in a little country like Europe. The hen is a God-given institution; cold storage is the invention of mere

Of course, remarkable thinks will keep on happening. President Castro has agreed to pay a debt.

As a discreet diplomat Mr. Wu should be in no great haste to get back to the vicissitudes of official life in China.

The Atlanta Constitution claims for the moonshiner the distinction of discovering the real utility of cobless corn.

It is no longer necessary for nervous persons, before retiring, to look under the bed for a Japanese fleet of warships John D. Rockefeller gave a 5-cent tip

to a walter. Johnnie, being the richest man in the world, can afford to do a thing like that. Some people are so nureasonable that they can't hear of a canal willpoint in-

sisting that there must be a scandal connected with it. A Philadelphia editor has discovered that kissing is a cure for the freekles.

In Washington, there is no need of that bypocritical excuse. A New York plumber has eloped with woman who is worth half a million dollars. In this instance it is not to

be expected that he will go back for any

materials. It will not be necessary for fourthclass postmasters to read all the postal cards passing through their hands before they can pass a civil service ex-

For one ancient Chinese rug J. Pierpont Morgan is reported to have paid \$75,000. This indicates again what foresight and economy early in life will permit later on.

The Haitian congress unanimously elected General Simon president. We trust that the fact that the general had a victorious army at the front door had nothing to do with the case.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that living is cheaper abroad, but that money is harder to make. There never was a rose without a thorn, but perhaps Luther Burbank will be able to make one some day.

Having become a preacher, Pat Crowe pays: "Ill-gotten gold brings no happiess." He is not able, though, to back up his assertion with testimonials from the officials of the coal and meat trusts. Somebody says "kissing will remove freckles." Anyhow, it is worth trying.

One of the many great ple neering which some of us will perhaps live to see is a canal across Fiorida by which ocean traffic from the Gulf to the Atlantic will be saved the journey through the Strait of Florida. The project, which has long been urged, is now favored by the Gulf Coast Inland Waterway Association.

Mr. Wu Ting-fang recently expressed the opinion that if the world spoke one language, peace would prevail, and the same idea has been urged by advocates of Esperanto. But the experience of this country is contrary to that idea, for our two most important wars were fought between men of the same speech. The idea has little practical value, anyhow. It is like the declaration of the ditch-digger that if he had eight million dollars he would have a longer handle on his pick. Universal peace is much more likely than a universal language.

Even in this country, where the workman is so accustomed to seeing the old methods replaced by new, there is not always an intelligent appreciation of the value of proposed improvements. And many of the arguments advanced in opposition to progress are little better than those of the woman who is reported to have said, when advised that a substitute for whalebone had been discovered and was likely entirely to displace the old material, "What will the poor whales do for a living?" Of course, it is apparent to all now that the final result of improvements introduced has been to elevate the standards of the workingmen themselves, and that in opposing this progress they were working not only against the interests of the public generally, but against their own advantage.

Congress has already enacted a statute conferring on the government the right of appeal on questions of law and construction in certain criminal cases. The object of that legislation was not to permit reversals of verdicts, but to settle authoritatively constitutional questions for the guidance of lower courts in subsequent cases. Now the Attorney General recommends an amendment giving the government the right of appeal in cases where verdicts are reversed by circuit courts. The great "\$29,000,000 oil fine case" is cited as a striking illustration of the need of such an amendment. Here the supreme court may or may not entertain an appeal, but there is no reason why the people should be dependent on discretion. They are entitled to appeal in such cases as a matter of right and public policy. How far appeals by the presecution can go without running up against the constitutional snag of "dog-Lir jeoparde" is a question for grave and learned lawyers in and out of conpress. The layman knows this findamental fact-that convicted offenders have for many privileges of appeal under existing law, while the people have few or none. If the people's right of appent can be extended it ought to be, for the interests of the people are the interests of justice and equal freedom. I'll ketch mestif gittin' up when I'm Time was when "the government' goin' to bed."-Yonkers Statesman.

Dakota County Herald | meant class rule and oppression. To limit the government's right of appeal was to protect the individual. Today, to democracies, "the people rule," and to limit unduly their servants' right of appeal is to put a premium upon the oppressive use of corporate or financial power, to shield certain sets of wrongdoers, to give technicality and sophistry a decided advantage over principle and

Prof. Perrero is right in thinking that Christopher Columbus had no idea tion as he turned his vessels westward moters, poets and playwrights of the Elizabethan age were wont to picture The streets were paved with glittering streams of gold would burst forth. The of the Incas and Aztecs surer realization of such visions than the Englishmen dld in their colonies. But no dreams of Raleigh, Cortez or Champlain ever were so extravagant in their exuberant richness as the actualities which the Europe of to-day sees when the eyes are turned toward America. The galleons which once filled the war chest of a Spanish sovereign benefited few with their golden cargo. The swift sailing steamers of to-day scatter American gold over a continent when their mail bags are opened on the eastern shore of the Atlantic. The New York sostoffice, through which the European money order business passes, reports outgoing orders numbering 432,875 during the month of December. They represent on aggregate of \$5,040,629.21. Great Britain, Italy, Sweden, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Russia, Greece and France are the principal beneficiaries in amounts ranging from nearly \$900,000 in the first instance to \$46,000 in the last. It was the Christmas greeting of prosperous America to the home lands across the sea. This sort of thing goes on all the time, being emphasized in December. More money goes with the thousands of travelers who visit the same countries every year. It is a tremendous drain upon Uncle Sam. But he can afford it. What Europe would do without the bountiful offerings of its children in America is hard to imagine. No. Christopher Columbus had no idea of the results of his epoch making turned out by the cheap mills,



Dobell's Solution. The Dobell's solution formula, used by specialists in diseases of the nose and throat, is prepared as follows: mystery never penetrated by living man, Sodihm borate, sodium bicarbonate, of It is said that logs which enter the each, half ounce; phenol, fourteen mouth of the canyon unscarred come grains; glycerine, one fluid ounce. Add out kindling below. water enough to make thirty-two fluid ounces. This may be used as a douche, gargle or spray.

Erysipelas.

Good results are secured in cases of erysipelas by applying cloths wet with a saturated solution of magnesium sulphate or epsom salts. Saturate several thicknesses of gauze with it, spread upon the affected parts and renew several times in twenty-four hours.

TIGERS CHARM WOMEN IN ZOO. A Veteran Keeper's Observation of

a Feminine Peculiarity.

"One of the most interesting things to me in connection with this job." said the veteran keeper in the Bronx Park Zoo to a New York Sun man, "is

the peculiar fascination women have for certain animals and their utter lack of interest in others. Of course, as a rule, men are more interested than women, generally speaking, in wild beasts. But the masculine interest lies in an admiration of physical qualities or a curiosity to find out at close range how the creature lives.

"The woman's feating, on the other hand, nine times out of ten, is one of rapt fascination, impossible to overcome when she is close to certain creatures of the woods. This emotion never manifests itself for the eaters of grass. For the elephant or the deer the average woman feels no real interest whatever. It is toward the devourers of flesh, particularly the felines, that your wife or sister or cousin feels drawn in that inexplicable way. You must spend days in the lion house in order to appreciate fully the way in which women stand spellbound before those cages. But greatest of all is the fascination of the reptiles. I have seen women become absolutely unconscious of the outer world in their contemplation of motionless snakes. A few days ago a woman stood for more than two hours before the king cobras. She looked like the wife of a workingman who made fair pay. I'll bet if you gave her a book on snakes she wouldn't read 100

words of It." Unmade History.

The emancipation of woman, having at length worked out to a logical and symmetrical finish, the bride and her best woman waited at the altar, while the groom came up the aisle on the arm of his mother, who gave him away.

The groomsmen wore crepe de chine and carried groom roses. Three clergywomen assisted at the

The groom's father sat in the family

pew. He was dressed in wine-colored silk, with ropes of pearls, The streets in the vicinity of the church were packed with a mob of oulookers, mostly men and children,

An Early Riser. "Are you an early riser, Pat?" "Am 1? Sure, I'm such an early riser, sor, that I'm afeared some time

MANY TAILORS DECEIVED.

More than 1,000 Exclusive Sample Get Into the Wrong Hands A piece of cardboard covered with square samples of woolen cloths for men's and women's sultings might not seem to the average man a valuable article, yet elaborate schemes to get bold of such sample cards are planned and sometimes carried through, accord-

ing to the New York Sun. A couple arrived recently at the best of the Philadelphia hotels and set out of what would result from his expedi- to visit all the leading fallors. The man wanted a winter outfit of a comacross the unknown waters. The pro- prehensive character, while the woman was just as interested in accumulating a winter wardrobe of the tailor-made "Virginia" as a land of golden plenty. variety. Occupying large rooms in the hotel, there was no reason to believe dust. About all that was necessary, in | that the two were anything other than their fancy, was to strike the rock and they represented themselves. So when they gave the number of their suite in

Spanish explorers found in the lands | the hotel the samples wer forthcoming. After several days had passed without the expected orders the tailors be gan to send to the hotel for information. The answer returned was that the two had given up their rooms and left the day before. No samples were to be found.

> The number of inquiries became a large that they were referred by the hotelf there was no reason to believe More than 1,000 samples of cloth had been sent by the tuilors to the couple. Investigation showed their purpose when in the Broad street station were found two wooden packages they had checked there, filled with sample cards from which the cloth had been torn away.

> The couple had succeeded in acquiring possession of the best samples of the firms that deal in the high-class exclusive natterns. Of course, they will sell their patterns to the cheaper firms that endeavor to reproduce them,

Even a bolder effort to get the exclusive samples is reported from Chicago. There two men rented a store in which to open a tailoring business of a high-priced character and sent to the manufacturers for their samples. The samples were sent, but no orders ever came.

Later inquiry from the manufacturers showed that the firm had got no further in its career than taking the store for a month. Its object was plain when some of the best designs were

WONDERFUL CANYON IN WEST. Black Mystery, Which Man Has

Not Yet Solved. At the earliest possible moment Lieut. Robertson and I took his camera and tripod and silently stole away to the mouth of the canyon (in the Shoshone mountains, Wyoming). The two branches of the river came together a few rods above a great wall of bare brown rock, a hundred feet high, which really is a part of the southern side of Rattlesnake mountain. Through a crack in the mountain about as wide as Nassau street, between perpendicular walls of bare rock, the river swirls and roars down eight miles of black

It is idle to believe or to say that the water has cut that canyon, for it has done nothing of the kind. An flat and unfavorable to navigation. earthquake did it; my word for it. Had it been left for the river to grode, on its own book, long before the pentup waters had started a cutting through that flinty carboniferous limestone, the river would blitthely have gone southward around the mountain. where the wagon trail runs, and found easy flowing, with no rock to exca-

vate. We went into the dark and gloomy mouth of the canyon, as far as any man may go, and soon were stopped forested. by the lack of footing. Fifty feet farther on, the rift turned sharply to the left, taking the foaming waters along with it, and the view ended against a blank wall. Quite near the ultimate point we smelled a strong odor of suphureted hydrogen and other disagreeable gases, and looked about. Close at and, under the foot of the overhanging wall of smooth rock, lay a little, Methods primitive. innocent-looking pool in a basin no larger than a bathtub, which was the cause of the bad odors. Close beside it lay a dead porcupine and a dead magple, both poisoned by these noxious gases. Elsewhere they would have been eaten long and by coyote or fox; but there beside that deadly spring they lay, untouched .- Scribner's Magazine.

Regrets. Oh, if we had only saved those coupons our tobacconist gave us during the year, boarded up our soap wrappers; kept our ien tickets; hung onto our trading stamps, we might even | him the most beautiful of all cities. now be doing our Christmas shopping with the aid of a premium list, and who can tell what valuable pieces of ent glass, silverware, furniture and brie-a-brae we might have been able to distribute on Dec. 25th? Already we have seen an elegant lithographed fish set that we could have had for 500 coupons, a swell picture of a bunch of grapes, fit for any one's dining room, for only seventy-five tea tickets, and our soap wrappers would have purchased for us a berry spoon that would look as though it had been bought in a real jewelry store. Verily, we are a thoughtless and a short-sight ed cuss .- Detroit Free Press.

Why Jups Talk Little.

"Do you know why the Japanese talk so little?" asked a navy officer, just back from a foreign station. Answering his own query, he continued: "Silence is bred in the bone. For ages sples, or cross-eyed persons, have been everywhere and over everything. They always go in pairs, so as to be spies over each other, and, as the violation of the law is death-death to the highest and lowest alike-we can well unso obstinate in their conversatism, under a system of esplonage which nothprompted thither by curlosity.—Puck. ing can escape, coupled with a rigidity of hw and a ferocity of punishment which no one can bend and few dare to brave."

> If a girl is pretty she doesn't think It worth while to waste her time learning to do housework.

MESSINA. THE BEAUTIFUL SICILIAN CITY, DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE.



MESSINA-

Messina, Sicily, which lies in ruins from the effects of the recent quake, ; was, next to Palermo, the most important city in Sicily. It is situated in the northwest corner of the island, on the Strait of Messina. The outskirts and environs are delightful, affording magnificent views of the sea, as well as of Mount Etna. On the west rose the former fort of Castellaccio, and not far away to the south is Fort Gonzaga, on a historic spot. The new Campo Santo was beautiful, with its graceful Greek colonnades and wonder ful views. The Telegrato-the summit of a pass near Messina-was much visited for its scenery. Here was supposed to be Charybdis of the familiar legend, opposite Scilla, on the Calabrian coast.

Messina is a town of great autiquity, its foundation being ascribed to pirates from Cumae in the eighth century B. C., when it was known as Zancle (a sickle), in allusion to the shape of its harbor. The town was occupied by fugitives from Samos and Miletus, and it soon after passed to Anaxilas, the tyrant of Rheghium, who introduced there Messenians from the Peloponnesus, by whom the name of the city was changed to Messina. After the death of Anaxilas, Messina became a republic and maintained that status until its destruction by the Carthagenians during their wars with Dionysius | a part of united Italy.

Syracuse at the beginning of the fourth century B. C. It was rebuilt by Dionysius, but soon fell again into the hands of the Carthagenians, who were finally expelled by Timoleon in 343 B. C.

During the war between Agathocies of Syracuse and Carthage, Messina sided with the Carthagenians. The first Punic war left Messina in the possession of Rome, and the town subsequently attained considerable commercia! importance. In A. D. 831 the town was taken by the Saracens, and in 1061 was conquered by the Normans. The town became a flourishing seat of trade in the middle ages and received important privileges from Charles I. of Spain, which added greatly to its prosperity. During the struggle between the aristocratic faction, or merli, and the democratic faction, or mavizzi, the Senate, in 1674, appealed for aid to the French, who occupied the city, but soon abandoned it, after having defeated the combined fleet of Spain and Holland. Left in the hands of the Spaniards, the city was deprived of its political liberties and soon 'ost its commercial importance. The plague of 1743 and the earthquake of 1783 carried off a considerable part of its population. Is 1800 the place was occupied by Garlbaldi and in 1861 it became

FACTS ABOUT POOR SICILY.

The largest island in the Mediterra nean Sea. A part of the kingdom of

Of triangular shape, and has an area of about 9,700 square miles. Population was 2,927,901 in 1891, and 3,529,266 in 1901.

Traversed throughout its entire ength by a chain of mountains. Mt. Etna, near the eastern shore, rises 10.750 feet.

On the north and east the coasts are and well indented, affording sev eral good harbors. On the west and south the coasts are

The rivers are mostly short and swift, and generally dry up during the summer. There are many sulphur and other

mineral springs, which were famous resorts in ancient times. Temperature is moderate and seldom

falls below the freezing point. Summers are almost rainless and the strocco, a wind from Africa, brings in

tolerable dry heat. The interior is almost entirely de Principal source of the world's sup-

ply of sulphur, which is the chief min-Exports of sulphur amount to eight to ten million dellars a year.

Rock salt and asphalt largely produced for export. Once the "granary of Italy," and agriculture is still the main industry.

Extensive cultivation of the vine almonds, olives, oranges, lemons, beans and sumach. Deep sea fisheries give employmen

to more than 20,000 persons, Condition of large numbers of the laboring classes, particularly in the sulphur industry, is deplorable,

Railway lines have a total length of about 1,000 miles. Elementary schools inadequate, but higher education is provided for in colleges at Palermo, Messina and Satania. Syracuse, now a heap of ruins, was

BRYCE GIVEN HONOR.

in the time of Cicero pronounced by



THE RIGHT HON. JAMES BRYCE. James Bryce, British Ambassador to derstand how the Japanese have been the United States, was recently elected president of the American Political Science Association, succeeding Frederick N. Judson of St. Louis.

Satisfied. She-And when he struck you on the

one cheek did you turn to him the other?

THE WONDER OF MOTHER LOVE.

"A Mother" can at no time recall any other than Your Mother, whose love, if she is still spared to you, is greater than any you could find should you seek the wide world over; whose love, if the Almighty in His wisdom has called her from you, you will never find in another or know again. No matter how you have fared with the world; whether you have succeeded or failed and been pushed aside in the great strife; whether, through mistake of yours, fellow men have turned against you-there is always mother. And if she be gone, there is no longer mother.

No matter where her boy or girl have been, though an ocean lay between, hers has been a constant vigil in thought and prayer by day and by night, ending only at the sound of the footstep coming along the walk, when restlessness is hers, like the watchman feels as he douses his lantern at the breaking of the day. Her nights and her days are measured as her boys and girls come home.

You left the old home for the city to make your fortune and name, and while you feel that there weren't the possibilities back in the country, you would give all you ever dreamed of possessing in the way of money or name if you could just have that old coal tire in your room in the city. But it isn't the coal fire so much as the fact that it is Mother's coal fire.

How you can eat when you are in your old place at the table and mother is there, too, in her old place. And sleep, tucked in the same old bed-she remembers the one you used to sleep in, and you are going to be tucked in, too, just as you used to be, notwithstanding what the boys in the city or the girls at school would think of it. All honor to the man and woman who understand and who will never

cease to understand the mother love, to cherish it and to live in respect of it, If she lives out in the country, de you make it a point to get home occasion-While you live and she lives and the old home stands and there is money

in the purse, you are never without a home; never without money, and never without, best of all, a mother's love. God bless every one of them.-Detroit Times.

remarked: "I are sure now I have no "You are all right," said the doctor heart disease. I' I had, I should have after he had gone through with the dropped dead when you mentioned your regulation thumping and listening fee." with his patient. "Not a trace of He-No; what was the use? It hurt heart disease. Fifteen dollars, please!" The cook's kettle and temper are

The Supreme Test.

all ever my face.—Yonkers Statesman. The patient drew a long breath and apt to boil over simultaneously.

NOTABLE EARTHQUAKES AND LIVES THEY CLAIMED.

Notable earthquakes have taken a million lives since 1137, as follows:

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	Place, Year,	Liv
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	Syria	20,0
0	Cilicia	60,0
	Naples	40.0
6	Lisbon	30,0
M.	Naples	20,00
	Ragusa	
	Schamaki	5,00
	Port Royal, Jamaica1692	80,00
	Statte Toyar, Jamaica 1602	3,00
y	Sielly	100,00
à.	Aquila, Italy	5,00
	Abana 1000	200,00
M	Autuzzi, Italy	15,00
	Algiers	20,00
	Palermo	6,00
9	China	100,00
	Naples	1,96
	Lima and Callao1746	18,00
	Grand Cairo	40,00
	Koschan, Persia	40,00
	Lisbon	50,00
	Fez. Morocco	2.00
	Syria	20,00
	Martinico	1.00
	Tauris	45.00
	Calabria	25,00
	Bolivia	40,00
	Naples	6.00
	Kutch, India	2,00
	Aleppo	20,00
	Murcia, Spain 1828	
	Canton, China1830	6,00
	Calabria	6,00
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	Point au Pitre, Guadalono 1842	5,00
	Great Sanger 1958	3,00
	Calabria, Italy1857	10.00
	Quito	
	Erzeroum, Asia Minor 1859	5,00
	Mendoza, South America, 1861	6,00
	Manila1863	7,00
=;	Mitylene1867	1,00
-1	Peru and Ecuador 1867	1,00
d	Santander, Colombia1875	25,00
1	Selo1882	14,00
E,	Cashman	4,00
۱	Cashmere	3,00
	The Riviera1887	2,30
H	Yunnan, China1888	4,00
	Valparaiso, Chile 1906	1,50
	San Francisco 1906	45
	Kingston, Jamaica1907	1,10
	Total	1,192,55

The Seamstresses.

Not long ago, in one of the beautiful public gardens of Vienna, a seamstress ound herself sitting beside a quiet, plainly dressed woman who was sewing. They got into conversation on domesticmatters, the London Dally News states, + and very soon were telling each other now they made their own dresses and those of their children, also,

"I like to keep busy with that kind of vork," said the seamstress. "So do I," agreed the other. "It is a

reat pleasure." Then, as confidences were in order, he seamstress continued:

"My husband is a good man." "So is mine," responded the other. "Mine works at the railway station, is his father did before him," the work-

ng woman went on. "My own father was a wood earver. What is yours?" "My father is Francis Joseph," said he other, very simply. She was, in fact, the Emperor of Austria's daughter, the Archduchess.

Gisela, wife of Prince Leopold, son of he Regent of Bavaria, who is famous as the most democratic and unostentatic ous of European royalties.

He Doesn't Figure. The man behind" has been the theme Of many poets' rhymes, But no one e'er felicitates The man behind the times.

-Birmingham Age-Herald. At some period of her life nearly every married woman has thought se riously of leaving her husband.