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Her Inspiration.

A writer in an English paper asserts that: "It was my good fortune to lunch in the company of several poets of fame and repute. There was pres-ent at this delectable and memorable banquet one of the most charming and witty American women that the world has ever known. The poets were re-cording various good stories, and one related a tale he had heard of Wordsworth, by one who had known him in-It seems that this bard was timately in the habit of writing at night and in the early morning, and that he used to rouse his wife about 4 o'clock and exclaim: 'Maria, get up! I have thought of a good word!' Whereupon his obedient helpmeet arose and recorded it on paper. About half an hour afterward a new inspiration would seize upon the poet and he would call out, 'Maria, get up! I've thought of a better word.' We listened to this story with word. admiration, but the bright-eyed American woman remarked, with a wave of red rose in her hand: 'Well, if he'd been my husband, I should have said, Wordsworth, get up! I've thought of a bad word!"

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He Met an Old Friend.

"I cannot but admit my condition, your honor," said the dignified old gen-tleman, who had been carried to the police station the night before in a state of collapse, "but the circumstances arose from my meeting an old friend of my younger days—an old friend from Kentucky." "I have the honor of being a Ken-

tuckian," said his honor, "and I will let you go. By the way, who was the old friend? He may be a friend of my-

The dignified old gentleman first got himself near the door and then said in a soft voice:

"John Barleycorn." - Indianapolis Journal.

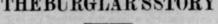
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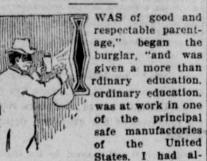
Tartar Medicine.

Formerly musk was used as a medicine in various parts of the world; but doctors in civilized lands do not hold musk in high repute. In China it is still thought to be a very good medicine; but the Chinese have queer notions about cures and charms. Abbe Huc, a distinguished traveler, says that when a Tartar doctor finds himself without his drugs and medicines, he is not in the least embarrased. He writes the names of the needed drugs on slips of paper, and these being rolled up in little balls are swallowed by the pati-ent. "To swallow the name of a remedy, or the remedy itself, amounts to the same thing," says the Tartars.-October St. Nicholas.

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ways a natural taste for working in metals, and was now in a position to gratify my ambition to become an expert in the business. At the age of 24 was selected from the force of thirty hands to expend all my time and talent in one particular branch of the work, namely, the locks and doors. This was many years ago and the modern improvements had not been dreamed of. But several kinds of combination and permutation locks had been patented and one of the best of these time and taking the risks with such a lock; consequently, our sale of safes was large and profitable.

"I was receiving a good salary for my special work and imagined, like many others in life, that I was a favorite of fortune and that it would always last.

"From the position I occupied it was easy to fall into the companionship of the sons of the wealthy classes, and to drift with them into expensive-if not objectionable-habits. The alluring games of chance soon fascinated me with their golden favors. Intemperate habits in everything, together with loss of sleep, soon unfitted me for a fair day's work and I was discharged. Going from bad to worse I soon found myself the welcome companion knowing where my next meal was to come from.

"Wandering aimlessly about the city with a favorite companion one day, we were passing the shop of an undertaker. My chum called my attention to a safe, which stood near a desk and fronted the open door of the office, and suggested that it might contain money, of which we were both in great need.

"'That lock and door are both my own make,' said I, as we halted a moment to glance at it, 'and I can open it in five minutes.'

"'You don't say that you can open that safe door in five minutes without knowing the combination of the lock?' said my friend, with astonishment.

"'I certainly can,' I answered, 'although the game might be too small for the risk. If we could get into the room, it's possible 'twould pay to look into it, on account of this smallpox epidemic. Notice that the back door is open,' I continued. 'That door opens into an alley. In passing here before when that door was closed, I've noticed a heavy lock on it and there's an iron bar across it on the inside.'

"'Let's wander around to the alley and look over the situation,' said my companion, 'and maybe we can get in "The alley seemed deserted. Coffins

THEBURGLAR'SSTORY money I collected this afternoon;' and, from my hiding place, I looked toward

the desk and saw a roll of bank notes pass to the hand of the funeral director, who quietly deposited it in the safe. The knob clicked as it fastened burglar, "and was the bars in place and then all parties given a more than passed out of the building, leaving the

one gas jet full blaze in the office. "The instant all was quiet on the street, I crawled out from under my coffin table. Quickly turning off the gas, I waited for the low whistle of my pal, hearing which, I went to work, With my dark lantern in one hand,

inside of my five minutes I had all the valuable contents of that safe in my pocket, had relocked it and was cautiously unbarring the rear door. That done, and the key withdrawn, I dodged back into the office, listened an instant and heard the signal from my pal that the street was deserted. Then I quickly relighted the gas jet. glided through the rear room and stepped into the alley. I was careful to close the door after me, and plainly heard the iron bar fall into its place in the bracket as I was placing upon our hardened steel I did so-I had placed it in such a podoors. No ordinary burglar, however, sition that I knew it would when the would have thought of wasting his door closed. Then I locked it and placed the key in my pocket. "Everything was absolutely as when

the proprietor left the building, save the fact that the key to the rear door was missing-also the small matter of the contents of that safe.

"That small roll of bank notes contained \$350, and I found \$45 more in another drawer-a fair night's work for two penniless thieves.

"But, ye gods and little fishes! what an inextricable rumpus it kicked up in that firm. There were three partners, and, as everything was found in such good condition the following morning, with the single exception that the man who locked the alley door in the evening must have placed the key in his pocket and should account for its loss, it was supposed-and talkof thieves and gamblers, and often not ed of openly-that, for some unknown reason, the firm had robbed itself, as no outside party could have entered, worked at the safe with the gas burning-the police on duty testified that it was burning constantly that nightand left the building with the safe locked on the same combination and with every door locked or barred. Detectives employed laughed at the idea of any outside parties' being implicated and winked significantly at each other.

> "The business has since changed hands and the newcomers are more careful with the premises. "I never made such an easy haul be-

> fore, nor have I since," concluded Mr. Burglar, laughing heartily.

A Quarter Acre Lot in Chicago. The history of a quarter acre lot in Chicago reads like a romance. In 1830, when the population of the city numbered fifty souls, this quarter acre of raw prairie was worth \$20. At \$1.50 per day a man could have earned in 131-2 days enough to buy it outright. To-day it is worth \$1,250,000. As the report of the Illinois Bureau of Statistics puts it: Six hundred average Illinois farms would not now exchange for that quarter acre of rare prairie land, and nearly 3,000 years of the labor

A PUMICE-STONE BARRIER.

One of the Results of the Krakoton Eruption.

A floating barrier of pumice stone 19 miles long, over 1,000 yards wide and 15 feet deep, closing a seaport to all vessels as effectually as a boom could do is not the sort of thing one is likely to forget and yet that was one of the results of the Krakotoa eruption, the port being Telok Retoung, in Sunda straits, says Leisure Hours. Formed in a few hours, it would almost seem to be the supreme effort of nature in the pumice-making line were it not that such immense quantities are found at the bottom of the sea-a queer place for pumice stone. But pumice, when produced, is really heavy. It is only the air cavities in it that make it light and as it floats it becomes water logged and down it goes. Most of the pumice we use in Europe comes from the Lipari islands, north of Sicily, "the home of Vulcan," whence Vulcano is the name of one of them and cur "volcano" is descriptive of the natural feature of which it is the type. Here are the pumice quarries-at Monte Chirica and its craters Monte Pelata and Forgia Vecchia-where over 1,000 men are at work in the narrow tunnels and salleries, lighted by clay lamps of antique form. The whole hillside is perforated with groups of these tunnels, which number between 200 and 300 and are so narrow that the men can hardly pass each other in them. And just as coal is found in

beds alternated with sandstone and shale, so the pumice is in layers between harder lavas and ashes.

CAT IN THE PULPIT.

Pastor Caught It by the Neck and Go Usher Took It Away.

An inquisitive black cat strayed into the Bristol Methodist Episcopal church on a recent Sunday evening just before the services began, says the Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

There were very few people in the church at the time, but the loud and plaintive mewing of the stranger attracted their attention and they watched its movements with interest.

The animal climbed up into the choir loft, perched upon the railing and looked down upon the congregation. After a time several members of the choir arrived and the cat scampered away finally climbing down one of the wooden pillars which supported the choir loft and walked down into the aisle. Several of the congregation endeavored to coax the cat into their news, but the proud pussy ignored them and with stately dignity climbed up into the pulpit and sat on the bible. When the pastor came in a moment later he found the cat in possession of the pulpit, but the animal took kindly to the preacher and began to purr and arch

his back at the latter's approach. The pastor took the cat by the back of the neck and handed it down to an usher, who carried puss out of the church. "This is a good omen, brethren," said the pastor and then he went on and preached his sermon.

Monkeys at Work in the Transvasl. Captain E. Moss, who recently returned to London from the Transvaal, tells this story of the monkeys who work for him in the mines: "I have twenty-four monkeys," said he. "employed about my mines. They do the work of seven able-bodied men, and it is no reflection upon the human laborers to say that they do a class of work a man cannot do as well as they. In many instances they lend valuable aid where a man is useless. They gather up the small pieces of quartz that would be passed unnoticed by the workingman, and pile them up in little heaps that can easily be gathered up in a shovel and be thrown in the mill. They are exceedingly adept at catching the little particles, and their sharp eyes never escape the very things that the human eye would pass over. When I went digging gold I had two monkeys that were exceedingly interesting pets. They were constantly following me about the mines, and one day I noticed that they were busily engaged in gathering up little bits of quartz and putting them in piles. They seemed to enjoy the labor very much, and would go to the mines every morning, and work there during the day. It did not take me long to learn their value as laborers. and I decided to procure more. So I immediately procured a number, and now have two dozen working daily in and about the mines. It is exceedingly interesting to watch my two pet monkeys teach the new ones how to work. and still stranger to see how the new comers take to it. They work just as they please, sometimes going down into the mines when they have cleared up all the debris on the outside. They live and work together without quarrelling any more than men do. They are quite methodical in their habits, and go to work and finish up in the same manner as human beings would do under sim-

Angels' Food.

The secret in making angels' food lies in the baking of it. Sift one cup of flour and one teaspoonful of cream of tartar several times through a fine Beat the whites of nine eggs to sieve. a stiff froth and to them add one and one-half cups of granlated sugar; mix carefully into this stirring constantly, the sifted flour, and add one teaspoon ful of vanilla. Pour this batter into an ungreased pan and bake in a slow oven for forty-five minutes. When baked, turn the pan bottom up on something that will admit of the air passing under it, and allow it to stand until the cake falls from the tin. Ice with white icing. Be careful in making this cake to have all the ingredients as light as possible.

Reforms Need More than a Day

Reforms Need More than a Day To bring them about, and are always more complete and lasting when they preceed with steady regularity to a consummation Few of the observant among us can have failed to notice that permanently healthfu changes in the human system are no wrought by abrupt and violent means, and that those are the most salutary medicine which are progressive. Hostetter's Stomact Bitters is the chief of these. Dyspepsia, a disease of obstinate character, is obliter ated by it.

An important feature of Harper' Magazine for several months to come will be Poultney Bigelow's series of papers on the "White Man's Africa," treating in the author's original and striking way the new continent recently opened up to European exploration. The first paper in the November number, will give a novel view of Jame son's raid from material placed in the author's hand by an English physician and a Boer official-thus presenting both sides of this remarkable episode. The series is the result of a journey to South Africa undertaken by Mr. Bigelow for Harper's Magazine, and is to be illustrated from photographs specially made for the purpose.

Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe and Throat Trouble Speedily Cured.

Miss Nellie Penoyer, 1536 So. Tenth St., Omaha, Neb., writes: "Have used your Dr. Kay's Lung Balm for a severe case of La Grippe. Two doses gave relief. My lungs were very sore and in taking the Dr. Kay's Lung Balma I found that it stopped my desire to cough at once. The soreness on my lungs and in my head soon disappeared. It is very pleasant and easy to take and while it does not cause sickness at the stomach, like many cough remedies, it cures quicker than any I have ever tried.

New Sofa Pillows.

Japanese is an admirable and inex-pensive material for covering pillows. In dark blue, with large white conventional flowers wandering over it, it is most effective. Both chintz and cre-tonne make pretty pillows, and the pillows covered with plain gingham are among the favorites of the season. Satin-covered pillows are still in use. They are made very beautiful as well as costly by being appliqued with lace designs.

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Rev. P. J. Berg, Pastor of the Swedish M. E. Church, Des Moines, Iowa, on March eth, 1896, writes: "Last year I was troubled with a bad O cough for about five months. I got medicine from my family physician and I tried other remedies without relief. When I first saw Dr. Kay's O Lung Balm advertised I thought I would try it and I am glad I did. I bought a box and took a tablet now and then without any regularity, and after a few days, to my great surprise, the cough was gone. Ter C days ago I had sore throat. I was out of the tablets and could not get

a message does not rush up and deliver it, and bolt away. He first puts the weapons in a place of safety, then seats himself comfortably near you on the ground, and after a breathing spell tells what he has to say. He does not understand hurry. If you reach a vil-lage at noon today, no matter how important it may be to keep moving, the chief will feel very much disappointed if you do not spend the whole of the next day in camp in or near his village. --[Glave in the lleart of Africa" in the October Century.

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Gladness Comes

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I WENT TO WORK.

and their rough cases and rich burial askets, finished and unfinished, stood at an incline against the wall, and on low tables the entire length of the room were long lines of those finished for immediate use, silently waiting their occupants.

"As my eye took in the situation, I onceived a bright idea. Taking the arm of my pard. I hurried him away and, when by ourselves, told him my plan and the case with which that safe might be examined. "'I shall put on my rubber shoes.

said I, 'and sneak in that back door some time before it is closed for the aight. Then I'll crawl under one of hose low wide tables, where nobody'll totice me. If I'm discovered, I'll play diminishing. he dead-drunk dodge. At precisely midnight, I'll enter the front office and open the safe. At that hour exactly I shall expect you to be on the watch in the alley or hallway on the other side of the street. You shall give me a certain signal that you are there. and we'll agree on another should any person pass the building when I'll get out o' sight. Another whistle shall signify that the coast is clear. We may get only a little jag, and then again we may get a good big pull."

"I had quietly crawled under the table. Soon afterward, the rear door of the building was closed, barred and locked for the night. Customers and others were coming and going, and offina were selected and removed within a few feet of me until after 11 s'clock. I began to think I was to be a prisoner for the night.

Just as I could hear talk of closing up the establishment, an elderly man hastily entered and in law tones conversed with one I imagined to be the proprietor. I caught a few words. 'It was impossible for me to get here eariler,' he was saying. 'but here's the

of one man would be required to buy it. If 500 years before the Christian era some man had obtained employment at the equivalent of one dollar and fifty cents a day, had, like some wandering Jew, been preserved through all the vicissitudes of the centuries, had been miraculously sustained without expense for any of the necessaries or luxuries of life, had done his work regularly from that day to this 300 days in the year without losing a day, and had hoarded all his wages, his savings would not yet be enough to buy this quarter acre of prairie land at the mouth of the Chicago River.

Comparative Mortality of the World.

An eminent Italian statistician has been making inquiries into the comparative mortality of the countries of the world, and he has arrived at some interesting conclusions. The death rate per 1,000 inhabitants in 1892-94 was as follows: Australia, 13.2; Sweden, 17.2; England, 18.3; Scotland, 18.4; Ireland, 18.5; Holland, 19.6; Switzerland, 20.1; Belgium, 20.2; France, 22.3; Germany, 23.7; Italy, 25.7; Austria, 27.9; Hungary, 33.3. All thes countries except France and Ireland have reduced their death rate during the last twenty years. In Ireland it has increased, and in France it has remained stationary. In France, too, the death rate of persons in the prime of life is higher than in most other countries, and shows no tendency to decrease. In England the mortality is feeble in childhood and youth, relatively strong in the prime of life and old age, but is gradually

From Faddy's Standpoint.

An Irishman whose chief occupation in life has been rock blasting obtained a position on a farm, and was one day seated outside vigorously churning butter with an old fashioned churn. Two former companions passing by caught sight of him, and, after stopping to contemplate the situation a moment. one of them suddenly exclaimed;

"Pon me conshinse, Terrence, but there's McManus, and he's gone crazy, sure enough! He's sittin' dhere wid a wooden dhrill, preparin' to put a blasht face."--- Indianapolis Journal.

The Hand of a Queen. A delicate piece of sculpture in model of Queen Victoria's hand, which is still a very handsome one, and is said to have signed more important state papers and been kissed by more important men than the hand of any athor queen that ever lived.

The bronch continues to be a popular article of jowelry.

ilar eircumstances.

Drunkards in Turkey. This reminds us that the Turks, who are mentioned occasionally in the newspapers, have a singular manner of regulating drunkenness. If a Turk, overtaken with wine, falls down in the street and is arrested by the guard, he is sentenced to the bastinado; this punishment is repeated as far as the third offense, after which he is regarded as incorrigible and called "imperlal drunkard." or "privileged drunkard." If he is then arrested, he has only to name himself, mention his lodging, say he is a "privileged drunkard," he is released and sent to sleep upon the hot ashes of the baths. Thus does Pouqueville instruct us. But cappose that the privileged drunkard is suffering from a still or a numb and cannot gire his name, address or station ? What then? Of what avail his honorary title *- Boston Journal.

them in Des Moines, and I sent to the Western Office of Dr. R. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb., for six boxes and as soon as I took it a few times that soreness and hoarseness all passed away in one night. I be lieve it is also good for sore throat." Dr. Kay's Lung Balm

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