NEEDLES IN HER BODY

TORTURES WHICH SURGEONS CAN'T EXPLAIN.

Reedles Seem to Grow in Body of Melvins Morford-For Three Years They Have Been Cut Out of Her, and More Are Yet to Come.



needles. How many are still imbeded in her flesh Kiey do not pretend to say, but operations to remove the sharp pieces of steel are still going on. This story is true in every detail. The surgeons say it is without precedent for the extraordinary number of needles her body has contained. There are several well-known cases of a woman carrying a needle in her body for years,

and the needle has kept constantly moving from one limb to the other. When, not long ago, the surgeons cut out from twenty to forty more needles they thought their task was finished. But it seems not.

If, as some surgeons contend, the case is one of voluntary self-torture, then the patient, a fragile young girl, possesses wonderful endurance and a stoical indifference to pain which far surpasses that of the New Mexican Indian priests, who, once a year, in the performance of a religious penance, flagellate themselves with sharp cacti branches, filling their backs with thorns, which are afterwards drawn out.

The girl, however, strennously denies that she fills her skin with needles. She says that she has no idea where they come from. Her parents corroborate his captures and does not want to do her. They have even kept close watch any more fishing for awhile. The over her movements to detect, if possible, whether the physicians' theories are correct, but they say they have learned nothing.

steel pieces are exceedingly painful and tall is very peculiar and has great cause the girl to writhe under the cut of the surgeon's knife. She is, in fact, unusually sensitive to pain.

AMERICAN DIAMONDS.

A Few Choice Specimens of Them Are Found Here,

Diamonds have been found occasionally at different places in the United States, but never in sufficient quantities to render systematic mining profit-

BATTLING WITH A RATFISH.

A Queer Marine Monster Killed Off the

California Coast. The Italian settlement at the foot of Franklin street was agitated this morning by the capture of a monster of the deep, says an Oakland correspondent of the San Francisco Examiner. An Italian fisherman gave battle to the queer fish. and he says he will long remember the encounter. The capture was made near Goat Island. It took several hours to land the fish and during the contest two boats were nearly wrecked. The Italians call the monster a "ratfish," because it has somewhat the appearance of a rat. The fish weighs 245 pounds and measures eleven feet from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail. The tail itself, which was used by the fish as a means of defense, measured six feet in length. The story of the battle

was told by a man named Lagoria, who employs the fishermen to go out every morning and fish for him. "There is one old man in my employ,'

said Lagoria to-day, "who seems to have particularly bad luck in catching freaks. Several days ago he got a maneater while fishing near Goat Island and had an exciting encounter. This morning the same old fisherman had his lines out near Goat Island when he captured the ratfish. He was alone at the time and was somewhat excited when the monster came to the surface of the water and made straight for his little boat, lashing his tail in all directions. The fisherman had to devote his efforts

in getting away from his catch. He shouted for assistance, and three companions, who were fishing in the vicinity, came to his rescue. After a long struggle they succeeded in drowning the monster and towed him to shore. A fish that weighs 245 pounds and is eleven feet long, and a tail almost like a rod of iron, can do some fighting when it gets mad. That is what my fishermen found out when they tried to land the monster. The man who made the capture has given up the sea for a few days. He is a little superstitious about Italians call it a 'ratfish,' but that is not the proper name. We have been in the fish business for a great many years, but we have never had anything The operations for the removal of the like this before. It is not a shark. The strength. That is its weapon of defense. The men who captured the fish tell me that the monster can work terrible havoe with its tail."

A WONDERFUL STAGE.

Six Thousand People Can Be Put Behind the Footlights.

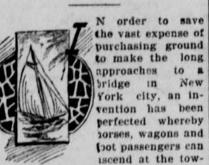
London now possesses not only the largest wheel but the biggest theater able, says the New York World. The in the world. Until recently Chicago, largest authenticated diamond ever with its tremendous Auditorium theafound in this country was picked up by | ter, may be said to have had the largest a laborer engaged in grading the streets | building erected solely for theatrical of Manchester, Va. Its original weight displays, but now Earl's court, with the was about twenty-four carats and after | Empress theater, goes one better than cutting a twelve-carat stone resulted. the American city, says London Tit-On this stone, called by Capt. Dewey, Bits. The only building in London in its owner, the Onincor, John Morrissey which theatrical displays have been the elevation would need to be less and once loaned \$6,00%, but Mr. Kunz, the given to be compared with the Empress diamond expert, appraised its value at theater is Olympin. As this huge struc-

NEW KIND OF BRIDGE.

New

COSTLY APPROACHES CAN BE DONE AWAY WITH.

Spiral Roadway at Either End-Here Is a Plan by Which It Is Claimed Millions Can Be Saved in New York's New Bridges.



er. This is an important question in view of the projected new bridges on the North and East rivers, says a New York paper.

In order to comply with the requirements of the federal government, these bridges will have to be constructed some 150 feet above the water in the central span. As the shores of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City are comparatively low, it will be seen that this necessitates long and costly approaches like those of the Brooklyn bridge. In this case the land was condemned and purchased at a cost of millions, but if the approaches could have been done away with this money would have been saved.

The new bridge which has been designed by James P. O'Brien of this city has indeed projecting parts over town, socially, attend its gatherings. itive methods. The total value of all and say, I am come to sacrifice to the

FARGO'S NOVEL CHURCH.

No Creed, Catechism, or Collection Box Permitted.

"There is a church in Fargo," said Col. Irons of that city to a Minneapolis Journal reporter, "that recognizes the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Any man can belong to it. He need pass no test as to faith; can be an agnostic on every subject. He is as welcome to a place in the church as any one else; all he has to do is to behave himself while he is there, and permit others to enjoy the same freedom that he is accorded. They never raise a collection in that church: in fact, there is no such thing as passing the plate. The society has a treasurer whose business it is to call upon those who seem to be interested in the work and exercises of the church, present the needs of the organization, take what they have to give, and pay the bills. That church is run on the theory that when it is no longer able to pay its way it has outlived its usefulness and ought to die. The church has among its members and supporters all sorts and conditions of men. It has those who, in other communities, would belong to Methodist or Baptist congregations; there are

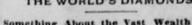
Jews as well as those who were brought up in the Catholic faith. The spiritualists and the theosophists are represented. Then there are a number that had about given up all church-going until they came to this society. Here they find themselves at home, and the function and purpose of the church is to make them so. They have parties and dances; dinners are given in the the land, but these are merely to The chief justice of the state of North the diamonds in the world undoubted-

THE WORLD'S DIAMONDS.

Something About the Vast Wealth Tied

There is always something fascinating about the subject of diamonds, and rich and poor like to read about precious stones, says Yencwine's News. It is estimated that during the last twenty-five years the American people have he can believe what he pleases, or he paid duty on at least \$180,000,000 worth of diamonds and piher precious stones. In 1893 alone they imported \$15,203,-563 worth, but in 1894 there was a falling off owing to hard times, and the total was only \$4,856,985. This does not include uncut diamonds, of which we imported more than \$1,000,-000 worth in 1892, \$800,000 worth in 1893 and \$566,267 worth in 1894. During the last twenty-four years we have imported \$7,087,817 worth of uncut diamonds. In 1880 we imported only \$129,000 worth of uncut diamonds, and in 1889 only \$250,000 worth. The large increase of late has been due to the fact that a number of American jewers have opened diamond-cutting establishments. There are now fifteen establishments in the United States which employ from one to twenty men. There are 4,000 manufacturers in Europe and about 200 in the United States who employ between 7,000 and 8,000 persons as cutters and polishers.

Perhaps 28,000 people are employed in the diamond mines throughout the world. We read that in past centuries 60,000 people were working in some single Indian mines at one time, and Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me perhaps that statement is not exaggerated, since by the aid of modern machinery one miner can now accomplish church, and the best people of the as much as twenty who used the prim-



Up in Gem.

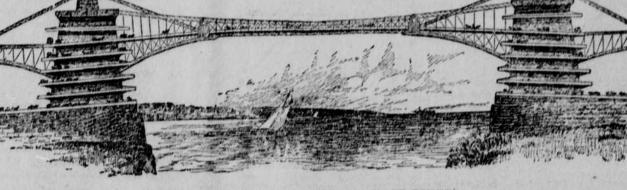
1. And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long will thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Sease the a king among his sons. 2. And Samuel said, How can I 39?

if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take a helfer with thee, And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and 3.

I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

4. And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Bethlehem, And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou

come to sacrifice unto the Lord; sanctify yourselves, and come with me to



NEW DESIGN FOR A BRIDGE OVER EAST RIVER.

counterbalance the weight of the parts of the bridge over the water, as the structure is built on the cantilever principle. When you pass over this bridge you never go beyond the towers. A great, strong spiral roadway winds around each tower for horses, wagons and foot passengers. The number of turns which this roadway makes around the towers depends upon the nature of the traffic and the height to be attained.

With only horses, light wagons, bicycles, etc., the spiral might have a higher slant. But for heavy traffic the spirals more numerous.

is not impossible that railroad It

our leading doctors, and there is even kindly enough to see good in every man; salvation in every religion that is honestly followed; tolerance for everything except intolerance, and love for the world. All he asks is that a man be decent, and his addresses are rather to stir a man to do the good that he knows and feels than to teach him new goodness that he has no use for. It is a religion of this life and to-day; not of the life to come; of the oneness of humanity and the sacredness of

simple everyday duty."

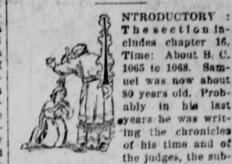
Dakota is a member, as are the lead- ly exceeds \$1,000,000,000. There are ing business men of Fargo, lawyers, perhaps 8,000 dealers in diamonds in the world, who carry in their stock roem for myself. Then they have a stones worth perhaps \$350,000,000. The preacher who is broad enough and remainder are in the hands of private individuals. To compare present conditions with those of the past, it is instructive to note the enormous increase in the production of diamonds. and the important industrial changes wrought thereby, which have resulted from the discovery and working of the great South African mines. During the last quarter century ten tons of diamonds, selling for more than \$300,-000,000 uncut and \$600,000,000 after

cutting, have been added to the world's wealth-an amount more than and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

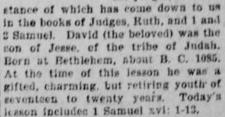
LESSON IX-SUNDAY, DECEM-BER 1-KING DAVID.

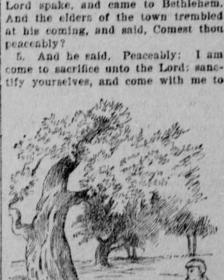
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Golden Text: "Man Looketh on the Out ward Appearance, but the Lord Look" eth on the Heart"-- 1 Samuel avi:7-Faithfulness in All Things.



The section includes chapter 16. Time: About B. C. 1065 to 1068. Samuel was now about 80 years old. Probably in his last eyears he was writing the chronicles of his time and of the judges, the sub-







Shepherd Tending Sheep.) the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse

height of his stature; because I have

refused him: for the Lord seeth not as

man seeth; for man looketh on the out-

less than \$1,000, as it is poorly colored ture was not built expressly for theatri- trains could ascend and descend in and imperfect.

Next to this stone comes a sixteen- theater still hold good. carat diamond found in 1884 at Waukesha, Wis. A stone over four carats came from Dysartville, N. C., in 1886, and one weighing just a little less was 1893. In Georgia and North Carolina, itacolumite or flexible sandstone is found. This stone, so elastic that a slab of it can readily be bent into a curve by states. Quite a number of small stones in the gold washings of Hall county. Georgia.

monds have also been found in some ous shades of yellow to pure white. The scene. largest price ever paid for a California tablishments now in this country, 250,000 worth of stones.

True Realism.

Dramatic Author-I understand that you are looking for a new play.

suit. I want a play which shall combine all the elements of tragedy, comedy, farce, pantomime and spectacle.

"That's it. That's what I've got. Chock-full of tragedy and human suffering, tears and smiles, joy and woe, startling surprises, unheard of mishaps. wreck and ruin, lamentations and laughter."

"What's the title?"

"A May Day Moving."

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"What's the plot ?"

"Hasn't any plot. Just an ordinary May day moving."

Real Devotion.

"Are you sure you love him?" "Am I sure! Do you see this dress?" "Of course I do. What of it?" "Will you kindly tell me if it hears the slightest resemblance to the present fashios ?" Woll, realty, it-er-it-" "It doesn't?" "No."

"Well, I am wearing it because he tikes it."-Tid-Bits.

Pretty Near It.

Insurance Examiner-Has there been who hadn't a cent.

al purposes the claims of the Empress

Imagine an iron and brick building towering above everything at Earl's side of the famous tunnel. The railcourt except the great wheel, almost as long as Trafalgar square and nearly found in Dane County, Wisconsin, in as wide! The span of the roof is only beaten by one erection in the kingdom -that, we believe, being the span of St. Pancras station. This roof span of the Empress theater is 220 feet, while the the fingers, is found associated with height from ground to lantern is no less diamonds in Brazil, and this fact led to than 117 feet, or more than half the a search for the gems in these southern | height of the monument, and only seven feet shorter than the duke of were consequently found there, mostly York's column in Carltonhouse terrace. As the auditorium is one of the largest in this country, so, too, is the im-

In California's gold diggings, dia- mense stage. In designing this latter work some remarkable and curious denumbers. About seventy stones have vices were adapted. The entire stage been obtained from one locality at can be moved about here and there, and Cherokee flat, the largest weighing put up in sections in such a mechanical about two and one-half carats, and the | way that it can be made to assume any colors varying from rose through vari- form called for by the exigencies of the

On this great stage of the Empress diamond in the rough was some \$600. theater there is room for at least 6,000 There are twenty diamond-cutting es- people, without undue crushing, and at least 2,000 performers, in addition to handling during each year about \$1.- 500 workmen-carpenters, shifters, property-men, etc.-are on it in one scene in the production. When to this main stage is added another seventy feet in depth, which can be made to anpear and disappear at will, some idea Manager-Yes, but I am very hard to may be obtained as to the hugeness of the place.

To provide for this immense number of performers there are scores of dressing-rooms at the rear of the stage. To light this great stage and the auditorium over thirty electric are lamps are used, while twenty limelights help to produce the beautiful color effects now seen in every theatrical display. in addition to these greater lights over 3,000 incandescent hurners are in use all over the building.

A Misunderstanding.

Suitor - Beg pardon for interrupting, but 1-er-have just come or that is, I have just been speaking to your daughter, and she referred me to you. Old Gontleman-Oce crickets! 1 wonder if that girl thinks I am made of money. You are about the fortieth hillcollector she has sent in to-day. If sho doesn't marry pretty soon, I'll be hankrupt.

Intended to Wear the

Mrs. Findestecte-Have you commenced to buy any of your trosseau yet for your marriage next month? Miss Emancipus-Yes, indeed. Yes-

any insanity in your family? Mrs. De | terdey I got six new pair of bloomers, a Avnoo-Well, my sister married a man | degen shirts and some embroidered suspenders.-New York World.

this manner. In the famous St. Gothard there is such a spiral railway track cut out of the solid rock ou either way thus winds upon itself inside the mountain and emerges to go into the tunnel, upon leaving which it enters another spiral for a short distance.

The principle of railroad trains ascending by a spiral is thus well established, and only variations of gear and in the build and weight of the locomotives are necessary to fit to these new conditions which the construction of the North and East river bridges present. A slight curb around the edof the spirals is all that is necessary for the safety of wagons and foot passengers.

London's new bridge across the Thames has a high central span for the passage of large vessels and it has short approaches, but this is accomplished by elaborate machinery which permits of the entire span being lifted, which thus shuts out traffic for the time being. It is estimated that in the proposed North river bridge the cost of the approaches, together with the purchase price of the necessary land, will fully equal, if not surpass, the cost of the bridge itself.

At the same time, the traffic is delivered at a much more inconvenient point than the river front. With the bridge here proposed you would step upon the bridge practically on the shore. From end to end of the Brooklyn bridge more than one-half of the distance is over the land, and people desiring to go, say to Franklin square, have to retrace their steps for several blocks after leaving the bridge.

Mrs. Ponsonby presents herself to Mme. Valerie, the modiste, to point dut an error in the monumental bill for her summer costumes.

"Madame will notice that the ribbon on the challie gown is charged at 85 cents a yard, and the ribbon on the surah gown at \$1 a yard, and yet procisely the same kind of ribbon was used! A mistake of course!" murmurs Mrs. Ponsonby, in suspiciously sweet tones, a steely glitter in her eye the while.

"Ah!" eries madame, "Quel malheur! What a stupid bookkeeper is mine! Of course it is a mistake, my dear Mrs. Ponsonby. 1 am desolated it should occur! I will rectify it at once. Both ribbons should have been charged at \$1."-Truth.

Teacher-Which letter is the next one to the letter H?

Bay-Dunno, ma'am. Teacher-What have I on both sides | inquired.

of my nose? Boy-Freckles, ma'am.-New York

Herald.

BIGYCLE RIDING ON SUNDAY. Recognized as Right by the Rev. James

Brudy of Boston.

The question whether it is right to ride a bicycle on Sunday or not, has disturbed a good many people of high moral character, but those ministers who have made arrangements for a seem to think there is nothing wrong in it, especially if used as a means of A. W. Bulletin. The Rev. James B. Brady of the People's church in Boston was one of the first to introduce this method of attending church. He conceived the idea that young men would come to church in much large numbers if they were allowed to ride an hour or two in the morning through country

fields and in the fresh air, bringing up at the church in time for the opening service. Consequently he made a special provision in a room in the basement of the People's church, and thus makes the church the objective point rather than a roadhouse or some lower resort. A large number of young men attend his church, checking their bicycles at the church door, and going in and sitting under the services with their minds much clearer, and doubtless imbibing much more good than those who go only to sleep through the service. Other ministers have followed the example, several Boston preachers being in that number. One of the latter has organized a blcycle club in his church, and takes a regular Saturday afternoon excursion with a gay party of young people, making himself so pleasant and agreeable to them that they flock to his church Sunday morning. A pastor in one of the Oranges in New Jersey has offered accomodations to wheelmen on Sundays, and the experiment has attracted many bicyclers from other towns.

An Even Thing.

"Did you trade any when you we ter town?" asked Silas Oathin. "Yes," replied Corntossel, "some,"

"How did you come out?" " Twas what ye'd call a stand-off.

give a follor a counterfeit \$50 bill for a gold brick."-Washington Star.

The conversation turned upon the fatal number. Friday, salt-spilling and other superstitions.

"It is not well to make too much fun of such matters," gravely remarked Brichanteau, "Por instance, I halt an old uncle who, at the age of seventyseven, committed the imprudence making one of a dinner party of thirteen "And he died the next day?" Le Ribi

No; but exactly thirteen years afterward

A shudder ran through the audience. | una.

twice as great as the value of diamonds known to exist before.

DON'T LIKE PENNIES.

Small Change. Look not on his countenance, or on the

zona do not pay their bills with chicken feed or small change? asked the Phoeblcycle storage-room in their churches nix (Arizona) Gazette. In the older states when a purchase is made exact change is usually tendered, and one attending divine worship, says the L. thing certain-a bill is not broken if it can possibly be avoided. Here in the west any ordinary little purchase is made simply by asking for the article. and when it is passed across the counter a piece of money amply large to cover the cost is thrown down. When change is made the customer carelessly drops it into his pocket, apparently without counting it, and goes out without once mentioning the cost of the article. He gets just as good a deal as though he had jewed the dealer for half an hour. The custom of throwing down a larger piece of money than is necessary is not done, as a rule, to exhibit the cash, for in this territory everybody has money. It is only to show apparent indifference and is a mark of liberality. It may be said that pennies have no abiding place in the west, especially in this territory. Even at the postoffice, where everything is supposed to be legal tender. pennies, 2-cent and 3-cent pieces are unknown. Change is made to the cent by the postmasters, but they do it with postage stamps or postal cards. Nowhere else are odd pennies recognized, even in the banks. A check drawn for \$4.98 would be paid with a \$5 bill without a word. The same is true in all the shops and stores; change is made to the nearest nickel, sometimes only to the nearest quarter or dollar. Poor Richard's saying."Take care of the pennies,"etc.,does not apply to Arizona, as small change, anything under a dollar, is by most people considered only as trash of little

ward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. 8. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this. 9. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this.

10. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.

11. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remainsth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13. Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

David's Faithfulness in Preparation. David, even if he knew at this time that he was to be king, could not pozsibly foresee the great work he was to do. He "knew not where he was going," but he knew that, wherever it was, faithfulness in present duty was the only way to reach it. The only way to large things is through faithfulness in little things. 1. It was by the strength and activity gained in doing his best as a shepherd that ho was enabled to meet Gollah and do many deeds of daring which gave him power as king. 2. He spont his leisure hours in practicing music,

RAM'S HORNS.

The screen in the saloon door means that the do'il can sometimes he ashamed of himself.

The devil is not wasting many darts in the man who has one kind of religion at home and another at church.

Before Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, he told them of the Father to whom their prayers should be addressed.

To say "Our Father," means "my brother," to every man, or it means nothing.

value. "When I was out west," said the man who runs about the country selling windmills, "I struck a saloon in a little

mining town that was called the Civil Service Reform bar." "That was rather queer," said the man who stays at home and sells sh "I thought so, too, until I found out the reason of the name. I went in to get a glass of beer; got it and laid down a dollar. The man behind the bar took the dollar, drooped it in the till and picked up his newspaper to read. 'Don't get any change ?" says I. 'Nope,' says

ao, 'this is run on civil service principles, and we don't believe in making any unnecessary change.' As he had a shotgun in handy reach I concluded to let it go at that."---Cine-isnati Trib-

said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him. 7. But the Lord said unto Samuel,

Citizens of Arizona Have No Regard for Have you noticed that men in Ari-

6. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and