#### the former hospitality is renewed and TOPICS OF THE TIMES. eternal friendship plodged.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTER-ESTING ITEMS.

and Criticisme Based Upon the Happenings of the Day-Historical and News Notes

Is 1084 nearly all the birds of Eupeople in the streets.

that it pays

tagion, especially due to floating nobody else need object. germs, seems to explain these facts sufficient y.

THE "vellow jacket," about which so much has been heard of late, is rather a vest than a jacket. It is made of rich yellow satin, has no sleeves, fits the wearer closely, and reaches to the thighs. It is fastened on the side with small buttons, and has embroidered on the bosom the royal dragon of China. There are but half a dozen men in the Chinese Simplie who are entitled to wear it.

It is well known that a reward of -g590 was offered for the head of John-Hancock, whose bold, impressive signature is so remarkable on the Declaration of Independence. Well, her signed the document as if he wished to throw his whole soul into his pen, and rising from his seat, exclaimed: "There, John Bull can read my name without spectacles. He may double his reward, and I'll put him at dedance." -

THEY are naturally exercised in Great Britain over Senator Hill's bill for the prevention of Anarchists. With Germany, France, Italy, and

even Switzerland taking similar rope were killed by the cold. Wolves steps, it follows that England will antered Vienna and other large cities, remain the only asylum for these and, driven by hunger, atta-ked the troublesome gentry. But the true Briton's vanity is equal to the occasion. A usually same authority, speak-Look around among your acquaint- ing on the occasion, says that there ances, and it you see some close-fisted will be undoubtedly a big influx to the merchant that undergays his clerks country. The enmity of the foreign and will walk a mile to save car fare, police will educate the Reds in the who is spending hundreds of dollars arts of concealment. The conclusion in advertising, you can safely wager drawn is that the necessity of watching disguised b mb-throwers and stablers at every street corner will STATISTIC show that all occupa- be excellent practice for the detec-

tions that expose the person to dust tives of Scotland Yard. We hope predispose to tuberculosis, and that that it will sharpen the wits of Lonpersons who follow sedentary occupa- don's police, for they seem to need tions are likewise predisposed to the it. But won't this sort of experience Heat the disease. Those who live outdoors are be rather dear to pay for? However. almost entirely free from it. Con- if i ondon says, "Hang the expense,"

EVERY few days some apology for

manhoed with more brass than brains The National Guard of Pennsyl. Jumps up with an essay on girls. vania consists of 8,700 men, and all This abominable class of literature but seventy-three of them reported always begins with a sneer and ends for duty at the camp on the field of with a kick. A distinct flavor of the term, he said,-Gettysburg. The National Military sourcess permeates it. The cenuine parks of the United States will be girl is absolutely unessayable. Nogreat places for the mustering of its body un erstands her: she doesn't forces, and the movement to put the understand herself. She is a delightfield of Shiloh on the same footing ful bundle of contradi tions As as Chickamauga and Gettysburg wise as a serjent, she is as innocent

> as a violet and sweet as a barrel of molasses. She is as rosy as a winter apple and as plump as an Indian summer partridge. She knows something about the plano, and lots about making biscuit. She is tender with her sweetheart, and sets the dog on the other fellow. She is an armful of delights, and blessed is the youth she takes into partnership in wearing out the sofa. the is a daisy and a dumpling, and in all God's great creation there is nothing worthy to be named in the same breath with

THE Governor of Formosa evidently has a long and well-fil ed purse. As a good Chinese citizen he is now filled with the spirit of uncompromising and never-dying hatred toward Japan and all that is Japanese. He proposes to bring about the subjection of the Japanese 1 mpire and the decimation of the Japanese nation even though it takes the last coin out of the old ant to contemplate. ALL legal treatises and documents stocking into which he had been

her.

## THE YEAR'S WANING.

Ah motio it then true that the years has wared unto waning. And that so score must remain nothing but lapse and decay-tarliest cricket, that out of the mid-summer midnight complaining.

midnight complaining. All the faint summer in me takent with sub-

Though thou bringest no dream of frost to the

forcers that clumbe. Though no ree tor its inves, do med of thy voice, m is the mean fet with the meanscience earth's boiled evil over my soul than dost camber. And in the sers lost youth unkert me still

icse my own. 10 11 1 1 1 m Answere it incu, that when nights of December are blacked and blackest And when the ferrid grate feigns me a May in

my r on. and by my hearthstone gay, as now ad in my

Thou will again gi e me all-dew and fra-grance and bloom ?

Nay, little post | full many a cricket | have that

if 1 but take him down out of his place on my Ne hilt/ er lays to sing than the blithest khown

to the scolling, Full of the rapines of life, May, morn, hope, and -himself;

Leaving ms only sadder; for never one of my Lures park the lice to his feast, only back the

# NIGHT AT ROUND TOP.

I made many friends at Brookdeld Academy, but headstrong, impulsive Jerry Long was my fav rite amongst them all. One day, near the close of

Bob, you are going home with me, to stay at least two weeks. Now don't begin framing excuses, for I won't ac ept any."

Then he walked away as if the matter was quite settled-and it was.

ought to go through without delay. as any sucking dove. She is modest so it came about that Jerry, be-So it came about that three weeks ing onveyed across the country in the family arryall toward Round Too, as his home was called It seemed to me that my friend acted a little queerly on the way. He talked incessantly, and in one instance broke in upon Jason's remarks. Jason was the gardener and man-of-allwork.

"I tell you what. Master Jerry." he was saving, "things are dull enough now that-" Here Jerry frowned at him, and

began to talk about the lands ape. Jason inoked bewildered, then with a glance toward me. whistled knowingly.

All this gave me the impression that I was being made the victim of a plot of some kind, and my imagination began to run wild. I wondered if any of the Long family had gone mad and been onfined in the east wing or the west wing, or the attic, and if they would escape in the middle of the night and choke me, as I had read of their doing in novels A midnight st uggle with a maniac or so was a possibility decided yunpleas-

It was nearly noon when we asenturies were written in a stiff, some years. He has published a the secluded h me of the Longs, and if left alone he might work him-

In less than a minute a slight neise coming from the hall below attracted my attention; at the same time Jerry laid his hand on my arm.

"Some one is trying to get in," he "Or is already in," I said grimly.

"Let's dress ' We rolled out of bed and began to

whispered.

get into our cothes with much more speed than neatness. It is anything but pleasant to be awakened in stances, and we were pretty well frightened. After dressing we stood facing each other, with chattering gerated. teeth not knowing what to do next

"Of course he's after the silver, said Jerry.

The idea that he was not after us brought a feeling of relief, but of course we wouldn't allow him to have the silver.

After listening at the door a short time we cautiously opened it. Jerry crept to the balustrade and peered over it. He drew ba k quickly and motioned me to appr. ach.

 The full moon being about an hour high shed its light through the large transom above the front door. By its aid I could plainly distinguish the upper of a man almost directly. a key in the lock of the dining room eriy.

"Wait here - and wat h him!"

"I aid not take my eyes from the man, who was completely absorbed in the work of picking the lock. erv soon Jerry was with me again. In his hand he carried one of our lassoos. Fre I could utter a remonstrance he had raised the coil above his head, whirled it around a few times and sent it down in the direction of the intruder. It was a rash and unwise thing to do, but Jerry never was in the habit of thinking wice.

Rather through a piece of rare good fortune than skill, the slip-pose aropped over the fellow's head and we drew it tight. The idea was to catch him by the neck. but the c ll reached his ankles before it could be tightened.

On seeing something pass in front of his eyes the man started back with an exclamation, the tightened rope about his feet causing him to fall to the floor.

"Pull, Bob, pull." Jerry cried excitedly.

We put our strength to the task, and so n had the man's heels nea ly as high as h s head had been. Then we fastened the rope to the baluster.

"I guess he won't be able to gut loose in a hurry," said . erry, complacently.

"But what if there are more?" I asked apprehensively.

"I never thought of that " Bang! A shot rang out sharply, and echoed through the empty house I felt the wind of a buliet that sped

past my check. We dodged back quickly. It would

Consulting the clock we found it to be hortly after midnight.

Might has well stand guard over him the rest of the night." I said. "There may be others "

Investigation showed that the

lamps. The chickens were heralding the dawn of day when the we come sound or asafelida, or Ven zuof wheels on the gravel driveway anthe dead of night by unusual circum- nonneed the return of the gardener and his wife. The report of her sis- Dian-na for Dia-na (long a), or matter's illness had been greatly evag- tron o pattron, and so on. It is

> and started off to hunt up the Sheriff. That individual made his appearance at about "o'ciock, and before noon call tedious "tejus" they have landed our 'catch" in the county no such apparent warrant. In the JALL

ter convict who had escaped from the cated persons say tru k-u-lent for penitentiary, where he was serving a true culent, a men able for a-meenlife sentence, and no trial was necessary for his reincarceration.

We resolved to keep our adventure it leaked out somehow, and it became necessary for us to punch the heads the figure of a man almost directly of several for putting the appellation It is common to put the accent on below us. He was stealthily trying "cowboy" before our names. -- Way- the second splittle of recemptory in-

BEAUTIES OF THE WEST INDIES

#### Creales and Quadroons Who Excel in th Arts of Dressing and Firting.

colonics, the term "Creole" is rightly The accent in gladiolus should be on to designate the deused scendants of French and spanish but many place it on the third. setters in the island-not necessarily They say hy-meen-e-al, with the acthese who have an admixture of ne- cent on the mee." The exasperating gro blood, says a correspondent of thing about it is that some of these the Philadelphia Record. Some of the Creole women are extremely beautiful, and their dark loveliness is enhanced by the tropical heat which renders English women faded and worn in a few years' time. While Beethoven. Recently they broke ut an Anglo-Saxon grows red as a boiled lotster under the glowing sun and becomes a 'dem'd damp, moist, unbecomes a 'dem'd damp moist, un-pleasant body," one of the Latin race tion, the long a' and hissing s." nerely to ks a trifle paler, with eyes more luminous and dreamy under influence of excessive beat or strong emotion. Some of the quadroon girls Those who have the courage to use are even handsomer than the Creoles, the Italian or the modified Italian whom they resemble in many ways and generally excel in dressing and cawn't and rawther. The proper forting. "The "race problem." as it sounds of o' particularly in God. dog is called in the I nited States, bids and some other words, are widely igfair to be sol ed here. Many of the nored. The common usage is wrong most prosperous citi ens are colored men, who were born in slavery. The name of chemicals, as morphine, better class of them are ambitious to chlorine, lodine, anilene, ben ine, show the world that they are competent to do what the white man does, and to improve on the model if necessary. Already they are found in pheen. every walk of life and branch of busi-

ness on the island, associating freely with the whites and highly esteemed by them, though intermarriages are comparatively rare. Slavery was frequent changes of underclothing is abolished only eleven years ago, yet a gross extravagance. On the conone of the best plantations in Barba- trary, if pro enly managed, nothing evidently be hazardoos to go down does is owned by an ex-slave, which is more economical in hot weather

### ERRORS IN PRONUNCIATION

Common Mistakes Made in Fineing the Accent and as to Vowel

Why should so many persons say spontanighity instead of sponlock of the front door had been taneeity? says the New York Adverpicked. We secured it and lit the tises. There is no excu e for saying ap-pricot for a pricet, or eck-qua-

ble for ecquable or Er-rin for E-rin, eela for Ven-e-zu-el-a, or Adon-is (short o) for Ado nis long o), or just as easy to accent the last sylidason was not a little surprised able as the first in 'pretense." Some when shown our much bound captive, some persons call bomb 'boom' in able as the first in "pretense." Some

stead of "bum," because the spelling seems to warrant it, but when they West and South the """ in isolate is He proved to be a much-sought af. made long and nearly everywhere eduable, lev-ver for lee-ver, and give the sound 'u' in up instead of 'l' in it in

su h words as squirrel, stirrup, and a secret from the academy boys, but strup. There are many words in which the accent is persistently misplaced by persons who know better. It is common to put the accent on stead of on the first on the first instead of these on i syllable of coquetry, on the second instead of the first syllable of exemplary, etc. Many persons place the accent on the first instead of the second spliable of inquiry, and In Barbadoes, as in the French do not give the " its proper length. the second syllable, with a long 'L' persons who are so car les about common words take utmost pains to learn how to pronounce Bouguereau. and are convulsed when they hear anybody mispronounce Chopin and with vawz for vase, though the weight of authority is against it. Worcester prefers the 'z' sound, but not the 'aw." The improper use of the sounds of 'a' is most serious. 'a' often use it unlawinily, as in in the case of the terminal 'ine'in the etc., all of which should be pronounced as though there were no tinal 'e.' It is mosphin, not mor-

#### Changing Linen.

Among people of limited means there is a popular superstition that during the tweifth and two following dropping his financial savings for cended the winding road that ied to stairs while our prisoner was armed. is worth, I am told, \$100,000, and last than to wear a fresh suit of linen every day. when one waks much it as a matter of sheer nece sity to have clean stockings every morning 100 is anything easier than to rub out a pair of hose in a basin kept for this purpose with c stlie soap, and two changes of water, the ob is compieted in five minute . and pinned where they atch a bree e the stockings dry immediately. With half a dozen pair of ho e and a determination to be tidy the poorest woman can be as charmingly dainty as a bondholder's wife Nor is it impossible to follow this same plan with cambric garments. not em loy a private secretary, and If left to sonk in a lather of soap and during al that time Mrs. Conwell at- water every night and rined in the tended to all his private correspond- morning they are as tresh as need en e, keeping accurate account of all be tof course they must be thoroughly laundered once a week, and ply where clothes are not actually solled, but fee, sticky and awry. No Mrs. Conwell is tail and of noble scrubbing or injury to the hands is ne essary, and run through a small mangle they come out smooth and Each and every one of these sugings wear better when frequently These self same rules apply to care of the person. the who rinses her mouth with listerine once a day, who use a clean, st ff brush freely on her scalp every morning, who never fails to do her exercises before a big plunge bath, is sure to have smaller bills with the doctors and dentists than the woman who neglects such details. None of them are costly or did cult. and they all mean increased beauty. elegance a d physical cobustness

door

Jerry whispered.

kept from the common people. The eleventh centuries seem to be all written by the same hand. This was due to the influence of Charlemagne, who selected a particular style of every scribe to write after that as a him, while the Cele-thal who is only copy.

It is not the fellow who goes and the wreck it has worked in his and strong right arm are a part-and goes to work to gather up what is of Formosa to make an assignment. left, and put the best face possible on an ugly situation. uch are the brave and cheerful spirits who in every crisis of whatever kind tread down the nettle danger and pass flydingly over the wrecks of past impradence

Ir now and then transpires that a detective is an a-s but instances are rare in which he is a borse. A sagacious equine quadruped has just been the means of the arrest of some daring robbers, and the recovery of a large portion of their booty. The police, having caught the horse with one of the villains, set him loose and followed him, believing that he would find his way back to the place from which the thie! had taken him. So it proved, the horse adroitly picking his path to the stable where the stolen goods and a whole nest of the villains lay concealed. The Chicago nel ce department ought to pension that borne.

THE Greeks have a beautiful cusm, when entertaining company, of aing a piece of lead and dividing it seals, one balf of the piece being to by the host and the guest tak. the other as they part. These os of lead are kept as beir. being handed down from gena togeneration and from famy. An process of time perand this former bost he with his odd place of

affected, and undecipherable hand, schedule of the rewards he will pay or sailors. The sinking of a big Japmanuscripts of the ninth, tenth and anese warship will enrich those who o the sinking to the extent of \$10,-00; if the warship is a small one the destroyers will receive only \$6,000. A Japanese officer, dead or alive is handwriting, adopted it, and ordered | worth \$200 to the Chinaman who has

listed adversary will receive \$150, around whining about unkind fate ing value of money in thing and the extremely small wages paid through-Individual case that is going to help out the Chinese Empire, the scale of things out a mire, but the man who prices is an extreme blberal one. A. recognizes that his contriving brain great many enterprising but unemployed Americans would like doubtno mean part, either-of fate, who less to assist in forcing the Governor

### The Tinlest of Schoolgiris.

Children of eight years dress in a similar manner to those of ten, ouly that their skirts a e from one to two inches sho ter, each being two yards, and a haif wide and with the regulation three-inch hem, writes Emma M. Hooper in a sensible article on "A Schoolgiri's Outlit' in the Ladies' Home Journal. The full, gathered skirts are still seen, but are not as universal as the front and sides gored and full back. White nainsook guimpes are worn at this age, though proving an easily-solled luxury for wanted Mrs. Jason to come to her at school wear, hence the popularity of high waists. When a high guimpe is worn through the winter a heavier under-vest is necessary to keep the cloth ng of an average warmth. oung children wear plain materials more than mixtures, but these come in so many weaves that it is an easy yourself as quickly as possible, Marmatter to buy Henrietta and serge for the fail or spring, and sacking, cheviot, cloth, etc., for midwinter Bright red looks very attractive on small children, though the range of colous for them is unlimited. They are m nature women with cape and epaulette ru es, large sleeves and

round waists, making each little tot nearly as broad as she is long Satin and velvet ribbons, piece velvet and velveteen, braid and surah are the trimmings for nice and general wear.

#### An Exception.

" ne thing must be admitted in favor of our sex," announced an adocate of female rights and superiority to her husband.

"In the time of need we are always strong. Can you mention the name of a single woman who has just her bend in time of danger?" "Why, there was the lovaly Marie Antoinstia, my dear," suggested her

Their grounds covered the whole of a large hill the top of which was a not intend to give up the light, so, called "court hand." It was inten- for the capture or destruction of circular plateau. From this the place tionaply inegible, that the knowl- Japananese fighting ships or the kill- derived its name. The building itedge of the law might be effectually ing or capturing of Japanese soldiers self was a large frame structurejust the kind of a house to be haunted. with a mysterious insane annes, I thought

> "Bob, I hope you won't think it mean in me" Jerry said in a kind of nervous haste, when we had aligh ed. and Jason had driven on to the barn, "but the fact is they are gone." "ione? Who?" I asked thinking

of the lunat cs. lucky enough to get hold of an en-The whole family. They are at

the ex-hore. I've been there once. learing in mind the great purchas. It is stupid. I'd rather be here at hound Top-if you will stay with me '

And this was all. I was greatly relieved, and promised to remain the required time, teeling that I should like the | lace very much.

And like it I did. Jerry invented all sorts of amusements. One of them was shooting at a mark with a bow and arrow, and we became uite proficient in the art. As Jerry put it, we would have made very respectable Indians. When the archery giew tiresome he constru ted two la-sos of the clothes line, and we sailted forth, with these wild West contribunces. Stumps, broken limbs of trees, and, in fact, any kind of pro e tion that could be found, were promptly caught in the colls. We felt more like Indians than ever. One day a boy on horseback brought the intelligence that the housekeeper's sister, who lived about four miles away, was seriously ill, and once

"All right, Jason." said Jerry. "You and your wife get ready while I hitch up." And he was outside before an answer could be made.

"Just like that boy!" the gardener said. He is good-nature itself. Dress ths, and w'l go.

"But who will get breakfast for the boys?" she asked.

'I'll warrant lerry won't starve, nor this young man, either. Beside, we may ie ack again by morning. And thus it happened that Jerry and I were left together at Round Top. In spite of ourselves when the sun went down and the twilight deepened, we feit rather lonely. The thought that the nearest neighbor lived a mile away had never occurred to us before, but now it did so with pecultar significance.

We locked the doors and windows, drew the blinds and lighted the lampa This made things look brighter. Nevertheless, we retired early, and both occupied the same bed just "for company."

It must have been pearly midnight when I suddenly awakened. I was dimity conscious that something had broken my slumber, and lay still to one H the same, whatever it was, works he separated

self loose in some way. Still we did securing positions where observations could be made in safety, we waited for developments Up to this time the burglag had

said nothing, but now he called out gruny. -

"You'd better let that rope go. It will be the worse for you if you don't.' threaten; the number of evils he pro- black ones. posed to inflict on us in the event of getting free were not a few, and were all ingeniously chosen. Finding this also ineffectual, he relapsed into silance.

Presently he began fumbling in his pockets and soon we heard the racking of a match. Holding the light as high as possible, he took deliberate aim at something and fired. "We must stop that," I said. "He

is shooting at the rope." Taking off my coat I rolled it into a bundle, Jerry following my example. It was not long before we saw the light of another match, and launching one bundle at it, had the satisfaction of seeing it extinguished. Entering the bedroom we brought out whole arm fuls of blankets, sheets, and pillows Every time the man struck a match we hurled something at him and put it out. Maddened beyond measure, he sent shot after shot in our direction, together with a great deal of profabity.

Watch him and count the shots," Jerry said, and hurried away to one of the upper rooms. He soon returned, carrying a ham

"How many shots, "Six, altogether." "Are you sure?"	Bob?"		
		"Certain."	

He said no more, but selzing a plllow held it where it could be dimly seen, moving it about slowly. The trick was successful; the builet cut through the cloth, causing the feath-

ers to y. "Now is our time!"

Uttering these words, Jerry sprang down the stairs. Expecting to be shot full of holes, and yet not willing to be outdone in courage, I followed. At the foot our pris ner covered us with the revolver, and demanded instant release on pain of death.

"Bilght as well put that thing in your pocket, Mr. Man. You can't use a cartridge more than once. Come on, Bob! We'll wrap bim up in this hammock " said Jerry. d. van ing to where he lay.

Taking im at the boy's breast th villain pulled the trigger. A sharp click was the only result-the seven booter was empty.

It was an easy matter for us to roll him up in the hammock until there was no possibility of excaps. He looked very much likes fly that a spider had worked upon for a consid-erable time, not being able to move a

year yield sugar. This morning I noticed ou the street a Sergeant, black as ebony and built like a Hercules, superintending the digging of a ditch by some soldiers from the guardhouse, mostly white who were undergoing punishment. The ebony Hercules carried a rattan, which he applied lustily to the backs of his charges, and it see s to me that the white ecciving no reply, he began to backs got rather more of it than the

#### A Lamous Pastor's Wife.

For some years Russell Conwell did his lecture engagements, and whenever possible going with him upon such perfunctory wa hings only aphis tours, writes staude A. Bowyer in the Ladies' Home Journal.

presence and engaging manners. Foud of her home, she is a model housewife, looking carefully aiter delightfully fresh in feeling every detail in the home and in all purchases for the family, always gestions means a saving of money, as regulating her duties to be at leisure clothes from which the pe spiration to do any work or visiting which she, is quickly removed last longer, stockas a pastor's wife, may be called upon at any time to do. Her home is a changed, and so on home to all her friends, and to any and all of the members of her husband's church.

Mr. and Mrs. Conwell's only child, Agnes, who has just past her seventeenth year, resembles both parents in looks and character, and assists them materially in their church work. She is also a teacher in the Sabbathschool connected with her father's church.

The Conwell family spend their summers in the Berkshire Hills, where, nine miles from 'the nearest station. " stands "The Little House on the Hill." There, I r three months of the year, they dispense hospitality with lavish hands. Mr. Conwell spends his weekdays there, returning land. It is a sort of combination of to Philadelphia each Sunday to preach to his congregation.

#### Japanese Scholar.

A Buffalo paper says that Redcliffe College, formerly Harvard Annex, has among its undergraduates this year the first Jaganese g ri who has come to this country to be educated. be is a Miss bids Mori, and she is described as a charming combination of Japanese features, oglish dress. American coldure, and "Japanese-Angio" langi age. She is the daughter of a wealthy banker in Vanagawa, Japan. who was converted to Christianity some years ago and has sducated his sons and daughters in that faith. Miss Mori will study in England and France, as well as in the United States, and will then re-turn to Japan to devote herself to educational and missionary work. She is twenty years old.

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Helping Idle Workmen.

A plan for helping worthy workmen who are obliged for no fault of their own to remain idle, is in successful operation in Berne, Switzermutual aid society and employment bureau, under the direction o a committee of seven men rep esenting the labor unions the employers and the city government, Subscribers to the bureau pay monthly dues of 5 cents each, and the fund thus obtained is increased by gifts from employers and by an anoual appropriation of ei.000 by the City Council. Subscribers who are out of work for two weeks are thereafter entitled to benelits ranging from twenty to thirty cents a day. Those who leave work w thout just cause forfelt all right to any benefit whatever. The association, through its officers, meanwhile acts as an employment bureau, bringing together would be employers and those seeking work. The members report twice a day at the large and comfortable headquarters, accepting work unhesitatingly wh

THE word company for so