SUBSCRIPTION RATES. One Year, cash in advance, \$1.25

Entered at the North Platte (Nebraska) postoffice as second-class matter.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Judge of the Supreme Court. A. M. POST. For University Regents. C. V. KALEY, J. N. DRYDEN.

MEETING OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE. The members of the Republican County Central Committee are requested to meet in North Platte at the office of French & Baldwin on Saturday, Sept. 18, 1897, at one o'clock p. m., to transact such business as may come before the committee. A full attendance of members is desired.

GEO. E. FRENCH, Chmn. GEO. E. PROSSER, Sec'y.

THE populist farmers of Lincoln county who last year so strenuously denied that supply and demand cut any figure in the price of wheat, are keeping their mouths shut and selling their wheat for nearly double what they received last year.

MEN intimately acquainted with M. H. Holcomb question his qualifications for the position of county when he announced the victory over the treasurer and it was from such source Indian province of Scinde. The one that we learned of his lack of clerical ability, to which mere reference was made a week ago. The populist organ has not, however, offered any proof as to Mr. Holcomb's ability.

WITH but one exception, not a republican has announced himself | Saragossa. War to the kuife. as a candidate for county office, and this, too, in a year when republican success is brighter than it has terms to Buckner at Donelson, "Unbeen for six years past. This effectually refutes the charge of the populists that the republicans are a body of office-seeekers.

THE Keliher-Holcomb-Haultman-Buchanan political trust froze out the other candidates in the populist convention as easily as the Standard Oil Co. freezes out the less important oil producers. It now remains to be seen whether the populists of Lincoln county are for the 'needless offusion of blood' more favorable to political combines | whenever it is agreeable to you." and trusts than they are to financial or business combines.

THE McKinley calamity which the silver shriekers and free-trade mourners were predicting seems to have come-the latest report of the comptroller of the currency shows the indivdual deposits in the national banks to be only \$1,770,480,563. But as this is the largest ever known, by several millions, the country is anxiously waiting for more of that same brand of calam-

JUDGE NEVILLE, who was nominated for supreme judge by the populist state convention and then thrown over the transom to further the democratic scheme, takes his medicine as though he had always been accustomed to a diet of crow. As a matter of fact he as good in permitting itself to be swallowed by the democracy.-Hub.

WITHOUT waiting to learn who the republicans will nominate for sheriff, Tim Keiher acknowledges that he has on hands the fight of his life. It is surmised that in this must face the other way and recover campaign Mr. Keliher will be perfectly willing to barter the remainder of the populist ticket if by so doing he can save himself. He is a pretty shrewd politician and claimed: "D-n the torpedoes! Go his shrewdness will not benefit the other fellows on the populist ticket. They will do well to watch Tim.

IT is learned that a number of leading democrats of the city and county have received letters from ried wounded below, "Fight her [the the state fusion headquarters inti- | Shannon | till she strikes or sinks!" mating that they must withdraw the democratic ticket in this county or else make some arrangement for "I have not yet begun to fight," said a fusion with the populists of the Paul Jones to the captain of the Sercounty. It remains to be seen whether the democrats of the county will do the bidding of the demopop state ring, of which the very pealed to to retire from an exposed posigood Si Holcomb is the reputed tion in battle. Once, in Egypt, he said,

Senator Foraker speaks confidently of the probabilities of the success of the republican party in Ohio this fall. The Senator says the situation has changed wonderfully within the last few months. and that while there was some doubt before congress adjourned of a big republican victory, there is none now. It has been very quiet | Bunker Hill, "Wait till you see the in the state for some weeks, but whites of the eyes of your enemies, and Quincy. Ill., writes; I have found Balnext Saturday the campaign will open with a flourish, and all the prominent republicans will speak war's pithiest sayings bear marks of the stangator house. The expense of living would be greatly reduced, and other cough medicine I have ever known. It never disappoints. Price 25 and 50c. War's pithiest sayings bear marks of the stangator house. The expense of living would be greatly reduced, and thus the poorer classes would be elevated. at various meetings.

head.

The Semi - Weekly Tribune. HOT WORDS OF WAR.

STIRRING SENTENCES SPOKEN IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE.

Cæsar's Epigrammatic Bulletin - Napoleon's Pithy Sayings - Laconic Bemands For Surrender - Putnam's Postscript. American Phrases That Will Live.

[Copyright, 1897, by American Press Asso

ciation. Book rights reserved.] ÆSAR'S famous

pigram, "Veni, idi, vici," was not spoken to aggrandize the greatness of the Roman arms, but to signify the dispatch with which the great conqueror overthrew the army and kingdom of Pontus at the battle of Zela. The very hour when he met the enemy he attacked and de-

feated him. Perry's cele brated dispatch to General Harrison announcing his victory on Lake Erie was equally brief and pointed, "We have met the enemy, and they are ours." Turenne accounted for the brevity of his dispatch announcing the defeat of the Spaniards at Dunkirk. Said he: "The enemy came, was beaten. I am

tired. Good night." It was necessary for Suvaroff to improve somewhat upon Cæsar, for Suvaroff was not the empire, and, in fact, not very well known personally to the Empress Catherine to whom he wrote: "Hurrah! Prague! Suvaroff!" Catherine answered: "Bravo! Field marshal! Catherine." That is to say: "Good for you! I promote you field marshal." Sir Charles Napier still further improved upon the brevity and produced a pun word "Peccavi," meaning "I have sinned," with his signature attached, was his dispatch to the war office.

Napoleon set the fashion of laconic terms, and one of his generals demanded the surrender of Saragossa in a note of four words. He wrote: "Headquarters, Santa Eugrazia. Capitulatiou." The Spanish General Palafox, not to be outdone, answered: "Headquarters,

Of pithy correspondence relating to surrender there were several notable examples during the civil war. Grant's conditional surrender," lose half their force when shorn of the sentence immediately following, "I propose to move immediately upon your works." Corse's famous signal dispatch from Allatoona Pass to Sherman, "I am short a cheek bone and an car, but am able to whip all h-1 yet," is a very taking one for popular fancy on account of the blue sting in its tail, but it was only what might have been expected from a man who, when summoned to surrender at five minutes' notice in order to "avoid a needless effusion of blood," answered, "We are prepared

Foremost among dispatches with a business ring stands the telegram, "If any one attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot!" sent by General John A. Dix on Jan. 29, 1861, to Lieutenant Caldwell in New Orleans There was no war going on at the time, but those words embodied the spirit of the northern people as afterward displayed on the battlefield. It was an American statesman, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, who said, "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute!" and a German who invented the term "blocd and iron" as a synonym fer war. Bismarek declared in 1866 that Prussia's wrongs must be righted, "not by speeches and resolutions, but by blood and iron."

Nelson's signal to the fleet at Trafalgar, "England expects every man to do his duty," stands at the head of battle watchwords. "Put your trust in God and keep your powder dry," has been placed in the mouths of many American generals of the old Continental stamp. It is a good phrase even when second handed and was used by Cromwell. Napoleon stimulated the flagging spirits of his soldiers in Egypt as admits that the populist by saying, "From the summit of you party is fulfilling manifest destiny pyramids 40 centuries look down upon

Wellington might not have said "Up, guards, and at them!" at Waterloo, as some say and others deny, but he was with the guards the very moment when they arose and dashed at the French, putting in that blow which most of all decided Waterloo. Sheridan said to his retreating men at Cedar Creek, "We our camp," words more effective than the "terrible eath" which the poet places in his mouth and the real ones used at the time. There wasn't time for a choice of words when Farragut exahead!" in the heat of battle in Mobile bay. It is no disparagement to the memory of the gallant Lawrence to say that he used the words, "Do not give up the ship!" in the delirium of despair after the fight was lost, for he had eclipsed that phrase some time before in shouting to his men as he was car-

Coined in the heat of battle were battlefields and will to the end of time. apis, who asked the Yankee viking if he had struck his colors. "Courage, my friends; the ball which is to kill me is not yet cast," said Napoleon when apan officer whom he saw dodging he exclaimed, "My friend, if that ball were destined for you it would be sure to find you were you to burrow 100 feet under M. Blossom & Co., 217 N. 3d St., St ground." A similar thought was Nel-

kills me will have on it "Horatio Nelson, his with speed."" The phrase, "We must beat the redcaution to the raw Continental's at this syrup to my friends.

not the occasion, the man is stamped upon them.

"I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer," wrote Grant to the secretary of war. "I'll find a way or make one," was

Hannibal's motto when he set out to cross the Alps. When Marshal MacMahon was warned that the captured fortress of Malakoff might be blown up by the

Russians to rob him of his victory, he replied: "I am here, I shall remain

Wallenstein said at Stralsund, " will have the city though it were bound with chains of adarrant to heaven." "Cities are not taken by sitting in

tents," said Gustavus Adolphus. "All is lost save honor," said Francis at Pavia and Napoleon after Waterloo. Philip of Macedon was told that a certain city was impregnable. "Is there not a pathway to it wide enough for an ass laden with gold?"

"I'll storm h-l if you'll only plan it," sits naturally on the lips of "Mad" Anthony Wayne, addressing a Washing-

The great war maxims have been varied by usage, and the origin of many is now obscure.

"Money is the sinews of war," was used by Cicero. In both German and French maxims it stands, "War demands three things-money, money, money.

"God fights on the heaviest side of the battalions," is attributed to Mme. de Sevigne, to Napoleon, Moreau and Charles Lee.

The great Tilly demanded "a bright musket, but a ragged soldier." Suvaroff said, "The ball is a fool; the bayonet is a hero."

Louis XIV ordered engraved upon his cannon the legend, "The last argument of kings." Frederick the Great used the same idea. "Don't forget your great guns, which are the most respectable argument of the rights of kings," wrote he to Prince Henry. Cromwell said, "A man of war is the

best embassador." "When the enemy is making a false move, be careful not to interrupt him.' was Napoleon's order to Soult when about to charge home at Austerlitz. In the rude phraseology of General Forfust with the most men." When warned that the enemy was coming up on his rear, he exclaimed, "Well, if we turn round won't we be on their rar?"

Chevalier Bayard said, "No place is

defending it." asked why his regiment, the Twentyfourth Michigan, preferred annihilation to surrender, he replied, "We came here to fight, not to surrender."

"There stands Jackson like a stone wall," was spoken when Jackson's brigade stood in an immovable line amid the wavering and retreating troops at the first battle of Bull Run.

The last words of the two most noted spies of the Revolution have the true ring of soldiers face to face with certain death. Even the British must admire the firmness of Captain Hale, who said at the gallows, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my coun-

When Major Andre was asked by his executioners if he had any request to make, he said, "Nothing but to request you to witness to the world that I die like a brave man.'

There was a spy incident of the Revolation which exhibits the Roman firmness of a typical Continental hero. When General Israel Putnam was in charge of the defense of the highlands of the Hudson, his soldiers caught a British lieutenant lurking in their camp. The fate of all spies was to be meted out to him, but the British, not recognizing any sovereign power in America, claimed that the revolutionists could not execute spies legally, according to the laws of war. When General Clinton, the British commander at New York, learned of the capture of one of his officers by Putnam and the fate that awaited him, he sent a message to Putnam's headquarters at Peekskill threatening terrible things in retaliation for any injury done to the person of the king's liege subject, Edmund Palmer. While the bearer of the flag of truce was waiting, Putnam dashed off this disin all the history of war;

HEADQUARTERS, 7 Aug., 1777. Edmund Palmer, an officer in the enemy's ervice, was taken as a spy lurking within our lines. He has been tried as a spy, condemned as a spy and shall be executed as a spy, and the flag is ordered to depart immediately.

ISRAEL PUTNAM. P. S.-He has accordingly been executed. Andrew Jackson left a legacy in his 'By the eternal!" and Zachary Taylor lives in history as the general who 'didn't stop to count the Mexicans,' but went at them, and in the heat of the battle shouted, "A little more grape, Captain Bragg!" Why not simply "more grape?" Because just a little would do the business, and good powder and ball should not be wasted. GEORGE L. KILMER.

A Hard Death. Blobbs-Poor Jones died hard. Slobbs-How so? Blobbs-He was frozen to death in the arctic regions. —Up to Date.

you acknowledge that you threw five several days after Mme. Sarah had the phrases that have done duty on many flatirons at him and he only threw one New York accounts of her performance

Singers, actors and public speakers light have less trouble with their voices | accidentally or said something disagreeand are less likely to catch cold, their able about him to one of his friends. "It is not written on high that I am to throats are not so parched and they feel There is never any explanation beyond perish by the hands of the Arabs." To better. This is due to the air being less their bold truthfulness for the flattering

What a Prominent Insurance Man Says. H. M. Blossom, senior member of H Louis, writes: I had been left with a son's when he said, "The bullet which | very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve, until I took Ballard's Horehound the dietetic character of the people. Syrup. One bottle completely cured The rejection of flesh would give a new me. I sent one bottle to my sister who direction to human culture and induscoats or Molly Stark's a widow," is not had a severe cough, and she found im- try. Agriculture would be greatly deadapted for repetition, but Prescott's mediate relief. I always recommend veloped. The numerous diseases now

John Cranston 908 Hamshire Street the mint in which they were coined. If J. E. Bush, Mgt.

THEIR QUEER WAY.

ACTORS AND SINGERS AND THEIR REMARKS ON THE CRITIC.

Callous Indifference or Ignorance the Commonest Refuge of the Artistic Nature. Several Cases Cited by the Innocent Re-

"There are many amusing things about the artistic temperament," said the innocent reporter, "but you have to know the disposition in order to tell how funny they really are. You must know enough not to believe them always and then through all your intercourse with the professionals there will flow an accompaniment of easy humor that gives acquaintance with these per sons an added pleasure. One charming incident of this can always be found in their views of what the newspapers say about them. Mrs. James Brown Potter is the culy woman I ever saw who talked frankly about that subject.

"'So long as they don't ignore me," she said, 'I don't care what they write. Let them say anything so long as they say it, but it would be horrible to be

of her own opinions and almost unwas willing they should print anything | and the hard and fast sciences, together

if it kept her in the public eye. "Almost as genuine was a young American singer who came back here in character building and all that the after she had made a debut and some schools should supply. Music, literalittle reputation in Europe. She was a ture and drawing, if they found any pretty woman and she had a good voice, but she was unfortunate. Once she had a scre throat and another time she was | practical to be requisites, nor was their out of condition for some other reason. | more subtle and potent influence on the At all events she was never in condi- character and the higher development tion to do herself justice. So there was of the mind appreciated or perceived. nothing pleasant that, even with the Ornamental they might be, but they kindest intentions, the newspapers could say about the young woman. One night | visionary sentimentality considered toward the close of the season she was | these arts as necessary to public educain a grand tier box at the opera house. | tion. Today art, in a broad sense, occu-During one of the entr'nctes she was rest, success in war lies in "gettin thar | walking about the fever with a friend, | every educator of note and of every and halted in front of the greenroom. What is that room?' her friend asked.

front of the partly opened curtains, she cation is coming to be adequately apsaid in a voice ardible to every man in weak where there are men capable of the room, 'Oh, that is the place they an incident in life, but rather the real- doorway. No unpracticed hand carved treatment. go to write, in the most disagreeable | ity itself. The motto, "The Old Guard dies, but way they can, the most disagreeable We are not attempting to detract ists. Were all the sculptors of the em- jack tars, three or four of whom settled never surrenders," has inspired many a things they can think of about you. from the nobility of labor. That educa- pire summoned to this task, to be fin- round, scrutinizing it with keen interphalanx to forlorn resistance. When the | The younger singer was unjust, but she wounded captive Colonel Morrow was | had no false vanity. She was willing to | adds to the comfort of mankind, which have it known that she read what the newspapers said about her. Her more illustrious colleagues are not always so willing to admit that.

> "I have heard Mile. Calve protest that she never saw any newspaper but the Paris Figaro, and declare that she really had not the slightest idea what New York papers wrote about her. She said this one day while waiting cutside of Maurice Grau's office at the Metropolitan, and then turning suddenly to a reporter standing near her asked if he was the man that wrote she had signed a contract to give some concerts at \$2,000 a night when she was really to receive \$2,200. The man did not on- Times. derstand French, so Mile. Calve's companion translated the question into English. The man replied that he represented another newspaper, and when she turned this into French for Mile. Calve she mentioned the name of the newspaper from which she had had translated the dreadfully erroncous paragraph which had led the public to believe that Mlle. Calve had consented

to take \$200 less than she was to get. "Mme. Eames has an indicated in difference for what the newspapers say which is sometimes a little bit difficult to reconcile with her intin ate knowledge of what they publish about her Mme. Melba is also familiar with them, and she is a little less averse to baving that fact known than Mme Eames is. It is well known that Mme Nordica takes her press clippings with her coffee, and she makes no bones of it. Jean de Reszke is a regular render of what the newspapers have to say about him, and, whatever he may think about it in reality, he never, but in one instance, took any notice of it. Plancon enjoys reading the agreeable things patch, probably the only one of its kind | that are written about him and doesn't care who knows it Only the women profess to be wholly ignorant of what

the newspapers write. "With the actresses the case is very much the same. The celebrated foreigners, according to their own accounts, are quite unacquainted with anything that the American press may write about them. Agnes Sorma said that she did not intend to read any of the criticisms of her work until she started home on the steamer It didn't take a conversation of more than three minutes to show that she had a fairly accurate knowledge of everything that had been printed about her It must have been some superior sort of clairvoyance that is possible only to the artistic temperament, for hadn't she said that none of them would be read untilshe had got on the steamer to go to Eu rope? Sarah Bernhardt has them all translated to her and accompanies the performance with more or less emphatic reflections on the intelligence of the writers who do not agree with her own ideas of what she does It is said that "What!" said the judge. "You expect | the atmosphere of the Hoffman House ne to send your husband to prison when | was heavily charged with brimstone for of 'Magda' read aloud to her in Eng-"Yes; that's all right judge," said lish. When the American actors read the irate Irish woman, "but then the unfavorable accounts of themselves, one he threw hit me."-Harper's Bazar | they are always able to tell how they came to be written. There is always some specific cause for everything unfasince the introduction of the electric vorable. Either they sumbbed the writer vitiated and the temperature more even. | notices that appear. - New York Sun.

> Effect of Diet Upon History. An eminent German scientist, referring to human history, asserts that we may trace the cause of many evils in pear, and with them the manifold cruelties of the slaughter house. The expense

Awarded

Highest Honors-World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

·DR: BAKING

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

to Date Education.

WOMAN AND MUSIC. The Two Are Bound Together In All Up

If a few years ago music had been declared to be as necessary in education as in mathematics or physics, the statement would have been received with amazement, if not with derision. The "That was a very truthful statement | early aim of common school education was the making of practical men and paralleled in its frankness. Everybody women, and by "practical" was meant knows that Mrs. Potter has never had a preparation for the ordinary breadvery much to thank the newspapers for | winning affairs of life. Not that the that was really pleasant, but she had | mcral side of education was ignored, plenty to be grateful for as long as she | but it was believed that the three R's with a general indorsement of religion and good ethics, were sufficient factors place in the curriculum, were merely incidents that were not sufficiently were not believed to be useful. Only a pies a far higher place in the regard of man who is alive to the interests of well balanced and symmetrical educa-"Planting herself deliberately in tion. In fact, the art influence in edupreciated, and art is no longer considered

tion which founds industries, which makes possible the cultivation of the arts, we must recognize, uphold and admire, but that education which tells us we are not altegether commercial machines; that to love something for its | this was highly paid-by comparison, innate beauty and not for its pecuniary worth is wise and good; that by loving harmony of sound we may come to love harmony of deeds; that tones which speak to us of others' sorrows, making us forget self, may be of more worth in the end than much positive science-such education we are beginning to revere and to see in it the most practical method of developing sweeter women and nobler men. - Philadelphia

TOMMY ATKINS' VANITY. Curls His Eangs and Fads His Chest, So

This Writer Avers. "You'd hardly credit the vanity of seme soldiers," said a sergeant major of the guards. "That perfect curl which you see on Tommy's forehead is more often than not the result of an hour's persuasion with hair oil and a pair of curling tengs. Nearly all soldiers are dandles in this way. They use expensive hair cils and pemades-very often 'curlers,' the same as those used by

"When they have ciled and brushed and trushed and oiled, the curling tengs put the final 'shape' cn. Any soldier who is a clever curl maker-and who cares to do se-can carn a few shillings extra weekly by putting his services at the disposal of these fastidious young men.

"Tommy is not quite so particular over his boots, but very nearly so. The fastidious soldier does not demur at Is. 6d. a pound for fresh butter, nor an cecasional 2 shillings for a deer's bone, to tone down' the leather with. "Most Temmies wrathfully declare that chest padding is a fabrication, but

I can assure you that it is done. Cavalrymen in many crack regiments are much more vain than women. Their mustaches are trained, many of them use face powder, and so perfect and beautiful do their trousers fit that they dare not sit down or tend the Lody without extreme caution To add a charm to their walk the steel rowels are taken out of their spurs and 'sawed' sixpences inserted instead, the result of which is a lively musical jingle."-London Answers

The following extract is from Havelock Ellis' book, "Man and Weman: "Again, until quite recent times it has over and over again been emphatically stated by brain anatomists that the frontal region is relatively larger in men, the parietal in women. This conclusion is now beginning to be regarded as the reverse of the truth, but we have to recognize that it was inevitable. It was firmly believed that the frontal region is the seat of all the highest and most abstract intellectual processes, and if on examining a dozen or two brains an anatomist found himself landed in the conclusion that the frontal region is relatively larger in women, the probability is that he would feel that he had reached a conclusion that was absurd. It may indeed be said that it is only since it has become known that the frontal region of the brain is of greater relative extent | the whole piece and cuts off the inside | is alleged, he killed-that it was only in the ape than it is in man and has no special connection with the higher intellectual processes that it has become possible to recognize the fact that that region is relatively more extensive in

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man. Are you billious, constipated or troubled with jaundice sick-headache bad taste in mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin pain in back and between the shoulders, chill and fever &c. If you have and of these symtoms, your liver is traceable to a flesh diet would disap- out of order and slowly being poisoned. because your liver does not act promptly Herbine will cure any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as liver medicine. Price 75 cents. Free trial bottle at North Platte Phar-J. E. Bush, Mgr.

WEALTH OF ANCIENTS

THE ENORMOUS SUMS THEY ACCU-MULATED AND SPENT.

Petentates Who Disposed of Annual Incomes Reaching Into the Millions-Immense Works of Art and Skill Carried Out by These Rulers. It would be polite fiction to assert

that everybody who looks upon the

great monuments of autiquity-the

pyramids or the Coliseum, for examplethinks of the cost and wonders where the money came from. But when, by chance, a learned person suggests the inquiry only an idiot fails to be struck for a moment. It is so curious that while modern states, with all the accumulated wealth of the antique world at their back, and the treasures of Mexico, California, Australia, the Transvaal in addition, have to consider ways and means with anxious care before building a government office, the early monarchs raised palaces and temples by the hundred at will. The thoughtless have a ready explanation-slave labor did it all. But, in the first place, the slaves had to be procured somehow-by war or purchase-and either means was expensive. There is a reply to that objection equally facile-the war paid its own cost in loot. But this only leads us a step backward. The loot must have been enormous, and where did it come from? In the second place, those slaves had to be fed, and, however cheap their ra- forced to stand or crouch against the tions, the sum total must have been immense when such vast numbers were employed.

But captives of war could only do rough work. They might build the Coliseum or the pyramids, directed by an army of skilled craftsmen. But the sculpture of Assyrian palaces, the painting of Egyptian temples and tombs, must have been effected by artists, probably free, or, if slaves, trained at great ex

When we read that the city of Dur-Sargunu was created on an empty plain, by order of the king, in eight years, standing on a mound of brick 700 acres in area, its walls 60 feet high, broad enough for seven chariots to run abreast, and faced with stone, all the evidence is needed to make us credit the story, those reliefs. They are the work of art ished in eight years? But the tombs of est. By the order of an officer they seen private individuals in Egypt must have | dispersed, but not long afterward anbeen painted, at the cost of the family, other bluff seaman was discovered seby masters of the craft. Animals and cretly watching it with wondering eyes. birds show a skill not to be surpassed. He was asked his reason for standing We may be quite sure that work like | thus idle. that is, with slave labor.

gold and silver did these ancients pos- fiddle."-Musical Anecdotes. sess? In the Roman time men appear to have been struck with the evidence of vast wealth displayed by their predecessors, such as the Cæsars could not equal. But they escaped the difficulty with beyond the dreams of avarice. Dr. Arleast, for if a computation which Athetotal would be about twice as large. After this the statement of Diodornsthat the Pharachs counted upon a revenue of £133,000,000 annually from gold mines in the Bishari desert and drew an equal sum by taxation-is very mederate. But when the same most valuable writer-who talked nepsense only when he repeated the words of other men-comes to deal with Babylon he lets himself go. There was a gold statue of Zeus (the Greek assigned his own gods to Babylon as usual) 40 feet high; of Rhea equally tall, with a lien of gold at each knee and silver serpents to correspond; Juno weighed 500 talents; in front of her was a golden table, 500 talents, upon which stood two cups, 300 talents each, and three bowls, 1,200, 600 and 600 talents. These ornaments of a single temple represented about £11,000,000, and the building was covered with gold plates. It has been calculated that the statue

would be worth £3,500,000; that the treasure left by David amounted to £150,000,000 in gold, £200,000,000 in silver, but the value of the Hebrew (2) ent is doubtful. We are told that Pythens, seemingly a private gentleman of Phrygia, entertained Xerxes and all his army, "with most sumptuous feasts," tec-and then had £4,770,000 left, or, as some compute, £3,600, . . O The tale of Alexander's loct is most wonderful of all, and that is historic. If we entertain doubts, it is futile to express them when the statements are so clear and the merns of disproving them absent. In the Persian camp, then, and at Babylon Alexander secured something like £70,000,000; at Persepolis, £18 000, 000; at Pasagurda, a trifle of £9,000, 000; at Echatana, £270,000,000-say £550,000,000 And Darius carried off £9,000,000, which his murderers seized. London Standard.

Life Marks Are Indelible.

We are not writing in the sand. The tide does not wash it cut. We are not painting our pictures en the canvas. and with a brush, so that we can erase | color, and I could not think of spoiling the error of yesterday or overlay it with its effect with stamps which did not another color today. We are writing harmonize These purple to cent stamps our lives with a chisel on the marble, and every time we strike a blow we leave a mark that is indelible. - Lyman Abbott, D. D.

When you buy a few yards of cloth in Japan, the merchant always unrolls end, in order that you may not have to take the part that is faded and shop | ered that Plantus had so large a nose,

The Probable Reason. Mrs. Simmons-They say the season of mourning for a dead husband is only three weeks in Persia. Mrs. Proudfit-Dear me! Persian wom-

en can't look well in black.-Cleveland Leader.

More Terrible.

Hewitt-My wife was looking for a dry goods store yesterday, and by mistake she walked into a saloon next door.

Jewett-That was terrible. fiewitt-Yes, she found me inside. New York Truth.

THE CRATER OF RAINIER.

Experiences of a Night on the Summit of the Weird Mountain.

Throwing off the life line, which had become almost an intolerable burden, I scaled the pile of bare rocks and gained the rim of the crater. The great bowl within was deeply filled with snow, but the black circle forming its rim could be distinctly traced. Descending the inner slope for about 100 feet. I found a place where steam was issuing from a exercie in the rocks and warmed my benumbed fingers. Scon my companions joined me, and we took refuge in one of the many caverns that the heat of the rocks and of the escaping steam had melted in the lower portion of the snow and ice partially filling the crater. In these weird caverns one may descend far beyond the light of day. The white vapers drifting silently through the dimly lighted passages assume grotesque shapes and suggest to the imaginative visitor that spirits of the time when Pluto's reign was surreme there make their homes.

By melting snow in our tin cups over the cracks from which steam was issuing we soon had water enough with which to prepare tea. In the absence of sugar and cream a little alcohol from the supply brought for fuel was added to each cup and proved a welcome stimulant. Making curselves as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, we passed the night in the cavern of ice. There were no ledges broad enough to lie down on, and we were het recks all night. The floor of our cavern sleped steeply and led down to an ugly opening of unknown depth between the descending roof of ice and the rocks. To guard against accidents. the life line was stretched across the cavern and made fast to crags. This proved a wise precaution, as we were able during the night to walk up and down with the repe in our hands and avoid the stiffness and discomfert that come from remaining long in one position. - Israel C. Russell in Scribner's.

Size For Size.

The company of one of the cpcra couses, at the close of a London season, had arrived at Liverpool to embark for a continental tour. The musical instruments were being shipped with the rest. but the marvel becomes far greater and among them was the double bass, when we observe the miles of sculptured or "big fiddle," as it is also called, not stone that decorated Sargon's palace cased as usual, for this member of the with colossal bulls on each side of every string family will stand a little rough

It soon attracted the attention of the

"Well, yer know," said Jack, "I'm just waiting for to see the length of the So the question recurs, How much | bloke's arm that can play that there

Nature's Rattleboxes.

Near New Brunswick, N. J., says Minerals, are found hollow balls, or masses, of yellow iron ore which conease by granting them riches literally tain loose particles that rattle, when shaken, like the contents of a child's buthnot, for example, has patiently rattlebex. It is thought that when the reckoned up the amount of treasure concretions of ore were formed the cenheaped upon the pile of Sardanapalus tral parts consisted principally of some by Atheneus, and he finds that it came | material which afterward dissolved to £16,953,120,000 in our money at the away, so that the interior space now contains only fragments of ore and sand. næus himself suggests be admitted the | When these balls are broken, the fractured edges sometimes show beautiful bands of red and yellow.

The Good Out of It.

Landlady-I believe in letting coffee boil for 30 minutes; that's the only way to get the goodness out of it. New Boarder (tasting his and leaving it)-You succeeded admirably, ma'am.

Milton's Wives and Daughters,

Of Milton's three wives and his relations with them enough has been written. It was a hard thing to be Milton's wife or Milton's daughter. He was stern, he was austere, he was self centered; his impeccable strength was purchased by a sublime and monotonous egoism, which is the name they give to selfishness in poets. Very chill must have been the life of his girls in that Puritan house, reading to the inwrapped Puritan father from languages they did of Nebuchadnezzar mentioned in Daniel | net understand and taking down from his lips poetry they understood still less. Milton found them undutiful. Poor little "undutifol" daughters! Fathers had terrible conceptions of duty in those days. Did any one ever want to know Milton? Did any one ever not want to know Shakes; eare? Doubtless there are readers of the Exeter Hall class who would have yearned for the godly company of the "great Christian poet." But, on the whole, how thankful one should be that Shakespeare was not a "Christian poet!"- Academy.

Matched. "Here are a few letters I wish you would mail for me, dear," said Mrs. Tenspot to her husband, who was preparing to go out.

As Mr. Tenspot took them he glanced at the stamps and asked: "My dear, why did you put la cent stamps on these letters? Two cent

stamps would have carried them." "I know it," replied Mrs. Tenspot, 'but how would a red stamp look on' envelopes of that lovely violet shade? This new stationery is of an exquisite are the nearest match the postoffice keeps "-Harper's Bazer.

Nero and Rig Noses,

Nero never liked a person with a large nose. He flippently told the sorrowing relatives of Plantus-whom, it on inspecting the corpse that he discovand if it had been pointed out before he would have certainly spared his life. "Life with such a nose," coolly added Nero, "would have been ample penance for any crime.

Fair haired people are becoming less numerous than formerly. The aucient Hebrews were a fair haired race; now they are, with few exceptions, dark. So it is in a lesser degree with the Irish, among whom 150 years ago a dark haired person was almost unknown.

The most valuable sword in England is the one presented by the Egyptians to Lord Wolseley. The hilt is set with brilliants, and it is valued at \$10,000