GRORGE GOULD'S LETTER

for the World's Fair.

George J. Gould has written the fol-

lowing letter: Honorable Benjamin B. Odell, gov

ernor of New York State, Albany, N. Y. My Dear Sir: With my knowledge of the magnificent stretch of country between the Alleghanies and the Rock Mountains, drained by the Mississippi river and its tributaries, I have always been and am now strongly impressed with the commanding position of the city of St. Louis, the central city of the great Mississippi valley, and I am deeply in earnest with others in endeavoring to beild up her trade and commerce. A vital factor in the immediate future of the advancement of these will be the Louisiana Purchase exposition, the gates of which will be thrown open in little more than a year and the plans of which are laid on broad and compre-

honsive lines. The exposition will not benefit St. Louis alone, nor aid only the development of the remarkable aggregation of states between the Alleghatnies and the Rocky mountains, but will assist aimost equally in the advancement of all the states in the Union and of all interests and industries throughout the

country generally. These international expositions are milestones in the path of progress and civilization, and are so recognized by the great nations and by none more so than our own. It is not necessary to recall to your mind the liberal action of congress and of the different states in favor of the Columbian exposition of Dell nor of its and their liberality toward other expositions not international in character, but upon a lower plane, and within narrower bounds. Congress has, as you know, made a large appropriation in support of the St. Louis enterprise, this national aid being about the same as that given to the memorable exposition of 1893.

You doubtless have already inferred from what I have said that I am about to plead for a liberal appropriation by Empire state for a New York state building and exhibit at the St. Louis exposition. The wealth and dignity of New York sustained and strengthened by the resources of the country at large, and depending mainly upon them for the commerce of her great metropoha, fully warrants an appropriation of at least half a million dollars.

I have been informed that but \$50,coo has been suggested, and it is the mention of this entirely inadequate amount, coupled with the fear that this or a sum much more large will be appropriated, which leads me to appeal to you as I am doing. I urge as earnestivas i can an appropriation commen surate with the wealth and greatness of this state, and one that will by its liberality be a lasting assurance of the good will of the Empire State toward her sister states of the Mississippi valley, and more especially Missouri.

In behalf of the Louisiana Purchase exposition I beg that you will use your influence for an approriation of not less than \$500,000. Apologizing for intruding on your time, believe me with much respect, yours sincerely, GEORGE J. GOULD.

THE RULING PASSION.

Remained Strong In Her Under

Strikingly Adverse Circumstances. Smart Set: "It was kinder funnythat is, overlookin' the seriousness of Ridge district, when several persons it," said the landlord of the Pettyville who had attended a dance were comtavern. "You see. Miss Gabriella Lanks. who has -not meanin' any disrespect to her, you understand-been an old maid so long that it's generally believed to be chronic approached the railroad erossin', and a brakeman waved a red first at her to warn her of danger. thought he was tryin' to flirt with her and advanced toward him with a smile and a caboose that was backin' struck her good and plenty. Luckily no hones were broken and the first uning she said when she recovered congeiousness was:

"Oh, this is so sudden!""

Baby's First Teeth. Marianna Wheeler in Harper's Ba-It is a mistake to think that the . filld's first set of teeth need little or no attention, and that nature will care for them. As a matter of fact, from the moment the first little teeth make their appearance the care of the teeth should commence. The strength of the second or permanent teeth depends largety on the good and sound condition of the first. As the decay of the teeth always commences from the outside, the first care is the mouth. It should be kept clean and none of the germs which cause decay be allowed to remain there. Acid is one of the first causes of decay in the early teeth, and the cause of acid in the mouth is often that after each meal a small portion of the milk is allowed to remain in the mouth, where the warm temperature causes In a small baby, the fermentation. mouth shoud be washed with water containing a pinch of borax or boric neld solution after every meal, and at plano. least two or three times a day in an older child. A soft bit of linen or a little absorbent cotton wrapped around the finger is sufficient for this process.

When the child's double teeth come, a samil soft tooth brush should be used Re sure to use the brush gently, employing the horizontal motion and the perpendicular as well, as by doing this the bristles of the brush get between the teeth and dislodge little particles of food which cling there. The month also should be opened wide, and the crown of the teeth well brushed. the teeth are washed, the mouth should be thoroughly rinsed. It is not necessary to use soaps or tooth pastes or powders. Plain boiled water, or water with a pinch of borax, or a saturated solution of boric-acid wash, the last being mildly antiseptic, can be used.

A Narrow Escape. Philadelphia Press: Cassidy-"Of was born in '68, an' a lucky t'ing it was

Carry "Was it so? Phwy?" Cassidy—"Well, ye see the twinty-int' av Fab'ry is me birthday, an' so if '68 hadn't been a leap year Ol wudn't a' had been born at all, at all."

monument to the memory of Mat thias Baldwin, the father of the locomotive-building industry in this country, and founder of the institution at Broad and Spring Garden streets which bears his name, is to be erected in

TESLA'S PLAMS.

Appeals for Half a Million Dollars The Great Inventor Preparing to Send Wireless Messages.

New York World: Nikola Tesla says that he is nearly ready to make a practical test of his system of wireless telegraphy at long distances. He told a reporter that he expected to be able to make a definite announcement on the subject within three months.

Mr. Tesla's work and plans in this direction have been surrounded by much mystery. He has been experimenting for several years. Some of his experiments were conducted on the top of Pike's Peak, which gave rise to a report that his sending and receiving stations were to be located at very high altitudes.

In August last, however, he purchased 200 acres of land at Wardenclyffe, L. I., and announced that his principal station on this side of the Atlantic would be located there. dencivite is on the north shore of Long Island, about 65 miles from this city. It is reached by the Port Jefferson

branch of the Long Island railroad. The most interesting building in process of erection at Wardenclyffe is the tower, from which wireless messages will be sent and received. When completed it will be 216 feet high. The diameter at the base is 100 feet; at the top 80 feet. It is constructed of wood and iron. The secrets of the interior of the tower are closely guarded. It is known, however, that at the base of the structure there is an entrance to a well 120 feet deep, with a staircase leading down into it. From the bottom of the well there will be four tunnels, each 100 feet long, which are now being excavated.

Mr. Tesla has recently taken out patents on several new devices for receiving wireless messages. The purpose of his new instruments is to increase the force of the impulses produced by the Hertz waves. Speaking of his system.

"The current which I will use will be of the familiar alternating type. The energy which is generated in that form will be therefrom the intensity of the vibrations will be magnied 10,000 times. These vibrations will be of the kind best calculated for transmission through the earth, which is my real conductor. At the receiving station I will provide means for magnifying the force of the incoming vibrations a quarter of a million times.

It is not known where the Tesla station on the other side of the Atlantic will be located. The inventor is conducting his work as secretly as possi-ble, because he does not want his rivals to learn of the plans. It is known among his friends that he was greatly disappointed because Marconi was the first to send a wireless message across the Atlantic, an honor which he had hoped to win for himself. He has declared, however, that he expects to eclipse the performance of Marconi when he gets his system in operation.

"VACCINATION EUCHRE."

Novel Diversion at a Recent Card Party in South Brooklyn.

New York Tribune: South Brooklyn has gone vaccination mad. It has come to such a pass that a person who cannot show a vaccination mark is at once branded as a social outcast. It all came about through one or two cases of smallpox just this side of the Bay | zer. If it can be easily obtained, some | ing place at some safe distance from | Ridge district, when several persons | fine horse manure comparatively free | the house. Dogs often acquire the habit ubmit to vaccination by the board of health doctors. There was walling and gnashing of teeth among the fair women and brave men. after it was all over they swore they would start a fashion. So they began talking to their friends, dilating on the joys of the "glass arm" until the idea gradually spread, and one after the other quietly slipped away and submitted his or her arm for treatment.

"Who was vaccinated today?" is the question first asked at every evening entertainment in that section of the borough. Last week, at a meeting of the Perpetual Youth Euchre club members voted that they would not only be vaccinated, but that they would It done in style, in a way that would make their friends envious. committee was appointed to make the arrangements. A "vaccination euchre" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Driscoll, 288 Forty-Eighth street, the other night was the outcome. A press committee had taken pains to inform the newspapers that their representatives were "cordially invited to be pres-

Promptly at 8 o'clock the members of the Perpetual Youth Enchre club met at this Driscoll home and engaged in a last game, as they do not expect to be able to shuffle the cards again for at least a week. Half an hour later, Dr. R. E. Coughlin of 286 Forty-Seventh street, looking grave, and carrying a mysterious package under his arm, was ushered in. A shudder ran around the room, and then each of the victims plucked up courage and lined up, while some one played "Comrades" on the

Sleeves were rolled up, and the operation began. Some laughed and others but they all tried to be brave, and at last it was all over.

POWELL CLAYTON.



D. H. Mealy through Senator Nelson has filed with the State Department a complaint that Ambassador Clayton by becoming a member of a large company enjoying concessions from the Mexican Government has unfited hisself for his diplomatic position.

TO THE BASTER HAT.

On, fit
Of fancy, fum and flowers
And feathers, film and fluff,
Upon a head as light as you;
Ob, delicatensen dream
Of dowager and doll;
Oh, millinered melody Oh, millinered melody Of matron and of maid: Oh, rapturous bunch of bota Bedizening womankind How beautiful you are. Polsed on the tresses Touched with glinting gold. Or sunset kissed Or richly brown as Mother Earth Now flushed with budding spring; Or fair as streaming strands Of soft spun silver silk. Man's fascinated eyes

Are fixed on you And, lost in admiration of your charms, He quite forgets
How great the cost of beauty is.
Set like a crown
Of fair fligree Above a face an angel would Give heaven for. You diadem an Easter Queen With all the glories Of the Easter morn, And make a halo Look like thirty cents. You are a poem Wrought in wire and lace, And fabric fragile As the poet's dream. Illumined by the time and shades That painters breathe into the pictures of their souls. Your barmony of bues holds fast The fancies and the frenzies of

The limner's spirit and its scope. And light divides itself. In seven times seven spectrum tones To make your color scheme A brilliant bursting. Blazonry of bloom The sculptor's sorcery seeks All shapes Of earth and air and sky, And frost-and sunny time And holds all lines of figure o you. 'Easter Hat;

Oh! fleeting flash That fulminates The flowery charge of spring And bursts it into bloom That fills With rainbow remnants

Multiplied a million times; on! Easter Hat. Of shape and size Of colorature and cost; Oh! Easter Hat, Oh! prismed praise and prayer Of woman's love and hope.

Are you on straight? -W. J. Lampton

SPADING UP THE GARDEN.

Be Sure the Ground is Dry Enough Before the Work Begins.

Country Life for March: It will be of great advantage if the spot selected for the vegetable garden can be spaded in the fall, but in any case this should be done as early in the spring as the soil is dry enough to handle, but then and always care should be taken not to disturb it while wet. When a handful of soil taken from four to eight to make it as fine as possible.

lent. It should be evenly spread over farmers have experienced much trouble the surface at the rate of from one- in protecting the nests of hens against half to a full bushel to the square yard. | the pilfering animals. It is one of the from a hen roost or pigeon loft, and if no tendency to arrest the inclination to not natural manures are easily avail- steal. The dog may live in positive able one can obtain from the local seed affluence, but when night falls he beabout onehalf pound to the square yard | If there is any chance to steal. used, great pains should be taken to away and bury it. scatter it evenly over the surface and three spring spadings, if well done, he made an investigation. but if, after the bed has been spaded thrice, it is still at all lumpy, or the the old hollow tree. manure not evenly diffused, it should the very worst kind of thieves be gone over again, bearing in mind success depends more upon tion or effect. After the last spading, the surface should be still further fined and made as smooth as possible with a garden rake, and your bed will be ready for planting.

KING EDWARD'S MEMORY.

What He Said on Meeting Mark Twain the Second Time.

St Lonis Post-Dispatch: While he was in England, Mark Twain says, his head was once taxed as gas works wrote Queen Victoria a friendly letter of protest, saying: "I don't know you. but I've met your son. He was at the head of a procession in the Strand, and I was on a 'bus," Years afterward he met the Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII., at Homburg. They had a long walk and talk together. When bidding him good-by the Prince said: I am glad to have met you again."

This remark troubled Twain, who feared that he had been mistaken for some one else. He communicated this suspicion to the Prince, who replied 'Why, don't you remember when you met me in the Strand, and I was at the mistaken for Alabama; id., for Indiana; head of a procession and you were on

Not for Pleasure.

London Punch: Hostess (to guests, who have to spend a few days) - We're that hereafter in the case of Americans so glad you've been able to come, Miss Gushington; but I do hope we are going to have better weather, or I am afraid you won't enjoy yourself much. Miss Gushington—Oh, but my dear Lady Boreham, we didn't come here and then upon the return of the person to enjoy ourselves. We came to see the good will be exempt from duty,

Ancestral. New York Sun: Father-Tell me why you want to get married?

Daughter—I expect it's one of the traits I inherited from my mother. OLDEST MAINE INDIANS.

Newell Bear Is 104 Years of Age, Beyond All Question.

The longevity of the Indians of Maine has been remarked by many men, but probably the most remarkable, as well as the oldest, Indian alive today is Newell Bear, who was chief of the Old Tobique Indians, which tribe flourished at Aroostook county more than 60 years ago. He is beyond

all doubt 104 years of age. He was one of the most notorious poachers in Aroostook county, near the Tobique river, and has caused much trouble for the officers, although he was never caught and tried court, a fact due, no doubt, to the pity which the officers felt for the old man. Every fall he and his oldest son go into the woods and stay until spring, when they return home laden with quantities of furs and hides, and make an annual trip to New York, where hey receive good prices for the hides.

He always enjoyed perfect health until about ten years ago, when he began to lose his flesh and grow weaker. He started for the woods and began to eat beaver meat, and at once felt new strength, so now he claims that beaver meat saved his

He tells many stories of the early days of his tribe, and says that then he was noted for his wonderful feats of endurance. He was elected chief-tain because he defeated every young brave in a long distance run, each contestant carrying a weight of 25 pounds. Even now his figure is tall and sinewy, and indicates remarkable strength at some earlier period.

There are four generations of family alive, which is remarkable among Indians. His oldest son, Pe ter, is now over 70 years of age, and is one of the oldest Maine guides under Commissioner Carleton.

Newell has guided many Boston sportsmen in his day over long journeys, but now goes on short trips only, as he says he wishes to sleep in his own home nights, for he know not when the Great Spirit will call

Six years ago he carried to Boston the largest caribou ever shot in the Maine woods. Thomas Allen, chief warden at Tobique river, says that ne was the hardest man to watch in the woods of all the poachers with whom he came in contact, although he was by far the oldest. Newell was born in Andover, N. B., in 1798 .-Boston Herald.

DISHONESTY IN ANIMALS.

They Frequently Steal Simply for the Sake of Stealing.

New Orleans Times - Democrat: Speaking of degenerates," said an observant citizen, "I have often wondered inches below the surface pressed with why it was that some scientic man the hand into a ball is sticky and canwhy it was that some scientic man not be readily crumbled into fine earth. quently found in animals of the lower it is too wet to handle, and spading or order. I am not talking about the genotherwise disturbing it will do more cral lack of sense of right and wrong harm than good. After the first spring found in animals of a lower order, but spading the ground should stand for a I am referring to certain specialized week or ten days, and it would be bet- traits in certain domestic animals, like ter were it soaked with rain and again dogs, horses, cats, and other specimens become dry enough to work. It should of this class. Dogs often steal just for then be spaded over again, taking pains the sake of stealing. I have known dogs to break into storehouses, steal We must now look about for a fertil- lot of food, and carry it away to a hidfrom straw or other bedding is excer of sucking eggs, and in rural sections according to its freedom from coarse most difficult things in the world to bedding. In lieu of this, one might break a dog of the egg-sucking habit use about one-half the bulk of manure. The fact that the dog is well-fed has stores commercial fertilizer, of which gins to slip around, and he will steal is sufficient. Whatever fertilizer is not be hungry. He will take the booty

"I recall the case of a dog which had then to mix it with the surface soil been systematically robbing a farmer's with a hoe or the point of the spade, as much of its efficacy will depend upon whole ham. The farmer had been miss the degree to which it is mixed and ing little things for some time. In a evenly diffused through the earth. Afterapplying the fertilizer the bed should digging around an old hollow tree not be again spaded, taking great care to far from the barn. He thought the make the soil as fine as possible. These dog's action a little suspicious, and so will put most soils in fair condition, startled to find the missing ham and a whole lot of other things hid away in Dogs are often

"Cows frequently get into the thieving this habit of breaking into a cornfield at preliminary finding and even enriching some remote place where discovery is of the soil than upon any other condi- well nigh impossible. Cats learn to steal things from the cupboard. Horses acquire the dishonest habit of slipping the bridle when the rider's back to The old story about the mule that picked the lock on the crib door with a snagged tooth is not a legend. I have seen many mules of the kind, and in fact, this thing we call degener acy is not by any means confined to members of the human family.

"Men like Darwin, and naturalists of this kind, have called attention to the thieving nature of certain lower orders of life, the system of piracy carried on by certain birds, and things of this kind, but it has occurred to me that we might find an interesting field of in quiry by taking up the domestic animals. I am inclined to believe that some very interesting cases could be reported.

One of the strict rules of the postoffice department is that the names of the following states and territories shall never be abbreviated in the direct. ing of a letter: Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Ohio, Oregon, Samoa and Utah The reason is obvious: Ala, might be Ore, for either Ohio, Oregon for Oklaho ma: Io., for lonho, etc.

Assistant Secretary Spalding of the treasury department has announced going abroad and taking sundry articles with them, the rule will be that "personal effects may be examined by customs officer before leaving and an itemized descriptive schedule prepared. provided they tally with the list.'

Paul Muller, who is said to be the oldest man in Germany, celebrates his 109th birthday this month. He is a glassworker by trade, and lives at Kleinkathan. UNCLE SAM IN ORIENT, strong that they can compel on

MAY BE FORCED INTO FIGHT FOR MASTERY IN PACIFIC.

Rapacity of Nations for Oriental Trade Must Inevitably Lead to War.

litical sceptres of the great powers yield them are hostile to the inroads of belsance to trade. Prime ministers for- American commerce. merly concocted schemes to strengthen or destroy dynasties; now they devote their days to framing plans for the increase of the commerce of their countries, for the capture of the trade of rival countries.

In no part of the world is the influence of trade on world politics more visible at present than here in the East. The eyes of all the great nations are greedily xed on the Orient and each is scheming to secure for itself the lion's share of the tempting wealth it offers. So eager is the pursuit of the riches of the Eastern countries, so keen the rivalry between the nations seeking to possess them, that nearly everyone able to discern the drift of the currents beneath the surface of the events of the day predicts that it will soon result in the clash of war, that its cause will be found in the East, that there it will he mainly fought, and that every important nation in the world will be forced into the titanic struggle that

At present the surface is comparaclouds on the horizon, some muttered rumblings, but the storm signals are

Even the most optimistic of observers to predictions as to the length of time ontinuance of peace.

seenly fixed on the attitude of Russia and Japan, the most immediately op-posing forces in this impending con-second deal, after the draw, three of dict. From the first, of course, it was accepted as indubitable that other nations—every nation, it was most generally believed—would be drawn into the struggle. The recent announcement of the alliance between Great Reliance between Great Reliance and Lean followed by the alliance between the struggle of the struggle of the struggle. the Eastern question, has but made to what use it can be put in a big game. stronger this belief. It is true that unfortunately, however, for Mr. Long, some who hold, or, for the moment, no one stayed with him and he was however, it presents the spectacle of a him. Mr. Short, who acted as the ofthe field of battle

Russia and France are pitted against Mr. Short had picked up the five top Japan and Great Britain in the Far cards from the discards, and to his as-East, the question arises, how will the tonishment, he found that they were other great powers stand?

For the present Germany holds aloof, hearts, as good a straight flush as can torial and commercial interests in on the hand I just picked up. China and in the East generally forbid "You're the man I've been her government and her people would not tolerate such attitude of inaction. It is more difficult to predict on which active part in it.

Some assert that Germany has already contracted a secret alliance with Great Britain that binds her to support that country and its ally Japan. Others as stoutly maintain that Germany will not move until the very eve of conflict has come and that then, master of the situation, she will move to that side hands that these gentlemen ever enthat offers her most opportunity to coutnered, and it can only be explained solidify and increase her own trade interests throughout the entire East. To Americans, naturally, the attitude of the United States in such a struggle for supremacy is, of course, the tion of paramount interest. Probably the majority of the Americans at home will ask why should we interfere? Why not let them fight it out among

themselves? Three years ago that might have been

Today it is no longer possible. No longer possible, that is to say, without the utter extinction of every trade Interest we possess or lope to possess in the East, and our almost certain expulsion from the Philippines. very much larger. They are also so not even the Irish themselves.

ernment to take extra action to guard them and such action to be effective means but one thing, active participation in the war that is looming up

there We hear a great deal about the "ope door" in the East and every nation is loud in proclaiming its generous inten-tions in that respect. But everyone here knows that each nation—each European nation at least-is bending all its powers to secure exclusive control of Hong Kong letter: At no time in the as much of China and the East generworld's history has commerce—dollars ally as it can grasp. Having once seand cents-held such sway as it does tory we will hear little more of the today. Each year its importance is in- "open door." Each nation is jealous creasing. The men who wield the po- of the intrusion of the other and all of

Germany aims at exclusive control of trade in Shan Tung and in as much more of China as she can secure. France is the same in Indo-China, England in her Eastern possessions, Japan in Corea, Russia in Manchuria and Mongolia. Pending the final decision as to control in the various sections of the East "doors may be open," but when the big guns have finally acted as arbiters in deciding who shall control the respective divisions of territory it will be found that those doors will open only to the knocks of their masters and vigilant watchdogs will guard their do-

mains from trespassers.

If the United States aspires to be a world power and to secure a share of its valuable Eastern trade it must enter the arena and fight with brain and brawn for its own hand.

MALCOLM J. GRAHAM.

BETTNG A POST-MORTEM HAND It Was a Straight Flush, and So was

the Other One. Philadelphia Evening Telegraph: Four well known gentlemen sat down to a game of poker several days ago at a club which is only two or three min-

utes' walk from this office. They agreed do not venture to predict that this to play with the joker in the deck so clear weather condition will continue as to add excitement to the game. For indefinitely. They confine themselves the benefit of the uninitiated it may be stated that the joker in a poker game can be counted as any card in the deck. that will clapse before the seemingly can be counted as any card in the deck, inevitable storm must break forth. It is noticeable that those who have most straight, a flush a full-house or for straight, a flush or in fact for any hand. four of a kind, or in fact, for any hand, are least sanguine hoping for prolonged and you are dealt the joker, you can

ontinuance of peace.

Naturally observation has been most the desired card. The four gentlemen in question pro-Britain and Japan, followed by the al- high straight flush. Poker players and most equally explicit announcement those who understand the game need Russia and France are allies on not be told how good this hand is and pretend to hold, more sanguine views about to throw away his cards in disassert that these alliances give assur- gust, when the gentleman on his left, ance of continued peace. To all others, whom we will call Mr. Short, stopped preliminary lining up of opponents on ficial coroner of the game, had performed a post-mortem. While Mr. Long had Accepting the opinion, then, that looked sorrowfully at his good hand the deuce, tray, four, five and six of

It would, however, be a misuse of terms to say that her position is that of neutral. In the first place, her large terriner, "I would like to make a small bet

her to assume such position or main- for," promptly replied Mr. Long, as vistain such neutrality. In the second place ions of raking in the long green- appeared before him.

Till bet you \$5,000 I have a better hand than you." The mention of this side Germany will stand in the fight sum came as a surprise to Mr. Short, than it is to foretell that she will take and the latter answered that \$100 was all he would wager. There was some good-natured bantering and finally the bet rose to \$450. Mr. Long then showed his hand, and when Mr. Short saw the jack-high straight flush of hearts he came near being a subject for a real

It was the strangest soincidence of by the fact that the cards had only been shuffled once and therefore had not been fully mixed.

Chief O'Neill, of the Chicago police department, says that every man in the department, from the inspectors down, must take a vacation of 36 days without pay, between April 1 and Dec. 31. Not more than one-sixth of the force at any one station must be away at one time. Not less than four days at a time will be given, but the men will, if they wish, be allowed to take eight, twelve, or any other multiple of four up to 26.

Statistics show that there are more And our trade interests in the East Irish in the United States than in Ireare already large and promise to be land. Nobody has any fault to find,

A PARSON NO W IN THE PEN.



RESTRICE

Because of the manner in which Rev. John Z. Armstrong undertook to "heal" Beatrice Fitspatrick, a fifteen year old girl, he is now serving a sentence of six months in the jail of Queens county, M. Y. It was as

serted that his mode of treatment was detrimental to morals