## A DOSE'T OF BLUES.

I got no patience with blues at all! And I ust to kindo talk
Aginst 'em, and claim. 'tel along last fall,
They were none in the fambly stock;
But a nephew of mine, from Eclinoy,
That visited us last year.
He kindo convinct me different While he was a-stayin' here.

Frum ever'-which way that blues is frum, They'd tackle him ever ways: They'd come to him in the night, and come On Sundays, and ratey days; They'd tackle him in the corn-plantin' time, And in harvest, an' sirly fell, But a dose't o' blues in the winter-time He lowed was the worst of all

Said all diseases that ever he had-The mumps, or the rheumatiz-Er ever-other-day algger's bad Purt nigh as anything is!-

Er a cyarbuncle, say, on the back o Er a fellon on his thumb-But you keep the blues away from him, And all o' the rest could come

And he'd moan: "They's nary a leaf below! Ner a spear o' grass in sight And the whole wood-pile's clean under snow! And the days is dark as night! And you can't go out-ner you can't stay

Lay down-stand up-ner set!" And a tetch o' reguller tyfoid-blues

Would double him lest clean shet! I writ his parents a postal-kyard He could stay 'tel spring time come; And Aprile first, as I rickellect, Was the day we shipped him home. Most o' his relatives, sence then, Has either give up, er quit, Er jest died off, but I understand

He's the same old color yit!

#### WILD WESTERN STEEDS.

- Benjamin F. Johnson, in Indianapolis Journal.

The Herds of the Mountains and Their Fierce "Bosses."

Before proceeding with my limited story of wild horses it will be well to state that the horses of the mountains are nearly or quite all raised on the ranges, similar to cattle running at will over the vast country reaching from the British possessions to the Rio Grande and from Colorado almost to Kansas and the Mississippi River. But for these herds the stockmen would find it difficult to control their cattle; therefore, many men devote their time exclusively to horse-raising, finding ready sale for them in bands at from twenty dollars to forty dollars per head.

raised with no restraint whatever from the time they are sucking colts and they receive their brand until they are three or four years old, become exceedingly wild at best, and flee from the sight of man, but the intelligent horse-breeder stays with his herd something like the shepherd with his sheep, and by frequently riding among them keeps them comparatively in subjection, so it is possible to drive them to a corral or market at will.

The mining excitements and other causes, however, often induce many of these men to neglect their horses and they become wild. When I speak of a wild horse, you will understand that the word "wild" implies its full meaning, for certainly no animal in existence is so thoroughly unapproachable. Their superior intellect to other animals when partly bred to good stock, their faculties of hearing, seeing and smelling, coupled with their fleetness and courage and their ability to stand days and weeks of running. make them the most difficult of animals to capture.

Confining themselves almost entirely to the inaccessible mountains, only coming down to water once a day, makes it almost impossible to follow. much less capture them, and when a band or a portion of a band goes wild it is rarely in these days that the owner ever tries to recapture them, knowing full well that it nearly takes horse for horse in the business, and the wild horse once captured has been so run down and abused to bring him into subjection that he is hardly worth the

With the wild horses a stallion is at the head, and is the leader of every herd, having such control over them that no band of cowboys are able to drive a band of horses so fast or well as a stallion can. All in the band are so thoroughly afraid of him they keep ina bunch, and their speed is gauged by his ewn, he running behind with his head low, scarcely above the ground. He advances quickly on the hindermost ones, giving them a sharp bite on the haunch, thereby giving them to understand they must keep up. Should one turn out he follows him, much after the fashion of the shepherd dog, and runs him back. Until his band are out of sight in the mountains he keeps this up. Here they seem to understand that he can not follow them all, and they scatter in all directions, in ravines, canyons and inaccessible places, se that when the rider arrives at the place he last saw them (usually around some sharp point or on some high peak) he is mortified to find his own horse almost exhaused and his herd so scattered

The usual idea is that a very fleet horce, such an one as is usually used by to have to sell such articles at auction, bunch of bright yellow or coquelicot Lucas, "the effect of domestication, the the hero in a novel, carries his master but they must go. What am I offered?" red ostrich tips is placed at the waist development of the cranium under up to a wild horse sufficiently close to A man in the crowd before him stuck line in front. The black gauze fan has domestication. The skull of the Indian

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The second of the dress. White from that of the wolf below it. You reped or brocaded satins are fashion
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The second of the dress of t clently heavy to stand the strain of a lifty times that sum." The bid was lasso fast enough on the rough ground raised to three dollars and fifty cents. Striped velvet vests and front breadths, now." he continued, "you find the the trees, 500,000 acres of good forest nate to tribe or sub-tribe. The genus of the mountains to catch a wild horse in good health, and I doubt very much their ability to do it on a smooth plain.

It is surprising how easily and thor-oughly domestic horses go wild under must be sacrificed," said the auction-passementeries, are also elegant. The It is surprising how easily and thorthe influence of these wild stallions. eer, knocking the curtains down at beaded passementeries are used on new Many is the emigrant or horse-raiser three dollars and fifty cents a pair. dresses, and also to furnish up old ones. who has gone to bed at night full of The other contents of the box were confidence and often pride at the condition and numbers of his stock, only to wake up in the morning to find nothing left but the one horse on the picket rope and the train of their fleeing animals, driven or coaxed away by during the sale the auctioneer would quired by the United States, and has these wild horses-gone, and forever. I recall to mind now an acquaintance or that piece of fancy work. He has never been able to master a single of mine in Nevada, one Joseph Gilbert, thought no more of the matter until a sentence in the English language, how-Louder County, who took a pride in the quality and quantity of his horses. His day when Mr. Simmons was eating his where the conquest found him forty here numbered about five hundred head, dinner his better half said: "Jake, you years ago. He is a stolid-looking man, and was generally conceded to be the can send that box of curtains and short of nature, thick-set and sturdy. best in that section. Joe was in fine circumstances, and bore the reputation of being well off and an excellent man, but somehow a band of wild horses began to prey upon his herd finally securing to themselves a beauti- those articles came from I sold the ful stallion recently purchased by Joe at an expense of one thousand dollars. dollars a pair for went for three dol-After his capture Joe's herd was of short duration, as with the assistance of this stallion they nearly or quite all went wild, and though rewards of five dollars, and afterward ten dollars per head was offered for the horses in any

hundred dollars for the stallion, I never heard of more than fifteen or twenty horses being returned. Some Mexicans hearing of it came to capture them with twenty men and forty or fifty horses, but after racing for them until their own horses had given out, they only succeeded in getting the fifteen or twenty above mentioned. The result

other cases of the kind have happened. Horse raising, however, on the plains is very profitable, and horses will live where cattle will die and never have an epidemic; barring the continued danger of their going wild, there is no such profitable business in stock raising on the plains or mountains.

Wild stallions often become aggressive and even dangerous. Mr. Blodsom, a friend of mine, was going on a trip with his family partly hunting ans partly to look over the range to see the condition of his stock. One night while in camp at Antelope Valley his team of horses (two fine mares) disappeared. Awaking the next morning he found himself without his horses, and starting his two boys to follow some tracks in one direction, he and his wife started in another. Presently he came in sight of his lost horses in company with several wild ones, and to his horror, he saw coming toward him the stallion "boss of the herd," and although he had his double-barreled shot-gun, he knew it was loaded with fine shot, and these two loads were the only things standing between him and destruction. Had he been a "tender foot," undoubtedly he would have been injured. Being, however, an old-timer, he stood his ground, telling his wife to keep continually behind him. On came the infuriated beast, head down, ears back and mouth open.

to within a few paces of Blossom, who, at this critical moment, began to swing his arms in the manner done when throwing a lasso.

This recalled to his horses in the unmerciful and uncontrollate character of these ropes when once in their fold, and, fearing his own captivity, he stopped on his charge, but continually know, and they are eaten in all sorts of circling around just out of reach of a styles. rope, he endeavored to scare his enemies away. Blossom kept swinging his arm and velling constantly, working toward his own horses, until finally be reached them. Fortunately they were the gentlest possible, and not yet under the influence of their wild com-

Assisting his wife to mount one, he mounted the other, and as he started back to camp the statlion saw his his wild herd in the distance, assisted and there are regular horse butchers in by the two loads of small shot before Paris. Horse flesh is a little coarse old man. mentioned. Had Blossom, when first attacked, shot this horse and failed to kill him, as he did after being mounted, he would undoubtedly never have lived to tell the tale. Should be have killed him the report of the gun would have stampeded the band, and in all probability his team would have followed; but once on their backs he had them. beside forming a combination, viz. "Horse and rider," of which all horses and cattle are afraid in the far West.

Dow Huntsman, at that time, about 1880, a wealthy mining and stockman, brought a beautiful sorrel stallion from California, called Patches This horse becoming nearly wild on the range, gathered his band, and was so energete in his endeavors that he got to stopping the stage on the road between Battle Mountain and Tuscarora, in Nevada, endeavoring to drive the stage horses into his band. It required all the efforts possible by the drivers to make him desist. One unfortunate night for him he ran his head into the lasso and was deprived of his liberty. assuming the role of the common saddle-horse on the range, on whose back I can recall many pleasant days following the chase or in quest of game, for he finally tell into my possession.

I should guess from my observations and the extent of the country, viz.: about 1,200 miles wide by nearly 2,000 long, there must be at least 30,000 to 50,000 wild horses and ponies within the limits of the United States west of the Missouri River .- T. W. Dunn, in

# VERITABLE BARGAINS.

How an Auctioneer Sold His Wife's Goods at Ruinous Prices.

Jake Simmons is a clever fellow and enjoys a joke with the best of us, but at present he is trying to keep quiet a little affair which caused him considerable annovance (and some capital). moved his family recently from Green- bouffant train, with bright buttercup other like a pump-handle, to show the bush Heights to this city. One box yellow satin at the foot, has three defect in the joint. containing lace curtains and other valu- breadths of rich brocade of cream bles was sent to Mr. Simmons' auction- ground with pale blue figures draping to the man, and when the hour for crinoline, and plaited flounces of lace mummified deg, and then in order the opening business arrived he mounted and muslin are inside, so that it is no skulls of a Newfoundland, of a comthe box as usual and took the articles longer necessary to wear a trained pet- mon dog, a hairless Chinese dog, a canals so broad as to be navig. A Subject Little Understood by Many Inas they were handed him. A hand- ticoat. The cushion bustle and steels | Laverock setter, a Saint Bernard, a | able for barges of several hundred tons some pair of lace curtains were handed are also supplied in trains. For plain bulldog and an English pug. In an- burden. Just now the engineers him, worth at least fifty dollars a pair. rich toilettes of black velvet, satin or other row below was a series of skulls are drawing up the programme for (probably only two or three in sight) He held them out from him with an silk, the basque has a triangular open- of wild dogs-wolves, coyotes and that he gives up the chase in disgust. admiring air, and said: "There is ing at the neck, filled in with white foxes. something extra fine; it seems too bad | tulle up to the jetted dog-collar; a up one finger. "One dollar," said Mr. a large bow of satin ribbon and ostrich dog there, you see, differs very little into good meadow land, 200,000 of Mr. Simmons begged hard to have it green and red being in favor for alter- facial angle increases, the forehead is land-forest oases in the midst of the equus constitutes several species in doraised fifty cents more, but not a soul in nating stripes with white. Bright red the crowd would raise to four dollars. Bengaline, with cream white lace sold along with the articles in the room intended for sale, and brought "ruinous" prices. In fact, they sold for no ernor-General of Alta, Cal., rehigher price than the poor articles dis- turned to his old quarters at Los posed along with them. Several times | Angeles soon after the country was acstop and crack up the quality of this lived there from that day to this. He few days later. The new house was ever, and, aside from adopting the being got to rights rapidly, and one American style of dress, remains just things up this afternoon." "What Chicago Tribune. box?" "Why, that box that was put down in the store for safe-keeping." "By Jove," escaped the auctioneer, as he scratched his head. "That's where country have a National Press Associaother day. The curtains I paid fifty lars and fifty cents." Mr. Simmons has since succeeded in recovery some

-In some parts of Mexico the natives corral, with an additional offer of five | build pig-sties with rosewood logs.

STRANGE FOOD.

What a New York Chef Knows About Dog Steak and Eat on Toast. Travelers often come back and tell us of having eaten and relished snakes and other reptiles fot appreciated when placed on the home dinner table. Per-

sons who have been confined within was Mr. Gilbert was rained. Many the walls of besieged cities tell us of horse flesh and rats as eatables. Wondering how some of those articles were prepared, a reporter dropped into the St. James hotel recently to talk with diseases that assume the character of John Roth, the celebrated chef, and learn from him some of these mysteries. He was found in his kitchen studying deeply the dishes that were being prepared for that night's dinner. "Some people eat strange food, don't

they?" asked the scribe. like to try any new edible myself, sometimes. A little while ago I had a nice young dog. Somehow or other the dog broke its leg, and so I killed it. It was how it would taste cooked, so I pre- back. pared the dog like anyone would prepare a joint of pork, roasted it, and served it with the same sort of dressing one would put with pork, and to a hundred dollar bill for me.' stranger the joint had all the appearance of pork, and it tasted delicious. It was very sweet and tender."

"How do the regular dishes in this

"There are many more varieties in can make a more varied menu here. Green turtle over there is a very expensive luxury, and terrapin is very seldom heard of. Many of the fish and then game is more plentiful here. They have only one kind of wild duck, and have not the canvas-back or mal- the wheels. lard at all. Partridges and quail are much smaller there than here.

"Did you ever cook any snakes?" "I never did, but I have met people who have told me that some kinds of snakes are very good, and why should

"Rats are spoken well of by some people; did you ever cook them?" "Rats are very nice when they are the besieged in very large quantities. ing: A good way to prepare them is to skin up and then make a fricasee of them | Where's the conductor?" and strongly flavored. It is cooked in the same way that a joint of beef is. I believe there is a law prohibiting the sale of horse beef. People used to be disgusted at the idea of eating frogs, but now frogs legs are considered a great delicacy and are in great demand everywhere. - N. Y. Mail and Express.

### TRAINED DRESSES.

Toilettes.

The high corsages for full-dress toi-

lettes have a pointed front, with soft

The High Corsages Worn with Full-Dress

drapery on the basque back, or else the trained breadths-of which there are three of four-are gathered up in most bouffant fashion and attached over the end of the back. The low narrow Vshaped opening in the front of the neck, filled with talle either folded or gathered, is most stylish for these, but as this is not becoming to all, the square and round necks are still used, with or A Collection in the National Museum without a high and narrow wired collar across the back of the neck, or else filled in with a tulle guimpe. Trains match the basque in material, and are of great length and fullness, their width being sometimes increased by gored breadths on the side that are let in half-way down the skirt. The low yest (set in below the open neck of the waist) and the front breadths are of the same material, but different from the train and basque. Fronts may be of beaded lace, or that with gold threads, or else there may be three brocaded sash or paniers, and falling straight to the foot, except where it is caught up in the left seam to show satin of another color beneath arranged in broken plaits or gathered puffs; the foot plaitcontinued across the hips and front in paniers. All trains flow -Harper's Bazar.

-Du Pio Pico, the last Mexican Gov-

-It appears that licorice has been forehead, and will become very much raised to some extent in Central Missouri for nearly thirty years. Its production, however, has never been profitable. - Detroit Free Press.

-The women journalists of this

tion, and a New England branch has

been formed in Boston, of which Mrs.

Sally Jov. of the Herald, is President.

SORT OF RECKLESS.

Another Case of Waking the Wrong Pas-

senger on the Liailroad. He was the greenest old man you ever saw. He looked around the passenger coach in a way to prove that he had never entered one before, and he sat down so softly, and seemed to be so afraid of damaging something, that

all the passengers smiled. By and by a young man went over and sat down beside him. This young man might have been directed by filial affection, and he might not. "Which way, uncle?" he softly asked.

"Me? Oh, I'm goin' to see my darter in Connecticut."

"Ever travel much?" "This is the first time I was ever on "Indeed they do," said Roth, "and I the keers. I've driv off seventeen to these keers. "I should say not. It takes lots of

> "Drefful lot, but I jist sold the farm, von know.

> "I presume you could change a one "Ob. jist as well as not."

is good weather, eh?" "Strordinary weather for fall. James

guess it's all safe." awhile the old man began to vawn and | mortals.

pocket and an indignant but vet elated

"Consarn his piktur," but he took me fur an ole havseed from a back medder! Work roots on me, will ye! Sat a trap for me and fell into it verself, eh?" Even a professional pickpocket hadn't cheek enough to arge a single excuse. The fellow hadn't one blessed word to say, and was walked off to the baggage car to be kicked to the platform at the

"Ye see," said the old man, although turned to the inquiring passengers, "I the foreman or the employer has for hadn't orter done it. When a man has pursuing such an apparently unreasonbeen a constable, sheriff or drover all his days, travelin' all over and meetin' to self-inquiry, to ascertain if the fault all sorts of folks, he hadn't orter play does not lie in the realms of imaginaoff green-horn and break a young man's tion rather than in the domain of fact. heart like this, but I felt sort o'reckless If it is discovered that such is the case. this mornin'. I must put a curb on my a strong effort should be made to eradiin' jokes on confidin' young men!"-San Francisco Alta.

# SKULLS OF DOGS.

and a Learned Lecture Thereon. A bleached and ghastly object was

being handled recently by Mr. Frederick A. Lucas, the osteologist at the National Museum here. He had taken it from a coffin-like box, and explained to two or three persons that it was the skull of an Esquimaux sledge dog. "This skull," said Mr. Lucas, "bears

out the stories of the rough treatment of Europe, being, we believe, the only which these dogs receive. See there," pointing to a spot over the eye where breadths gathered at the top under a a portion of the bone had been broken off, "it took a heavy blow to do that: and look at this leg," continued the bone man, taking several long bones from the box and deftly putting them ing is also of this satin. The train together. "You see that leg was sometimes has its side breadths broken and was never allowed to heal perfectly. That dog had to limp along very painfully after he was injured. See The story was told to me the other day straight from the tournure, but may be how this joint was deformed and how in a rather confidential manner, and made very bouffant just below the it must have creaked," he continued,

Mr. Lucas stopped in front of a case wherein were displayed a series of rooms for safe-keeping. Two or three | the front, while the scarf crossing it | skulls arranged in a row for comparimornings after its receipt Mr. Simmons above may be of yellow satin like that son. The labels showed that two directed one of his employes to get out at the foot, or for a blonde it may be skulls in the upper row beginning on some household goods left there to be pale blue, with a blue plastron the right were those of Indian dogs; sold. Mr. Simmons entrusted the work in the corsage. Trains are lined with next to them was that of an Egyptian

"This series will show," said Mr. which becomes shorter. This collection sified into mastiffs, hounds, spaniels and wolf dogs. The wolf dogs, such as acres have been thrown open to culti- mated nature and plants. these," continued Mr. Lucas, pointing tion, although only 120,000 acres have to the Indian dogs and the Egyptian dogs, "are nearest the original stock. In fact, it is very difficult sometimes to distinguish the skull of a wolf from that | 152 wells from forty feet to eighty feet of an Indian dog. Yes, the teeth are deep, and 425 wells from twenty feet to the same, and you will notice all along | forty feet, and have made a survey of the line there is a similarity in the teeth. When you reach the pug at the end, the teeth are crowded and the incisors lap over. Then the teeth of the pug are not so large or strong. It has been raised on soft food, and has not had to rend or tear its prey. As you go up the scale the intelligence of the log increases, and as you go down, toward the wolf, the animals increase in brute ferocity. Yes, the bull-dog has a high forehead," observed Mr. Lucas, in reply to a reporter, expressing surprise that an animal that served in literature as a type of brute ferocity should stand so well in the score of cranial development. "It has a high attached to its master. It is renowned for its courage, and will fly at the head and hang on. Any dog may be taught to attack a man." - Washington Ster.

OVER-SENSITIVENESS.

A Word to Employer and Employed on Common Trouble. One of the most disagreeable characteristics in a workman is over-sensitiveness. Some men require to be fed on praise to keep them in good spirits. They can not brook restraint nor bear opposition. A simple suggestion in the way of change in their method of work is often taken to heart as reflecting upon their character or ability, and is the means of keeping them in the dumps for a long time after the trans- I had seen a nice sward in front of a The name of this naturalist and imaction has escaped the offending party's cozy home, a well stocked garden, a porter of wild animals is known all mind. It is exceedingly annoying to | neat barnvard with proud Legherns or over the world. be obliged to do business with this Black Spanish strutting about disput- E. A. Lever, a prominent journalclass of men. Either one has to ride ing rights with the golden bronze turk- ist of New Orleans, who served at vaover their feelings rough-shod or they eys, and a barn, at this season bursting rious times in the American, Peruvian, have to be treated as tenderly as one with riches, that I said to myself "I Chilian and Mexican armies, has been would handle a china vase. Obviously, will take a trip around in this garden commissioned a Brigadier-General by darter, but oxen hain't no comparison sued in a busy shop where time is the riches an old civilization can give." selves to give and take in this world. whetted by long deprivation, I planned If they have views that are wrong, or a pedestrian tour, avoiding the railway if their actions are not in accordance routes, that I might have the real coun-"I may want you to by-and-by. This with the opinions of those who have the try flavor. right to sit in judgment upon them. As we got away from the city I could they should be willing-nay, glad-to not cease praising the soil, and as there is given with a view to future improve- like one of our rolling prairies-hardle Nothing further was said for some ment. He is a very narrow-minded, con- a stone to be seen, rich loamy sail this country than in France, and we time, the old man looking out of the ceited person who thinks that all that he Winter grain was all coming up with a window and the young man reading a does is right and proper. The pleasant "good start"; mile after mile of beets

eaten over here are never seen there, nod. He fought it off for ten minutes. How to deal with the over-sensitive is hands and knees, generally having an but at last his head fell back and his a matter requiring much thought and old piece of sacking to creep on, some gentle snores mingled with the roar of discretion. This fault-for such it is- with spade-handled spuds discretion is one hard to remedy, and yet many the roots, arms and backs like Amazons; Sofia stitch has been aftered or added A slim white hand with tapering fin- possess it who are otherwise very esti- others with cleaver knives creeping to it, and it is in as good condition as gers rested on his leg, then it was ele- mable persons. Some have discernment after the diggers, and dextronsly chopvated to his breast. Its touch was to see the folly of their course, and ping the tops off, then piling the roots that of a feather. Its movement was after a time grow out of this childish one side; turnips, some ready to dig, that of a serpent erceping forward to weakness. But when the victim is and in other fields just coming up eve strike. The fingers touched an old- really ignorant, and mixes low-bred identity no early freezing here. Im- is to say in the legal period of ten they not be? Eels are only snakes, you fashioned wallet. The young man con- jealousy with his over-wrought sensi- mense factories to grand the sugar months after her divorce from the Martinued to read and the old man slept tiveness, there is little hope for his beets and chiccory every few miles. on. Inch by inch the wallet was lifted reformation. The quicker one gets teams, almost continuous, going to and Ernest Nicholas, and he belongs to a from its snug resting-place, and the through doing business with men of the fro, loaded with roots, over roads like humble French family. His wife, from hand was almost ready to remove it latter class the better it is. Ordinarily, a floor so splendally macadamized, yet whom he has been divorced by mutual entirely when something happened, when trouble arises from this weak- in the fields, following the degrees, young. During the French and Ger- With a sudden movement of his right ness on the part of a workman, the were plows at work, showing about and separated many years, is an Italian lady man war, while the Germans were sur- hand the old man pinned the inter- plan is to have a frank talk with him, help and teams. Potatocs now being named Maria Annata. rounding Paris, they were eaten by loper fast, and his voice was heard call- explaining the situation of affairs and dug-how? Always by women, on showing him in as pleasant a manner their knees, with short-handled rakes, for the United States and Pacific Ex-"You blamed skunk! But I knowed as possible his error. But this course and with their hands; their heads tied press Companies, has been made Suthem and clean them, then cut them all the time what you were after! sometimes has its drawbacks, because up in red cotton kerchiefs, their dress perintendent, with headquarters at it frequently happens that the attempt | the universal blue calleo that graces all | Chicago, and is succeeded as agent by just as you would of a chicken. Horse There was a rush of passengers, and to make such a friendly explanation German women. As they turned to Alonzo Wygant Mr. Wygant comefforts were hopeless and went back to the lesh is now very popular in France, they found a helpless, confused pick- gives the person an undue idea of his look at us, their faces seemed cast in menced working for the United States importance, and leads him to become one mold hard, red, wrinkled, their Express Company in 1863, and for

A man who stands ready to take offense at anything or everything, upon nuisance-to be tolerated only because he has other traits which on the whole overbalance the most disagreeable one. The workman who feels that he is singled out as an object of dislike should stop to consider what reasons able course. This of itself should lead healthful to look the facts squarely in ing up the side of the house; but so the face, and when one finds himself in in both thought and action .- Tolede

next year, which comprises the drain-

age of 350,000 acres by means of the

construction of 120 miles of ditches and

tant markets, and finally 2,000,000

sides making the canals and ditches the

engineers have built 179 bridges, bored

in progress. - Engineering.

after ten o'clock at night.

the wrong to institute a radical change thing, I fear the vines were cultivated I used to have four new hate a year, A GREAT WORK. Draining of Enormous Marshes Under the Direction of the Russian Government. Few people are probably aware of the great engineering undertaking in which Russia has been engaged for years, draining the Pinsk Marshes. feet from the front doors of the dwell-These are so extensive as to secure special designation on the ordinary map village to call an indignation meeting in any American town. I looked in case of the kind, and in point of area vain for the prettily located church. are very much larger than Ireland. surrounded by the "green", and the Situated on the Russo-Polish confines commodious sheds for the carriages; or they have become famous in Russian | the village school, nestling under the history as a refuge for all manner of spreading oaks; or the inviting inn, romantic characters, and have remained | with broad approach, and the comfortan irreclaimable wilderness in the midst able stables; in fact, everything that of a prosperous, corn-growing region, makes an American village or farmup to within the last few years. In house attractive was wanting here. The 1870 the Russian Government first took | least repulsive house was the beer-sain hand seriously the abolition of loon, with a riddled target over the this wild expanse, which, owing to be- door. ing perpetually more or less submerged We went through half a dozen such and covered with a jungle growth of villages, differing, the one from the the train?" asked an old gentleman at was about this wise: Mr. Simmons waist line. A brown satin basque and working one of the bones against the forest, prevented not only communi- other, in the degree of filth and re- the city hall elevated station. "Somecation between the Russian districts on pulsiveness. either side, but also between Russia and But is it to be wondered at? Can a Austro-Germany. Consequently a large staff of engineering officers and several Where women are treated as beasts,

stream rise higher than its source? thousand troops were drafted into the can homes be better than kennels? region, and these have been engaged Where all the able-bodied men are in on the undertaking since. Up to the the army, what can women do but present moment about four million work in their place?- Hanover (Geracres have been reclaimed, thanks many) Cor. Country Gentleman. the construction of several CLASSIFICATION.

telligent Breeders. Classification of animals as to tribe, genus, species, breed, variety, strain, cross, hybrid and mongrel is too little understood even by many intelligent canals. Of the 4,000,000 acres already breeders. A species is constant in fulreclaimed, 600,000 acres consisted of filling all the conditions necessary to sheer bog, which have been converted reproduction alike in all general rehe continued, "you find the the trees, 500,000 acres of good forest nate to tribe or sub-tribe. The genus developed at the expense of the jaw, marshes - hitherto inaccessible, but mestication, including the horse and which have been connected ass, and the mule as a hybrid between Helen Louise is up stairs, and won't be gives merely an outline. There are more or less with navigable the two, itself infertile. Hence the many intermediate steps. Dogs are class canals and thereby with the disprogeny between two species of a genus is a mule (hybrid) throughout ani- to press."-Philadelphia Press

As to species, all cattle, for instance, been actually occupied up to now. Be- are varieties of the genus bas, of the species taurus. When two varieties are so long bred together as to breed measurably constant as to characteristies they may be called a breed-that is, a race or progeny from the same

20,000 square miles of country hitherto parents or stock. unmapped. When their task is finished A strain of stock is a breed, or sub-Russia will have effaced from the map family of a breed, in which certain of Europe one of the oldest and toughpoints are intensified and perpetuated est bits of savage nature of the contithrough strong hereditary force, as nent, and a few years will suffice to certain strains of stock, strains of render the Pinsk Marshes indistin- Short-Horns, thoroughbred horses, etc. guishable from the rest of the culti-The word hybrid is often confounded vated region of the sources of the with mongrel. A mongrel is an ani-Dneiper. From an engineering, geo- mal descended from two or more palogical and scientific point of view, the rents themselves of mixed but inferior work is one of special interest, and blood-in fact, a degenerate animal. capable globe-trotters, anxious for a The common mixed cattle of a counnovel theme, might do worse than try are mongreis. Variation in dospend a few months amid the fading mestic animals is constantly going on. Pinsk Marshes, describing the changes The unscientific breeder seeks not to keep a breed within the distinct lines of the ancestors. The scientific breed--The police force of Laramie, Wy. er does, and through eareful mating T., are provided with blacksnake whips and as careful selection perpetuates to use on all boys found on the streets and intensifies the superior points of excellence. - Chicago Tribane.

FARMERS. PERSONAL AND LITERARY. Agriculturat Saw Mr Spurgeon, the great English

has gone to the South of

- re are four hundred and fifty-

The widow of the late ex-Governor

ne-a-brac and paintings valued at

two somen editors in England-more

than all the rest of Europe combined.

Morgan, of New York, has a collection

-The death is approunced of Anton

At a recent marriage in Ohio the

bride, a Miss Morris, wore a dress that

was imported from Paris in 1742 for a

wedding, and has been in the family

ever since, being used only on such ac-

casions. It was worn again in 1776 as

a wedding-dress, but not again till the

- Mmc. Adelina Patti will be mar-

ried to Sig. Nicolini in June next-that

quis de Caux. Nicoline's real name is

consent, and from whom he had been

-Harvey D. Colvin, Chicago agent,

HUMOROUS.

when new - Cleveland Leader.

frie for the winter.

51 00,000. - N. Y. Times.

of Germany-How with their filled with pi gives interest to watching characters and ing things in the street, yet I for self homesick for the country and sight of a farm-house with the familiar Mierman Jamrach, at the age of fortysurroundings; it had been so long since four, at his home in Poplar, London.

miles with the oxen to see my other the latter course can not well be pur- spot of Germany and feast my eyes on the Honduras Government. - General Grant and Bishop Simpson, money, and the object is to do the I know what a farm is at home, but we of the Methodist Episcopal Church. most work at the least outlay. Over- are a young people; we sacrifice every- were first consins. The Bishop's father so nice and fat I thought I would see money to go to Connecticut and sensitive men, if they stand in the way thing to the "almighty dollar", here, and the General's mother were brother of progress of business, will have little with a thousand years of civilization, I and sister. Their father and mother heed paid to their failing, and this is as shall find in perfection what we have were Irish, from County Tyrone. - N. it should be. Men should school them- in embryo. So, with anticipation Y Horld. - 'M. Grevy," says a chatty person in Paris, is very rich and very miserly. He eats plain food because he is too stingy to buy dainties. How much he is worth no one knows, but it country compare with the French has been worried about his corn, but 1 be criticised, especially if such criticism are no fences here, it was singularly large part of which is in Paris houses. can not well be less than \$7,500,000, a And he is saving money all the time out of his salary.

paper. The train made a few stops, fiction that "the King can do no or chiccory, all the roots averaging a and the car was so warm that after wrong" does not extend to common foot in length I should say, tremendous erops, women by the hundred on their gainly, as the men.

more and more exacting and whimsi- dress only distinguishing the sex; oth- meritorious services has been promoted erwise, they were as coarse, rough, un. from his original situation of money deliveryman to assistant eashier, then But all this time not a farm-house! to cashier, then to assistant agent, and whose shoulder there is constantly a After awhile I saw a cluster of tiled finally to his present position of agent chip waiting to be knocked off, is a buildings, that seemed jammed to- of the two companies. Mr. Wygantgether in this prairie; evidently here has made his own way, and may safely was the home of this multitude owning be called a self-made man, while the the rich soil I had passed with enrious express companies have every reason eyes. As I came nearer and nearer, to be proud of him. the picture I had made of the homes in America came up in bold relief. Good Heavens' is this the way farmers in the richest section of Germany live? On -There is no occasion for a man with one side of some houses were living a cold in his head to be idle. He's up to rooms, on the other the stables, the his sneeze in business. - Chievago Teles-"best to do" had their houses separated gram. from the stables only by a yard; all reeking with manure; not a spite of the fence by a bull was willing to congrass, not a flower growing out of cede that he for once got the wrong specits; I'm getting too old to be play- cate such feeling from the mind. It is doors; here and there was a vine grow- pitch - Fonkers Gazette. sorded was the appearance of every- "It's what I was when I got married, but for the money value of the grapes but I'm awful lucky to get one now." they might yield. The children gener-- Danseille Breeze. ally were running wild-being those too -"Can you tell of what race Nayoung to work-black with filth. In front of many houses were three-inch pipes, bringing the liquid manure to proper height for the big cask that carried it to the fields. It was a common sight to see

poleon came?" said the Civil-Service examiner. "Why, of Corsican," said the candidate. A first-class clerkship was drawn .- N. O. Picayane -A prominent public office has this notice posted up: "Don't open this door;" under which some wag wrote the crop of beets banked up not ten the query "Why?" and another reings. In fact, there were enough dissponded: "Because you can't; it's gusting sights and smells in that first locked."-N. Y. Telegram

-"What a beautiful lamp!" exclaimed Mrs. Parvenu's visitor, "where did you get it: mediæval isn't it?" "We got it in Paris," said the good lady of the house, "but it isn't mediaval; it is

bronze."- N. Y. Mail. -Pa (Who has been explaining cer-

tain facts about stoves) - Now Jimmy, do you know what a base-burner is? Jimmy-You bet your life. Pa-Have we one in the house?

Jimmy-Yessir, ma's slipper. - The Rambler.

- "Do you allow drunken people on times-but not when they are too drunk," replied the brakeman. "Just take a seat near the middle of the ear and keep quiet, and you'll be all right." -N. Y. Sun.

-Man in a carriage (to farmer in the field). "That corn doesn't look as though you'd get more'n half a crop." Farmer in the field (to man in a carringe). "Don't expect to-I'm workit on shares." "I mean you won't get much to the acre." "Don't expect to only got half an acre."-Harper's

-The plumber's song -The iceman smiles as he counts his yains Derived from the trade of summer, And as he walks the streets disdains The greeting of the plumber. He feels his gets; well, let him smile. This thing will be adjusted. make a bole in the Jeeman's plie. When the water pipes are least

-Chicago Inter Ocean. ... Step right into the parlor and year-old son of the editor to his sister's best young man. "Take the rocking chair and belp yourself to the album. down for some time yet has to make up her form, you know, before going

-Customer-"Aren't you afraid to deave all these clothes hanging out on the sidewalk with nobody to watch them? I should think you would be afraid somebody would steal them." Dealer- Shteal doze glothes? Mein Himmel, no! (Confidentially!) Vy. mein friend, I dell you, I sells doze glothes so sheap that it doesn't bay to shteal them." - Somerville Journal.

# A Conscientious Witness

Counsel (to witness)-The previous witness swore that when found he was breathing like a porpoise.

Witness-I dunno 'bout dat, sah, Counsel-You were present? Witness-Yes, sah.

Counsel-Examined him carefully? Witness-Yes, sah. I zamined him

Counsel-And yet you will not swear that he was breathing like a porpoise? Witness-No. sah. Counsel-You will state to the Court

Witness-Cos I nebber heard a

po poise breave, sah .- N. Y. Times.