

**Good Advice.**  
Said a man who had been detected cheating at cards: "They threaten to kick me downstairs. What am I to do?" The friend appealed to offered this timely counsel: "Play on the ground floor."

**New and Old.**  
The new member of congress arrives at Washington with a speech up his sleeve, and the old member gets there with a laugh stowed away in the same place.—Indianapolis News.

**Port Durban's Rapid Growth.**  
Port Durban's rateable value is \$50,000,000. Sixty years ago it was a sandy wilderness, with a small blockhouse in its midst, besieged by a commando of Boers.

**Pressed Peat for Fuel.**  
The experience gained in the use of pressed peat as locomotive fuel in Bavaria, Austria, Sweden and Russia is stated to be very satisfactory.

**Crime in Lapland.**  
In Lapland the crime which is punished most severely, next to murder, is the marrying of a girl against the express wish of her parents.

**Rats Devour Bonds.**  
Rats have eaten \$5,000 worth of bearer bonds belonging to a Paris couple. The bonds were kept in an old hat box.

**Japs Drink Much Water.**  
A gallon of water a day is drunk by every Japanese who practices, as nearly all do, the gymnastics known as judo.

**Growsome Collection.**  
A French professor is the owner of a collection of 920 human heads, representing every known race of people.

**Scarlet for Bachelor Maids.**  
When an unmarried woman dies in France the coffin, hearse and livery of the coachman are all scarlet.

**Cost of London's Paupers.**  
Every year \$4,000,000 is spent on the food and clothing of indoor paupers in London.

**The Good Old Times.**  
When Benjamin Franklin took the coach from Philadelphia to New York he spent four days on the journey. He tells us that, as the old driver jogged along, he spent his time knitting stockings. Two stage coaches and eight horses sufficed for all the commerce that was carried on between Boston and New York, and in winter the journey occupied a week.—Success.

**Rum Changes Tribe.**  
The Nyan-Nyams, of the upper Nile valley, used to be a very harmless, amiable people, whose amusements were to smoke and hold nightly concerts. But rifles and rum changed them, and now a British expedition is marching to punish them for shooting at British "patrols," though what British patrols were doing in the Nyan-Nyam country is not explained.

**Value of System.**  
A wealthy merchant remarked the other day that "his filter of success had a wrapper marked 'system.'" And he declared that both those who sold goods to him and those who bought of him were so impressed with his show of system that the confidence emanating therefrom was a big capital in itself.—Success.

**Especially for Women.**  
Champion, Mich., Jan. 9th.—(Special)—A case of especial interest to women is that of Mrs. A. Wellatt, wife of a well known photographer here. "It is best given in her own words."

"I could not sleep, my feet were cold and my limbs cramped," Mrs. Wellatt states. "I had an awful hard pain across my kidneys. I had to get up three or four times in the night. I was very nervous and fearfully despondent."

"I had been troubled in this way for five years when I commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and what they caused to come from my kidneys will hardly stand description. "By the time I had finished one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills I was cured. Now I can sleep well, my limbs do not cramp, I do not get up in the night and I feel better than I have in years. I owe my health to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Women's ills are caused by diseased kidneys; that's why Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure them.

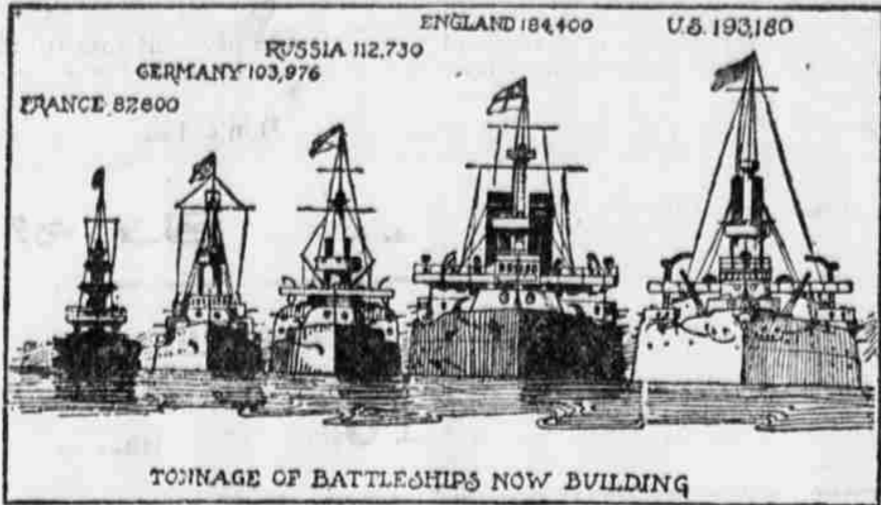
He who stops to help a tottering brother over the rough places arrives quicker than he who rushes headlong down the lane of life.

**BABY'S TERRIBLE SORE**  
Body Raw With Humor—Caused Untold Agony—Doctor Did No Good—Cuticura Cured at Once.

"My child was a very delicate baby. A terrible sore and humor broke out on its body, looking like raw flesh, and causing the child untold agony. My physician prescribed various remedies, none of which helped at all. I became discouraged and took the matter into my own hands, and tried Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment with almost immediate success. Before the second week had passed the soreness was gone, not leaving a trace of anything. Mrs. Jeannette H. Block, 281 Rosedale St., Rochester, N. Y."

Make a practice of doing some act of kindness every day until the habit grows on you and stays with you.

## HOW SEA FIGHTING FORCES OF THE NATIONS COMPARE



### PARIS RESUMES OLD GLORY.

Session of North Sea Tribunal Revives its Diplomatic Prestige.  
The tribunal which is dealing with the controversy relating to Russia's sinking of English fishing craft in the North sea has just opened at the French capital. Paris is resuming its old glory as the world's political center. It was at Paris that the representatives of the United States and Spain met to settle the issues growing out of the war of 1898. It seemed just as appropriate a place for the United States and Spain to meet in that juncture as it did in 1856 for England, Russia, Prussia, Austria, Turkey and the rest of the European powers to deal with the issues growing out of the Crimean war. It was at a congress at Paris in 1783 that England recognized United States independence. Twenty years earlier a treaty of Paris brought the seven years' war to an end. Between 1763 and 1804 more important international gatherings have been held at Paris than in all the rest of the world's capitals.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

### TO THE LAND OF THE FREE.

Table of Immigration Shows Arrival of Millions.  
A recently published table shows that from 1821 to 1903 (both inclusive) the total number of immigrants was 21,265,723, of whom Europe furnished 93 per cent. Of the total immigration into the United States during eighty-five years Germany and the United Kingdom furnished 56 per cent, as follows: Germany, 24 per cent; Ireland, 19 per cent, and England, Scotland and Wales, 13 per cent. During the same period Austria-Hungary, Italy and Russia and Poland furnished 21 per cent, as follows: Austria-Hungary, 7 per cent; Italy, 8 per cent, and Russia and Poland, 6 per cent. Of the total immigration in 1903, Germany and the United Kingdom furnished only 12 per cent, while Austria-Hungary, Italy and Russia and Poland furnished 68 per cent.

### NEW COMMISSIONER OF LABOR.

Charles P. Neill Soon to Succeed Carroll D. Wright.  
On Feb. 1 Charles P. Neill will succeed Carroll D. Wright as commissioner of labor. Mr. Neill has acquired a reputation as a statistician



and has the confidence of laboring men as well as the administration. Mr. Neill's home is at the capital. He is thoroughly familiar with the work of the bureau.

**Tuberculosis Infection.**  
Tuberculosis is a house infection. We don't pick it up on the streets as we may pneumonia or smallpox; we never inherit it; seldom is it contracted from diseased milk or meat. Occasional contact with a consumptive endangers no one; the disease is not contagious in that sense. But every house in which an ignorant or careless consumptive has lived and coughed up the deadly bacilli; every close and foul-aired workroom in which he has labored becomes a peril to those who live or work with him or follow after him.—McClure's.

**Railroader to Take High Office.**  
Isaac Thomas Parker, who will soon be inducted into office as lieutenant governor of Delaware, is conductor of a passenger train running between Philadelphia and Delmar, Del. He is already quartermaster general on the staff of the present governor, but this is the first elective office of importance to which he has been chosen. Mr. Parker has no idea of resigning his position on the Pennsylvania railroad, but declares that as soon as the legislature adjourns he will be found on his own run as usual.

### COOLIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

World Waiting to See How Experiment Turns Out.  
Not much has been published of late concerning the employment of coolies in the South African mines. Presumably it did not prove a telling cause in English parliamentary elections, and there seems to be a general feeling that, now that the coolies have been imported, people should wait and see how the experiment turns out before making further attacks on it. Up to the 1st of December more than 19,300 Chinese had been landed in South Africa for work in the mines. The last shipment was of 2,249, 2,238 being landed, the remaining eleven having died on the voyage. That would appear to be a very large percentage of loss for coolies who are all carefully inspected before their shipment, and who are all men in the prime of life. Some of the tramp steamers that have been engaged in this work, while controlled by certain government regulations concerning the carrying of the coolies, must have, in bad weather, presented a scene below decks that was somewhat reminiscent of the old days of the middle passage.—Boston Herald.

### IN AND OUT OF CABINET.

Sensations of Members Well Described by Senator Foster.  
Postmaster General Wynne, who used to be a newspaper man in Washington, bears his honors with becoming dignity, but does not in any way feel upshod over his advancement. The president one day asked him: "How does it feel to attend a cabinet meeting after having spent so much time on the outside trying to find out what occurred at similar gatherings?" "Oh, it is not so much how he feels," said Secretary Wilson, "as how the rest of us feel." Wynne has Irish blood in his veins and ready wit at the tip of his tongue. He came back in this fashion: "That reminds me of what Secretary Foster said when he took charge of the treasury department. One day he remarked to me: 'Wynne, when I first came to Washington as a member of the cabinet I gazed in awe at the distinguished men who were my colleagues and wondered how I got there. After I had been in the cabinet three months I wondered how my colleagues got there.'"

### GET FOOD TO PORT ARTHUR.

How Chinese Junks Successfully Elude Blockaders.  
The medium-sized northern Chinese junks make first-class blockade runners. They are built very low in the water, with the decks almost awash when loaded, so that only the bow and stern rise noticeably above the water line. They are strong, flat-bottomed and of unpainted, dirty wood, with no bright colors about them. Propelled by from ten to twenty oarsmen, if the sails fail, they glide through the water with no noise or smoke, and are very difficult of detection. Dodging along the shore and among the numerous islets, which extend from the Shan-Tung peninsula across the mouth of Pe-Chee-Lee gulf, they closely resemble the low, brown rocks and during the past months hundreds of them have evaded the Japanese watchers and carried tons of fresh provisions and vegetables to the beleaguered Port Arthur garrison.

### Simple Home of Rockefeller.

In Mr. Rockefeller's home in New York little effort is made at pretentiousness. There are no elevators, no elaborate system of electric bells, no frills about anything. Mrs. Rockefeller laboriously climbs the stairs rather than have an elevator put in. Simplicity and economy sound the keynote. Mrs. Rockefeller's kitchen in her New York house would be considered extremely old-fashioned by the standard of her rich neighbors. She does not care much for the pleasures of the table. Plain cooking suits her best. Her husband, of course, is most careful of his diet. The list of dishes he is obliged to pass unnoticed would make a very large bill of fare.

### Mean Fling at Senator Depew.

Senator Depew says that the meanest remark he ever heard about himself came from a passenger on a sightseeing automobile in Washington. The automobile was going past the senator's house in H street. "That tree in the yard, ladies and gentlemen," said the megaphone man, "was planted by Senator Depew himself almost six years ago." "Say," piped up a passenger on the back seat, loud enough to be heard by the senator and his wife, who were standing in front of the house, "I'll bet it's a chestnut."

### QUEER LITTLE SEA MOUSE.

Remarkable in the Lower Branches of Organic Life.

A few days ago, when they brought me a fine specimen, about four inches long, of that strange creature the sea mouse, dredged from the sandy bottom of Loch Ryan, I began to speculate darkly upon the significance of the generic name Aphrodita, bestowed upon this lowly invertebrate by Lamarck. For it is no mouse, but a worm, belonging to the class Annelida, animals which, being still in a primitive stage of development, enjoy the enviable privilege of being able to replace any organ, even a head, of which they may be bereft by accident or assault.

At first sight no living creature is less suggestive of the goddess of love, its general outline being that of a gigantic wood louse and its structure but an oblong mass of integument and viscera. Yet on second thought, it appears not inappropriately termed Aphrodita, born of the sea foam—amphibious—and, if beauty of form be denied to it, compensation is made by an extraordinary loveliness of color. The breathing apparatus, consisting of external branchiae like silky bristles arranged all along the sides of the animal, shine with a luster as delicate as and more brilliant than a pigeon's neck.—Pall Mall Gazette.

### LIFE PROLONGED BY SUCCESS.

Victory Over World Means New Vitality and New Powers.

It is new well known that increased complexity of life with increased expenditure distinctly adds longevity. Luxury, "the fertile parent of a whole family of diseases," modifies it greatly, of course, but this is a manageable factor.

We have only to recall personal experience to realize the force of intellectual stimulation. The interest of sport will sustain men without fatigue for distances they otherwise could not traverse. The excitement of strife will often mask the presence of wounds. Self-forgetfulness in all the walks of life, under the stress of love, chivalry or accepted duty, doubles human endurance. Success gives new vitality, new powers, and this is another name for new life.

### Women's Duplicate Shoes.

A most curious trade has sprung up lately which illustrates quaintly the pet vanity of woman. It appears that women when staying at hotels or the like do not care to exhibit to the passers along the corridors the exact size of their feet, so they carefully carry with them a couple of pairs of tiny, delicate shoes, which, instead of the ones they are wearing, they place outside their doors for the servants to take down and clean. All the big boot shops in Paris now make a specialty of this tiny footwear, and a pair or two form a portion of the trousseau of every up-to-date bride. Madrigal women are said to have the smallest feet; Peruvian women come next and the American girls are a good third.

### Prowling African Hyenas.

"It is not an uncommon thing," says a man who has hunted in Central Africa, "to meet a native with half his face missing and when you ask him how it happened he will tell you that a hyena snapped at him while he was asleep. It is marvelous how they recover from such wounds, as the teeth of the animal must be poisonous, and the natives have no antiseptics and a very crude way of treating wounds. When a 'fisi,' as the natives call it, comes round the camp howling, the 'boys' shout all sorts of vile names at him. But very often the animal makes no noise whatever and not till next morning is the loss of something discovered."

### Oh, Beautiful, My Country.

"Oh, beautiful, my country!"  
Be thine a nobler care,  
Than all thy wealth of commerce,  
Thy harvest waving fair;  
Be thine the pride to lift up  
The manhood of the poor;  
Be then to the oppressed  
Fair freedom's open door  
For thee our fathers suffered;  
For thee they toiled and prayed;  
Upon thy holy altar  
Their willing lives they laid.  
Thou hast no common birthright;  
Grand memories on thee shine;  
The blood of pilgrim nations  
Commingled flows in thine.  
"Oh, beautiful, my country!"  
Round thee in love we draw;  
Thine is the grace of freedom,  
The majesty of law.  
Be righteousness thy scepter,  
Justice thy diadem;  
And in thy shining forehead  
Be peace the crowning gem."  
—Hosmer.

### One Step to Advancement.

Father O'Gorman, of Gananogue, on the banks of the St. Lawrence, is a keen judge of horses and dogs, never failing to have at least one Irish setter at every bench show in New York city. At the recent exhibition there his entry won the first prize, on hearing of which a friend said to him: "I suppose they will make you a bishop now." Father O'Gorman, who is not at all averse to a joke on himself, answered, readily: "My dear sir, if I knew as much about theology as I do about Irish setters I'd be a cardinal this minute."

### Mistaken Attention.

"Men make a mistake," says a lady, "in making such a fuss over middle-aged women. They don't want to be wanted on. They want people to think they are just as young as they ever were, and they resent it when a man tries to help them get around. If you want to keep good friends with a lady whose hair is just beginning to turn gray, don't take her arm every time she steps off a three-inch curb or offer her your seat in a street car to ride a couple of blocks."—Detroit Tribune.

### HYENA KNEW ITS FRIEND.

Apparently Vicious Creature Had Memory for Kindness.

A few years ago in one of the menageries exhibited during the races at Brighton, England, was a striped hyena, which, to the keeper and all around him, displayed the usual ferocious habits inherent in animals of his kind. Among the spectators was a young man who fearlessly approached the den where it was snarling and snapping furiously, and, putting his hand through the wires, patted the animal on its head.

In an instant the hyena gave symptoms of the greatest delight, bounded about in an ecstasy of joy and rubbed himself against the young man's hand, seeming to be overjoyed at his caresses. It appeared that this animal had been taken when a cub by this young man and brought by him to England and sold to the keeper of a menagerie, and although seven years had elapsed since then the recollection of the gentle treatment he had received had been gratefully remembered by this apparently untamable creature.

### ONE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

The Faculty of Keeping Friends an Immense Factor.

The faculty of keeping friends is the secret of success of many men, says Madame. It is not enough to be able to make them. It is a comparatively easy matter to win regard and favor with a pleasing exterior and even the framework of a well-stored mind. Yes, it is easy to win friends, but to hold them—"there's the rub." A real friendship and the only kind worthy of struggle and sacrifice is a priceless possession, and he is rich indeed who can count his friends on the fingers of one hand. It is customary, however, to speak lightly of friendship and to refer to another as a friend when an acquaintance is meant. People who rise to power and influence are usually those who have retained their friends. They are "the same yesterday, to-day and to-morrow," and prosperity does not change them. The friends of long ago are theirs for aye.

### Engaged.

Engaged! Who would ever have thought it!  
It happened so sudden, you see,  
I wonder, when could he have bought it—  
And how did he know 't would fit me?  
And how did he dare to embrace me,  
And call me his "darling" and "dear" and "best"!  
He can't have the nerve now to face me!  
I'm sure that I didn't say "yes."  
Last night, why, I hadn't a notion  
That that was the reason he came—  
"Tho' he was, vowed the girls, all devotion,  
And we had lots of fun with his name,  
And to think that mamma, she suspected,  
And sat up so late, in address,  
To whisper that "no one objected!"  
I'm sure that I didn't say "yes."  
'Twas right in the midst of the weather  
He acted so funny and queer;  
I was scared—just we two 'there together—  
And prayed some one else would appear.  
And first thing I knew, like a ninny  
I was tight in his arms, nothing less!  
And he was all shining and griny—  
I'm sure that I never said "yes."  
It's a beauty, a regular beauty!  
And set with such exquisite taste!  
I suppose—I suppose 't is my duty  
To send and return it in haste.  
I can't give it up—it's worth double  
The ones worn by Helen and Jess,  
And I can't give him up, more's the trouble!  
But I'm sure that I never said "yes."  
—Fueck.

### Acknowledging Presents.

Every girl should consider it her duty to acknowledge her wedding presents at once, and her pleasure to make these notes as personal and appreciative as possible, says the Philadelphia Press. Mention the name of the gift, so that your friend will see that you really know what she sent you, and will not feel that it meant no more to you than "one of many." If you haven't had time to acknowledge all your presents beforehand keep a list of them, and have your mother write these friends that her daughter will take pleasure in thanking them as soon as she returns from her wedding trip.

### Regained Appetite by Reading.

There was once a man who had lost his appetite. He regained it by the simple method of reading a chapter of Dickens before dinner every day. Sometimes he would read about the Christmas dinner of the Crummels, and again he would read about another character's enjoyment of buttered toast; but always the chapter would be upon something good to eat. The very thought of how others enjoyed their food would awake in this hypochondriac a hunger that made his dinner a pleasure instead of a torture.

### Willing to Pay for His Drink.

One night not long ago Archie got very thirsty, and, turning over in his bed, poked his mother and said, "Mamma, gimme a drink of water." His mother told him to go to sleep. In another five minutes he again asked for a glass of water. This time his mother said to him, "If I get up I'll only give you a good spanking." To which Archie replied, "Will you give me the glass of water when you get up to give me the spanking?"

### Queer Love Potions.

A woman who has been arrested in Berlin for fortune-telling is said to be skilled in the preparation of love potions. According to her recipes a granulated substance must be brewed with parchments containing charms, and the concoction must be worn seven days on the breast. Equally effective are three hairs of the loved one and three drops of the lover's own blood or a slice of quince. This must be eaten when the moon is full and with one's eyes steadily fixed on the primary

### ALL DONE OUT.

Veteran Joshua Heiler, of 706 South Walnut street, Urbana, Ill., says: "In the fall of 1899, after taking Doan's Kidney Pills I told the readers of this paper that they had relieved me of kidney trouble, disposed of a lame back with pain across my loins and beneath the shoulder blades. During the interval which has elapsed I have had occasion to resort to Doan's Kidney Pills when I noticed warnings of an attack. On each and every occasion the results obtained were just as satisfactory as when the pills were first brought to my notice. I just as emphatically endorse the preparation to-day as I did over two years ago."

Poster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., proprietors. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.



### Raw Food in the North.

The eating of raw fish is by no means confined to the Esquimaux. Fairly well smoked salmon, cod and trout are eaten raw by Indians and Canadians alike, and are both palatable and easily digested when cut with a sharp knife into the thinnest possible slices, much as old woodmen like to shave off the chippings of a well smoked but uncooked caribou ham.

### A Rare Good Thing.

"Am using ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE, and can truly say I would not have been without it so long, had I known the relief it would give my aching feet. I think it a rare good thing for anyone having sore or tired feet.—Mrs. Mattie Holtvert, Providence, R. I." Sold by all Druggists, 25c. Ask for Allen's.

### Practical Scotty.

"Positively the worst struggle I ever had in the water," said the young man who had been at sea, "was one night trying to save a man with a wooden leg." "Man," said an old Scotchman, who was listening, "if ye had got a bit of rope ye could have saved the man quicker w' it than ye could dae w' ten widden legs."

### Embezzler Boiled to Death.

In 1890 the last instance of boiling to death took place in Persia. The offender, guilty of stealing state revenues, was put into a large caldron of cold water, which was slowly heated to the boiling point. His bones were distributed, as a warning, among the provincial tax collectors.

### When Your Grocer Says

he does not have Defiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. Defiance Starch is not only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 16 oz. to the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

### Slaves Must Pay Debts.

Debtors in Siam, when three months in arrears, can be seized by the creditors and compelled to work out their indebtedness. Should a debtor run away, his father, his wife or his children may be held in slavery until the debt is canceled.

Many who formerly smoked 10c cigars, now smoke Lewis' "Single Binder" straight so cigar. The best combination of the best tobaccos. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

### "Not Found."

A letter arrived at the New York postoffice the other day bearing the following address: "To Any Respectable Lawyer, New York City, New York." The carrier into whose hands it fell for delivery returned it marked in blue pencil, "Not found."

**A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.**  
Itching, Blud, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Your Druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 10 days. 50c.

### World's Unexplored Regions.

Outside the polar regions there remains unexplored, it is estimated, about one-fiftieth of the land surface of the globe. Fifteen years ago the unknown portions were about one-eighth of the earth's total.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. BOWMAN, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1904.

### To Kill Germs in Water.

It is not always convenient to sterilize water, and boiling makes it tasteless. In cases where germs are to be destroyed, four drops of tincture of iodine in a half gallon of water, left to stand for a half hour, renders the water harmless.

Last year the Sure Hatch Incubator Co. of Clay Centre, Neb., shipped 600 incubators to Germany and several thousand to Australia, South Africa and South America.

### Virtue and Vice.

We pass for what we are. Character teaches us above our wills. Men imagine that they communicate their virtue or vice only by overactions and do not see that virtue or vice emit a breath every moment.—Waldo Emerson.

**Few Suicides in Japan.**  
Notwithstanding the honor in which harakiri is held in Japan, the proportion of suicides there is comparatively low—177 a million, to 246 in France, 238 in Denmark, 233 in Switzerland and 206 in Germany.

### Have No Use for Pockets.

We ordered a new pair of trousers the other day and when we got them they were without pockets. When we kicked the tailor told us he always made newspaper men's pants that way.—Saskatoon Herald.