

30 and a great-grandmother at 46. That is the record that has made Mrs. Jennie Nelson the youngest great-grandmother in the country. Mrs. Nelson was born in San Bernardino, Cal., in May, 1850. Her mother was a Spanish woman and her father an Englishman. Mrs. Nelson's maiden name was Jennie Fawcett. There were less than fifty white people in the old Mexican and Indian town of San Bernardino when she was a little girl, and there was no settlement of whites nearer than Los Angeles-ninety miles to the west. It was natural that these

few white families there should be very intimate with one another. So, when Miss Jennie was 14 years old, she was married by a Methodist missionary to the son of the Fawcett family's best friends, the Nelsons. The husband, George Nelson, was then 19, but he had seen so much of hardships on the borderland of civilization in the south-

west that he seemed like a sedate, hard-

headed pioneer of 30.

March 9, 1865, when the bride lacked two months of completing her fifteen years, her first child was born It was a girl. The youthful family moved to San Diego a year later, and there, in the course of eleven years, six more children were born. The eldest was named Isabelle. She was famous in the little pueblo of San Diego in those days as the prettiest girl in town. A dashing young Yankee, Earl E. Phelps, came down the Pacific Coast from San Francisco to San Diego in 1879. He had recently been graduated from Cornell University. He fell in love with Miss Isabelle, who was then a girl in short dresses. One day young Phelps and the school girl came home from the drive married. June 12, 1880, their first child, a girl, was born in the Phelps ranch home. The mother was 15 years and 3 months old, and the grandmother, Mrs. Nelson, was 30.

The grandchild, Amelia, has grown to girlhood. Last year she became engaged to a young Orange county ranchman, Henry W. Walker, and a few weeks thereafter she was married. A month ago, at the age of 16 years and 3 months, Mrs. Amelia Walker became the mother of a little boy.

There are several uncommon facts in connection with these generations of youthful mothers. One is that the great-grandchild recently born is a week older than an aunt, who was born to his grandmother on Sept. 20 and is but two years younger than a grand-uncle, born to his great-grandmother in 1894. Baby Walker's father is 20 years old, his grandfather has just passed his 35th birthday, and his greatgrandfather Nelson is barely 49. The great-grandparents have nine children, aged from 2 to 30 years; eighteen grandchildren, aged from 1 month to 15 years, and one great-grandchild. None of their descendants has ever died.

The little Walker baby has also four great-great-grandparents, who are more than 70 years of age.

A Wax Spring. "I believe that Utah will one day produce more nilneral wealth than any state in the entire country," remarked a gentleman who had at one time made a tour of the country. "When I was in the then territory, I made a prospecting trip into the Ulntah reservation, located in the northeastern corner of the state. During the trip my self and partner came upon one of the most remarkable curiosities in the west, a spring of mineral wax. Enough had ground to have satisfied the demand tion of electric wires, yet there was the number can be increased to not have made us two rich for life, if we transporting the stuff overland some 401,733,239,439,360,000. several hundred miles into Provo. One of these days the reservation will be turned into the public domain and the alth it contains will flow into somebody's pockets. As it is now, not a pled beggar. soul is permitted to trouble a single ne of its resources. Well, we passed and left the spring with a sigh that

ight have been heard at 'Frisco."-

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

PERIWINKLE FAD.

BABY WALKER-

THE GREAT-

GRAND SON

Cockney Shellfish Delicacy Grown in the Waters of the Sound,

One of the chief dishes in the cockney bill of fare in England is the periwinkle, a shellfish resembling in shape the common snail, says the New York Journal. It has hitherto been practically unknown to American epicures and is said to be greatly inferior to the species of shellfish eaten in this coun-

Of late periwinkles have been offered for sale in a number of stores patronized by the New York colony of cockneys. It is said that all of the periwinkles sold in New York come from New Rochelle. An Englishman living stood beforehand. Generally it is adthere was in the habit of importing them for his own use. One consignment was much larger than he expected or wanted, and he concluded to try an experiment and see if they could be grown in this country.

He dumped about a bushel in the sound, and, to his surprise and pleasure, they seemed to thrive as well there as in their native English waters, They multiplied rapidly and he not only found it unnecessary to import any more but had more than he could possibly use. So he has placed them on sale and is deriving a considerable revenue from them.

A Sum in Permutations.

proved that in a patent lock having sultingly. six "steps," each capable of being reduced in height twenty times, the number of changes or combinations will be 86,400. Further, that as the drill pin and the pipes of the keys may be made of three different sizes, the total numbubbled out upon the surface of the ber of changes will be 2,592,000. In keys of the smallest size the total number for ten years. It was then worth \$1 of changes through which they can be a pound, and was used for the insula- run is 648,600, while in those of large enough in sight at half the price to less than 7,776,000 different changes. This is not so surprising when we find could have carried it to market. Two on turning up an arithmetic book that things stood in the way-the mandate the number of changes that can be of the government and the tifficulty of rung on twenty-four bells is 620,448.

"You are asking for alms, are you?" asked a benevolent individual of a crip-

"No, sir," replied the unfortunate "I have my arms all right, but if you could get me a good cork leg I'd be forever in debt to you, sir."-Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

The System There Has Developed Into

tem has developed into a positive curse although for this we who tip must be held primarily responsible, says Chambers' Journal. "My poor carabineers must live somehow, their pay is next to nothing!" replied a Cadiz custom-house official of position to a visitor who had complained that after his luggage had actually passed examination a carabineer had pounced on it, insisting upon it being re-examined. By which he clearly meant that all inconvenience and unpleasantness might have been avoided by the judicious outlay of a peseta. The one consoling feature of the tipping plague in Spain is that the Spaniard is satisfied with a very little. The uniformed official, whose counterpart at home would not condescend to accept a tip, gives a hearty muches gracias for a couple of realsfive-pence. The extortion to which the visitor is exposed is principally practiced by the hotel-keepers. Some sort of excuse, perhaps, may be made for the custom among Seville landlords of doubling their rates during holy week and the annual four days' fair, but why Granada, a long day's journey off, should follow suit, is difficult to comprehend. Hotels have much improved in Spain outside of Madrid and Seville during the last few years, although very much remains to be done before strangers can be induced to remain in such towns as Burgos, Segovia, Salamanca and Valladolid for an hour longer than it is absolutely necessary for the seeing of the sights there. But first-class rates are charged for what is nothing more than third-class accommodation and often for what is very much worse. In very few cities except the great centers of business and pleasure, is there more than one hotel at which a civilized traveler can put up, and the owners of these hotels, knowing the fact, gather in their harvest. Trains in Spain usually start at unholy hours in the morning and the hotel landlords take advantage of this fact to carry out the national "to-morrow" creed with adroitness. Guests who intend to leave by the 4 or 6 a. m. train usually demand their bills overnight, but some excuse is invariably forthcoming which enables the landlord to present his bill the next morning when it is half dark and the departing guest is but half awake and the railway omnibus is at the door and every minute is precious, the result being that the victim pays just what is put down, unless he chooses to argue the case and lose his train, as often as not the only one of the day. A rule which should never be neglected is to have your agreement for prices to be paid thoroughly undervisable to write for rooms ahead, so that an answer in black and white is received, which effectually checks the extortion which will assuredly be attempted.

Insulting a Police Official.

queer case of insult of officials came up recently in a Berlin police court, A mason was ordered by a police lieutenant to remove some stones from the highway. He answered in a loud voice that he would do so. The lieutenant objected to the tone of the answer, and arrested him. At the trial the man pleaded that he had used his natural voice, and the court refused to fine him, The Yale lock manufacturers have but reprimanded him for behaving in-

Impudence.

Mr. Clubman-My private secretary, young Nicefellow, says he is an acquaintance of yours. Miss Citybelle-What impudence! I never met him excopt at the seaside, and last summer I even refused to become engaged to him again.- New York Weekly.

Only That and Nothing More. Attorney-It is stated, sir, that you berated this plaintiff, and then assailed him with a dangerous missile. Defendant-Oi didn't do notin' av th' koind. Oi called 'im a lyin' pup an' hit 'Im wid a brick. Dhat was all.-Cleveland Leader.

tietting Him Ready.

Wife (in usual strain)-Archibald, have you taken a drink to-day? Archibaid-No, my dear, on honor. Wife-Well, go out and take two. I have a milliner's bill for your consideration .-Exchange.

VIRTUE ITS OWN REWARD.

Here Is One Woman Who Firmly Believes It.

"I have been young and now am old,"

said one of the charming middle-aged women of the period, whose looks belie the baptismal register, and who rather enjoy arrogating to themselves the wisdom and experience of age, says the New York Tribune. "And I have reached that period of life," she continued, "when I can look back and see results and note how seldom those who are born with silver spoons in their mouths, as the saying is, have the silver fork when they are grown up. When I look back and remember who were the jeunesse doree of my youththe men whose lives and positions above all others seemed particularly enviable and desirable-and then look about me and see how few of those who were called men of pleasure in those days have attained an honorable and useful middle age, I feel that I can preach-a sermon to my boys and their friends with object lessons that ought to make it very impressive. Some are poor, having spent health and substance, like the prodigal son, in riotous living. Even those who have apparently not suffered in purse or health are a set of discontented, blase, weary worldlings, who go over the same treadmill of fashionable existence year by year without pleasure or profit. Another thing I have noticed from my vantage ground of a lifelong experience is that, if only as a purely worldly maxim, honesty is certainly the best policy. Many a brilliant man I have seen who has destroyed his prospects by the crooked ways in which he sought to better himself financially, politically, and even socially, whereas if he walked honorably before all men he would have gained the world's good opinion, and in many instances the very things he coveted. And finally there are the young married couples of my youth. In nine cases out of ten those of my friends who married poor young men, and who gave up the luxuries of their homes to prove veritable helpmeets to the men of their choice, are now almost without exception prosperous, and in many cases, wealthy, while those men and girls who married for money are, as a rule, greatly in want of it. 'Be good and you will be happy' is the old maxim, and certainly it seems true from a materialistic as well as from a religious point of view."

An Eye to Business.

"I was directed to you as the leading huckster of this county," said Mr. Stormington Barnes.

'That's what I am," was the reply. 'An' by watching the corners closely I have built up a business in eggs and vegetables that I'm proud of."

"Of course. There are varieties of greatness. Just as I am a great actor you are a great huckster. I wish to offer you an opportunity for an investment that is right in your line." 'Tain't in a show ticket, then."

"Of course not. I want to know how much you will pay me for the sweeping-up privileges after my performance to-morrow night."-Washington

To Be Expected.

There was recently a public sale of the effects of a deceased artist, who, though he never had any money and was always at the end of his resources. managed to accumulate a considerable amount of bric-a-brac, chiefly for use in his trade. All these things were sold for the benefit of his needy widow. Among the items on the published catalogue was the following eloquent one: "One money box, decorated, quite

Old Phineas Stuart's Fishing Party.

Phineas Stuart of Livingston county, Mich., has just celebrted the 103d anniversary of his birth by giving a fishing party, at which he himself was

JOSH BILLINGS' PHILOSOPHY.

The man who kan get the most truth into the fewest words, iz the best fellow going.

The cheapest and best eddikashun I kno ov iz to learn from the experiences

We are too apt to look upon Fate az sumthing that anticipates us. We make our own fate, and too often out ov very poor materials.

We are a set ov concelted asses enny how. We think we kan see right thru ennyboddy, but don't think ennyboddy kan see haff an inch into us.

Yung fellow, think ov this: The world won't giv yu enny kredit for the mony that yu hav squandered, but what yu make, and hang onto, they will.

The more branes a party has got, the more eddikashun they kan stand. The richest and strongest ground will take the most manure; weak soils are et up

We are gitting so highly eddikated and civilized, that it is easer to prove a li now days than it was the truth a hundred years ago.

Snobs are ov all patterns and all degrees. Enny man or woman iz a snob who trys to gain bi pretenshan the notiss or respekt which is due only to kapasity and bonesty.

Human nature is a cheerful atudy, Dig out a spring bi the roadside, fix it up with a nice haff barrel to hold the water, place a nu tin dipper bi the side ov it, and then see how long it will be before the weary traveler, after slakeing his thirst, will steal the dip-

It is blessed to have God's mark upon us, even chough it may be made with the point of a thorn.

The December Atlantic Monthly,

The December number of the Atlanproblem that confronts us-"Social Classes in the Republic," by Mr. E. L. Godkin, of New York, who points out the necessary existence of the different classes, and the unnecessary distinctions of the different stantly. He actually raved. And so classes, and the unnecessary distinctions of the different stantly. tions that are based upon such differ- gaged. ences. He discusses the proposed remedies for inequalities. Prof. B. L Gildersleeve, of the John Hopkins University, writes an article, partly reminiscent and partly prophetic, on "Classi-cal studies in the United States," in which he shows the difference in the spirit and method between studies of a half century ago and today, both in Germany and American universities.

Hottest Place in the World. The hottest place on the earth's surface is on the southwestern coast of Persia, on the border of the Persian gulf. For forty consecutive days in July and August the mercury has been known to stand above 100 degrees in the shade, night and day, and to run up as high as 130 in the middle of the afternoon. At Bahrein, in the center of the most torrid belt, as though it was nature's intention to make the place as unbearable as possible, water from wells is something unknown shut up great shafts have been sunk to a depth of from 100 to 500 feet, but always with the same result-no water.

An Appeal for Assistance.

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The man who is charitable to himself will listen to the mute appeal for assistance made by his stomach, or his liver, in the shape of divers dyspeptic qualms and uneasy sensations in the regions of the glands that secretes his bile. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, my dear sir, or madam—as the case may be is what you require. Hasten to use if you are troubled with heartburn, wind in the stomach, or note that your skin or the whites of your eyes are taking a sallow hue.

Constantinople's Great Fire.

In 1861 a large part of Constantinople was destroyed by fire, 12,000 dwellings besides warehouses and other structures, going down before the flames. The value of all property destroyed on this occasion could not be estimated, but was not so great as would have been by a fire of like proportions in other cities, the greater part of the dwellings and shops in that city being the country; and it will be illustrated flimsy wooden structures.

In the Christmas Century there will be hitherto unpublished pictures by Meissonier, Detaille, Gerome, Mun-kacsy, Menzel, Seymour Haden, Do-mingo, Madrazo, the Leloirs, Rico, Dagnan-Bouveret, Rosa Bonheur, and other great artists. These were drawn or painted in the album of Samuel P. Averry, and accompanying an article by Wm. A. Coffin, entitled "Souvenirs sia and rheumatism. If you are a sufferer try by Wm. A. Coffin, entity of a Veteran Collector."

follow this rule: Every morning pour some cold water into a bowl, at the bottom of the bowl place a silver coin or some other bright object and then

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Where She Should Have Been.

"Yes," said Jones, after an argument with his wife, "I've always said a woman's sphere is her home. Now, if you had been at home today, instead of gadding about the streets, you would not have seen me coming from the matinee, and you would therefore have been very much happier at the present moment."—Harper's Bazar.

Plano in Darkest Africa.

An African tribe has an instrument something like our plano. It has a keyboard and when the keys are pressed down and released they cause pieces of wood to vibrate and give forth sounds. The xylophone exists in entirety in some parts of Africa, hollow gourds placed under each strip of wood accentuating the sounds.

Much in a Name.

What's in a name? Everything. You J. FRANCIS, Gen'l Pass'r Agent, Omaha Neb. can't begin to think how much better Snawley feels, who used to be only watchman" at a swimming school, since somebody called him "night commander of the bath.



Gladness Comes With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills which vanish before proper efical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge; that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual discase, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative. Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purficial effects, to note when you purat you have the genuine artichase, th cle, while fornia Fig Syrop Co. only and sold by all reputable dauggists.

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Helen-So he has proposed at last! tic Monthly opens with a very clear How did it happen?
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Helen-But you told him a fib. Maude-Not at all. When I said I

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