MARRISON, - - MEBRASEA

Apparently it is the open season in Macedonia for almost everything.

It sometimes happens that the womin who is disappointed in love isn't disappointed in marriage.

It is announced that Alaska's great med is wagon roads. We thought climate was its principal lack.

It is quite probable that a speedily lorthcoming theatrical venture will be "The Van Wormer Brothers."

Thus we see that if an editor says something severe about you in his paper, and you kill bim, it is a case of self-defense.

David M. Parry will go right ahead solving the labor problem unless he tan be diverted to the Mary and Ann controversy.

Another "expert" has discovered the secret of determining sex at will, and Nature will laugh him to scorn as she ans all his predecessors.

An easy conscience is one which pernits you to violate the law with im sunity so long as the responsible offitials raise no objections.

The Sultan of Turkey has levied a beavy war tax. Thought the old bird badn't even a pluckable pin feather; but Abdul knows how to use tweezers.

Even though the government sciintists prove that people eat too much. t will be a difficult task to effect a reformation unless hard times return.

At any rate, Uncle Andy Carnegie wasn't so blamed anxious to die poor hat he accepted United States Steel 'preferred" instead of first mortgage

Oh, horrors! We spend more on thewing gum than on missions! Ah, but by keeping some jaws busy, otherwise than in talk, we do the best kind of mission work.

Capital punishment might restrain trime if all murderers were put to leath, but no such execution of the inw is to be expected while human enture is what is is now.

An investigator with a microscope and a large stock of patience has found put that there are 200 kinds of mosjultoes. Some men are never happy except when they are digging up trouble for other people.

As safe blowers have learned to use electricity to promote their ends, the simble pickpocket may acquire the art of the X-ray operator to locate the desired purse. In the progress of science the wicked are not without their share.

The Shah of Persia still has some very old-fashloned notions. For one dsoning when he wishes to put of his loving subjects out of the way. Some crowned heads are so fussy over these things.

One hundred and fourteen miles an hour was the speed attained by an experimental train on a new military railway in Germany, and it is hoped to run a train at the rate of two hunfred miles in the same time. As preparedness for war means avoldance of t nowadays, this indicates the Gernan disposition to hasten toward peace at a pretty rapid pace.

The agreement between Great Britain and France for a treaty of arbitration of commercial and political differences is the most important victory for the arbitral principle since the establishment of the tribunal of The Hague. Particularly is this agreement noteworthy because effected between traditional enemies who for centuries have been at war.

Americans have occasion to regret sue excellent feature in British administration. Under the system long In use by that government diplomacy is a profession. Men start at the bottom as attaches or consuls and go up by promotion or merit to the highest ace, which is ambassador. This setures in the service officers who are sequainted with many countries, who speak many languages and have the skill in diplomacy acquired by experi-It is far different from our esteb-as-entch-can system, which offers no career either in consular or diplomatic service.

The rejuctance with which some per s took up the duties of life when diday season ended has reminded sent that at the beginning caber the men of the Scotch ds sometimes result whethetimes resort to the shall return to work or not is thrown into the air. If it and govern their lives

stand up and let hundreds of people file in and shake his hand. This de generate survival of the royal level has long been an outrageous nulsance It has been used as an advertising card for Washington excursion business and parties of tourists have been taken to the receptions by a guide and put is line to shake hands with the president. Our president is not a king or a show plece of any kind, but a republican magistrate, with important public basi ness to attend to, and nobody ought to have access to him for the grati-Scation of idle curiosity.

Few trade movements of recent years have been more notable than the increased demand of our zone for the productions of the tropics. From the United States is now bringing in four times as many pounds of coffee, sugarand rice as it did in 1870, twice as much tea, five times as much india rubber, and twenty-six times as much silk. Improvements in transportation have enabled this remarkable development to take place. Better steamship facilities, perfected cold storage appliances and the canning industry have brought within reasonable price many fruits which were formerly too expensive for general use. Even har anas, which are easily transported. sold for eight cents each in country stores in 1879 A Harvard professor relates that when he was a student in college he used to welcome an in vitation to dine with a certain family because they served banamas. Many other tropical products now abundant ly used were the luxuries of a general tion ago Their lowering rost on one side and the increased means of the American public on the other have resuited in an extraordinary increase in their use. Sugar and other articles. which on's a few years ago were employed sparingly in many frugal house holds, have become so cheap that there is now little restraint on their use Similarly, there has been a great in crease in the use of wheat and kerosene oil by the people of the tropics Very fittingly have the British made botanical gardens a chief object of interest in many of their tropical cities. like Singapore, or like Kandy in Ceyion. The familiar household names of their luxuriant trees and shrubs remind the visitor of the new depend ence of the modern world upon the pe culiar growths of the perpetual sum

In New York a woman with three to his studio and pose, his hands havchildren walked the streets searching ing especially won the admiration of for a home. They found lodging in Duran, The time came, however, a basement, and were told to "move on" by the landlord. Her character the beck and call of his teacher, for was all right. She had references. The children were the ordinary kind which would not allow him to leave of boys and girls-healthy and noisy, his studio at a moment's notice. One She had money. She couldn't pay for day, it is related, Duran sent a burry a palace, but she was ready to settle call for him, and when he received a in advance for a modest apartment, note saying that Sargent was com-The children were not wanted. They pelled to decline his request, owing to were the obstacles, impediments, that pressing work, Duran was furious. A nuisances. That is why the landlords said. "Move on." It is why they say 'move on" in other cities. It isn't trant pupil, asked him: "Well, how is right. If our boasted civilization has reached a point where a place called How is he?" "Ah, no!" said Duran. nome has children blacklisted. It isn't and he looked sad, and his shoulders home at all If a boycott on the little folks is to be a part of life in a flat. Cest fini! (another shrug) c'est fini! folks is to be a part of life in a flat then flats are by no means a bles ing. This a world of averages. You have got to put up with some things that you do not like, and you should accept the noise made by the neighchildren gracefully, and thank God that they can laugh and shout and romp and be happy. The man or woman who is grouchy because of children isn't right. There must be some thing wrong inside. The life that doesn't include joy in the reflected happiness of boys and girls is a narrow life. Don't blame the landlords too much. They didn't bar children because they are naturally hard hearted. Grumpy men and fretful women complained that other people's bables were a nulsance. The gruff old bachelor refused to find any music in the merry travelers." laugh of a colld, and few women found dogs better company than children. It is business to supply a demand, and so the landlords of countless flat buildings rubbed their hands and said to mothers and fathers of fine families: "Very sorry, but we can't rent to you because of your

in flat regulations that provide that 'no children need apply. Greatest of Linguista. Cardinal Guiseppi Mezzofanti, who died in 1849, surpassed all other men in linguistic ability. All the tongues of Bubel were gathered together in his tongue, but without confusion. He spoke fluently no fewer than 58 different languages and wrote in more than 26. Lord Byron, who knew him well, called him a "walking polygiot, a monster of languages and a Briareus of parts of speech." Messofanti was not in the strict sense a critical or scien tine scholar or even otherwise a man

broods." Once upon a time France

discouraged children. It was the great-

est mistake ever made by a nation.

France has not recovered from the

error to this day. Perhaps she never

will. Isn't there danger for America

His Maplemation "To what do you attribute this al-eged decline in the drama?"

of great intellectual power.

To a very sim Mr. Stormington Barnes. "Too many of our actors care more about playing bridge what or baseball than they do off spinying 'Hamlet' "-Wastring-

old superstition and married on in the baring discovdying out, the people having discov

************** COOD Short Stories

The oratorical gift of the preachers f mountain regions of Tennessee is nuch admired by their simple parishoneers. In fact, nearly every youth's ambition, it is said, is to be a preacher, sithough it is an affection among the orny-handed portion of the population to pretend to despise those who do not engage in manual labor. A traveler recently asked a bright-eyed youngster in Tennessee: "What are you going to do when you grow up?" The boy turned his head away, blushed with embarrassment, and began to draw semi-circles in the dust with his bare toe. In the mean time his father answered for him: "I reckon that boy'll be a preacher; he's a powerful pert talker when he aint bashful, an' he's too darn lazy to work."

The other evening, a lady, whose husband had gone out for the evening. was about to retire for the night with her infant child, when to her amazement, she perceived the foot of a man beneath her bed. Instead of calling for assistance, she coolly went to the child's cot and sat and sang till the little one went to sleep. Two hours then remained before her husband came in. He was surprised to find her waiting up, but when his wife handed him an envelope, saving: "You might run and post this," the cause of her waiting was revealed. Instead of a letter the following was written on the envelope: "A burglar is under the bed; run, fetch police." The bushand returned in a few minutes with a police man, and the man was arrested. The burglar, when brought up before the magistrate, remarked that he had come across a few brave women in his time, but this one must have had a nerve like iron, for she sat there for three solid hours. He had no idea that she knew he was there until the policeman pulled him out.

When John S. Sargent, the famous portrait painter, studied in the atelier of Carolus Duran in Paris, his teacher showed his fondness for him by painting in his head in the great celling of the I axembourg Palace. Even after he branched out for himself, his master often sent for him to come over when Sargent could be longer answer he was getting work of his own to do. few days later, a friend, to whom he had confided his anger at his recalciit with Sargent? Have you made up? It's all over! I have been to the Luxembourg. I went and I got a ladder. and I painted out his head."

Examination Oddities.

There is no end to the oddities Here are a few of recent date coming under the observation of a Chicago teacher:

"Our body is made out of skin and bones. Also toenalls." "The veins carry unpure blood and

the artileries carry pure blood."

"The Nile empties into the Victoria Nizana."

"The mouth of the Nile is called the Metterian sea."

"Ceylon is in Northeastern Ashia. "The camels cross the desert in the

The largest cities of India are call-

ed Canton, Pekin and Kokomo." "Because India is called British In-

dia the British own it." "China is where all the Chinese peo-

ple growd together. About 1.000 people

in that city." "The people of India are called in

diamas. "Ceylon is in / hina."

"Natives of India is called Indias."-Chicago News.

Insurance on Women's Lives. -Until about fifteen years ago life insurance companies uniformly refused to insure the lives of women on any terms. Until five years ago such com panies as did write policies of female fives discriminated against them to the extent of \$5 in the \$1,000. Only a very few companies even now-and these ame terms as men. And yet the life tables of seventy-five years ago show the average death rate of all males to be 21.8 per 1,000 and of all females to

be 19.7 per 1,000. Happy Man in Georgia. "Mars Tom should be de happier

"Think so?" "I sho does. He spends three-fe'the er his time huntin' en de yuther fo'th eatin' what he hunts."-Atlanta Con stitution.

Many Chances to Wed. Samuel W. Hatsmers, who keeps d for a wife recently, and in the course of a few days received an m.2.700 .woman partirela.

Muscular rheumatism is the kind ets a man on his back and keeps

ODD LEGAL CUSTOMS The Origin of Certain Picturesque Features of the Law.

When a murdever is executed a black flag is often run up. The majority of people construe this into a sign of mourning, but it is nothing of the sort. In olden times it was cus tomary for those besieging a city to run up s black flag after a period, which gave the defenders to understand that the time for mercy was past and that destruction was at hand In the fourteenth century this came to be applied to the law also, it being useful for the black flag to be unfurled before the execution took place, to show that destruction was about to be carried out.

A great many of our legal customs date from the time of the Romans the great makers of laws. With Roman orators it was a point of eliquette never to put pressure on a client to exact fees due, the reason being that the orators were supposed to work for nothing and the fees given were in rely a reward for services rendered. So a lawyer today cann t exact his fees by pressure without in uring his reputation, because he, like the orators of

old, is supposed to work for nothing. The law only mourns when the judge wears a black cap and some are very doubtful as to whether the black cap is really a sign of mourning after ull. As a matter of fact, a black cap is part of the s ate dress of an English or Canadian judge, to be worn on great occasions. But to cover the bead always has been a sign of mourning from time immemorial. To prove this, the reader will, if he searches the fifte nih chanter of the second blok of Samuel carefully, find the following passage: David wept, and had bis hend covered." So it may be said that the black cap really is a sign of mourn-

A prisoner is tried by twelve of his fellow countrymen. This custom is a thousand years old, and we get it from the Vikings. The Vikings divided their country up into cautons, which were subdivided into twelve portions. each under a chieftain. When a malefactor was brought to justice it was usual for each chieftain to select a man from the district over which be ruled, and compel him to try the prisoner, the verdlet of these twelve men

being declared by the judge to be final. The wig is only worn by English barristers to give them a stern, judicial appearance, and no one can say that it falls in this respect. The customs was originated by a French judge in the seventeenth century, when, happening to don a marouls' wig one day, he found it gave bim such a stern and dignified appearance that he decided to get one for himself and wear it at all times in court. This he did, and the result was so satisfactory from a legal point of view that not only judges but barristers also took up the custom throughout Europe. - Washington Times.

THAT HORRID HAY FEVER.

They Have It in England Too, and

Among the minor fils to which our fiesh is helr, the annual curse of what. for want of a more exact name, is callwe come position. More than a minor ill it cannot perhaps be called, for it is not dangerous, nor are the results permanent. But for the m ment there are few more irritating and disabling affecevolved in answers to school questions. I tions. Nor, we may add, does the fact that a patient meets with no sympa by from his friends tend to alleviate his Diight.

It is no new thing. As a "rose cold" it has been known for the last four hundred years. Scientifically the discase is caused not only by the mere physical irriation of the mucous membrane of the pose and eyes by the polien of flowers and grasses, but also by the immediate operation upon the memb, ane of a toxin which has recenly been identified in the pollen. The contributor presents several special features. It is not the least peculiar aspect of it that susceptibility to it varies extrense'y need riling to race and sex; if anything, the stronger constitution beneg more liable to contagion than the weaker. Thus it may be said that English and Americans suffer from it more than other nations, and men more than women,

Again, there is little satisfaction to be gained from the common b lief that after one has had it one is immune against a record attack. On the contrary, a patient, so far from being protexted by one experience, becomes, if anything, more predisposed to the complaint than before. Of course, cold and rain min mize the risk of contagion, and warmth and light winds

increase it. Recent research, as we have said, ans isolated the poison which lies at the root of the trouble, and it has been proved that hay fever can be superinduced in a few minutes by infecting the mucous membrane of any one us. ble to the complaint. It is, however, impossible to communicate it to those

not naturally sentiave to it. Despite the scores of remedies which we have printed in our news columns, it seems doubtful whether there is any one papaces for the discase-what will relieve one patient will wholly fail in another case. Perhaps the cauterination of the miceous membrane by means of the gulvanic wire is the most generally successful treatment. Short of that it can only be said that towns are more healthy for those susceptible to haz fever than the country. On the whole the upshot of the discussion scens sather to justify the assertion of our original correspondent, that the doctors have hitherto failed to cope with this mysterious and thresome complaint-London Mail.

CHERRY SISTER DEAD.

Demise of the Girl Recalls the Se tional Career of Young Wom

A recent telegram tells of the death of Jessie Cherry, the youngest memter of the famous quartette of Cherry misters.

About a dozen or fifteen years ago the Cherry sisters, who were living near Cedar Rapids, became suddenly famous because of the nature of conert entertainments they began giving about the country. Without education and without any special talent the four sisters, who were left in poor circumstances by the death of their parents, determined to raise funds to ave their homestead from being taen for debt. They had appeared in ountry school entertainments and boldly conceived the plan of giving to the wo ld the value of their talents.

Their programs were so utterly unonventional and so entirely without artistic sentiment that they soon be ame a rage and the sisters were calld to New York by a prominent vaudeille manager. There their fame grew and they followed up their financial success by a tour of the whole country. They had many exciting experiences, and it became necessary for them to old to their stage accessories a large wire screen to stop the flood of bad vegetables which were nightly hurled oward the stage when they were singing. Early in their career the young women resented this influx of garden growths and at one time Effic, the oldest of the bunch, is said to have carried a shotgun with which she used to intimidate her audiences. The poice were many times called in for protection of the sisters, but later in their rating the shafts. career, after the discovery of the wire screen, they viewed the animosity or frivolousness of their audiences with impunity, and seeing the attention iberately at it, not even giving railthus given them they welcomed it.

Jessie was the youngest of the sisters and was really a pretty little girl. Her greatest hit was appearing as the barefoot maiden in one of her songs. and many a new-paper ode has been written to her toes. She appeared also as the innocent "gentle lady" in Effic's star song, "The Gypsy's Warning."

there was always a controversy as to whether the sisters were as awkward and inartistic as they appeared. and many have believed they were mart enough to recognize the guilibility of the public and to play upon that weakness to its fullest extent. While they professed always in the most solemn manner that the action of the public toward their was only because of its utter lack of appreciation of the truly beautiful, it is evident this was but another method they had of seeking advertisement.

CAUSED HER TO GROW FAINT.

Stunning Girl Discovered Suddenly that Her Belt Was Missing.

Amusing, isn't it, how one's mental state affects one's conduct. The girl who walked along F street the other day with a proud step and her head carried high was feeling particularly good. She was conscious that her fresh shirt waist was immaculately white and that her skirt was a perfect fit. At that particular moment she could have overcome any obstacle or faced any danger so great was her self-confidence. Ten minutes later. standing in front of a counter in one of the stores waiting for a girl friend to make some purchases, she drew her hand to her waist. A cold shudder went driving through her veins as she peeped over the blouse front of ber shirt waist. Yes, it was quite true. She had forgotten her belt! Limp in every muscle, she sank on a stool, terrifying her companion by the sudden-

ness of her collapse. "Hush; I've forgotten my belt," she said in a quick whisper, while the yard of black ribbon!"

clerk interposed. "Can't I get you pointment to Madrid he was for size

something-a stimulant?" "No, that's you," the girl murmured came to claim his attention and the without attracting any one's attention. The out-of-door air revived the subjects. haughty young woman's crushed spirit somewhat, but not again that day did her head reach quite so erect a pose time the British government has sen

The Descon's Schedule. Here is a unique schedule of prices for services rendered or to be rep dered-by a good old Georgia deacon: "Marryin' a couple, \$1.

Washington Post.

"Reduced rates to three couples, in bunch. "Prayin' for rain, \$2 an hour; te guarantee rain, \$2.50 for same length

"Predictin' end o' the world, \$8-hit or miss.

"Forecastin' chills, fever and rheumatiam, 50 cents per day. "Warnin' you of approach of hurri cane or earthquake, \$4-in advance.

CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Be

-Atlanta Constitution

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tect of his own fortune. Wagg-How did be succeed in do ing the building inspectors?—Phila

BLOW CARS IN VERMONT.

New York Drummer's Yorn About

an "Accommodation" Train. "The South isn't the only place there they run slow trains," said a lew York drummer, just back from ds New England route.

"I was traveling on a road in northrn Vermont. In the sent ahead of ie was a farmer, so jubilant over nying a new buggy he was taking some with him that he had to turn round and tell me all about it. 'Gosh.' e was saying for the twentieth time, tot it dirt cheap-only \$24,' when he conductor came through and tapsed him on the shoulder.

'Say, Darius,' he shouted, 'he's lowing up for your jumping off place." " 'What town are we coming to?' I sked Darins.

"'Oh, no town in particular,' he anwered. 'Jest my farm. I know the onductor and engineer pretty wellrew up alongside of them-and they dways let me off here. Saves walk-

og six miles from town." "Just then the train stopped, and barius made leisurely for the door and erambled off the platform. A minute e two passed and we didn't move on. Guess they're helping Durius off with is buggy, I said to myself, and went m reading the paper.

"Maybe I had read for five minutes when I looked up. 'Hello,' I said, 'still tanding here. Wonder if Darius got ils buggy off? With that I stuck my lend out of the window to see, and cless me, if there wasn't the engineer ind the fireman and the conductor selping Darius to put his buggy totether. And the brakeman was un-

"Did anybody object to the delay? Sot a soul. Acted as if it were an very-day occurrence. They went deand schedules a thought, apparently, intil the buggy was all put together and the son of Darius came across lelds leading a horse. Then Darius hanked them and guessed he and his my could hitch up the horse all right. and the conductor and the engineer and the fireman and the brakeman all rawled back on the train and we got

inder way again. "That happened on the trip up. On he down trip we made a stop in the pen country and, as I'd seen no one tet off. I got out to investigate. When walked up to the engine I saw the ingineer down on his knees on the rack, pounding away like all pesses-

" 'What's up?' I asked.

" 'Oh, nothing much,' he said. On he up trip I noticed this rail was a ittle loose, so when I was in town threw a spike and an ax into the ngine, and now I'm respiking it. That's all.' "

SIR H. MORTIMER DURAND.

he New British Ambassador to the United States.

Sir H. Mortimer Durand, who suc eeds the late Sir Michael Herbert as British ambassador to the United



States, has been British ambassadot at Madrid for the last three years. Previously to his per ranks of the British diplomatic service he hac spent more that twenty years in the Indian civil

service. The sor SIR H. M. DURAND, of the late Major General Sir Henry Durand, he was born in India in 1850, and his acquaint ince with that country, Persia and Afghanistan is of the most intimate kind. He has been private secretary to an Indian viceroy, filled posts in the young man behind the counter went Indian foreign office and conducted a to get change. "For heaven's sake go successful special mission to Cabul to the ribbon counter and get me a whither he had previously accompan led Lord Roberts as political secretary "You seem to be ill," the young man in the 1879 campaign. Before his ap years British envoy and minister to Persia, where he was regarded as the weakly. " Is nothing. I'll be all right most astute diplomat Great Britain in a moment." Fortunately others ever sent to Teheran. In leisure moments he has written a novel. "Heler ribbon was twisted neatly into a belt Prevelyan," under the pen name or John Roy, and several works on India;

A significant feature of Sir Henry's selection is the fact that it is the firs as it bore earlier in the morning. In ambassador directly to Washington Heretofore Washington has been look ed on as a post ranking at the foot o the embassies, hence it has been the custom to promote a minister to be ambassador

Prepared for the Worst.

Mr. Brown's enemies say that ther is nothing else in the world he enjoy, so much as finding fault and putting other people in the wrong. When en gaged in this pleasing occupation h loses all hold on a sense of humo which is none too keen at other times

Not long ago he and his wife wer taking a trip through the White Mous lains, and at one place they were b be called at 5:30 in the morning to tak on early train. Mr. Brown wakene, first, and after a glance at his wate, fell back on his pillow with a gross that frightened his wife out of he stumbers.

"Here it is on the tick of half per ive," grumbled Mr. Brown, in re sponse to his wife's troubled ques tions, "and if they don't call us withit ave minutes we shalplt have tien snough to get dressed and out break pected." Market a series and

Marygord bid up stan and A time table, Cordelia, is any ele table purchased on the insta