## THE DOG'S ORIGIN.

### Some Interesting Facts About Man's Most Faithful Friend. Although the recent discussion of the

origin of the dog cannot be said to have settled the long-controverted against itself. question, there seems to be a decided drift of opinion among naturalists to fused on one occasion to coddle her husthe theory that our numerous varieties | band's self love, of domesticated dogs are descended not from a single species, but from several kinds of wild animals, as, for instance, the wolf and the jackal. There are re- family, asked his wife mischlevously corded examples of tamed wolves, at dinner whether she wanted him to which in gentleness, love for their mas- stay at home with her instead of going ters and intelligence showed a truly to the club. The wife replied sweetly dog-like capacity. With regard to that she wished it if he wanted to, tamed jackals, Darwin has pointed out otherwise not. that, when caressed, they jump about for joy, wag their talls, lower their ears, lick their master's hands, crouch say: "Oh, John!" or something of the down, and even throw themselves on kind. Her reasonableness disappointed the ground, feet upwards. When fright- him. Indeed, it vaised his ire and he ened they carry their tails between went about making her take it back. their legs. On the other hand, it is un- "I should think you would want me to terstood that, whatever animal we may stay, anyway, whether I wish to or consider his progenitor, the domestica- not," he protested. More sweetly than tion of the dog began at an epoch ex- before she assured him that while it ceedingly remote. The fossil remains would give her pleasure to spend a of a large dog have been found in ter- quiet evening at home with him the tlary deposits, and there is no doubt hours would be robbed of all their joys that the dog existed in a domesticated if he did not remain because it was his state during prehistoric times. His pleasure to do so. His wishes were bones are discovered in the shell-heaps first. of Denmark and in the lake dwellings of Switzerland. The dog meets us in the dawn of history, for such varieties as the hound, greyhound and watchdog [1'll go now." are depicted on Egyptian monuments five thousand years old. It is well known that in Egypt the dog was worshiped under the title of Anu- they were nicely adjusted he returned bis, and dog mummies have been to the dining room and stated in a found. There is mastiff figured subdued voice that she had only to say on an Assyrian sculpture belong- one word and he would take them off. ing to 640 B. C. The fact is often To which she replied in a voice that overlooked that dogs were used by the was almost angelic that she expected Greeks and Romans not only in the him to act his own pleasure in that, as chase and for hunting down escaped in all matters. To which he answered prisoners, but for war, being armed briskly that he "did not suppose he had for that purpose not only with spiked married that kind of a woman." Shortcollars, but with a coat of mail. It is ly afterward the front door closed with said that Corinth was on one occasion a bang. saved by fifty war-dogs, which foiled Mr. Vanity's wife spent the evening a night astack of the enemy, fighting with her sewing and her little ones. until all were killed but one, which Her husband returned about 11 is worth noting that, according to some his visit in town or the cause of it. Beselves, derived neither from wolves nor like to see "Trilby" the next evening. jackals, but from a distinct species of She said smilingly, but unenthusiasticprogenitors. It is a disputed question ally, that she would. He then sighed whether the Newfoundland dog is in. deeply, as one who has become relieved digenous to North America or was in- of a great burden. troduced either by the Norwegians in does certainly seem to constitute a distinct, indigenous species, since it is wife's head. now found in both a wild and a domestleated state in that country, and its tossil remains are associated with those of extinct mammals.

### A ROMANCE IN ALASKA.

Who May Become an Reiress.

Juneau, Alaska, has a Russian romance, or what it fully expects will de- New York Sun. Most men, however, velop into a romance, and it is almost do neither, and accept the loss when

# WOMANISH AND WOMANLY.

Family and Small Cause for It.

There is a house, and home, in a city suburb which has become divided

And all because the mistress of it re-

The facts are these

Mr. Vanity, to heighten his enjoyment of an unselfish evening with his

Mr. Vanity had calculated that she would give him a love look, blush and

"Won't you ask me to stay, then?"

"No, dear." "By thunder, I'll leave the house and

She smiled.

He put on his hat and coat. He took considerable time about it, too. When

succeeded in arousing the garrison. It o'clock, but he made no reference to as it does here. The question of cosnaturalists, the Newfoundland and St. fore the gas was turned out he asked than in this country, for it was even Bernard dogs form a group by them- quite meekly whether she would not brought to the notice of parliament,

the year of 1000 or by Cabot in 1497. and the man is out of confidence with lent. Among the most graceful of the Bearing on this question is the inter- himself. Of course, the point is that cyclists is the Princess Maud of Wales. esting fact that the Norwegians have she never answered him in such a way She is devoted to the exercise, and often dogs closely resembling the Newfound- before. And he wants to know whether is seen out early in the morning merland breed. The Dingo dog of Australia this blinketty blank newspaper new rily taking a spin. The Duchess of Fife woman nonsense is getting into his

POINTER FOR THE CARELESS.

## How Unused Railway Tickets May Be Redeemed at Slight Cost.

Some men with valuable unused railway tickets on their hands sell them Count de Lanceau and His Daughter, to scalpers, while others go to the railas interesting a subject for discussion the ticket is worth less than a dollar. reseaches of independent investigators.

# A COSTLY MISTAKE.

THE AMERICAN.

There Is Serious Trouble in the Vanity By Using Too Many Letters the Tele

name of H. W. Baker promises to cost the Western Union Telegraph Company about \$6,000. In the suit brought by Baker to recover \$7,160, loss caused by the delivery of a dispatch from Australia to Abram Barker, a jury in the United States Court the other day returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$5,841.51, after deliberating about an hour. Judge Hanford instructed the jury that a telegraph company was charged with the duty of exercising a high degree of care as to promptness, and that any neglect entitled the parties injured to damages. Baker's measure of damage was the amount he would have realized had he accepted a cabled offer, less the amount he received, says the Scattle Post-Intelligencer. The defense moved for a non-sult on the ground that the terms of the telegraph blank especially exempted the company from any damages either for mistake or delay, and also as the error was made in Australia by a connecting line, no responsibility could attach, particularly as the cablegram was addressed "Barker," and was actually delivered to "Barker." Mr. Lewis, for Baker, insisted that conditions in a telegraphic message exempting the company from losses could only apply to a sender, not to one receiving the cable; also that, though the error was made in Australia the Western Union was liable as it contracted with the Australia company as its agent, and that the mere fact that the message was addressed "Barker" could not excuse the failure to deliver to Baker, where the contents of the message could show it was for the commission merchant. The non-suit was refused. The case will probably be appealed.

## Duchess of York on a Wheel.

Divided skirts and bloomers have been dignified by the name of "rationals" in England, where the bicycle craze seems to be raging now as fiercely tume has caused more commotion there where the commissioner of public works was interrogated as to the rules concerning bicycling in Hyde Park. No special rules were made, however, because the women who ride find a skirt But that did not patch up the trouble rather than bloomers the most convenhas taken up the fad, and it is whispered that the Duchess of York will be won över before long.

# The Agency of Microbes.

Professor Wiley says that "one of the grandest discoveries of modern science" is the agency of the microbes in enabling plants to absorb from the way company that issued them and ob- air the nitrogen which is the chief factain their value in money, says the tor of their growth. The theory was first suggested by Pasteur, and it is thought to be fully confirmed by the

# The insertion of the letter "r" in the tame of H. W. Baker promises to cost Florida Hot Company Was Out #5.841. SECURED ON PAYMENT OF TEN DOLLARS, For Patriotic American Citizens.

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POULTRY RAISERS and

as the new gold fields. When Count de Lanceau, a young Russian, visited Juneau eight years ago, he was 22 years old, and he followed the example of other visitors before him. He took an Alaskan maiden as his housekeeper. She was attractive in features and affectionate in disposition. A girl, named Lucy, was born to them, and the young count was devoted to her. He was satisfied with his housekeeper and very fond of his little daughter. He decided to remain in Alaska and enjoy his new possessions. The count conceived the idea of building a castle on Point Lookout, overlooking the town, and set men at work felling trees and building the foundation. A cyclone came along and blew the men and the lumber off Point Lookout, and the count changed his plans. He bought a lot of land in the plateau valley below and set a gang of men at work clearing it. After he had the proper identification of the ticket spent several thousand dollars in this preliminary work his father ordered him to return to Russia. Before leaving he deeded over ten lots in Juneau, three lots in Douglas City, and a cannery site at Cape Fanshaw to his daughter Grace.

The count said good-by to his Alaskan family, and left his daughter in the care of Frank Starr of Juneau. Since the count's return to Russia his father Pioneer Press.

### Almost Killed by a Tooth.

Orviile Barker, a young man living that a short time before he began to Tribune. experience any weakness he had a

tooth pulled while under the influence of an anaesthetic, and as the tooth was supposed to have gone into the lungs. valued at \$15,000. He is crazy.

Indeed, many men do not realize that rallway companies stand ready to redeem unused tickets, even of small value, so that the companies must be richer by many thousands of dollars per year by reason of this neglect or ignorance. Every rallway ticket bears the name of the general passenger agent of the road issuing the same. It is a simple matter to inclose the ticket with a letter directed to the general passenger agent, asking him to refund the money paid, and explaining the reason why the ticket is left unused in the hands of the purchaser. It is courteous to inclose a stamped envelope in which the money may be returned. When all these things have been done the company usually acknowledges the receipt of the ticket holder's communication and promises to investigate the matter. The investigation consists in and a little bookkeeping to set all right in the accounts. Then the purchaser receives from the company a check for the amount due, along with a letter requesting acknowledgment on the part of the recipient. That closes the transaction, and there is no material loss on either side.

### Education and Matrimony.

The higher education of women in has died, and he is now in possession England appears to diminish their of large estates. Frank Starr is now in prospects of marriage, and the higher correspondence with him, and he be- the honors taken he less the conjugal lieves that the count will provide gen- prospect becomes. Of the ex-students erously for his daughter. So it is of Girton, Newnham, Somerville Hall, A. P. A. SONGSTER among the possibilities that this waif Holloway and Alexandra colleges to in time may become an heiress and a the number of 1,486, whose postyoung woman of some importance in graduate careers have been observed. Russia as well as in Alaska .- St. Paul it is found that 680 are engaged in teaching, 11 are doctors or medical missionaries, 2 are nurses, 8 or 9 are in government employment, 1 is a book-

binder, 1 a market gardener and 1 a near Mansfield, Ill., is recovering from lawyer, while only 208 of the whole a peculiar case of sickness. About two number are registered as marriedmonths ago he noticed that he was only about one-seventh of the aggregradually weakening. This was ac- gate, which is a poor showing on the companied by a cough, and he began domestic side and in the bearing on doctoring for catarrh, thinking that posterity. No similar tables have been was the trouble. June 28th he had a kept on this side of the water, but there very bad hemorrhage of the lungs, fol- is not much doubt that they would lowed by increased weakness. On the show a like result, and it must be set following Sunday he was taken to bed down as a fact that the higher a womand gave every symptom of hasty con. an's learning the less use she has for sumption. A few days ago, during an a husband. It is discouraging to the extra hard coughing fit, he coughed up men and generally an educational and a small piece of hard substance, which sociological fact which is depressing, the doctor pronounced to be a portion but it has to be reckoned with and can of a tooth. It was then remembered not be put aside or ignored .- New York

### His Mania Is Window Smashing.

attack since.

"John, the Window Smasher," as ulcerated the dentist had some trouble John B. Leoni is known, has been arin extracting it. In twisting it a rested in Chicago. Within a year he has broken 100 big plate-glass windows dozen, at 1615 Howard street, Om wha.

If it does not deceive expectation it will completely revolutionize agriculture. To increase the growth of plants it will only be necessary to feed their roots with water containing the proper microbes.



