THERE is little doubt that a free coinage bill will pass the house but it may be expected to strike a snag

our republican majority in nate will keep the 137 demomajority in the house from the country any harm in the present session of congress,

OUR democratic brothers appear mortified that England and France years ago I was lying in bed idly musing should denounce the Kinley bill There is nothing strange about that, the bill was not framed to please them.

no democrat was no more means committee at once and let the free trade policy proceed. The republicans are already for the fray to commence at any time.

WHENEVER a city has made great vater advantages. This applies to the Missouri River cities, for the reason that their materials for the beginning and for years afterwards, were carried on the river. In order to again get the benefits of cheap rates, a Rivet Convention will be held in Kansas City on December 15 and 16.

In 1880 Oregon farmers earned \$489 per capita; Illiuois farmers got \$467 per capita; Vermont\$400, and Dakota \$198. Empty steamers carry Oregon's grain direct to Liver pool on their return. The great lakes relieve Illinois; Lake Champlain, with cheap transportation, helps Vermont. Dakota, lacking waterways, pays the difference here show in reight rates. To obivate this discrepancy, the improvement of the Missouri River in demanded.

THE clause in the McKinley bill increasing the duty on plush goods has frequently been attacked by the democratic press and orators. It'is hard for them to explain the fact, however, that under the law a goods has just been opened at Lowell, Mass. Speaking of the matter the Leeds Mercury says: "The opening up of this branch of manufacture in the country cannot, however, be placed to the credit of Yankee skill and enterprise. The increased duties imposed by the McKinley tariff have mines and the Great Bonanza, and asks alone made the development possible, as up to recently no goods of this description were produced in the states."-Nebraska Press.

REPUBLICAN FREE TRADE.

since this is the doctrine in which the editor of that paper professes to believe, we shall expect to see him espouse the cause of the republices party. But the fact of the matter is, the republican idea of free trade differs malerially from the democratic plan, inasmuch as the policy of the former as outlined in the McKinley bill favors the free admission into our pons of such producis that do not come into such as sugar cane, coffee, tea, guage into my own. molasses, etc. An agreement between the Hawaiian Islands and this country provides for the free admission into our ports practically all the latter's goods inasmuch as this class of products cannot be tar'a upon them is not a protective tariff, because it does not stimulate production and project us from the pauper labor of the old country; it that the free importation of graphed them to the other. products from that country would not be materially detrimental to our producers, but by so doing the market for our goods will be determined that such a treaty can be made and yet not work detrimentally to our industries and labor, it is perfectly in accord with the republican policy to make such a treaty.

But this is not the kind of free trade the Journal would adopt. It products and leave the duties on goods we cannot produce until all others had been removed.

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MENTAL TELEGRAPHY.

INFLUENCE OF MIND ON MIND STRONGLY ILLUSTRATED.

A Strange Story of Thought Transmission-Two Well Known Men Conceive the Same Idea at About the Same Time. An Odd Experience of Mark Twain's.

Now I come to the oddest thing that ever happened to me. Two or three one morning-it was the 2d of Marchwhen suddenly a red hot new idea came whistling down into my camp and exploded with such comprehensive effectiveness as to sweep the vicinity clean of rubbishy reflections and fill the air with Crisp was sincere in stating their dust and flying fragments. This idea, stated in simple phrase, was that ently in favor of "tarifi reform" the time was ripe and the market ready than he, he should appoinf Mills to for a certain book; a book which ought to be written at once; a book which must interest-to wit, a book about the Nevada silver mines.

The Great Bonanza was a new wonder then, and everybody was talking about it. It seemed to me that the person best qualified to write this book was and rapid growth, she has had Mr. William H. Wright, a journalist of Virginia, Nev., by whose side I had scribbled many months when I was a reporter there ten or twelve before. He might be alive still; he might be dead; I could not tell; but I would write him

I began by merely and modestly suggesting that he make such a book, but my interest grew as I went on, and I ventured to map out what I thought ought to be the plan of the work, he being an old friend, and not given to taking good intentions for ill. I even dealt with details and suggested the order and sequence which they should follow. I was about to put the manuscript in an envelope, when the thought occurred to me that if this book should be written at my suggestion, and then no publisher happen to want it. I should feel uncomfortable; so I concluded to keep my letter back until I should have secured a publisher.

READING AN UNOPENED LETTER. I pigeonholed my document and dropped a note to my own publisher, asking him to name a day for a business consultation. He was out of town on a far journey. My note remained unanswered, and at the end of three or four days the whole matter had passed out of my mind. On the 9th of March the postman brought three or four letters, and among them a thick one whose superscription was in a hand which seemed dimly familiar to factory for the manufacture of such me. I could not "place" it at first, but back haggard and weather beaten. It presently I succeeded. Then I said to a visiting relative who was present:

"Now I will do a miracle. I will tell you everything this letter containsdate, signature and all-without breaking the seal. It is from a Mr. Wright, of Virginia, Nev., and is dated the 2d of March-seven days ago. Mr. Wright proposes to make a book about the silver what I, as a friend, think of the idea. He says his subjects are to be so and so, their order and sequence so and so, and he will close with a history of the chief feature of the book, the Great Bonanza."

READ ARIGHT. The Journal has recently made the discovery that the republican party is in favor of free trade, and the discovery that the description party is in favor of free trade, and the description tained what my own letter, written on this is the description. It is the description of the first trade and the contents cortically at dimer in a noted flott. In the discovery that the republican had stated the letter and showed that I don," said the waiter, "a gentleman wishes to see you, sir." "Show him up, then," said the singer. "Sir," said the enough material to make a "dummy" to visitor, entering the room in a towering put in his bed to prevent his absence the same date contained, and mine still lay in its pigeonhole, where it had been lying during the seven days since it was

written. There was no clairvoyance about this, if I rightly comprehend what clairvoyance is. I think the clairvoyant professes to actually see concealed writing and read it off word for word. This was not my case. I only seemed to know, and to know absolutely, the contents of the letter in detail and due order, but I anything more, I've only to say you're cell that evening was overjoyed to find the detail and the most unreasonable fellow I ever that his rope, key and "dummy" were competition with our products, them, so to speak, out of Wright's lan-

> Wright's letter and the one which I had written to him, but never sent, were

in substance the same. Necessarily this could not come by accident; such elaborate accidents cannot harse, wid the coat of a duck, the grace happen. Chance might have duplicated of a dancing masther, and the spade of one or two of the details, but she would | an antilawpe." profitably produced here and a have broken down on the rest. I could not doubt-there was no tenable reason for doubting-that Mr. Wright's mind and mine had been in close and crystal clear communication with each other across 3,000 miles of mountain and is, however, a revenue tariff and a desert on the morning of March 2. I did tax to the consumer. Some of the not consider that both minds originated republican papers are advocating that succession of ideas, but that one such a treaty with Canada, acquing mind originated them, and simply tele-

MENTAL TELEGRAPHY. I was curious to know which brain was the telegrapher and which was the receiver, so I wrote and asked for particulars. Mr. Wright's reply showed greatly extended. If it can be that his mind had done the originating and telegraphing and mine the receiving. Mark that significant thing now; Consider for a moment how many a splendid "original" idea has been unconsciously stolen from a man 8,000 miles

If one should question that this is so, let him look into the cyclopedia and con once more that curious thing in the would be particularly careful to history of inventions which has puzzled remove all duties on competitive every one so much-that is, the frequency with which the same machine or other contrivance has been invented at the same time by several persons in different quarters of the globe. The world was without an electric telegraph for several thousand years; then Professor Henry the American, Wheatstone in England, Morse on the sea, and a German in Mun ch all invented it at the

same time.-Mark Twain in Harper's.

The Howdah. The Indian howdah is a sort of car or pavilion, a saddle for elephants. It is a handsome affair with gorgeous trappings, and though of various forms is usually covered overhead. The driver is not seated in the howdah, which is reserved for his master, but sits on the elephant's neck.—Detroit Free Press.

How Niagara Was Formed.

Once upon a time there was a beautiful Indian maiden who was compelled by her family to engage herself to marry a hideous old man of her tribe. In her desperation she leaped into a canoe and pushed it over the roaring breakers of Niagara, preferring the angry waters to the arms of her detested lover. But the god of thunder, cloud and rain, who watches over the harvest, dwelt in a cave behind the roaring cataract. He caught her just as her frail bark was dashing upon the rocks below and gave her a home for many weeks in his own mysterious cavern.

From him she learned many new things, among them why her people died so often. He told her how an enormous snake lay coiled up under the ground beneath her village, and how he crept out and poisoned the springs, because he craved the flesh of human beings and could never get enough of it so long as they died from natural causes. The maiden remained in the cave until her ugly old suitor was dead; then she returned, and the go | killed the serpent with a thunderbolt.

The great dead snake was so huge that when the people laid its body out in death it stretched over more than twenty arrow flights, and as it floated down the waters of the Niagara it was as if a mountain appeared above them. Its corpse was too large to pass the rocks, so it became wedged in between them and the waters rose over it, thus fashioning the horseshoe, which remains to this day .- Washington Star.

The Female Bogtrotter.

We are becoming a little surfeited with these wild women as globetrotters and travelers. Their adventures, which for the most part are fictions based on a very small substratum of fact, have ceased to impress, partly because we have ceased to believe, and certainly ceased to respect. Who wanted them to run all these risks, supposing them to be true? What good have they done by their days of starvation and nights of sleeplessness? their perils by land and sea? their chances of being devoured by wild beasts or stuck up by bushrangers? taken by brigands or insulted by rowdies of all nations?

They have contributed nothing to our stock of knowledge, as Marianne North has done. They have solved no ethnolegical problem; brought to light no new treasures of nature; discovered no new field for British spades to till, no new markets for British manufactures to supply. They have done nothing but lose their beauty, if they had any; for what went out fresh and comely comes was quite unnecessary. They have lost, doctor's bill will make a hole in the publisher's check.—Mrs. Lynn Linton in Nineteenth Century.

One Way of Giving Satisfaction.

Incledon, the once famous singer. never fought a duel, and he never intended to fight one. On one occasion some remarks of his gave offense to a man with whom the singer happened to house. fall in company, and the offended gentleman resolved to have satisfaction for his wrongs. Accordingly he hunted up near his workbench in the shop. Sev-Incledon the next afternoon, finding him at dinner in a noted hotel. "Mr. Inclewith my name in a very improper mantion!" After some parleying Incledon rose, and, striking a graceful attitude in the center of the room, began to sing "Black Eyed Susan" in his most delightsong he said coolly, "There, sir, that has given complete satisfaction to several thousand people, and if you want met!"-San Francisco Argonaut.

Narrow Escape.

"An sure," said Patrick to his friend Dinnis, "I was near indade the day to bein made a prisint of a most byootiful

"Arrah!" said Dinnis. "The loikes o' you bein' near made a prisint of a harse!" "Sure, an that I was, Dinnis, dear. Twas by a grain that I missed him. It was in a chaise he was, and dhruv by a foine gintleman of me acqua'ntance. He stopped ferninst the house of me impl'yer the day.

"'It's a fine harse ye hev thayre,' says I. "'I belave ye're roight," says he.

"Wud ye give him to me? says I. "'Naw!' says he.

"Au begorra, if he'd said 'Yis,' I'd 'a'

had him!"-Youth's Companion.

The Dear Old Soul. Miss St. Cyr was talking to old Lady Goldfoil about her heart affairs, and during the course of her conversation she said:

"Even your own son Harold, Mrs. Goldfoil, was a quondam lover of mine." The old lady almost bounced out of her chair, but laughed it off, and when she had gone to her room she spoke to her husband.

"Well," she said, indignantly, "there may be some excuse for fashionable young women talking about their various sweethearts, but profanity is utterly unpardonable."-Detroit Free Press.

Comparing Pruits.

In comparing the earlier description of fruits with modern accounts it is well to remember that the high standards by which fruits are now judged are of recent establishment. Fruits which would once have been esteemed excellent would today be passed by as unworthy of regard.-Professor G. L. Goodale in Popular Science Monthly.

For chapped hands the following is a most excellent remedy: Camphor gum, 8 drams; beeswax, 3 drams, spermaceti, 3 drams; olive oil, 2 ounces. Put in a pan and set in boiling water until melted, and apply to the hands.

DARING JAIL BREAKING.

DAVE PADDOCK'S REMARKABLE ES-CAPE FROM JOLIET.

An Almost Superhuman Display of Ingenuity Exercised by a Convict to Get Out of Prison-Working a Few Minutes at a Time for Over Two Years.

A section of iron bar was cut from the cell door of Dave Paddock by that redoubtable knight of the dark lantern and "jimmy" on the occasion of his sensational escape from Joliet. For over two years Paddock has schemed and worked to effect his purpose. He was sent up from Rock Island on an eight year term, and was placed at work in one of the shoeshops, where during eyery minute of the working hours in the shop he was constantly under the watchful eye of his keeper. There was not the least chance to plan an escape from the shop. But, not daunted at this, he determined to find some means of getting out of his cell at night,

To fully appreciate the difficulty of cutting out of a cell it must be remembered that three times every hour during the night, at irregular intervals, a guard wearing padded slippers-called "sneak shoes" by the convicts-makes his rounds, peering into each cell to make sure that all are secure and in bed. Paddock first appropriated a couple of thin bladed shoe knives from his shop, and, concealing them from the guard, took them to his cell, where, by using one as a file, he converted the other into a fine steel saw. Then by slow degrees he collected a large amount of shoe thread from the same shop, with which he braided the rope. All this required months of stealthful work, but in the course of time he had a slender, strong rope, fully fifty feet in length. This he kept carefully hidden in

the mattress of his bed. Next he began sawing the bars on his door a little at a time. Night after night ae watched for the passing of the guard, and as soon as that official was beyond hearing distance he would cut a little and then fill up the space with black wax, which he had also obtained from the shoeshop, so that the prying eyes of the guard could not discover by daylight that the door had been tampered with. When the bar had been cut through he carefully wedged it back into place with small iron staples and bits of lead.

REMARKABLE CLEVERNESS. He could now get outside of his cell, but the hardest work was yet to be done. His cell was located high up on the third tier, some sixty feet away from the tower door through which he hoped to make his way. Watching his chance, but the world has not gained; and that when the night guard was on the opposite side of the block of cells, he removed the bar from his door, crawled through the opening, and with all the agility of a cat climbed down the railing from tier to tier, ran across the corridor to the tower door, and, with a piece of shoemaker's wax, took an impression of the lock, regaining his cell before the guard appeared on that side of the cell-

By careful working he made a key out of lead pipe that a plumber had dropped eral trips from his cell to the tower door were made during the next few weeks passion, "you have been making free being discovered before he could get beyoud reach. On the very day that he ner, and I've come to demand satisfac- intended to make his escape, while returning from the shop to his cell, he slipped upon an icy stairway and badly sprained his ankle. This almost distouraged him. His months of anxious ful style. When he had finished the toil had come to naught. His scheme would surely be discovered. After three weeks in the prison hospital he was sent back to work, and when he reached his that his rope, key and "dummy" were still safely concealed in the mattress, and everything as he had left it.

ESCAPE AND CAPTURE. Another week elapsed before his ankla would permit his making the attempt. The night came, however, and along about midnight he was safe inside the tower. A single fron bar still stood be tween him and freedom, and it would take long hours of hard work to cut through it. Just as daylight began to break the bar gave way. The rope now came into good use, and with its aid he slipped down upon the prison lawn and hurried away to the woods that line the bluffs east of the prison. Here he found a thicket or underbrush where he lay hid all that day, and when darkness

came again he got away. His absence was not discovered from prison until the guard went to unlock his cell in the morning. This was without doubt the cleverest escape that had taken place at Joliet, and stamped Paddock as a genius. Extraordinary efforts were made for his recapture. Large rewards were offered, and his description was cast broadcast. A year later it was discovered that Paddock had a mistress in Chicago. A watch was set on her house for several weeks, and sure enough one night Paddock put in an appearance. Captain Simon O'Donnell, of the police department, had the place surrounded and the daring convict was again in the toils. He was taken back to his old quarters at the prison, where he finally completed his sentence, not, however, until he had tried several other schemes for escape, but he was too closely watched to ever again succeed .-Joliet (Ills.) Letter.

Use for an Old Fashioned Caster.

If you happen to have among the family silver an old fashioned caster, don't frown at it uncompromisingly and wonder if it "can't be melted up into something useful." Take it down from its out of the way nook and unscrew the long handle which holds the cruet frame. This will leave when taken out as handsome a table jardiniere for ferns and flowers as your soul can desire, with the trifling addition of a tin basin, which any tinsmith will fit inside.-New York



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