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day, celdurates, in his "Report the Lock," Sir Planie of amber shuff box justly van, And the micromitate of a clouded one These verses come poetty near fitting the

HE INVENTED THE CANE, WHICH IS tuse of a certain New Yorker named Laza NOW SOMEWHAT IN DISREPUTE. rus who has 1, 90 sticks in stock, and never carries the same one twice in the same

year. Each is duly ticketiel a twelvemonth Walking Sticks and Opera Glasses So In advance with the date when it is to do Popular with the General Public That duty Under the circumstances Mr. Laza English and American Swelldom Have Itds is an anthority, and he recently gave Given Them Up, at Least Temporarily. out rules as follows: "You must poke your cane in front of you in the early morning.

The English swells who frequent the In the afternoon you must have a grip on "sweet, shady side of Pall Mall" no longer it $n \ge$ the middle and never allow the carry canes, and the British female of high ferule to touch the sidewalk. In the fegree can now be singled out at the theat evening, when the stars are out, you must keep passing it from hand to hand. re because she sports a monocle in place of a lorgnette. An edict has been issued and occasionally beat a ratio with it on by high caste London against the use of the ground. There is not a man in a thou



THE ORIGINAL CANE CARRIER.

walking sticks or opera glasses, and the effects of the mandate are already to be observed at the fashionable and sympathetic centers of America.

What is the reason for the boycott" As nearly as can be ascertained a "blawsted Yankee manufacturer" is responsible. His agents at the English capital sent him samples of the styles in comes and longnettes affected by the aristocracy, and he promptly flooded the British market with cheap and gaudy imitations, which became popular at once among the commonality And so it chanced that my Lord Tom nosidy encountered has own valet on the street sporting a flashy semblance of his costly stick, and my Lady Teazle detected her maid scrutinizing her from the pit with the aid of a gilt "double magnifyin" peeper," as glittering and "distangay" as the one she herself carried.

Naturally this sort of thing was not to be borne, and so, as a recent writer has it, the London swell "cursed his stick and cast it out," and the high bred society woman in a milder but equally emphatic way got rid of her opera glass. Of course the "important news" lost no time in trav-cling to America, and had its expected of fect upon Anglomaniaca this side of the big pond.

I wonder if the gorilla has heard the in telligence and feels budly over it?

A strange query? Not at all, for the gorilla was the first animal to carry a cane, and clothing, then rose by degrees to wealth and the club he lugged around with him and influence, and narrowly escaped com through African forests and across tropical swamps was as ingeniously hideous in appearance as some of the modern designs

just discarded. Generally it was a branch

HE PLAYED FOR MILLIONS

of Henry Villard. With Dramine

sand who knows how to carry a cane. What will a gentleman of this sort do in HENRY VILLARD view of the recent London order? Think

of ten hundred sticks, used to artistic. manipulation, retired to a jumber room! gies after each disaster At least the "Lunnon swell" and his American imitator may get consolation from knowing that in the Middle Ages cames were for badges of fools and jesters. and that in abandoning them they have cut off the modern humorist from one source of gibe and income. As for the opera glass, it will also survive

the shock of haughty disapproval, and be which the cash was to be put; they only again received to favor. Mme Disdain knew that "Villard had a scheme," and and Miss Curiosity will 5 indly be content. with gazing, unaided by the optician's art. at stage or audience, and in the end may railway condescend to share with Mary Jane the benefits and scrutiny of the lorgnette.

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The Business Ups and Downs of a Cinclunati Millionaire.

The career of Mr. Briggs Swift, who died recently at his suburban home near Cincinnati, is a striking illustration of the and often stupendously successful operator ossibilities of success and failure in American life, and especially western life, during this century. He began without a cent and worked some years of hoyhold for no compensation but his board



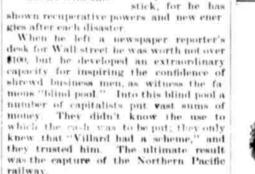
BRIGGS SWIFT.

plete shipwreck at the last.

His first work in the city was as "inker" on the type for a pressman, and his last business position was as president of the Fidelity bank, which was completely wrecked by trusted officials. He was in no way involved in their criminality. Twice in his early business career he lost enormous sums (for that time), yet he built up a great fortune, and for many years had ranked amon. Cincinnati's millionaires. He was born March 18, 1811, in the county in which he died, and nearly all has active life was spent in or near Cincinnati.

At the age of 16 he left his tather's farm and began work in a printing office, part impression. Finally the climax of his so of his duties being to carry The Semi-

doned in contraction with the recent financial flurry. has been as remarkable as any ever imagined by a fertile brained romancer Since he first abandoned his native Germa ny for America he has "gone up like a meket" several times, and in no instance has be cons down like the proverbial



A "boom" followed in the stocks of that corporation, and then a crash. The ex reporter having made millions and then lost them returned to Germany. He came back a couple of years ago and regained his standing and fortune. How the recent sensational developments in Northern Pacific affairs will affect him remains to be seen. But in any event Wall street will always remember him as an audacious "lark Twain's Narrative Onoted.

They sometimes elect people to parlia ment in New Zealand who are as intellectually dense as representatives occasionally chosen to deliberative bodies in other countries. The colonial government is anxious to acclimatize the chamois, and asked parliament to vote £150 for that purpose, When the bill was up for discussion a member named Kerr demanded further in formation.

"I should like," he said, "to hear from the government exactly what these 'shammies' are. I am told that they are a cross between a pig-and a sheep, and that they breed scab." "There is a book about them in the library," politely replied a member on the other side of the house, "I'll go and fetch it for you." Mr. Kerr, touched by this act of courtesy, graciously received the volume and began reading in a pompous voice the passage pointed out to hima famous passage from one of the works of the eminent naturalist, Samuel Clemens, hetter known to many of his readers as Mark Twain. As the reading proceeded the house quickly realized the joke. Not so Mr. Kerr. When he came to the state ment that the "chamois is no bigger than a mustard seed," he stopped himself, and glaring on the house, now roaring with laughter, flercely asked: "What do we want with animals like that in New Zealand? Why, they would be worse than rabbitsh

Mourn Their Lack of Foresight. The belles of San Francisco will treat the next impecunious and involite Englishman of good family who visits the Golden Gate with more consideration than they did young Mr. Leigh some years ago He was introduced to society by Basil Heath sote, who married a rich California girl. He was said to be of an old Glourestershire family, but he failed to make any great

ial efforts was reached when he went to

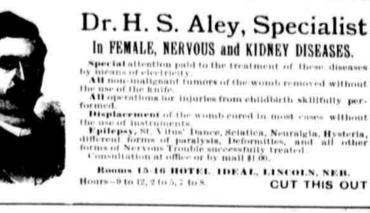
deep over the soup at a dinner given by Mrs. Senator Fair. Then society dropped

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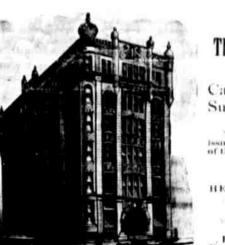
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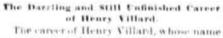
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THE CANE CARRIER OF TODAY. torn from a tree or a plant of stiff fiber wrenched from the earth. It wasn't carved, but it had a big knob of root or oint at its end, and served excellently well for purposes of defense, support or attack. After ages of evolution no more can be urged in defense of the quaintly designed and superbly mounted stick which will now join in retirement the society leader's thrice worn trousers.

Yet this decree of fashion may be expected to have no effect outside certain limited circles. The staff must necessarily always be the refuge of old age or decrepi tude, and it has and will retain an honorable place in history despite the grotesque exaggerations so often perpetrated on its unoffending head.

Primitive man used a cane. Perhaps he got the idea from his predecessor on this earth-the gorilla; possibly he evolved from his own slow working brain the proposi tion that a shillalah was a handy thing with which to correct a scolding wife or slay a wild boar. At any rate, he adopted and improved on the original suggestion of his situan predecessor and made it the subject of the first conundrum known to literature. "What animal," asked the Sphinx, "walks upon four legs in the morning, two at noon and three in the evening? The riddle was propounded to (Edipus, the erafty Grecian. He had to guess it or die, and he replied: "O. Sphinx, the answer is, man. As an infant he crawls, in the prime of life he uses his feet, and when old

he aids them with a staff. Ask me an-





50D THINGS IN MODERN CANE HEADS. there that was too easy." But the Sphinx the south But now it is utilized in the collined, and went out of the commercian manufacture of oleaginous products, and siness for good and all. siness for good and all. The scepter staff of Achilles is celebrated Kinds of oils.

by Homer, and a Pharoah is always to be dentified in Encyptian hieroglyphics by the

fast that he sports a stick. The cames of pride in his large collection of curios, many cut in narrow strips several inches deep, gt Gen'l Agent Cor. O and 12th Street. the Seventeenth contury were richly made whose lines in this respect seem fresh to glass cases in his large billiard hall under the seventeenth contury were richly made whose lines in this respect seem fresh to glass cases in his large billiard hall under the seventeenth contury were richly made whose lines in this respect seem fresh to glass cases in his large billiard hall under the seventeenth contury were richly made whose lines in this respect seem fresh to glass cases in his large billiard hall under the seventeenth contury were richly made whose lines in this respect seem fresh to glass cases in his large billiard hall under the seventeenth contury were richly made to respect to the sevent set of the seventeenth contury were richly made to respect to the sevent set of the seventeenth contury were richly made to respect to the sevent set of the sevent set of the seventeenth sev

weekly and Weekly Gazette to patrons on what was called the "bottom route." After The Gazette became a daily he went to work at the case, but still earned no more than his board. After mastering his trade such proficiency that he earned \$40 per week. Having saved a small capital he returned to Cincinnati and embarked in business. He was a trader in the south, manager of a flour mill and pork packer, and his upstand downs in business were remark uble, but he worked ahead and finally the firm of Swift, Evans & Co. became a noted one in the then west. He was mar ried in 1846, and leaves two daughters.

Run in Old Fashioned Style.

The oldest paper mill in the United States is at Roslyn, L. L. and it is run by Meyer Valentine, who claims to be the old est paper maker in the United States. Ap



THE ROSLYN PAPER MILL.

propriately enough, the mill is still run inthe oldest fashion. The machinery is cum brous, the motive power is running water. and on clear days one may see the wet paper spread upon the grass to dry. The mill is 150 years old, and the present owner. who is 50, inherited it from his father, who was running it during the Revolution, when George Washington visited Roslyn-

The Girls Oh, My! The Girls.

While in Baltimore the other day a daughter of Sir James Kitson, the Englishsteel king, submitted to an interview. She said. "American men are pretty much the same as Englishmen. They dress just the women managers of the World's fair about the same, don't you know, and are will not remain in session more than polite and chivalrous, but the girls-oh, five days, for Secretary Windom has tight my! the girls they're different. Yes, the ened the screws on the disbursements for ladies are different over here—that is, they preliminary expenses, and even at the dress differently, you know. Their gow ns nominal figure of \$6 per diem and railroad are more pronounced more striking. I fares, which is all that they are allowed, think I saw a typical American girl in their first meeting will involve an expendi-Birmingham. She was pretty, not thin ture of something in the neighborhood of nor stout, fairly tall, and dressed-well, a \$12,000. It is safe to assume, however, that triffe striking, as I've said. That's about this amount will be well invested, for once her, isn't it? We went through all the knowing what they have to do and the fashionable shops in New York and saw length of time in which to do it, the prelots of pretty things, but, my! they cost so vious reputation of one and all of them is

Millions of bushels of cotton seed have been thrown away in the various states of than has hitherto been manifested.

him, and he never emerged again except one day when he paid an afternoon call on he went to New Orleans, and soon attained a young lady who had been kind to him and asked her to buy his big Danish pup, as master and dog were both hungry Leigh drifted to southern California and took to cattle herding. That was the last heard of him until the news came that his elder brother had succeeded to the title and estates only to be killed a few months after by a fall from a horse in a fox hunt. Lawyers came searching for the wandering heir, whom they ran to earth on a cattle ranch in Sonora. Now he is a baron, and is soon to wed with a New York heiress.

One of Wyoming's Senators.

A question arose some time ago, when Wyoming was elevated to statehood, as to whether the territory's promotion legislated out of office Delegate Joseph

M. Carey. This question is not bothering Mr. Catey any more, for the legislature of the new common wealth has just chosen him one of her United States senators. The man on

whom this honor HON, J. M. CALLEY has been conferred is what is known in political circles as a

'stalwart Republican." He is a native of Delaware, and was born in 1845. After studying law in New York and Pennsylvania he was admitted to the Philadelphia bar in 1867 Two years later he became a resident of Wyoming, and has since held the offices of United States at torney, justice of the supreme court, mayor of Cheyenne (three terms), and delegate to congress (also three terms).

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Something was noted in a picture store promises to be the chief source of many the other day which is worthy of imitation for an inexpensive Christmas gift. It was

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