
bile-faced Wah Kee, who conducted the fashionable restaurant of the place; and he longed with the longing of a homesick schoolboy for the comsupper and comfortable bed would await him at the end of a day's work.

And so when he converted his first month's pay as foreman into a money order, wherewith his wife should defray the expenses of the family's transportation to Paso del Norte, a thrill of anticipatory pleasure ran from the roots of his hair to the tips

The family arrived ni due course procession that wended its way from

view caused her utter collapse.

ever will I get enough cooked for the sount proved to be for the five succhildren on that-that tov?"

"It isn't much of a stove," Tim admitted, stroking his chin ruefully, "but it is the best that money would buy in Paso del Norte. You know. my dear, cooking stoves are little

"Well, why on earth did you not order one sent out from St. Louis?" rejoined Mrs. McClure.

Such a stove as you are accustomed to would cost \$100 to put it in the

"A hundred dollars!" snapped Mrs. McClure, contemptuously. "Why, Tim, you can get an elegant stove and all its furniture for only \$30."

"In St. Louis, but not here," replied El Paso, Tex., just across the river, he natural law of increase for several would cost not more than \$40, it would cars Watson's figures would not be cost \$60 more to get it brought over 'ar from the truth. The killing of

"What!" Sixty dollars to move a stove one ng four years, and the practical ceasyour senses?

Tim replied, humbly. "But you do per cent, and the old rate of increase not seem to know that an import tas never been entirely regained. duty must be paid on everything brought into Mexico; and on stoves the rate is about 150 per cent of their

It required a lengthy explanation of the tariff question and his most solemn assurances to persuade her that he was not jesting.

"Why, Tim," she exclaimed, when be had finished, "it's an outrage, and no better than highway robbery. Can't we have the stove hauled across the river some night, and the customs officers know nothing about it? It seems to me that we could, and we don't care whether the government of Duly his hind legs are eaten, because Mexico has any money or not."

wrong or smuggling that caused Tom to cut off these limbs, skin and dress to hesitate, for he was no novice in them for the market, where they are the art of clandestinely introducing sold, salted, pickled, refrigerated, and articles of merchandise into the cactus fresh from the carcass. The "frog republic, but he knew that the entire frontier was patroled night and day by a numerous and vigilant cus-

ing the stove apart and lowering it.
piece by piece, into the tank of "El Buey," the sturdy switch engine, on some occasion when it would be on the Texas side of the river. But upon the tank of the stove obtaining the dimensions of the stove tail, our three metropolitan centers Mrs. McClure wanted, he found that pay fully \$100,000 per year for their the larger parts would not pass in at 'hinds of frogs."

with some of his friends-those most of thousands of choice frog legs ansadept at cluding the vigilance of the qually.—Exchange.

sustoms guard. At his request the men he selected gathered in his office Longest Asphalted Street in the World one morning, a conference that lasted Philadelphia can boast of the long-an hour or more followed; every face est asphalted street in the world.

en it arrived in El Paso the car which it came was switched, at m's request, to the connecting track, are to await the unloading of the we. Along in the afternoon of that the switch engine, with Tim he switch engine, with Tim me but a short time, and when read it was observed by those railreaders who were telling

************************ about the yard that there was some thing queer in its appearance

Standing on the truck platform of the engine, just in front of the boiler. . was a dark object that seemed to be Tim McClure was foreman of the a part of the engine; within it a fire Paso del Norte roundhouse. He was was burning fiercely, and from its also the breadwinner of a family in slender pipe, which passed up along which there were several mouths to the engine's smokestack, a roll of

fireman to engineer, and thence to foreman of the roundhouse, he was foreman of the roundhouse, he was sectiving a monthly stipend that would enable him to establish his his household goods in Paso del Norte.

He had never taken kindly to sleeping on the hard earth floor of a bare allowed to proceed to the ing on the hard earth floor of a bare roundhouse, where it was received by the immobile-faced Wah Kee, who conducted with a wild hurrah by the railroaders, who had gathered there to welcome it.

who had gathered there to welcome it. It of course became known within short time after the episode that some splendid flapjacks were turned out every Sunday morning at Mc-Clure's but the customs officials simply scratched their shaggy heads and

of time, and Tim proudly headed the at Washington estimated the populathe depot to the adobe house he had it 76,285,000, and his estimate for 1900 prepared for its domiciliation. He 77,675,000. The Boston Globe has put American woman, and Mrs. McClure sult, but it recalls the interesting and remarkable predictions of population Her disappointment was keen, never- made in the early years of the present theless she made a brave effort to century by the noted agriculturist stiffe her feelings, and succeeded fairly and amateur mathematician, Elkanah well in doing so until, in her inspec- Watson. By a careful use of the tion of the premises, she arrived in science of general averages, Mr. Watthe kitchen. There, the tiny sheet- son computed the population of the iron camp-stove and the meager ar- country for successive decades nearly ray of culinary vessels that met her a century ahead with an accuracy that "O, Tim, Tim!" she gasped, "how within 1 per cent of what the actual seeding censuses. When it is remem pered that Watson's figures in the foiowing table were published some ime before 1820 they are astonishing: Year. Watson's estimate, Census 1820..... 9,625,734

830.....12,833,645 12,866,020 840......17,116,526 17,069,453 850,.....23,185,368 23,191,876 860.....31,753,824 31,443,321 Only after the civil war did Watson's oredictions cease to come close to the

mark. By 1890 they had exceeded the ensus figures by nearly 14,000,000. His prediction for 1900 was 100,235,989, which is between 20 and 25 per cent more than the census count will probably show. It is more than likely, however, that if the war had not in-"But say the stove, laid down in ervened and checked the operation of several hundred thousand men, gasped Mrs. McClure. partial suspension of family life dur-Tim McClure, have you lost ng of immigration all conspired to lecrease the annual percentage o "No, my dear, not quite. I hope," growth from about 31/2 per cent to 21/4 get when the wear and tear are con-

The Frog Butcher.

The frog butcher is not peculiar to France alone. He is in New York, and in every large American city where this delightful viand is relished. Frog ranches are a part of the sources of meat in large centers of population, and are near the consumer. Down in leorgia the farmer's boy shoots green lrogs with a "pea rifle" for a penny race, and sells them two to three for live cents, according to size, and then large with a spear and the man with the sulfrog becomes more consequential. Doly his hind legs are cate, because the pareling of the soil. The large cities the sulfrog becomes more consequential. Doly his hind legs are cate, because the soil to from the carcass. The "frog butcher's" business is ceut of thee market, where they are sold, salted, pickled, refrigerated, and fresh from the carcass. The "frog butcher's" business is ceut of these alone have anything on them to race the farmer's brown and the farmer's brown and the farmer's brown and the race of the soil.

The frog butcher is not peculiar to far as can be lowed that any piece of this kind than can be found as for the salmost a complete lack of definite information on this topic in destroy and the salter any piece of state of Illinois has records in his office of the ward that any piece of corporations organized to buy and of corporations organized to buy and of corporations organized to buy and of the very large and the man with the sell farm lands, but these have been for the man the substitution of the soil to ward have incorporated their farms for senting proporation of the soil to ward provent and the component acres for as little intail to such a such and the substitution of the soil own have a such and the substitution of the soil own have a such and the substitution of the soil own have a such and the substit It was not a sense of the moral at. The "frog butcher's" business is

toms guard, past whom it would be all but impossible to smuggle so cumbersome a thing as a stove.

He finally hit upon the plan of tak
100 frogs are amputated from their hind legs for the delicate tastes of connoisseurs. New York city takes to connoisseurs. The finally hit upon the plan of tak-

Mrs. McClure wanted, he found that the larger parts would not pass in at the manhole.

He would have given up in despair had not his better half kept the subject fresh in his mind, not only with words, but with the poor quality of the meals she set before him as well.

As a last resort, he decided to confer with some of his friends—those most

Rice is an annual plant, belonging to the natural family of the grasses. There is an immense number of varieties of cultivated rice, differing in length of the season required for maturing, and in character, yield and quality. Their livergence not only extends to size, shape and color of the grain, but to the relative proportion of food constituents and the consequent flavor. South Carolina and Japan rices are rich in fats, and hence are ranked high in fiavor and nutrition among rice-eating nawas smilingly confident when it was Broad street has that unique distinction. First, as already stated, it is "The scheme'll win, Tim, never the longest asphalted street in the r," cried one of the party. "The world; secondly, it is the only street which they're getting mighty which is even width for eleven miles, "The world; secondly, it is the only street ks, and this width is the greatest ever attained by any street for a course of eleven miles. It is also the straightest street, for from League Island to the county line it does not vary an inch, except where the great city building causes the street to turn iround it. Seven miles of the street at reasphalted, but the remainder is provided with a roadbed of fine mandam, which is continued by the old York road, which extends for about twenty miles farther on. A carriage man drive on this street and road and make only one turn in thirty-one miles. Broad street is 113 feet wide and measures 60 feet from curb to murb, and thirty-five men can walk threast of it.—Scientific American. they'll never suspect this one. It make a bold play and bring over store in broad daylight, right untheir noses, and they'll never see

SYNDICATE FARMING STARTED.

In the United States practically ev-, isters the property from Chicago. He erything but agriculture has passed lives in Evanston and makes frequent black smoke was pouring out and into the hands of combined capital. visits to the estate to see that all is

The family had remained in the mingling with that of the engine, to Even the raising and marketing of catsatisfactory. Tenants may remain as The family had remained in the sast when Tim started for Mexico in search of employment; but now that his ability and faithfulness had been rewarded by rapid promotion from fireman to engineer, and thence to

Baketas. Minnesota, illinois and Missessouri contributed to the loan business. Prices were good, money plenty in the east, crops bounded out of the earth with speed, and men made money carried by Then for a while it forget to rain for a few years, the ground grew tired—too much nitrogen went out in the first crop—and in time the mortgages fell due. Many a man who could scarcely scrape together the interest was permitted to renew his mortgage because nitted to renew his mortgage because

That day passed and in most of these

Lean county.

The operations in each case reported so far have been satisfactory to all concerned. The landlord is no case pays much attention to the land. He has his agent, who makes the leases, collects the rents and advises if asked concerning the nature of the crops. But the

Rice is an annual plant, belonging to

of huge dimensions, but without skill ceded the rebellion were fast gathering in agriculture. Machinery is used to and Lord Scully was keen enough to a wider extent in America than anya wider extent in America than any-where else on the globe. Fertilizing materials in the older states have be-come necessary to produce reasonable crops of wheat, corn and oats. One man commenced business some thirty or forty years ago in the vicinity had advanced in price until it was held brink, and while the dad coon stands

er. When the renter moves away he can take everything with him or sell

they succeeded in this, but some of them were forced to hold on to numerous farms and try to work out a saving may they remain. They are at liberly from rentals.

There are several cases of tenant farming in Illinois. One is down in southwestern Illinois, the other in McLean county.

His tenants are said to be satisfied.

So long as they pay their rent, so long appearance, particularly in motion, his judge-like sedateness, and his disciplant of the most benefit to plant just what, in their judgment, will enable them to reap the most benefit this agent will give an audience to the most humble laborer, while the acts of charity told of him, if true, leave to the most humble laborer, while the laugh spot. It beats the funniest man they are at liberal will probable to the most humble laborer, while the acts of charity told of him, if true, along the stage can show.

this money. In most cases permanent try and made him his sole heir to the improvements made by him are his, subject to the purchase of the next tenant. He can sell them for what he can get when the wear and tear are considered.

But the far west has many more extensions of the kind than can be found, and in this country. This necessitated Lord Scully's removal to this country, as under the alien law passed no alien could own the large of this kind than can be found, and in this country.

an extent that they now furnish nearly three-fourths of all the product of the country.

The great development of the rice in-

RICE CULTURE IN OUR COUNTRY.

Rice forms the principal food of one- the imports of broken rice, flour and

QUEER RITES OF BACCOONS.

They Immerce the Infant Cooks and Wash the Food Before Katlag.

You have missed a couple of mighty singular events if you never saw a coon christening or coon food cleaning out at the Zoo. The coon home at the Zoo consists simply of a plot of ground about as large as a barn door of extra generous size would cover. This is surrounded by a wire fence 4 feet high, topped with a broad, up-curved tin rail, which prevents the little clown-like creatures from escaping. In the center of this yard is a Cincinnati Enquirer. When a coon gives birth to young

almost the first thing she does is to

take her babies one by one in her mouth, and, accompanied by the father coon, proceed slowly and sel-The Population in 1900.

Guesses as to the results of the coming census are being made in various quarters. The total population of the United States in 1890 was 62,622,250. What will it be at the opening of the new century? The official statistician at Washington estimated the population of the country on August 1, 1899 at 76,285,000, and his estimate for 1900 at 75,675,000. The Boston Globe has put itself on record with the prediction of the prediction of the country on August 1, 1899 at 76,285,000. The Boston Globe has put itself on record with the prediction of the prediction of the country on August 1, 1899 at 76,285,000. The Boston Globe has put itself on record with the prediction of the country on August 1, 1890 at 1800 at 1 prepared for its domiciliation. He had been duly itself on record with the prediction last the population shown by the next laste would permit; but he had been last the process by which it foes not reveal the process by which it from the standpoint of the average at this extremely modest result, but it recalls the interesting and land he desires and if there is no tender of the process of the pro

ted to renew his mortgage because dwelling house and dig all wells—seems Upon picking up one of these Mr. and banking concern did not want the at first to work a hardship on the rent. Mrs. Coon instantly, with the "goody" Upon picking up one of these Mr. and held daintily in its teeth, trots over great states the mortgages were taken to the next renter, and in this way to the pool and washes the morsel up as they matured. They were either loses only the depreciation in value of paid outright or new ones made with the property. It was Lord Scully's idea three times. Then returning to its other agents at greatly reduced interest that the settlement might become so favorite corner, or up to its favorite other agents at greatly reduced interest charges. Farming had become a thing of skill and thrift instead of smiting a and many teachers would be desired. and many teachers would be desired, to devouring in a way so dainty and thus entailing upon him the tax for turned yellow in the autumn sun. Then in time loaning companies acquired large tracts of land because the owners were unable to pay. They set about to sell off their holdings, for, as has been said, they were money changers and not argriculturists. For the most part they succeeded in this, but some of them were forced to hold on to numerous farms and try to work out a saving

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shots, and the 5-cent piece remained, Then the colonel dropped the bow ac cidentally and before he could recover it an Indian boy of about four summers picked it up, ran about forty feet, then turned quick as a flash and slipped his bow. There was a whiz and shout which could have been heard in St. Paul. He had dislodged the 5-cent piece the first shot.

Rice forms the principal food of one-half the population of the earth. It is more widely and generally used as a food material than any other cereal. Where dense populations are dependent for food upon an annual crop, and the climate permits its cultivation, rice has That bow and arrow cost Mr. Lowry about \$5, which the diminutive savage eventually deposited in the deep recesses of a greasy pair of jeans. St. Paul Globe.

is the principal cereal product. For nearly one hundred and ninety years after the introduction of rice into the United States South Carolina and Geor-An Easy Way to Remove Tight Hings

United States South Carolina and georgia produced the principal portion, while North Carolina, Florida Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana grew only a limited amount. Within the last ten years Louisiana and Texas have increased the area devoted to rice to such Most girls who have had baby rings have had trouble in removing them from their fingers.

"There is really no necessity for a this ado about removing a tight ring, said a down town jeweler. "In that as in everything else, the secret of success lies in knowing how to do it. Here is a receipt that I have found un-The great development of the rice in-dustry in Louisiana since 1884 has re-sulted from the opening up of a prairie region in the southwestern part of the state, and the development of a sys-tem of irrigation and culture which made possible the use of harvesting machinery similar to that used in the wheat fields of the Northwest, thereby failing for removing a tight ring, and there is no painful surgical operation involved, either. Thread a needle flat in the eye, using thread that is strong, but not too course. Then pass the head of the needle under the ring greatly lessening the cost of production. Care, of course, must be used in this and it would be best to soap the nee-A large proportion of the rice grown and it would be best to soap the need in South Carolina and Georgia is produced on tidal deltas. A body of land along some river and sufficiently rethread through a few inches toward duced on tidal deltas. A body of land along some river and sufficiently remote from the sea to be free from salt water is selected with reference to the possibility of flooding it from the river at high tide and of draining it at law under the ring on his own finger, and tide. Lands of this class are also planted to rice in southern Louisiana. Some excellent marshes are found is South Carolina and Georgia upon what may relatively be termed high land. South Carolina and Georgia upon what may relatively be termed high land. These are in most cases easily drained and in many instances can be irrigated from some convenient stream. The objection planters have found to such tracts is that the water supply is unreliable and not uniform in temperations. The finger, toward the nail in this manner. Then take hold of the short end and unwind it—so. The thread thus pressing against the ring, will gradually remove it, however tight or is wollen the finger,"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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Charles L. Tiffany of Nek York celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday last week. He was the recipient of several handsome gifts from the employes of is famous establishment.

Be sure to read Drs. Thornton & Minor's advertisement in this paper next week. If our readers or any of their friends are troubled with any rectal diseases they will be interested in reading what others say of the treatment and methods.

Lady Emily Foley of England, who died recently in her ninetieth year, had been a widow fifty-four years, during which period she enjoyed her life interest in the property of her husband, who died in 1846.

Many people have tried in vain to find a successful treatment for that dreadful disease, cancer. We call the attention of such to the column ad. which will appear in this paper, next week, of Dr. E. O. Smith, the celebrated specialist of Kansas City, who positively guarantees a cure for every case he undertakes. Read his ad and testimonials, and write him for further particulars. ticulars.

PREDICTED EXACT HOUR OF

"I will die at 10 o'clock," said Mrs. William Rosser, of West Easton, Pa., at 6 o'cloc kone evening to a number of friends who had assembled at her home. When the hour arrived she'expired. Mrs. Rosser was twenty-way years of age and a devout member of the Reformed church. She had been sick a week or two, but she was about the house, and it was not thought that her illness was of a serious nature.

When Mrs. Rosser predicted her demise and fixed the hour for dissolution her friends attempted to cheer her up,

mise and fixed the hour for dissolution her friends attempted to cheer her up, thinking she was growing meiancholy. But she assured her guests that she was not excited. She bid her husband farewell as the hour grew near and then seated herself in an easy chair to await her death. After the family clocks struck the hour Mrs. Rosser's husband tried to arouse her, and then discovered that the woman's prediction had proved true. She was dead.