

Little Terry McGovern's determination to fight his way back to a return match with "Young" Corbett indicates that his pluck is still in the plak of condition.

It may interest promoters of the fight against ragtime music to know that Emperor William has purchased a few rolls of "coon" songs for his Christmas graphophone,

Ship loads of potatoes are arriving at 27 de yeth des gyape open en swaller New York from Ireland, Scotland and Belgium. Evidently all the world dat barber. Dey ain't no use er yo' doesn't propose to get all its food from cryin' en whimperin' roun' me; dat Uncle Sam all the time.

London newspaper men are afraid sez Mandy. 'I ain't sceart a bit fer that American women journalists are him. Dat barber des twicet de man going to crowd them out of business. | dat you is. Ef I do enny cryin' hit be Why don't they execute a coup by marrying the lady journalists?

Who can longer doubt the courage You go foolin' roun' wid dat barber en Niagara in a barrel, but permits her- you tackle wid dat barber you better good dollah ef you do.'

sez Mandy, "I des kin tell you dis; she got senses enuf ter do a heap er tinkin' befo' she ever ma'y wid a triffin' vilyun like you is; wid yo' big mouf en yo' big tales, en yo' knives, en yo' weepuns, en yo' hussies-hussy yo'se'f. suh. "Das all ri', das all ri'. Yo' des do wid yo'se'f what you tink de bes' ter

do, en ef you like ter keep somebody else cump'ny better'n my cump'ny, you des keep hit. Hit don't matter ter me you up. But aller dat ain't gwine save

outer dis yere town, en I got ter do dat quick.' 'I ain't wo'yin' about dat barber.

f'om yere?' is gwine up North.' fer you, you misubble scound'el. Dat barber des ca'y pocketsful er knives

ve'y evenin'.

en razors roun' wid him aller de time. termorrer evenin'.

"'All ri',' sez he, 'I do hit; I go dis

"Barber," sez I, "when do you leave?"

"'I is gwine a long way,' sez he, 'I "'Barber,' sez I, 'when you gwine?' "'I wuz studvin',' sez he, 'ter start

"'Barber,' sez I. 'you start dis of woman when she not only goes over he cuts de lights er life outer you. Ef evenin'. I gi' you fi' dollah,' sez I, 'fi'

Magnificent Specimen of This Plant I Portland, Oregon.

The largest and most magnificent fuchsia plant in this city, and probably in the state, is to be seen in the garden of Robert Foulkes, says the Portland Oregonian. It springs from a single stem some three inches in diameter, but divides into three at the surface of the ground. The top is seven feet in height and is twenty-six feet in circumference, and is loaded with hundreds of beautiful flowers in every beneath is carpeted with fallen blosmuch higher and broader but for the every winter and the limbs have to be

trimmed off. 'the height has to be reduced so that it can stand under the floor above. A rather remarkable thing is that when the plant is dug up at the beginning of winter, it is in full foliage and still loaded with blossoms. Uprooting almost any plant in this condition would prove fatal, but the fuch-

A man who is interested in one of | came a lot of perfect oyster shells, the biggest gushers in the Beaumont showing that at an unknown time the oil fields of Texas thus describes how waters and an oyster bed had been

there. It is the more remarkable on one of the big wells starts: "We knew some time before the account of the fact that the oyster shells were thrown from a depth of gusher was brought in that what we hoped for was coming. The drillers 1,000 feet below the level of the sea. were prepared for it and had removed After the shells came mud and fragtheir tools from the deep hole. If they ments that had been made by the had not done that everything in the drilling. We next saw soapstone, and well would have been thrown into the this was followed by a strong flow of air. We could hear the throbbings of gas. Suddenly the action of the gusha great force below. The noise was er died down, but only for a few mostage of development, while the ground like the puff of a monster engine, ments. The same disturbing process dying away and then growing louder | was repeated, and then came the oil, soms. The plant would have been than before. The puffs soon increased shooting out almost horizontally a to a mighty roar, and we knew that distance of 250 feet. The pipe was "'Barber,' sez I, 'whar you gwine fact that it has to be put in the cellar the climax would come soon. I was quickly changed to an upright posistanding near the well with my watch | tion, and the column of oil, passing in my hand. It was exactly 10:25 through an eight-inch pipe, was 275 o'clock on the morning of October 25 | feet high. We let the gusher have its when the first substance was thrown own way for five minutes, to test it out. First there was only sand, as it thoroughly, and then the two valves is called in California, or oil rock, as in the pipe were turned and the flow they term it in Pennsylvania. Then stopped."

he would not be exposed to reverses by possible changes in the tariff, they proceeded to show that the industry stood in no need of protection.

"The beet sugar industry, these gentlemen say, "stands on as firm a basis as any business in the country." They point out the fact-a very important one-that their product comes out as a inished article, refined and granulated. It is not, like cane-sugar grown n the West India Islands, a black and offensive paste, which must be carried in wagons to the seaboard and thence by ships to the United States, where, after another handling, it is put through a costly refinery, and then shipped by rail to the consumer, who may possibly be in Nebraska alongside, a beet sugar factory which turns of the refined and granulated article at one fell swoop. Indeed, the advantages of the producer of beet sugar for supplying the domestic consumptionare very great. We have no doubt that Messrs. Oxnard and Cutting are within bounds when they say that 'sugar can be produced here cheaper than it can be in Europe.' The reasons for this are that-"'The sugar industry is, after all merely an agricultural one. We can undersell Europe in all other crops, and sugar is no exception.' "It follows as naturally as the making of flour from wheat. If we can produce wheat cheaper than Europe, then naturally we can produce flour cheaper, as we do. "But the writers of the letter do not depend upon a-priori reasoning to prove that they can make sugar at a profit without tariff protection. They point to the fact that under the McKinley tariff of 1890, when sugar was free of duty. the price of the article was 4 cents per pound. Yet a net profit of \$3 per ton was made by the beet-zugar factories any bounty on the home production of sugar. They boast that they made this profit while working under absolute free trade, and they have a right to be proud of this result of their skill and industry. Many beet-sugar factories had been started in bygone years, back in the sixties and seventies of the nineteenth century, and had failed because the projectors did not understand the business. Since then great progress has been made, both here and abroad, in the cultivation and manipulation of the beet. What was impossible thirty years ago is now entirely feasible. The industry is already on a solid and enduring basis. There are factories in the United States, these gentlemen tell us in their letter, capable of using 350,000 tons of beets per annum at a profit of \$3 per ton, and this would make a profit of \$1,050,000 as the income to be earned under absolute free trade. "It must be plain to readers of this" letter, signed by the captains of the beet-sugar industry, that the people in Washington who are declaiming against the temporary measure which the President of the United States urges for the relief of the Cuban people, are either grossly ignorant of the subject, or are practising gross deception. The tenable ground for them is to say: 'Other people are having protection that they do not need, and therefore we ought to have more than ~ 1 we need.' This 'would be consistent with the letter of Messrs. Oxnard and Cutting, but nothing else is so."

benefited?

Once upon a time Connecticut was diden suit me so ve'y better. I know famous chiefiy for its blue laws and myse'f f'om what I yere f'om dis one its home-made nutmegs. Now it en f'om dat one, dat he a bad man, des leads the United States in the making a teh'ble man; a fightin' man f'om making of ivory goods. It is not up- enduin' er his time he kill mo'n ten to-date, therefore, to call Connecticut men: en wid one er 'em dat he cuts the Ivory state.

The Prince and Princess of Monaco vines on topper his grave en eats de have decided to be friendly-though berries offer dem vine, des ter will." married. The Princess has vacated strenken his heart. I des sholy got and is building a villa in Algiers, while ter watch my cornders wid a man like the Prince remains with his roulette dat. I tink en I tink. Fus' I tink er tables and his petticoat peccadilloes. one way en den I tink er anudder. One She gets the monthly remittance and time hit look like a good way des ter he has peace, while the newspapers are | stan' behinder a cornder twell he come Holland!

A steamer has reached the port of does miss my lick, dar I is wid my London, England, after no less than lick done gone en he on topper me wid two years and nine months' continu- his razor. En den agin I tink dat he ous voyaging on transport service, in got ter cross de bayou on one er dem the course of which she has covered, bridge, en I might des sot up dar on more than 100,000 miles. The Wan- one er de beams twell he come under dering Jew himself was not a more ac- en fall onter his head ri' hard. But tive tramp than this steamer. How sposen dat he jump form under, dar glad the skipper and his crew must be I is on de groun', all shuck up wid de to find themselves on home shore at fall en widout de chanst ter lif' my last!

in de night. A broken four-foot water main in New York city was allowed to pour diden know what de bes' fer me ter do. forth a huge volume of water into At de las' I tuck a nickel outer my Madison avenue for two hours and a pocket en th'ow hit up in de ar, ter half, flooding basements for blocks see which way I got ter go dat day. around and filling the New York Cen- | Well, suh, ef dat nickel diden pint ri' tral tunnel. Finally an assistant engineer was found and shut off the wat- pick hit up en th'ow hit again en hit his knee en beg fer his life, I shuck my er. Damages will cost an immense come de ve'y same way. Den i see, head. De second time he des beg an' sum. This is another instance of how | come good luck, come bad luck, I des the most expensively governed city in got ter go ter dat barber shop. En the world gets nothing but incompetence and neglect for its money.

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Vermont is not one of the great and growing states of the union. Its population increased only 3 per cent from 1890 to 1900, and the total is only 343 .-641. But the Green mountain folks are thrifty, as their savings banks show. Deposits in these institutions increased 90 per cent during the past decade. They average nearly \$100 for every man, woman and child in the state, the whole amount on deposit being \$40,209,059.23. Of this total \$33,-415.771 are the savings of 107,695 residents of Vermont, the balance of about \$7,000,000 being deposited by 15,456 non-residents.

King Edward has decided to wear a fleur-de-lis on his coronation waistcoat, and Chamberlain covertiy whispers that it is emblematic of the time when France was under England's domain. Why not add an eagle to the decoration, as a reminder of the time before Mad George-or a stamp tax? We would not mind a little pleasantry.

The loss from conflagrations in this country, for eleven months of 1901. is \$150,000,000, and the most of this tremendous drain could be saved by better construction and greater care.

According to the president of Bryn tution are "bloodthirsty." But then sez he, 'I bin tinkin f'om what I yeres house. The station is still further three mill runs, in which gold was se- to go home and go to bed. The aver- and poisons proved of no avail. Finally conference, and all that she

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self to be inoculated with the germs git you a dray pin fer ter hit him wid, of consumption that mankind may be | fer ef he gits clost ter you, you des es good es dead en gone en mos' forgot.'

barber des got ter die.

"'But how does I know, sez I, ef "What Mandy sez about dat barber I pays you my good money, dat you keep yo' wo'd en go?" "'You kin come down ter de railroad,' sez he, 'en put dat fi' dollaà inter part er my ticket, en den, ef you of brass goods and the world in the yere come yonder. He des boas'es dat likes, you kin see me off on de train." "En sodat evenin' atter de ticket wuz bought I see him onter de cyars, en des the Nutmeg state. It should be called out a piece er his heart en toas'es hit es de cyars wuz pullin' out he holler over de fire en eats hit wid pepper on outer de winder, 'you gi' my love ter hit; en wid anudder dat he plarnt de lady.' En I sez twix' my teef, 'You

> misubble scound'el, I des suttinly "Dat same evenin' I knock at Mandy's do'. I got free, fo' piece er dis yere pink stickin' plarster stickin' ter my chin en acrosst my cheek

"'My,' sez Mandy when she open de do' ter let me in, what you bin doin' cheated. What an object lesson to by en den ter swat him wid a dray wid yo' face; who bin meddlin' wid pin or a crow bar. Das all ri', ef I you? don' miss my lick; but sposen dat I "'Dat some er yo' barber's doins,"

> sez I. "'En what you done wid dat barber?' sez she.

"I sez nuthin, but des looks at her ri' stiddy. 'What you done wid dat barber?' sez she again. ""Oman,' sez I, 'dey ain't no barber

per an' ter cry. "'Dey ain't no use er cryin' fer dat han'. Dat tinkin' mos' kep me awake barber,' sez I, 'you seen de las' e dat

barber on topper er dis yeth.' "In de mo'nin' I got up en still I "'I don' keer fer de barber,' sez she, 'en nebber did keer a bit fer him. I des wuz tinkin' er you; I don' wan' yo' han's.' 'Dar, dat des hit, honey,' straight ter de shop er dat barber. I de las' time 1 sez ter him, 'Barber,' sez

I, 'ef I don' po' out yo' blood dis time, hit des kase er a lady dat don' like dis yere killin' en spillins er blood. Take yo' misubble life,' sez I, 'en tank de lady fer hit."

"'My,' sez Mandy, 'I diden tink you suttinly is a man.

d'els, ef dey wuz barbers or des what you des tu'n 'em loose en tell 'em ter go dey ways. Ef dey don', I des po' out dey blood all over de yeth. Fer f'om dis times on, f'om dis ve'y day, dey ain't no mo' pitty or mussy in dis bus'm.' "

Lighthouse and Fort.

but also a fort. The lantern is pro-

sia takes it all as a matter of course, and soon after it is houses the leaves and flowers fade and drop off and the plant goes to sleep. As soon as it feels the breath of spring it begins to put forth tender shoots in profusion, as a hint that it wants to get out of doors. When it is planted out, it starts in

up for lost time. Mr. Foulkes has sevof the petals.

Royal Family Secrets.

A few months ago the Empress Fred- mountains of Granada, Spain. Queen Stella, the "inspired" leader erick caused her journals and her correspondence to be destroyed, including of the Gonzalez tribe of Spanish gyp- lihood. But I never go to any city of under those conditions, not counting an immense collection of letters writ- sies, is in Columbus, Ohio, on a tour ten by Queen Victoria, most of which of America in search of a future home were, of course, of a strictly confiden- for her band. Society folk, club folk, tial nature. The late Empress was no and college folk seem to take her at doubt anxious to prevent any possi- her word, notwithstanding that Queen bility of a repetition of the vexatious Stella has no aversion to making a tracasseries which acose about the pa- few honest dollars, offering a few comes such by sheer force of her recogpers of Emperor Frederick and caused choice Egyptian medical secrets for so much trouble during the summer sale.

"I scorn the vagabonds who roam of 1888, until they were safely deposited among the Hohenzollern family over America and call themselves gyp- I only call myself queen because the no mo', an' wid dat she 'gun ter whim- archives at Berlin. It is believed that sies. Our people at Granada do not people of this country would not apthe famous diary, about which there beg, trade horses or steal," declares preciate what leadership means with were such floods of gossip, was burnt the sprightly little queen. "We live in us under any other name than queen." shortly after this removal. It is well LIFE AT GIBRALTAR.

known that Queen Victoria had a great deal of trouble and anxiety about the Prince Consort's confidential corre-

spondence with his brother, the late The incoming steamer anchors in you ter have de blood er no man on Duke Ernest of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Prince Albert wrote most openly to his the bay half a mile from shore, pasbrother and his weekly letters were full sengers are taken off in boats, and beof private family affairs and of social fore entering the city they pass a rigid and political secret history. Ultimately examination by the police, who ask Duke Ernest handed over the Prince's a number of pertinent questions. The letters to the Queen, who also re- name, nationality, occupation and miscovered her husband's correspondence sion of the stranger in Gibraltar are entered in a book. with his cousin, the late king of Portu-He receives a card, which entitles gal.-London Truth.

twenty-four hours. If he desires to Not Groaning-Singing. The following story was related the stay longer a bond of \$50 for good beother day in the Liverpool (England) havior will secure him immunity from Post. Seated in a third class carriage molestation for not more than thirty of a south bound express were eight to sixty days. This permission, howpeople. Seven of the number were ever, can, with the proper kind of in-

esque Old Fortress.

quietly reading, when suddenly the fluence, be renewed many times. eight broke into deep and blood- The town is quaint, picturesque and curdling groans. Horror-stricken the quiet, with its 19,000 people, mostly rest gazed at him for a moment, and English and Spanish, though the numdey wuz, come foolin' roun' wid you, then one of them, with great presence ber of different nationalities representof mind, produced a brandy flask, ed makes it one of the most cosmopo iand, pouring out a copious draught, tan places in the world-Jews, Turks, forced it on the sufferer. It was Levantines, the natives of Gibraltar, quickly disposed of. "How do you feel called "Rock Scorpions," Africans and now," inquired one of the company. refugees from all nations, jolting each "Prime!" was the reply. "What was other in the three badly built irrithe matter with you?" was the next tatingly narrow streets of the town. query. "Matter with me? Nothing!" The garrison numbers about 6,000 was the indignant retort. "What in persons, making the population of the the name of thunder did you groan rock about 25,000. The soldiers are, just been completed on the cape which like that for, then?" cried the owner for the most part, regulars brought forms the southern end of the island of the brandy. "Groan, sir-groan!" home from foreign service for rest said the astonished man. "Why, I was and recuperation. The governor of the rock lives in the government house,

formerly an old convent. Everything is done by military rule; Gold in Kansas Shale. Professor Ernst Fahrig, chief of the hours of the day are announced laboratories of the Philadelphia Com- by gun fire, the morning gun followed mercial Museum, gives the result of a by the bugle reveille wakens the intest made by him of the shale found in habitants from their slumbers, and Ellis and Trego counties of Kansas, the bugle blast that follows the evenwhich is believed to contain gold in ing gun, telling the soldiers to turn in. It appears that the city became in-

SPANISH GYPSIES SEEK A HOME

If there is any city in the United | caves and in a climate where everygrowing and "blowing" as if to make States that would like to have a sub- thing grows without care, and we are urban colony of the "real" gypsies- an indolent people, given to singing. eral other varieties of fuchsia in his about 4.000 of them-now is the time dancing and delving into the mysteries garden, one of which produces beauti- to bid. They are not of the type of of the occult sciences. I am looking ful blossoms eight inches in length roving vagabonds, "horse swappers" for a future home for my people and from the end of the stem to the end and chicken thieves, against whom have adopted this method of traveling Americans lock their stables and hen over America in the hope of finding roosts, but genuine, blue-blooded gypsome suitable place for colonization. sies fresh from the cave homes of the "We must locate near some large city, into which we may go to sing,

dance and practice our arts for a livemy own accord. That eity must invite me.

"No, I am not a real queen. The Gonzalez have no ruler and recognize none except God. But they have their leader, and I am she. The leader benized inspiration. The gypsy recognizes inspiration as essentially feminine, hence the sex of their leaders.

There are no springs of pure water, the great dependence being on rain Interesting Description of the Picturwater collected in cisterns or on water brought from the mainland and sold by pedlers. Prices are high, almost as high as the Sugar Loaf-the peak of the rock .-- J. Ronald Wallingford in Ledger Monthly.

The Streets of Fez.

The sun never touches the ground in Fez, Morocco, except in a few isolated spaces, owing to the narrow streets, the hight of houses and the him to the hospitality of the rock for habit of stretching trellises covered with vines across from side to side. The consequence is that its naturally dark-skinned citizens, being rarely exposed to the full light of day, have complexions resembling partially decomposed potato sprouts in a dark cellar. The so-called streets run in

straight lines the entire length of the town and are all paved with round stones the size of cocoanuts, worn smooth by the tread of generations of slippered feet. As these lanes are never swept and every householder throws his slops and refuse out of doors, one must pick his way with exceeding care. The Wed el Jubai ("River of Pearls") divides the city tury mark. She was a daughter of into two parts, the new and the old. The latter, called by the Arabs Fas el-bali, lies on the right side of the stream; Fas el djedid, the newer portion, on the left. The "River of Pearls" is fordable in every part, the resort of every four-footed and twolegged beast in the place; it receives all the drainage of the city, and is the ited to the Tammany chieftam by the general source of the drinking water supply .- Detroit Free Press.

A New Method of Destroying Rats.

A curious story comes from Lisbon.

A "Real Daughter" Dead,

Mrs. Jincey Bacon, a real daughter of the Revolution, though she does not seem to have belonged to the order, died suddenly at Laurel, Del., Tuesday, being 95 years old and in full possession of her faculties, so that she had confidently hoped to pass the cen-Colonel Isaac Fooks, a noted Delawarean and a friend of General Washington, with whom he wintered at Valley Forge.

Croker's Wicked Double.

The sory that Richard Croker has a double who is responsible for much of the remarkable talk recently cred-New York papers is suggestive of the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde romance, but Mr. Croker says his talkative counterfeit presentment is a real man, for whom he is going to hunt.

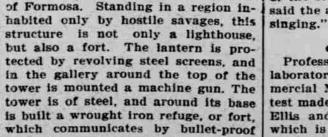
No Citizens' Mass Meetings in Russia.

In Russia no meetings of private citizen's for any purpose are permitted; the privilege of holding meetings the president was addressing a Friends' dat I boun' ter use my razor on you protected by a loopholed wall and a cured to the amount of \$2.35, \$2.56 and age daily number entering the garrison for the purpose of trading and of municipal doctors to inoculate the rats tions or associations. All crowds, ex-



"My," sez Mandy, "you suttinly is savage.'

widout taken enny mo' time ter tink I des goes. When I come ter de shop I des walks in en hangs up my coat en my hat, des like hit belong ter me, en den I sits down in de barber cheer en I sez: 'Barber,' sez I, 'gi' me a shave.' En de barber, he des lafs, en when is built a wrought iron refuge, or fort, he done wuck up de lather en spread Mawr, the fair students at that insti-hit over my face, he sez ter me, 'My,' covered passages with the keeper's paying quantities. The test comprises has become a signal for the civilian fested with rats and that cats, traps



could a done de barber dat a way; you "'En now, 'oman,' sez I, mighty solemn, 'let dis be a warnin' ter you; you des take yo' cautions f'om dis, en ef enny er dese yere triffin' scoun-

One of the most interesting and curious lighthouses in the world has

of Formosa. Standing in a region in-

sez I. 'en dat des what save dat barber's life. De fus' time he git down on he pray, but I shuck my head. But

\$3.07, respectively, by the electrolytic by two towers in chin. Not,' sez he, 'dat I got nuthin which are mounted 8-pound cannon. process. Prof. Fahrig visited the shale bringing supplies is 30,000, the great with some infectious disease. A suit- cept in places of amusement, or wormeant, probably, was that the students agin you, kase I ain't, but fer aller dat There is a large staff attached to the fields and gathered the sample lots proportion of these daily visitors be are not so vehement "anti-imperialbeen found, a few rats were caught, in- premises can be hired for the purpose ists" as she could wish. fire en fury dat I yeres about you, hit lighthouse and the station is well sup- which were used in the above tests. ing Spaniards. of holding a meeting without a permit look like I bleedzed ter do hit des ter take keer er my own hide.' 'Barber,' siege. There are kept on hand con-above tests, and states that he has and three good libraries. The dwell-ment, so the account says, proved a from the police Illinois may be an octogenarian, but sez I, 'people yeres a heap er ting dat stantly stores of food and ammunition no doubt of the existence of gold in ings are small, ill-ventilated, badly great success, the bacillus spread rapshe still has all her teeth, doesn't need This season the Maine woods have dey ain't no call fer 'em ter yere, en and large water tanks in the basement the great body of these shale lands, drained and not over clean. They are idly and the rats died so fast that in yielded an albino moose, three or four a cane, can get along without glasses a heap er ting dat neber wuz spoke.' of the tower always are kept full of and the ore can be profitably worked very crowded, as 15,000 people live in a short time the city was free from the albino deer and two pure albino squirand enjoys three square meals a day. one square mile of low houses. It might be added that in certain "I got nuthin' agin you,' sez de bar- drinking water. upon a yield of \$2 per ton. pest. places she is a heavy smoker.