Land!" she said. "It's here's \$27 that conductor took up in a long time since I had such a run his cap. What, in mercy's name, can of company! Of course, they could get I do with so much money? Oh, I their dinner on the train, but mebby know! I know! I'll pay Ella's fare good home cookin' 'll taste good to 'em! out here-Ella's and the baby's! Seems Anyway, it wouldn't look right for me like I ought to use it some way like an' Ezra to set down and eat an' not that, seeing my opposition restaurant took a lot of customers away from the The young lady from Boston tied on dining car on the Overland!"+New Or-

Her Magie Word.

"I want some black silk galloon," said the shopper in the blg department store to her companion. "Where do

Side woman. "Oh, he's too haughty. He'll simply

wave his hand vaguely and tell us something about the number of rooms over, and we'll have to bunt for it oureives anyway." "I'll ask him."

In a moment she returned, accompaned by the floorwalker, all smiles and ttention. He gallantly escorted them to the right counter, called a saleswoman, and instructed her to give the ladies careful attention, and then bowed himolf away with magnificent salaams. "How did you do It?" gasped the

as accurate, and-you see-it certainly makes a much more effective appeal."

To baffle the counterfeiters who are both numerous and cunning in Madrid. the Bank of Spain has pursued the policy of changing its notes with great frequency and retiring each issue as

The bank has now determined on a new plan. It has placed an order concern and it will rely for safety upon a special color process. In adof well known buildings in Spain, executed with a perfection that will defy

"The pictures are to be so beautiful that amateurs will be tempted to frame them," says one Spanish newspaper "Hardly," rejoins another, "the cost of the set will be 1,675 pesetas, you see." To the Spanish mind \$338.50 is a great deal of money.

Filled the Bill, It is better sometimes to know what a proposition of graft in my life." not to do than to be possessed of al

ington Star.

Not Eligible. "No, sir, nothing previous about me

"Yes," replied Mrs. De Style, "but for boys."-Philadelphia Press.

The Quarrel. "You call yourself a poet-and write

"And you call yourself an artist?" "Well?"

SUBSTITUTES FOR TOBACCO.

Many of Them Have a Deleterious Effect Upon Health of Smoker. How would you enjoy a pipeful of wood shavings saturated with a strong solution of pepper as an after-dinner smoke? Strange as this may seem for a substitute for tobacco, it is, nevertheless used as such by Indians along the Alaskan coast, says Health. Their mouths are often made raw by the practice, and the eyesight of many is affected by the strong fumes.

It is no uncommon practice among farmers to smoke the leaves of the tomate and petate plants. While these plants both contain a narcotic poison. the smoking of leaves in moderation is harmless. Exsessive use, though, produces a heavy stupor from which the smoker awakes with a terrific headsche and a feeling of utter exhaustion. Insanity and suicide have often been caused by the immoderate use of these two weeds.

Rhubarb, beet and even garden sage eaves are all smoked by farmers, but are perhaps the least harmful of substitutes for tobacco.

In Jamaica "ganjah," a variety of Indian hemp, is smoked by all classes with terrible results. It is stated that it was this weed that was used by the leaders of the Indian mutiny to drive the sepoys into the passions of raging mania which they exhibited during the campaign.

"Coltsfoot tobacco" is smoked by the rustics in small country places in England and is called by them "the finest remedy on earth for catarrh." It is simply a powdered form of the leaves of the common coltsfoot, a plant found growing wild in chalky soil, although some say that it is injurious to the eyes, and it certainly does relieve difficult breathing.

In Sweden a weed found growing in the hills, known as mountain tobacco, is smoked in great quantities. Like "coltsfoot tobacco," it is powdered before using and causes the smoker to become a mental and physical wreck. Dried holly leaves, the bark of the willow tree and leaves of the stag's horn sumach are all smoked by the American Indians and are the least harmful of the substitutes for tobacco.

"Indian tobacco" or the leaf of a kind of lobella is smoked extensively and is extremely poisonous. "Tombeki," another species of the lobelia largely used in Asia, is smoked in a water pipe and produces a decidedly unpleasant odor. Those who smoke it regularly become intensely nervous and are subject to curious hallucinations. ······

AN APPARITION.

In the old days, when Boston, through her "plain living and high thinking," was earning the laudatory titles that have clung to her ever since, a certain woman of advanced intellect and character, who may be called Miss Elizabeth Amory Pelham, came into town from one of the suburbs to hear a fecture on an abstruse topic. Her friend and schoolmate, Mrs. Wellman, who was a brusque, lovable body, neither intellectual nor ambitious of being thought so, also went to the lecture, oarsmen who send their racing craft different members of the party, says the Rochester Democrat and Chronicis chiefly because everybody else was go ing.

About 9 o'clock there came up a storm so violent that the lecturer and man, and lamenting that she must

man. "Come round and stay with me." parties from scores of villages about ends of the table. When she is con-"But you're crowded," objected Miss are gathered on the banks of the Irra-Pelham. "You've just been saying your | waddy., Girls wearing the brightest of an informal manner, elaborate dinner house is full."

you in Lavinia's bed. She's only 9, you staid old men and women all crowd to- ackowledged that there is nothing esknow, and not very big, and she's been gether in bustle, excitement and ansound asleep now for hours. She won't ticipation. know you're there till morning."

Her friend accepted gratefully, and

The next morning, while Mrs. Well- try. man, who was destitute of "help," stood coaxing her kitchen fire, a little curious affair. At the point of finish white figure flew into the room and a boat is anchored in the stream. A launched itself upon her. It was La- long bamboo stretches across its bows, vinia, no longer asleep.

"O mother," she gasped, "there's something dreadful in to room! It's Each of the boats has its own side on tall and big and it's got great long which to pass, and as it rushes by, the arms, and it keeps waving them and bow oarsman drops his oar, rises, waving them over its head, just like a snatches at the rattan, and pulls out

windmill, and it's awful!" Mrs. Wellman pushed her away, and shot a sulky damper into place.

"Go right along back and get dressed!" she commanded. "That's nothing but Elizabeth Amory Pelham taking her physical exercises.

A Quarrelsome Family, Mrs. Edgerton Blunt-But why did you leave your last place?

Applicant-I couldn't stand the way the mistress and master used to quarrel, mum.

Mrs. E. B. (shocked) - Dear me! Did they quarrel very much, then? Applicant-Yes, mum; when it wasn't me an' 'lm, it was me and 'er,

Coldly Considered.

statesman, "was never approached with gods. This is a precaution which must "That fact," answered Senator Sorghum, "may be a recognition of your

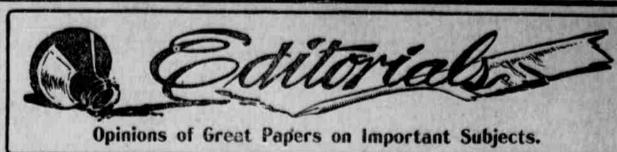
"Didn't that new nurse come that I engaged for little Mortimer?" asked Mr. De Style.

she wouldn't do. She had nothing but blue dresses to wear, and blue, you know, is only for girl bables; pink is

hymes about the virtues of Peekaboe

"And make comic valentines."-

Cleveland Plain Deater.



ABOLISH THE GRAND JURY.

PTIZENS of Wisconsin are reported as being well pleased with the operation of the law abolishing the grand jury system. Under the new law information can be laid before the prosecuting attorney, who gives the accused a chance to be heard, and if the facts seem to warrant further proceedings, a preliminary hearing is held before a compe-

The meritorious feature of the system is that it does away with the ex parte methods which are characteristic of grand jury investigation. To brand a man as a suspected criminal by means of an indictment, without permitting him to make a defense, is unjust and harmful.

It may be contended that the Wisconsin law lodges too much power in one man, the prosecutor, who, if he be a venal man, might defeat justice and permit rogues to escape punishment. But this criticism is not sound. For even under our grand jury system the prosecutor possesses extraordinary influence. He conducts the examination of witnesses, and in most cases the jury acts on his recommendations. If he were unfaithful to his trust or in league with evil-doers, he could make a farce of the hearing, or, falling in that, could draw defective indictments or afterward be so indifferent in his prose cution of the accused as to insure an acquittal.

But nearly every community can cite examples where grave injustice has been worked through ex parte hearings before grand juries, and the marvel is that the people have so long endured the institution. Sentiment against it has grown rapidly during the last few years, and the experience of Wisconsin should hasten the day when the grand jury will be discarded by every State in the Union-Toledo Blade.

ILLITERACY IN THE UNITED STATES.



MERICANS are accustomed to regard their country as one of universal education, where illiteracy, at least among natives, is virtually unknown.

In view of that fact, some figures collated by the American Journal of Education are instructive. They show that the United States is one of the most illiterate civilized na-

tions in the world. According to the census of 1900, 107 persons in every 1,000 in this country were illiterate—that is to say, they were persons ten years old or older who were unable to write in any language. Thus one person in every nine of ten years and older is illiterate. But see how this compares with England, Scotland or Holland, where only one person in forty is illiterate. In Switzerland one person in 166 cannot write, in Denmark one in 500, in Sweden and Norway one in 1,250, and in Germany illiteracy is virtually unknown. The ratio in 1903 among all the army recruits was one in 2,500, and illiteracy is probably less among the German people generally than among these recruits.

These facts, as the Journal of Education says, are not such as to give Americans reason for pride. Nor can

we excuse ourselves on the ground that we receive great numbers of immigrants from the less intelligent peoples of Europe, for in many States illiterates of native parentage outnumber those whose parents were born in foreign lands. In the State of New York in 1900 there were 18,000 illiterates of foreign birth, but 29,000 who were born in this country. Moreover, in the large cities, where our foreign population is most largely congregated, the percentage of illiteracy is lower than in cities of 25,000 or less, and in the large cities it is no greater

than in the country districts. Iowa and Nebraska lead all the States in education, having only twenty-three illiterates per thousand. Kansas is next, with Washington, Utah, Oregon, Ohio. Wyoming, Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan, Colorado, Indiana, Idaho and Wisconsin following in the order named. Illinois has forty-two per thousand. The other extreme is represented by Louisiann, which has 385 per thousand. -Chicago Journal.

UNIFYING THE LAWS.



VERY growing institution, from a family up to a nation, finds it necessary now and then to undertake a process of rearrangement, of simplification, or of elimination of unnecessary articles or customs which were useful once, but have become useless or even obstructive. A growing country

takes on new duties to the public, establishes new bureaus, and is placed under new laws as the occasion arises for such laws. By and by, as these things are done one by one, and not always with due regard for what has been done previously, there are inconsistencies and even conflicts between the haphazard additions. Then the legislature undertakes the work of amplifying and codifying the laws.

Congress engages in this task from time to time, taking one general class of laws on each occasion. At one time it goes carefully through all the laws relating to the army and its government, and brings into harmony all the statutes passed in more than a century. At another time it takes up the coinage laws and unifies them. During the last few weeks it has been codifying the criminal laws.

Many inconsistencies and not a few conflicting pro visions had crept into the statutes. A committee of both houses of Congress sat during the recess and presented a single bill which covers the entire criminal law of the general government. In all similar cases it employs similar phrases which the courts have interpreted, simplifies the language used and makes it more concise, drops provisions that have become obsolete, and in general makes the law what it should have been if all the several parts of it had been passed at one time.

The national criminal law not only has force in the territories, and in forts, navy yards and other places under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, but it extends to offenses against national banks, the post office, and any department of the government and any company chartered by act of Congress .-- Youth's

Companion.

BOAT-RACE IN THE EAST.

The American and the British uni-The Burmese boat races on the Irra-

drive home that night, especially as sun still beats fiercely on the mile-andshe had to be in Boston early the next a-half stretch of river above and below day to give a talk on physical culture. My-an-oung. The whole population of chosen out for each other beforehand Why do you go?" asked Mrs. Well- the town is out, and excited family to be placed by mistake at opposite "Oh, so it is, in a way; but I'll put lons as to the set of their turbans, and course of the winter, yet it must be

October has come, and with it the time for boat-racing. My-an-oung has in due time crept into bed with La- challenged Thokn-kna, the hitherto unconquered champions of the low coun-

> The goal of a Burmese boat-race is a and through this is run a rattan which projects a few inches from its mouth. the long cane. Sometimes both get it at the same time; then the boats upset, but the bowsman who has presence of mind to stick to the rattan wins.

> In this particular race one boat that of My-an-oung, is decorated with the figure of a peacock; its rival bears the sign of three fair flowers. The crew of the former is young, a fine, strong lot. The other chew is older, with muscles of steel. The bonts are fifty feet long, but draw only a few inches of water. The boats take their places and a

hush falls on the crowd. It is neces sary to propitiate the guardian spirits of the river with votive offerings. In the stern of each boat crouches a man. holding a bunch of plantains, cooked "I, sir," remarked the self-important rice, flowers and betel for the water not be omitted, or there is no knowing what disaster may befall. Now the boats start and the bustle

honesty, and then again it may be a and din begin once more. Everybody reflection on your influence."-Wash is talking and shouting. The Peacock gains. The trainer of the Three Fair Flowers lets out a yell, and that boat spurts ahead of its rival. The people rapher. He said he was. of My-an-oung are in despair. Old women tear their scanty hair, girls rush | pictures. He said he did. to the water's edge, and the young men and boys rush into the river up to their He said, "Four dollars a dozen." necks.

Oo-ohn, the old trainer of the Peacock, shaking as if in palsy, shricks, "Yonk-kya!" The crew quicken their stroke and the boat shoots toward the goal. Both bows throw down their paddles at the same time and catch at the vattan. The Peacock's man comes up triumphant, bearing the long cane. and My-an-oung is happy. The great boat race is over and the Peacock has

NEW STYLE OF DINNER CARD.

Flower Rack Upon Which Reposer a Card with Name of the Guest.

For even an informal luncheon of dinner guest cards at each plate do versity crews are not the only crack much to facilitate the seating of the shooting through the water to the the New York Times. Even the most cheers of a watching, excited throng, clever hostess will frequently forget at dian relics and presented a series of the last moment just where she has dewaddy are no less worth watching than cided that each guest would find the his audience had to go home in a del- those of the Thames or Hudson. Sir most congenial neighbor, and a misuge. Miss Pelham stood in the vesti- James Scott gives a description of one take of this sort might have really sebule of the hall, talking to Mrs. Well- of these events in his book on Burma. rious consequences were there any rea-At four o'clock in the afternoon the son why any two persons should be separated, while it would be a pity for two persons who had been carefully stantly entertaining, however, albeit in silk handkerchiefs, young men scrupu- cards will come to quite an Item in the pecially pretty about the plain giltedged eard, and certainly it does nothing to make the table more attractive.

A new style of dinner card lately brought over from Paris is certainly ingenious, for not only does it answer all requirements from an economical standpoint, but it also adds much to the effect of the table.

This little novelty, consisting of a tiny wire rack on the order of a tripod or miniature artist's easel, with one leg in the back and two in front, and a tiny rack to hold the cards. Tied or wired to this small rack is a tiny cluster of artificial flowers made with the perfection only attained by French workmen, which completely cover the wire stand, while on the rack reposes an ordinary pasteboard card with the name of the guest inscribed upon it. The flowers may be changed according to the decoration of the table-roses, marguerites, ferns, carnations, etc .and if desired fresh flowers may be tied to the rack with bright-colored ribbon, and for a large luncheon or dinner this little ornamentation will do much to help out the picture given by

the flowers, crystal, gold and silver. These little racks could be quite easlly made with soft copper wire, and the few clusters of artificial flowers would cost little or nothing and would be delightfully easy to make up. The dinner cards are but a small item and altogether make quite a charming addition to the table; but the hostess had better be watchful lest these card racks be taken away as souvenirs, as is said to have happened once in the case of individual silver salt cellars when they were first introduced.

One Short. She asked him if he was the photog-She asked him if he took children's She asked him how much he charged.

"Then I'll have to go somewhere else," she replied; "I only have eleven." -Success Magazine.

pull that fellow's tooth," said the as-

"Yes," answered the dentist grimly. "He married the girl I loved!"

Shake the hand of some men, and you shake a secret out of 'ber

HABITS OF INDIAN TRIBES.

Always Honest, According to Leeturer Who Lived Among Them. At the regular meeting of the Social center of No. 14 school held recently. Col. Samuel P. Moulthrop gave an address on "The American Indian', says lantern sildes, many of which he bad

prepared himself. Mr. Moulthrop explained in detail the condition of the American Iadians before the colonization of white men in this country. They should not be called American Indians, said the speaker, but simply Americans, for the name was given them by the first explorers and they were the only true Americans in point of fact. If the discovery of America had been delayed 1,000 years the Indians would have been as far advanced in civilization as the people of the old world, said the speaker. He said that many of the Indian tribes who lived in the western part of New York State had been thoroughly organized for many centuries; the confederation of the five nations claiming to be over 1,000 years, while the tribe known as the Iroquois was 300 years old.

Mr. Moulthrop told of a visit he had paid to one of the elections of the Indian tribes and said what he noticed particularly was that the women vote. This has always been the custom among the Indians, he said, and the vote of one woman against a man proposed for the office of chief is sufficient to throw that man out of the running.

One of the best characteristics of the Indian was his honesty, he continued, and this was true in spite of the many assertions to the contrary. He gave several instances he had known personally to illustrate this fact. The speaker then called attention to the relics on the table beside him; many of which were works of art coming from the tribes in the great Southwest.

Bungle's Bad Break

Mr. Bungle niways takes a deep and sympathetic interest in the welfare of his fellow man. While out for a stroll one day he met a friend, who seemed in a great hurry.

"Hold on, Jones," said Bungle, grabbing his friend's arm. "Why this rush?" "Bungle," said Jones, removing his

hat and wiping his brow, "I'm hotfoot-

ing it to a specialist. I believe my brain is affected." Mr. Bungle, to allay the fears of his

friend and show the customary commiseration, said, jovially: "Pshaw, Jones, you shouldn't worry

about such a little thing as that." "Wh-hat?" "I mean you shouldn't let such a lit-

tle thing as your brain-that is, Mr. Jones. you shouldn't get so excited over nothing-of course-ah, good day, Mr. Jones !"-Bohemian.

"See that toad? It was buried for more than a thousand years in solid "It took you an awfully long time to rock. What do you suppose it would say if it could speak?" "If it overheard you it probably would say that you are a flar."-Phil-

Charity always

adelphia Ledger.

The one great event in her monotonous life was the daily passing of the overland passenger trains, which brought their eager tourists to California or carried home returning wanderers back toward the rising sun. In Aunt Hannah's daily life this simple passing of the trains grew to be an event of importance. She could catch tantalizing glimpses of women's fair faces and the laughing eyes of little children as the Overland flashed by, not three rods from her own front door. Sometimes she waved a snowy dish towel at them as they rushed past, and looked wistfully after them till the long cut hid the curving train. But on this particular day Aunt Hannah's heart almost stood still in her ample bosom. For the Overland came into sight, running more and more slowly, and finally coming to a laboring, clanking stop almost at her very

Such a thing had never happened before, and Aunt Hannah was filled with wordless excitement. Something had happened at last! Uncle Ezra was stirring around near the house, keeping a watchful eye upon old Dobbin, the white horse, which was patiently walking never-ending miles in the treadmill which pumped water for the house and

young orange trees. Aunt Hannah speedily informed him of the great event, and Uncle Ezra, as wonder-filled as she, walked down to

Aunt Hannah, from the porch, heard him say hospitably to the conductor: "Why, yes, we've got a telephone. Come right in an' use it."

And in a few moments that wonderful creature—the blue-uniformed, brass-buttoned conductor of the Overland was standing on Aunt Hannah's bright rag carpet and talking in crisp. curt, masterly tones to some unseen delinquent at the city ten miles behind. on by at least a dozen amateurs. Then It appeared that some one had blun- there were other snapshots, too--Undered.

The passengers swarmed out of the cars and wandered aimlessly along the track. Then the women and children began to stray into Aunt Hannah's front yard, looking with genuine tourist curiosity at every little commonplace thing that met their eager gaze. For this was a trainload of brand-new tenderfeet from the far East, most of around Aunt Hannah's parlor organ whom were stepping upon California and sang old Gospel hymns, or looked soil for the first time in their lives.

Aunt Hannah was radiant and over flowing with hospitality. Before ten minutes had passed she had discovered Iowa, and a young lady from Boston aboard !" and Aunt Hannah's beautiwho had known a second coustn of Ezra's first wife's nephew or some such ried handshakes, and one or two im-

sessed and every straight-backed one appreciation, and then they all ran toas well, she brought out into the front | ward the cars and scrambled abourd. yard under the great drooping pepper tree, and her unexpected guests sat twenty years younger, stood on the around and asked highly intelligent porch and watched the long train as it questions of every official they could got into motion and slowly pulled out, waylay. Noon came, and the long waving her white apron in response to train stood powerless to move. Unaccustomed rivulets of perspiration could scarcely see them for the tears trickled down the portly conductor's face as he walked up and down in illconcealed impatience.

Aunt Hannah's hospitable soul expanded. "I'll fry every egg on the place," she said, "and steep that five pounds of coffee I've just got, and cut was a little tremulous from excitement. up the six loaves of bread I baked yesterday, and open every glass of jelly

sha'n't go hungry!" I cannot tell! There are ghosts that So she bustled indoors and tied on it did!" her second-best white apron, made a AUNT HANNAH'S PARTY

> ask 'em!" Aunt Hannah's very best white aprop. leans Times-Democrat. beautifully troned and smelling of oldfashloned lavender, and carried plates and cups and forks and spoons out to

the waiting travelers under the great single neighbor less than a mile away pepper tree. an' not a chick or child at home. I offee began to send forth its enticing



"I DO WISH SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN.

ly expectant. / They sat on the porch steps and waited patiently for empty cups. Then the big pan of dougtnuts went around. and generous slices of Aunt Hannah's fresh bread and golden butter and de-

licious dabs of Aunt Hannah's finest jellies and preserves. The two dozen eggs did not last long. but Aunt Hannah helped out with crisp slices of home-cured bacon, which, as the blue-uniformed conductor said, went

right to the spot. The white-capped waiters served few select souls in the dining car of the Overland, but Aunt Hannah's was by far the more popular lunch. She bustled about, flushed and happy. It garden and the neighboring orchard of was like a great beautiful party-a surprise party! Something had hap-

pened at last Out of the abundance of her generous heart Aunt Hannah had fed the the railroad track to see what might | multitude, but the multitude was not content to have it so. The brass-buttoned conductor himself (who had set a very bad example by eating of Aunt Hannah's cooking instead of the colored chef's) passed his official cap and gathered in a shining shower of silver, which he presented with a neat

> little speech to Aunt Hannah. Then the ever-present tourist cameras came into action, and Aunt Hannah was taken with her big white apron cle Ezra in his overalls, the great pepper tree, the disabled engine, the perspiring conductor, and even old Dobbin himself.

The old lady from Iowa and the young lady from Boston insisted upon helping with the dishes, and there ensued a merry clatter from the kitchen. Some of the young folks gathered over Aunt Hannah's plush-covered photograph album on the marble-topped center table.

At last the conductor wiped his an old lady from her own town in streaming brow and shouted "All ful party was over. There were hurnear relative. Aunt Hannah was in her pulsive hugs and kisses for Aunt Hanelement. Every rocking chair she pos- nah, many cheery words of thanks and The Bohemian.

clais intrusted with the work of re-

that in time the addition of new States and the unavoidable division of single States into double or treble commonwealths will so crowd the field of stars as at present arranged that it will look inartistic and unsatisfactory. The greater the number of stars the smaller will be the symbols, for the compara-

and by patriotic persons who take st in national matters, and a designs are on file at the war office that aim to provide an ar-

Aunt Hannah, looking and feeling a score of waving handkerchiefs, and which dimmed her kind eyes.

And thus she stood as the long train from view. She and Ezra began to carry the

mornin' that something would happen I've got, but these women and children I didn't really want the Overland should break down, but I'm awful glad

And when Aunt Hannah's famous you suppose I can find it?" "Ask the floorwalker," said the West

shopper. "! said to him: 'You are the floor manager, aren't you? He became my slave at once. I never say 'floorwalker.' In the first place, I don't like the term myself, and I should think it would be rather offensive to any man. So why should I infliet it on him? 'Manager' sounds much better, is fully

-Chicago Inter Ocean.

Art in Spanish Bank Notes.

fast as possible, says the New York for a series of notes with an English dition the notes are to present pictures

counterfeiting.

the positive information of the uni verse. Thus was the boy of the Phila delphia Press story wise beyond hi-"Are you after the job as office boy?" asked the merchant.

"Hang up your hat!"

"Sure!" replied the youngster.

"Any previous experience?"

an' I don't whistle."

Then the Quarrel Ceased. They were having the usual family quarrel. As was also usual, she coulnot convince him that she knew where "Didn't I go to school, stupid?" sh

screamed. "Yes, dear, you did," he replied calm ly. "And you came back stupid."-