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THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE	HER BEAUTIFUL HAIR.	she declared to Mrs. Perkins after	AN ACCOUDINETED CAT	the spring, the cat was trembling with	SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL	
THE SEMPWEERED INCOME		supper that they nearly choked her.	AN ACCOMPLISHED CAT	excitement until the bird alighted for	a second s	3
IRA L. BARE, Preprietor,	For love and for life you have left me but	Before evening they were both per- suaded to overlook the horse and cow		its evening drink, then he bounded	It is reported that the immense coke plants at Connellsville, Penn., are to	2
TERMS: \$1.25 IN ADVANCE.	Only a ringlet to elasp and to kias!	difficulty, and be civil, and Miss Briggs	"WUZZY" HAS BEEN TRAINED TO	from my shoulder to a near-by rock	be equipped electrically, with the idea	
NORTH PLATTE, - NEBRASKA.	After the fear, and the tear, and the	was frightened when she found her-	RETRIEVE GAME.	and stood, lashing his tail, while the frightened bird flushed and swiftly	of cheapening production. Not only	
	Only a tress of your beautiful hair-	self talking to him with easy and		winged its way to fall by a shot. Re-	will electric mining appliances be in-	
Of the 46,988 deaths which occurred	Of you silken, soft, shadowy, beautiful	pleasant familiarity.	He is as Good as Any Hunting Dog-How	trieving the bird he waited patiently	stalled in the coal mines, but the elec-	
in Paris for the year 1890, no less than	hair!	The party was a success, and al-	His Master Taught Him to Retrieve, Follow and Stand Fire-Has Acquired	until the next appeared and the per-	tric lifts and electric cars will handle	
12,314, hence about one-fourth, were	- 11.	though the sports were generally mon- opolized by the younger portion, they	Some Canine Habits.	formance was repeated, until the ap-	it afterward.	
due to consumption; 37.2 per cent of	Hair that Love crowned-that his fingers	found room for the old maid and her	Uncommon among cats is Wuzzy.	proaching darkness drove us home.	Harvard University has sent an as-	
these persons died between the ages of	In moments when even the Silent seemed	enemy, and several times they found	the son of Mutz, for Wuzzy goes a-	As a sequence to his training Wuzzy has picked up, of his own accord, cer-	tronomical expedition to Jamaica,	
1 and 20, 60.2 per cent between those of 20 and 40.	sound, And speech was immortal! When the	themselves doing most ridiculous	hunting. He does not hunt as all cats	tain habits that are usually considered	where temporary quarters have been	
	rise and the fall	things in the way of paying forfeits.	do, but, instead, goes with hunter and gun and retrieves game, the accom-	to belong especially to the dog. He	established at Munderville. Observa-	
An Alabama geologist who has been	Of a flower on your beautiful bosom said	At the end of the evening Miss Briggs was at the door to depart, when	plishment coming partly from heredity	objects to being left at home when any	tions are to be made with a telescope	
prospecting in the neighborhood of	And earth moved in music and Love was	be called:	and partly from long, patient and care-	member of the family goes visiting,	which is said to be the longest in the	
Decatur says he has found unmistak-	Love's thrall.	"Miss Briggs, I am going right up	ful training.	and will follow to the neighbor's, and	world. It is 135 feet long, but has a comparatively small diameter. Among	
able traces of gold and phosphate within fifteen miles of the city named.	III.	your way. Will you ride?"	I became the possessor of a beauti-	if the visit happens to be a long one he will give most reproachful yowls	other work an attempt is to be made	
He refuses to divulge the exact loca-	For love and for life, you have left me but	Would she ride behind that old horse,	ful Australian tiger cat who responded to the name of Mutz. Mutz was af-	from the front porch until the hint is	to obtain a series of photographic rec-	
tion, as he is operating for the pur-	All gold to my glance, dear, but cold to	and beside that detestable man? She	fectionate and of good disposition, and	taken and the visit cut short. Occa-	ords of the moon, which, if satisfac-	
chase of the lands and the organization	my kiss!	was wondering whether she would or not, when Mrs. Perkins came and tri-	I began training her to hunt while she		tory, are to be published as a lunar at-	
of a stock company.	You have left me but this, and to feel, and to know	umphantly led her out, and packed	was a kitten. It was a most difficult	ing at a neighbor's, we have been fol-	las.	
Workman digging a ditch near	The dear brow that wore it lies dream-	her into the carriage.	undertaking, and when I had reached	lowed by Wuzzy, and we were always sure to find him curled up at their	A new Address Two of Barting and	
Round Prairie, in Logan county, O.,	less below	It was as dark as pitch, and they	a point in her education where she	front door when we started home	A new device for moistening and sealing envelopes will commend itself	
have just uncovered one of the finest	The green o' the meadow-the white o' the snow.	had to let the horse go his own way	would follow me a short distance from the house and pick up birds that were	San Francisco Chronicle.	to many people as more cleanly than	
and best preserved mastodon skele-		and find it the best he could. He did so very well until they reached the cot-	shot she became the mother of three	1. 1	the method with which every one is	
tons yet found in that state. Unfor-	You have left me but this, of your love	tage, and then he was bewildered.	kittens. Two of them were consigned	THE WORLD'S LARGEST PLANK.	familiar. The moistener and sealer is	
tunately they damaged one of the en- ormous tusks before they knew what	and your trust:	Mr. Sperry spoke, jerked the reins,	to a bucket of warm water at pirth,	Cut From a Glant Redwood Tree It Meas-	a central glass tube, provided at one	
it was. The tusk is nine feet in diam-	The love that lies dreamless in daisies and dust:		but the third was so beautifully	ures 6x17 Feet.	end with a soft rubber nipple, in which	Value
eter at the socket end.	But over my heart, in the night of de-	the second states and second states	marked that he was saved. Some one remarked that he was "a wuzzy little	The largest perfect plank in the	metal bearings hold a soft rubber roll-	-
a second s	spair,	like to that article, or the memory of	cat," and "Wuzzy" he was named.	world is claimed by Charles Herbert	er. The central glass tube contains water, which is fed to the sponge. In	
The castle in which Oswald d'Aur-	I shall feel the soft fall of your beauti- ful hair	the indignities he had suffered from the hands of the owner of the cottage	The coming of family duties effectu-	Carr. of New York City. It is of red- wood, cut from one of the famous Cal-	sealing an envelope the sponge is	12
mene, a Belgian artist, has offered Mr. Kruger a home was built by monks 309	'Till I drift to God's Morning and meet	overcame him, it is hard to decide, but	ally stopped the further education of	ifornia giants, with dimensions of two	drawn across the gum flap, which is	
years ago as a convent. It has had a	-Frank L. Stanton, in the Atlanta Consti-	at all events he kicked up his heels,	Mutz, and the effort was transferred	inches thick, six feet wide and seven-	thus moistened. The device is then	
varied career, a former owner having	tution.	ran a few yards and fell, overturning	to Wuzzy. Wuzzy's father was evi-	teen feet long.	turned around and the moistened flap	
entertained royalty in it, and was	the second s	the buggy and its precious contents,	dently a disreputable old fellow, but the son's markings were even more	the chere have been permaps as	is evenly and squarely sealed by means	
bought only a few years ago by M.	*********************	Miss Briggs was up in a moment, un- harmed, but Mr. Perry was silent as	perfect than those of his mother, and	large pieces of redwood as this one ex- hibited, it is said that they were not	of the rubber roller. For holding the moistener and sealer when not in use	
d'Aurmene, who is wealthy, and re- stored all the old splendor, besides in-	All's Well That Ends Well	the grave. She ran shouting through	now he is a miniature tiger in all but	without some imperfections either lat-	a holder is used, composed of a soft	
stituting all modern conveniences and	Aur o Mert Lifar Bilns Matt	the darkness until Mr. Perry's "help"	disposition, for a more lovable and	ent or patent, or else were made un of	rubber suction base, upon which a	
comforts,	**************************************	came with a lantern to her assistance.	loving cat it would be difficult to find.	sectional pieces to represent one.	glass rod is mounted. When the suc-	
Fresh excavations on the eastern		They found the poor man half dead	The nomadic instincts of his father, combined with the training of his	The plank was produced only by ac-	tion base is moistened and pressed	
slopes of Vesuvius have brought to	bachelor and Miss Briggs	beneath the carriage, and while Dan was at work, Miss Briggs ran home for	mother, made Wuzzy an ideal subject	cident at one of the largest sawmills	down on the table or desk the air is	
light a vast edifice, 24 rooms of which	Was an old maid. He lived	her own servant. After much hard	for experimentation, and as soon as he	in California, and probably could never be duplicated. It is one of the most	expelled and the holder stands up-	
have been disinterred, and the walls of	6 in the brick house on the	labor they succeeded in extricating	could play I began teaching him to re-		quired.	
which are covered with frescoes of a	hill, and she lived in the cottage oppo- site, and they were mortal enemies.	him from the wreck, but he was sense-	uneve.	disappointments, as explained by one		
date anterior to Pompeil and of great beauty. The director of the Berlin		less, and they bore him home, and sent	After Wuzzy had learned to retrieve	well versed in such matters, to secure	The developments of recent years	
Museum is on the spot, and it is re-	Construction of the second s	for a doctor. Upon examination they found his leg to be broken, and thus	he was taught to follow at request-	a slice of wood of such enormous pro-	have given new importance to water	
ported that the Kalser has offered	him for his affection for a huge mas-	Miss Briggs's enemy was at her mer-	not command-and then to come to shoulder. A dog is taught to come to	datall	powers, and at a recent congress of	
£100,000 for the "find."	tiff and an old knock-kneed horse.	cy.	heel, but Wuzzy preferred my shoul-	An experiment wheels are a set	physicists at Dusseldorf it was pointed	
Reveral of the Province	"Why on earth the man don't try to get a decent horse is more than I	The days and weeks that followed	der and would climb there and remain	to go prospecting for miles in the	out that great progress in the use of	
Several of the European general staffs are studying the feasibility of or-	can imagine," she would say, as he	were dreadful ones to the sufferer, but	perched during the long walks. Now	dense redwood forests for a suitelle	such power must follow the damming of mountain streams to hold back	
ganizing special corps something after	plodded up to the door. "I believe he	hiss Briggs never left him. Day and	came the most important and delicate	large and adaptable tree of at least	water for dry seasons. The advan-	
the Boer model. The principal difficul-	is too mean and miserly to buy one."	night she stood beside him, and her	part of his education. He would re-	fifteen feet in diameter. When he	tages of this water storage were thus	
ty lies in the limited supply of horses	Miss Briggs would hardly have felt	want.	stand fire? Would he retrieve birds?	finds such a one he carefully inspects	summarized: Creation of a uniform	
at the command of the various govern-	pleased had she knows that Mr. Perry	He forgot the cow and his turning	Reginning with a small rine. Which	Flow make at the set of the set o	water power for the factories in the	7
ments, with the exception of Russia.	rode back and forward on this worn- out piece of horseflesh for the purpose	He forgot the cat and the canaary. He	made but slight sound, I gradually	enough inside to waypant further test	valley and inducements to increase	
The last equine census in that country is stated to have shown considerably	of annoying her.	only saw a nice patient woman, with	accustomed nim to the discharge until	ing.	said industries; distribution of power	
more than 10,000,000 horses fit for war	They never spoke, but yet they man-	a pretty face, trim figure and tender hands-and, would you believe it-fell	I find a shot from the slubb	Trees of such large diameter, due to	by electrical transmission; a higher water level in the streams, even in	
purposes.	aged to keep up a perfect warfare,	in love with her.	The next lesson was to combine the	their great age-1000 or 1500 years-	the warm summer months, and a de-	

Lorney L. Salley, a 70-year-old veteran of the civil war living at Freeport, Ind., received a pension of \$25 per month and applied for an increase to \$40. There was some irregularity in his affairs, and these were discovered when his application was considered. The result was that his entire pension was taken away. The old man brooded over the matter and began to fail rapidly. He absolutely refused all food

She sat hour after hour beneath that canary bird in the window, with her serves and nice invigorating cordials. cat perched upon the sill and her knitting in her hand, throwing glances of life. scorn to the opposite side, where he, with cigar and newspaper, received fall in love. and paid them back with interest. His detestable dog came over and

ran through her garden, destroying all her beautiful tulips and hyacinths,

by disagreeable manners and wrathful

glances.

pain, she had brought him her pre-She had, in all probability, saved his What could he do? Nothing but

"Miss Briggs!" he said, one when he was able to sit up.

"Well, Mr. Perry?" "You have been very

How could he help it? She had sat

by him through the dreary days of

sound of the gun with the idea of re- is known as "heart checks" or seams, trieving, and on firing I threw the ball with which he was accustomed to play and he quickly associated the gun and the ball. Then the ball was displaced by a dead bird, a linnet or taken to the mill for final dissection, sparrow freshly killed, and it took but a few lessons to teach him to retrieve the bird as readily as the ball. The next lesson consisted in hanging same time avoid any defects which lie the bird to a limb and dropping it as hidden beneath the surface. e gun was fired. He

bird.

The next lesson was to combine the are invariably decayed, or have what usually three in number, diverging from the corner of the tree trunk to two-thirds of the distance to the circumference. The trunk or log is then where skillful and scientific work is called into play to cut between these irregular "heart checks," and at the

# the warm summer months, and a decrease of their impurities; decrease of liability of rivers to freeze by the drawing off of comparatively warm water; improvement of the water supp'y for cities and irrigation of barren lands; decrease in the liability of floods and the damage done by them: iecrease of the desire of the inhabitants to collect in large towns; beautifying the landscapes, developing fisheries, water and ice sports, etc., and

for weeks, and died on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reicke of California are in charge of a signal station on the brow of a lofty peak in the Sierra Nevada mountains, where they keep a sharp lookout, field glass in hand, for fires which might break out in the snowsheds that skirt the railroad through the rocky wilds. If a small flame should pass unnoticed for an hour the whole chain of sheds might be consumed and the tracks endangered. The woman watches by day and the husband by night.

A frank and somewhat artless statement of what is being done in the line of burning the farms of the Boers is made by a correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette at Johannesburg. This enterprising person wishes to form a company to buy up the farms of the Boers and sell them to English settlers, The properties can be bought for a mere trifle. The reason why, as given by this speculative correspondent, is Instructive. When the Boer prisoners of war return they "will find in nine cases out of ten that their homesteads have been burned down and scarcely a head of stock left." They will be destitute and their only hope of subalstence will be in the sale of their land for whatever a speculative company may choose to give.

If there were no such things as time locks a Presbyterian church at Mount Joy, Pa., would be \$8,700 richer than it Rev. David Conway, while pastor, 18. was thrown from his carriage last year and fatally injured. Knowing that death was near he made a will leaving \$5,000 to the church, but learning that under state law bequests must be made thirty days before death he signed an order on a local bank giving to the church \$8,700 worth of bonds he had on deposit. This was in the evening, and as the bank vaults were protected by a time lock the bonds could not be delivered till next morning. Before that time Mr. Conway was dead. The banker held the securities pending a legal decision, which has just been given, to the effect that the bonds must be added to the estate and divided among Mr. Conway's relatives.

A market woman named Jacques, in trying to entrap a mouse in the fireplace of her lodgings in Paris, pulled sut a loose brick behind which the mouse had sought refuge, and was astonished to find a parcel consisting of | friends. notes, cash and securities to the value | of 40,000 francs. She at once took her and to the police station, and will be entitled to claim it in a year's time aless the owner comes forward and roves his right to the fortune in the er discovery becoming known the nder had an offer of marriage,

sent him howling to his master, and deal." when said master remonstrated, sent word that she would treat him worse

next time Her little red cow broke through his enclosure and devoured his turnips, and he led her home and informed Miss Briggs that a second offense would give her a comfortable pasture in the pound.

For two years they lived and fought, and no one could bring about peace between them. It was a pity, the neighbors all said, for Miss Briggs was a dear little soul, and there was not a finer man in the country than Mr. Perry.

"Julia, my love," said Mrs. Perkins one afternoon, as she entered the cosy parlor, "I am going to have a party, and I want you to come down in the afternoon to tea and remain during the evening. Every one will be there." "Will the old bach over the way be there?"

"Mr. Perry? Oh. yes! We could not get along without him."

"Then that settles the matter, shan't go."

"Now, Julia, don't be so foolish! If you remain at home he will think that you are afraid of him."

Miss Briggs thought the matter over. Well, it would look a little like that, and she would not have him think so for the world-the concelted wretch.

Mrs. Perkins went home, and it was arranged that Miss Briggs should spend the afternoon and remain for the party.

She was a pretty little woman, and it was always a puzzle to every one why she never married. She had a round, rosy face, clear brown eyes and beautiful hair, and if she was thirty, there was not a smarter woman in town. She stood before the looking-glass in her chamber, and fastened her lace consr over the neck of her dress with a plain gold brooch, and began to think that she looked very well. There was a bright healthy flush upon her cheek and her eyes were full of life and beauty.

She walked into Mrs. Perkins's sitting room and found her awaiting her with a smiling face. She thought that she must be in a very good humor, but said nothing, allowing the good lady to smile as long and pleasantly as she wished.

She understood it all when supper time came, and Mr. Perkins entered, followed by Mr. Perry. This was a well-laid plot to make the two become

Miss Briggs bit her lips and inwardly vowed that nothing should tempt her to "give that man" her hand in friendship. She hated him and always would.

He was placed directly opposite at santime. Within half an hour of the table, and many times forced to mass the biscuits or preserves, and wouldn't steal a talking machine."--Miss Briggs accepted them, although Cincinnati Enquirer,

and she gave him a hot bath, which I feel as though I owe you a great

"There! now just stop where you are. You owe me nothing."

"But would you mind if I trespassed a little further on your good nature?" "Not at all."

"Well, Miss Briggs, will you take me in charge for the rest of my life?" "What?"

"Will you marry me? There!" Miss Briggs blushed, and her answer came thus:

"I will marry you."

There was a wedding in church a few weeks later, and Mrs. Perkins prepared the wedding supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry live in the brick house, and the cottage is rented to a young man and his wife, to whom Mrs. Perry bequeathed her cats and the canary.

The mastiff and the knock-kneed old horse are with their forefathers .-Waverley Magazine.

### Londoners and the "Lift."

It looks as though people with weak hearts had, after all, better climb ten flights of stairs than effect the ascent by means of the lift. This convenient institution is becoming ubiquitous. We soar up to the topmost story of the sky-scraping flat, we descend through geological strata to the twopenny tube by its assistance. We thought we were thereby saving our vital energies and lengthening our lives. The doctors seem to hold another opinion. Lift attendants have died sudden deaths; people with weak hearts have noticed ominous sensations when in the elevator. We are told the sudden transition from the heavier air at the foot to the lighter air at the top is extremely trying to the constitution. Even millionaires and bishops and aldermen are now voluntarily tramping up stairs, and avoiding the swifter but insidious route. In fact, a new disease has swum into our ken, "lift man's heart." We have all of us been risking this malady without knowing it. It is true most people have experienced the singular sensation of internal collapse when the lift floor sinks beneath the feet, but none of us suspected the results might be so serious. Every new notion for health and comfort seems to bring its particular Nemesis.-London News.

# No Use For Talking Machines.

A meek little man walked into the office of the detectives at Police Headquarters Monday afternoon and reported that some one had stolen his phonograph. Detective Phil Strieff ran his hand over his bald spot and said: "Ah, the thief was a single man." "How do you know he was a single man?" asked Eddle Moses.

"Why, it's a pipe that married man

to watch the motion of the gun, and his keen eyes detected the bird before the shot. His eagerness and expression of expectancy showed his impatience and the trigger was scarcely pressed before he was off for the fallen

Having sufficiently inculcated into his mind the sequence of events I now put his lessons in practical operation and took him on his first hunt. He followed me readily for about a quarter of a mile and then showed a desire to return home. Calling him to shoulder, I shot a linnet. He watched the motion of the gun with evidences of delight, and as the bird fell he sprang to the ground and brought the bleeding trophy to my feet. This was sufficient for the first day, and we're turned home, where he received the bird as his share of the day's sport. Every day for a week I continued to take him further and further from home until I felt that his education was about complete. A tramp of three miles and back had no terrors for him, and his bright golden brown eyes were often first to discover the hidden bird. Like all of his kind, he has an antipathy for water, and will not venture

in after birds that fall in streams. The details of our most recent hunting trips are typical of his work and will serve to show to what extent Wuzzy's education has been carried. I started out one evening and gave a peculiar whistle, which the cat has learned to recognize as his particular call. He came sleepily around the corner of the house, as if half inclined to resent interference with his nap,

but when he saw the gun his resentment passed and he was all life and action. He frisked about, like a dog, running up and down my clothing, climbing trees and scampering along the top of the fences for a few hundred yards, when he settled down to business and began casting about for game. Espying a dove on a dead limb, he crouched and began lashing his long tail in perfect tiger motion. Thus he lay until I sighted the bird, flushed it and brought it down, when he was off, swifter than a dog, and grasping the fluttering bird almost as soon as it touched the ground.

I was first to sight the next bird, and flushed and dropped a meadow lark while the cat was looking in another direction. Instantly on the sound of the gun Wuzzy was alert, and noting the aim of the gun, he was off like a shot after the bird, which he found by circling like a true hunt-

er. Thus the hunt progressed until we reached a spring about three miles from home just at sundown, the time when doves delight to drink, and then came what I consider the brightest achievement of the cat.

Hiding beside a scrub oak I called Wuzzy to shoulder. His bright eyes wharves a swimming hole and are now were constantly watching, and when a expected to give it a wide berth .- San rule no less than seven times.-East dove appeared flying swiftly toward Francisco Chronicle.

This piece of wood contains exactly 204 square feet, board measure, and weighs 910 pounds.

# How Parliament is Dissolved.

A preliminary step in the process of the dissolution of Parliament is the issue of the necessary writs by the Lord Chancellors of Great Britain and Ireland. Writs are issued to the temporal and spirtual peers of England, the representative peers of Ireland, the Judges of the High Court (not being temporal peers), the Attorney and Solicitor-General and the sheriffs and returning officers for counties and boroughs.

The twenty-eight representative peers of Ireland sit for life, and therefore in their case a dissolution merely involves a writ of summons to the new Parliament. It is otherwise, however, with the sixteen elective peers of Scotland. They hold their seats only during the lifetime of a Parliament, and have to be re-elected at each general election. The election takes place in Holyrood Palace, in Edinburgh.

Outside London and Middlesex the returning officers receive their writs by post; and a record of the times of posting, receipt and return is preserved by an elaborate system of signed acknowledgements. The writs are returnable within thirty-five days of their issue, and the returning officers are liable civilly and penally to the House of Commons for the proper returns.-London Daily Mail.

#### To Prevent Fire on Shipboard.

A French maritime engineer, M. Dibos, has discovered two remedies which can be employed simultaneous ly to prevent or announce spontaneous combustion in the hold of a vessel, converted into a nourishing and agree-The first is to have vertical tubes able aliment. The root is grated into which go from the deck deep into the pulp and subjected to great pressure, hold, down which thermometers may be lowered from time to time, and the temperature in the hold ascertained. This method is only for the discovery of danger.

The second method is really a completion of the first, and consists in placing in the hold a barrel full of common lime, into which, from the deadly plant into a substance entiredeck, runs a lead pipe. As soon as ly innocuous is absolutely infallible."fire is discovered an acid (such as sul- Washington Star. phuric) is poured down the tube into the lime. This causes a freeing of carbonic acid gas which completely subdues the fire.

# Where Policemen Shoot Sharks

An eight-foot shark that had been swimming around in the bay between habitants hardly know, until they look Main and Beale street wharves was at the flag over the magistrate's court, shot and killed by Patrolman Ingham. whether the town for the day owes Small boys have been in the habit of allegiance to her majesty or is claimed making the space between the by Theron's guerrillas. Since May 23

improvement of means of transportation.

A device has been introduced for the purpose of combining the good effects of exercise and the physiological effects of electricity. By this apparatus a person can have an electric shock while going through his usual matutinal rope and pulley exercise. The machine resembles the ordinary exerciser. with elastic cords passing over the pulleys, but the cords serve as conductors and the handles ar electros. Close to the hand of the exerciser is an appliance which enables him to increase the current strength at pleasure. A metallic foot plate with which the apparatus is supplied can be placed in the circuit, so that the current can be passed through the body. It can be so switched as to be directed from either hand through the body to the other hand, through the body to the feet, or through the feet to the body. The drawing out of the slide of an induction coil regulates the current in strength to meet all requirements. The dosage of electric current which is supplied by this invention is so slight that it would be difficult to do any harm with it, and it may possibly prove of much benefit to those who use it to a moderate extent.

# A Poisonous Food-Plant.

"One of the most deadly poisons and a common article of food are combined in a single plant," remarked a botanist. "This is taploca, a South American shrub that grows to a height of six or eight feet. The root as well as the wood of the plant, secretes an acrid milky juice so toxic that it kills in a very few minutes. This quality is eliminated by heat, and that which, in a raw state, is so deadly is thereby which extracts all the poisonous juice. It is then heated on metal plates which transforms it into the taploca of commerce. This information regarding the poisonous properties of the shrub need not disturb the equanimity of consumers of taploca, as the process employed in its conversion from a

#### Sudden Changes in Government.

Hellbron, in the Orange River Colony, has undergone some remarkable experiences of late. Both the English and Dutch forces have occupied it such a number of times that the in--four months ago-it has changed its London (Cape Colony) Dispatch.