LOUP CITY, . . NEBRASKA. A green Christmas would be wel-

comed this year. Hawaii has absorbed the American

idea. Her treasurer has skipped. Possibly we could trade off our coal strike for a South American revolu-

It is not unlikely that the north pole will have to wait a few days for that \$200,000.

It easy enough to be popular. Just announce that you have \$20 that you want to lend.

If our returning arctic explorers will kindly cut out the lecture sequel all will be forgiven.

"Would You for Five Million?" is the name of one of the new plays. Is it necessary to ask?

How many people did you meet yesterday who didn't say something about the coal strike?

It would take a most forgiving person to heap coals on anybody's head at present prices.

Duke Boris's brother Cyril is coming to this country. These are happy days for the chorus ladies.

Perhaps the America cup will be raced for in aero-yachts if Sir Thomas likes his trip across the channel.

Grand Duke Boris denies that he drank from a Chicago girl's slipper. Perhaps it was her rubber he used.

The hemp cure for consumption has been discovered at Manila. If properly applied hemp will cure anything.

The Chinese Boxers are being led by a woman. The old empress dowager must be out leading a strenuous foreman marched through the groups could be marshaled by bugle call

Gould roads have been making money a quarter to one until seven o'clock dragged him through the streets at a lately

Prince Henry of Prussia is desirous of coming to the United States again, but this time he wants to shoot a lion, not to be one.

induces the New York courts to discredit the justly celebrated Chicago part of the roaring machinery; mem- dow is the front one in a candy store brand of divorce.

A Polish giant named Jabinski is said to be 7 feet high. He seems to be entitled to the persimmons. Longest Pole, you know.

The married woman in Buffalo, aged 101, who says that she has never been angry would probably say also that she never told a lie.

The captain general of Catalonia and the editor of a Madrid newspaper fought a duel, but they chose firearms, so neither was hurt.

The Boston physician who says that the recent cold summer has been "painfully healthy" apparently speaks party. In the Boston Custom House which will stretch as much. When with a good deal of feeling.

The case of Henry M. Bennett, the Pittsburg millionaire, makes it more apparent than ever that it's a wise millionaire who knows who will be his

It is pitiful to think of the grief that will overwhelm May Yohe and her Put if it really turns out at this late day that they are not legally married.

A Connecticut octogenarian is said to have contracted his twelfth matrimonial engagement. This would evidently appear to be his especially steady habit.

It is natural that the Indiana woman who made angel food for a man should have won him for a husband. There is an implied compliment in giving a man angel food that is almost irresistible.

A traveling salesman from Chicago caught afire in bed in a St. Louis hote the other night, presumably from spontaneous combustion, as he swore he hadn't been smoking and had not lighted a match.

St. Paul girl clerks have intersworn that they will not be pop-corned, kissed, hugged or wedded by any but men holding labor union cards. Now Cupid is in for the funniest time of his long and eventful life.

Policeman arrested a man for no other reason than that he was pounding himself on the head with a rock. Looks like unwarranted interference with a citizen's pursuit of happiness, in defiance of the constitution.

Behold what a great fire a little matter kindleth. The Greeks and Latins are at war over the question of sweeping the church steps in Jerusalem, and a French ambassador has just been deprived of his office for permitting his wife to wear her hat at a fashionable breakfast.

Loup City Northwestern Famous New York Men Not Born in the City.

The following list of birthplaces of | ersons in conspicuous places or responsible posts in New York city is hiefly notable for the extraordinary ack of New Yorkers in it:

Richard Croker, Black Rock, Ireland. (land. Joseph H. Choate, Salem, Mass. Chauncey M. Depew, Peekskill,

York state. W. R. Grace, Queenstown, Ireland. Randolph Guggenheimer, Lynch-

ourg, Va. Abram S. Hewitt, Haverstraw, York

James R. Keene, London, England. John A. McCall, Albany.

Levi P. Morton, Shoreham, Vt. J. Pierpont Morgan, Hartford, Conn. Thomas C. Platt, Oswego, York

Charles L. Tiffany, Danielsonville,

Nathan Straus, Otterberg, Bavaria. Isador Straus, Rhenish, Bavaria. H. H. Vreelang, Glen, N. Y.

William C. Whitney, Conway, Mass. Frank S. Black, Livingston, Me. Cornelius N. Bliss, Fall River, Mass. James W. Alexander, Princeton,

Elihu Root, Clinton, N. Y. Russell Sage, Oneida county, New

Joseph Pulitzer, Buda Pesth, Hun-

Whitelaw Reid, Xenia, O. John D. Rockefeller, Richford, N. Y. S. S. McClure, County Antrim, Ire-

Andrew Carnegie, Dunfermline, Scot-James C. Carter, Lancaster, Mass.

Henry Clews, Staffordshire, Eng-

Daniel S. Lamont, Cortlandville, Henry M. Flagler, Canandaigua,

Charles R. Flint, Thomaston, Me. D. O. Mills, North Salem, N. Y. Frank A. Munsey, Mercer, Me. Adolph S. Ochs, Cincinnati, O. W. R. Hearst, San Francisco. Charles Dana Gibson, Roxbury,

George Harvey, Peacham, Vt.

John Brisben Walker, western Penn Bishop Potter, Schenectady, N. Y. George G. Williams, East Haddam

Horace White, Colebrook, N. H. Lewis Nixon, Leesburg, Va. Nicholas Murray Butler, Elizabeth

Henry M. Allen, Mt. Tabor, Vt. Maurice Grau, Brunn, Austria. Morris K. Jesup, Westport, Conn. Herman Oelrichs, Ealtimore. Samuel Sloan, Ireland.

Child Slavery in Mills of the South.

Count Boni de Castellane has just and, in a few instances, kicking the they worked without respite or rest. in a few months to the minimum. | dler in Wilshire's Magazine. It's a mean and local jealousy that | Memory is as dead as hope. He does his work like an automaton; he is

Boys and girls from the age of six | ory is seared, physical vitality is at rears and upward are employed. They | such a low ebb that he ceases to set asually work from six o'clock in the fer. At a certain night school where morning until seven at night. At noon several good women were putting I saw them squat on the floor and de- forth efforts to mitigate the condition your their food, which consisted of these baby slaves, one of the mostly of corn bread and bacon. These | teachers told me that they did no weazened pigmies munched in silence try to teach the children to readad then toppled over in sleep on the they simply tried to arouse the spirit floor in all the abandon of babyhood. through pictures and telling stories When it came time to go to work the | If the child workers of South Carolina shaking the sleepers, shouting in headed by fife and drum, and marched their ears, lifting them to their feet, through Commonwealth Avenue, out past the statue of William Lloyd Gar bought a chateau in France. The delinquents into wakefulness. From rison, erected by sons of the men who rope's end, the sight would appal the These toddlers, I saw for the most heart and drive conviction home. Im part did but one thing-they watched agine an army of twenty thousand the flying spindles on a frame twenty pigmy bondsmen, half naked, half feet long and tied the broken threads. | starved, yellow, weazened, deformed They could not sit at their tasks; back in body, with drawn faces that show and forth they paced, watching with spirits too dead to weep, too hopeless The university students who paint inanimate, dull look the flying to laugh, too pained to feel! Would ed a freshman with iodine must have spindles. The noise of the machinery not aristocratic Boston lock her doors a peculiar idea of what constitutes and the constant looking at the fly- bar the shutters, and turn in shame ing wheels reduce nervous sensation | from such a sight?-Lucinda B. Chan

A small boy's ideal memorial win

Hawthorne Had Little Use For Politicians.

Correcting some inaccuracies in a dom.' And what he adds exhibits that

writes to the Boston Herald saying: "Hawthorne was not a weigher in but a measurer, the two offices at that due odium is thereby cast upon that from Collector Bancroft, which noti-

contented in official harness from the |ic words: 'My darksome dungeon . first. He felt out of place amid the in his private journal: 'I pray that in able for public inspection." one year more I may find some way of escaping from this unblest custom house, for it is a very grievous thrall- at most wet-goods emporiums.

published statement, George Edwin he is laboring under a sense of suffo Jepson of the Boston Custom House, cation from the vitiated official atmos phere which he was then breathing 'One thing I have gained by my cus the Boston Custom House in 1839-41, tom house experience-to know a poli tician. I want nothing to do with period being essentially distinct. Nor | them. Their hearts wither away and was he turned out of office by the die out of their bodies. Their con Whigs in 1841, as you state, and un- sciences are turned to india rubber or to something as black as that and archives is an official copy of a letter | quit this earthly cavern where I an now buried' (his office was in the fies the Treasury Department at Wash- basement of the old Custom House in ington that Nathaniel Hawthorne re- Custom House street, still standing signed his position Jan. 1, 1841. The there), 'men will not perceive, I trust Whigs did not assume power until the by my look or the tenor of m; following March, and consequently thoughts and feelings, that I have could exert no pressure to force out a been a Custom House officer!' Else Democratic officeholder before that where he refers to what he evidently looks upon as if it were an involun "Hawthorne, in fact, had never been | tary place of detention in these graph . into which dismal region never associations of official life. When comes any bird of paradise.' The of scarcely a year in place he writes thus ficial records cited are always avail

Watered stock is the kind you go

······ MYSOPHOBIA THE LATEST.

What This Learned Term Means to the Great Majority.

The medical profession has conferred no small boom on many sufferers by inventing a Greek, or pseudo-Greek, term for their otherwise democratic complaints, says the London Graphic. The last of these inventions is recorded this week. The disease is fussiness, and the medical name is mysophobia. The mysophobe is he if he detects a smudge uses his napkin to dispose of it. In short, mysospect for cleanliness which convinced Svengali of the madness of Englishmen when he surprised the Laird in his matutinal tub. The lady in the piay who seized on everyone's watch chain and began rubbing it with chamois leather was a mysophobe, and recently volunteered the information the irritating man who begs your pardon and picks some microscopic in the manufacture of ordinary glas piece of fluff from your sleeve is an- do not enter into the composition c other. The servant who insists on this. "The secret lies," he said, "i dusting papers is another, and the dis- the chemicals that are used in malease is widely prevalent among all ing this glass and the proportions it housekeepers in the spring. It is nice | which these chemicals are put into it. to know at last what to call it, but the medical press is more inclined to sug- | It is the guilty man who is alway

gest scientific names than remedies.

GLASS YOU CANNOT BREAK

May Be Molded Into Any Form and Used as a Hammer.

Louis Kauffeld, a European glass worker, makes extraordinary claim, for a new kind of glass he has just dis covered. It is a glass of such nature that will not break, that can be mold ed into any desired form, that can be hammered without catastrophe-if short, a glass that will be as malles ble as lead or any other metal. Witl who, when seated by his table, lifts an ordinary goblet made of his nev his glass to see if it is fingered, and | material he can hammer a nail into tough board. He can bore a hole it a glass pane, and then patch it witi phobia is the exaggeration of that re- another piece of the same kind o glass. Coffee pots and tea kettles cat be made of the new substance, and will no more crack, even under the

most intense heat, than would steel. While Kauffeld's process is un known to anybody except himself h that the lime and lead that are use

afraid of his "shadow."

Unique Explanation Made by Portu-

guese "Antiquarian" John C. Groom, captain of the First City troop, while in Porto Rico during the war with Spain, undertook to purchase some relics of historic interest that should serve as souvenirs of the campaign when he returned home. He ran across a shrewd Portuguese who had been doing a thriving business as an "antiquarian" with other members of the troop; and bargaining at once began. The fellow's assurance was developed beyond anything Capt. Groom had ever before encountered; and there was placed on display a fine array of jewelry, weapons, manuscripts and odd articles of attire that were patently "fakes." Groom shook his head and was turning away when the "antiquarian" recalled him with an assertion that he had a pistol which was originally the property of Christopher Columbus. He added that it had been in the keeping of a Peruvian relative for many years; and Capt. Groom asked to see it. He was shown a revolver of modern pattern, dingy and rust-encrusted, with the hammer snapped as though in the processes of

"antiquitating." "You rogue!" exclaimed the Philadelphian, amused but irritated at having been called back. "Revolvers were not made in Columbus' day!"

"Si, senor-I know! I know!" explained the Portuguese. "And that, gracious senor, is what makes this so rare!"-Philadelphia Ledger.

WANTED THE MARKET RATE

Prospective Bankrupt Sought Information Before His Failure.

According to Mr. John Claffin, president of the H. B. Claffin company, his father, the founder of the house, made a strong effort to maintain personal relations with his customers. He always encouraged buyers to come to him for a friendly talk, and as far as possible he advised them concerning the matters in hand.

One day a customer called, and as he entered the private office Mr. Claflin looked up from his desk and called: "Hello, how are you feeling to-

"I'm feeling fine, Mr. Claffin; I never was better."

"And how is the business?" "Oh, that's different, Mr. Claffin.

think I must have a failure." "What! A failure? How is that?

Haven't you made money?" "I used to, Mr. Claffin, but not now; business is bad, very bad, Mr. Claffin, and I think I must fail."

"Well, now, I'm sorry. But will it be a bad failure? How much will you

"Ah, that is what I want to see you about. How much are they paying now, Mr. Claffin?"

Stepping Westward. What, are you stepping westward?"-

-'Twould be a wildish destiny, If we, who thus together roam in a strange land, and far from home Were in this place the guests of Chance; Yet who would stop, or fear to advance, Though home or shelter he had none, With such a sky to lead him on?

The dewy ground was dark and cold; Behind, all gloomy to behold; And stepping westward seemed to be A kind of heavenly destiny; I liked the greeting; 'twas a sound Of something without place or bound: And seemed to give me spiritual right To travel through that region bright The voice was soft, and she who spake,

Was walking by her native lake; The salutation had to me The very sound of courtesy Its power was felt; and while my eye Was fixed upon the glowing sky, The echo of the voice unwrought A human sweetness with the thought Of traveling through the world that lay Before me in my endless way

Better Than the Genuine. The plutocratic father finds his daughter in tears.

"How now?" he asks. "Are you not happy with the noble count to whom you were married with great eclat and at much expense?"

"Oh, papa!" weeps the beauteous heiress, flinging herself into his arms and breaking two cigars and the crystal of his watch. "Oh, papa! It is terrible! I discover that he is a bogus count!"

"There, there," soothes the father, with a smile of relief. "That's all right. It won't cost near so much to keep him and, besides, he will not be above going to work."

Pleased With His Own Wit.

H. M. C. Vedder, vice president of the Account, Audit and Assurance company, took out his watch the other day and found that the mainspring was broken. He went into the nearest jeweler's, who was a stranger to him, and was told that he would have to leave the timepiece for about a

"I wish you would loan me one to carry,' said Mr. Vedder, "for I am lost without it." "Yes," replied the jeweler, quickly,

"but if I loaned you one you might get lost with it." The jeweler was so pleased with

his own wit that he loaned his customer a good watch.-New York

How He Saw It. Uncle Si (agriculturist)-I've hearn the New York zoo is great.

Uncle Jo (countryside joker)-Wal, I guess! They've got the unmitigated ass, and money sharks, and country suckers, and Chicago lobsters, and Wall street bulls, and stock exchange bears, and peacocks c. fashion, and monkey-faced dudes, and society apes, and old hen reformers, and gawkies, and snipes, and snakes of vice, and Tammany tigers, and owl cars, and

Standard Oil hogs, and doves of peace.

and dogs of war, an' ---Uncle Silas-Say, Jo, I want a gallon of that same cider .- - Life.

WHAT MADE IT VALUABLE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON V. NOV. 2: JOSHUA 20:1-9-CITIES OF REFUGE.

Golden Text-"God Is Our Refuge and Strength, a Very Present Help in Trouble"-Psalms 46:1-The Value of Human Life.

1. The Goel, Avenging Justice.-There are some crimes that must be removed if a nation would exist and prosper. Such are treason, which strikes at the life of the nation, and murder, which strikes at the existence of the family as well as of the individual. Breaking the sixth commandment wrongs not merely the individual. It is a threefold crime: 1. Against the individual. It takes away his most precious possession; everything so far as this world is concerned.

Against the family and the nation. for it takes away the support of the family, and one of the essential members and defenders of the nation.

Against God, the giver of life. Hence the severest punishment possible is meted out to whoever perpetrates this crime, and ought to be, in order to prevent as many as possible from committing the crime. No other punishment is adequate. We pity the murderer for his suffering. We ought to have still more pity for the innocent victims. When there was no strong general government, but small tribes with no authority over them to appeal to, these tribes, or the relatives of the murdered person, were compelled themselves to punish the murderer, who was naturally, in most cases, the member of another tribe

II. The Cities of Refuge.—Vs. 1, 2, 7, 8, 2. "Appoint out for you" (R. V., "Assign you the") "cities of refuge." Under the circumstances described above, it was necessary that there should be places of asylum, where one who had unintentionally killed another could be safe from the avenger, and where any one could have a fair trial. "Whereof I spake unto you by the hand" (the agency) See Num. 35:9-34; Deut. where may be found a more detailed account of the object of these cities. The Cities Chosen. "There were six cities appointed for this purpose, three

either side of the Jordan, almost equally remote from each other. 1. Kedesh, in Naphtali, in the north Shechem, in Mount Ephraim, in the

3. Hebron in Judah, in the south,

Golan, in Bashan, north. Ramoth-Gilead, in Gad, center.

Bezer, in Reuben, south It requires only to look at the map to see how wisely these spots were marked out, so as to make a city of refuge easy of access from all parts of the land. They were chosen, it will be observed, out of the priestly and Levitical cities, as likely to be inhabited by the most intelligent part of the community."—Cambridge Bible.

III. How the Cities of Refuge Accomplished their Object.-Vs. 3-6, 9. First. The persons for whom they were set apart were only those who killed "any person unaweres and unwittingly." Literally, "by error, without knowing," by some mistake of judgment, or accidental blow, without intending to injure. "They shall be your refuge," the refuge for al the nation. Not only did the slayer need protection, but the nation needed to be defended from violence and crime, and from doing wrong to persons who were not at heart guilty of crime. It is worse to commit a crime than to suffer from

IV. The Cities of Refuge as a Type.—
. The Avenger. "Who is the avenger? Law. What law? Criminal law, sanitary law, social law, natural law. . Wherever want stares, and vice reigns, and rags rot, there the avenger takes his stand, Delay him not. He is the messenger of Christ. The very nature of things is God's avenger."-Professor Drummond in The Programme of Christianity, Conscience, the law of God, the soul, is an avenger. All these are made clearer and truer by the statement of the woe of the Goel, the avenger of blood, as given above. It is not revenge, but justice and righteousness, through punishment.

Christ is the City of Refuge. "It is not the church, it is not the altar; it is Christ himself who is the one and only sacrifice for sin, and therefore the one and only hiding-place to which the sinner can repair. In no place, person, or thing-in no building, sacrifices, or rites -is there any refuge for the guilty, save the atonement of the cross; but there such a refuge is provided as will meet the case of sinners of every class, not excepting the wilful murderer himself."

-T. Smith. Christ is the city of refuge because God has so appointed. To go to him involves repentance of sin, forsaking of sin, the choice of God and goodness as our por-tion, a new heart, and a new nature of love. It brings us within every heavenly power that can save from sin, every high motive, the presence of the Holy Spirit. Christ is not an arbitrary, but a necessary city of refuge from sin.

The wilful and deliberate sinner has no place in this refuge so long as he continues in that state of mind. He must be delivered to the avenger to lead him to repentance, or to punish him if he refuses to repent.

"God has done all he can to aid and draw men to Jesus. Now, beloved, I think this is a picture of the road to Christ Jesus. It is no roundabout road of the law; it is no obeying this, that, and the other; it is a straight road: 'Be-lieve and live.' It is a road so hard that no self-righteous man can ever tread it; but it is a road so easy that every sinner who knows himself to be a sinner might by it find his way to Christ and heaven. And lest they should be mistaken, God has sent me and my brethren in the ministry to be like hand posts in the way, to point poor sinners to Jesus; and we desire ever to have on our lips the cry, 'Refuge, refuge, refuge.' Sinner, that is the way; walk therein, and be thou saved."-Spurgeon.

"And once in this city of refuge, the refugee must never leave it, but must make it his abiding home. For our high priest never dies. He died unto sin once, but he now lives unto God forever. All, then, who repair to him must dwell in him continually; and, indeed, if they are right-minded, they will have no desire to forsake him for a moment."—T. Smith. Christ is made as easy of access as possible. He is everywhere present. The conditions of salvation are as simple and easy as it is possible to make them. Sabbaths, churches, meetings, invita-tions from Christians, bring Christ as near as possible to every soul.

Self-Evident.

Abulfida, the Arabian philosopher of the desert, being asked how he came to know that there was a God, "In the same way," said he, "as I know by the prints that are made in the sand. whether a man or a beast has passed before me. Do not," he added, "the heavens, by the splendor of the stars: the world, by the immensity of its extent, and the sea, by the infinity of the waves that it rolls, sufficiently make known the power and greatness of their author?"

Squirrels are laying in scanty stores of nuts in the state of steady habits and wooden nutmegs, and, therefore, sanguine farmers who point with pride to the charter oak are looking forward to a mild winter along the sound and between the borders of New York and Rhode Island. But squirrels are not invariably the wisest of weather prophets, and with the menace of a coal famine for months ahead the prudent agriculturalist will hitch his woodpile to a star.

In speed the English liners are hopelesly beaten by the crack German ships, and the Clyde builders. John Brown & Co., propose to try to regain Great Britain's former supremacy by constructing an experimental tank for testing the models of the big ships after the method used in building yachts. The Vulcan company of Stettin, which builds the great North German Lloyd steamers, has for years been conducting such experiments, with the result that have become painfully obvious to British shipbuilders.

New Bedford and Nantucket are all astir over the prospects of a revival of whaling. The monsters of the ocean are running in bigger schools, it seems, than for dozens of seasons and the moss grown skippers of earlier ages are taking a fresh lease of youth. "Thar she blows!" And may she blow to the recovery of the old prosperity of the hardy marines, who were always ready to fight to the death with the biggest of living animals.

History of Normans in America. Professor Joseph Fischer of Feldkirch has published a new work on the discoveries by the Normans in America. It contains, among other new important documents, discoveries in various libraries, the large atlas of twentyfour pages by Martin Waldseemuller (1507-1516), of which historians and geographers have heretofore sought in vain to find a copy.

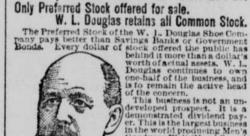
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