NO SUGAR BOUNTIES.

THE LAW IS DECLARED UNCON-STITUTIONAL.

The Comptroller of the Treasury Renders an Opinion on the Celebrated Oxnard Sugar Bounty Claims-Claimants Can Go Into Court and Test the Validity of Their Demands-An Important Decis-

Declared Unconstitutional.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.-R. B. Bowler, the comptroller of the treasury, yestərday rendered an opinion on the now celebrated Oxnard sugar bounty claims, in which he holds in effect, first, that he, as comptroller has jurisdiction of the case, and second, that, in his opinion, the act of March 2, 1895, making the sugar bounty appropriation is unconstitutional. He, however, decides that the papers in the case be sent to the court of claims for the rendition of a judgment, in order that there may be furnished "a precedent for the future action of the executive department in the adjustment in the class of cases involved in these sugar bounties."

The particular claim decided is substantially on the same footing as all other sugar bounty claims, for the satisfaction of which congress, at its last session, appropriated \$5,238,289. The comptroller answers at great length the arguments presented by counsel at the hearing, in which his jurisdiction was attacked, and in the course of his reply, he says statutes which do not conform to the constitution, are not law, and therefore, when a statute is in apparent conflict with the constitution it becomes the duty of the executive officer to determine for himself as between the statute and the constitution whether the statute is the law.

As to the constitutionality of the act, the comptroller says in part that the principle has so long been decided that taxation must be for a public purpose; that an attempt to take money from the people by the forms of taxation for a purpose other than a public one, is not an exercise of legislative power and, therefore, that an attempt to do so is a mere nullity. as an effort by the legislature to exercise power not granted by the constitution.

Manufacturing establishments have been uniformly treated as private rather than public enterprises. Numerous decisions are cited tending to show that factories of all kieds, sawmills, rolling mills, etc., are private, and are in no sense public enterprises. It is suggested that when congress gets out of the domain of law and inte the realm of equity and justice their power is unlimited. That would be no doubt true if congress could get out of the domain of law, but it cannot do so. The bounty of the act of 1895 is not limited to those who may have suf-Texas, to the department of the Colfered an injury by failure to receive orado; four troops of the First cavalry the bounty of the McKinley act, but is now in the department of the Colgiven to all alike, whether they suffered loss or not. There is nothing to Fort Sill and two to Fort Reno, rewhich indicates that it is intended to lieving four troops of the Third ormake compensation for such injury, dered from Oklahoma to Jefferson and that cannot be implied. By a refusal to pay the claims the ultimate rights of the claimants are in no way affected, for they have a perfect remedy in court to test the validity of their claims and obtain payment thereof after a final determination of the constitutionality of the law, if it be held unconstitutional.

This Country Will Investigate Chines: Riots.

WILL SECURE JUSTICE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 .- The United States government, it is announced at the state department, has decided to enter forthwith upon an independent

investigation of the Cheng Tu riots, with the co-operation of a Chinese representative. As at first arranged, the inquiry was

to have been made in co-operation with England, but there has been a change of plan within the past few days, occasioned partly by the fact that the British consul at Chung King, who is to conduct the investigation on behalf of his government and to whom, with the concurrence of an American missionary member, it was at first proposed to entrust the preliminary investigation of the facts, has been detained at his post, and, it is said, will not be able to begin the inquiry for a month or more. There are also understood to be other reasons why the state department has decided upon an independent investigation, such as France has already made and

such as England will make later. It is said at the state department that it is not true, however, as has been represented, that the policy of this government has been changed by any feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment caused by any apparent delay on England's part in proceeding with the inquiry. The department has other reasons, which it is not yet prepared to make public.

China is expected to lend her support to the American inquiry to the extent of supplying an escort to the persons who will conduct it, but who have not yet been designated, and will probably furnish an official who will co-operate with the American investigators, as in the Ku Cheng investigation. The investigation is expected to be made by some officials now on the Chinese coast.

TRANSFERS IN THE ARMY.

Extensive Changes of Infantry Companies and Troops of Cavalry Ordered.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. - Extensive transfers of troops in the West were ordered to-day by the secretary of war as follows: The present garrison of Fort Buffalo, N. D., to Fort Assinaboine, Mont.; two companies of the Twentysecond infantry from Fort Assinaboine to Fort Harrison, Mont.; one company of the Second infantry to Fort Yates, N. D., to be joined by another company of the same regiment now at Fort Keogh, Mont.; three companies of the Tenth infantry now at Fort Niobrara, Neb., from which two companies of the Eighth infantry are to depart for Fort Russell, Wyo.; the three companies of the Seventeenth

FLAKER BEHIND BARS

WHERE HE DRAWS BIG CROWDS TO SEE HIM.

Many Old Friends and Acquaintances Have a Talk With the Swindler in the Kansas City Jail-Taken to Richmond -Lawyers All Agree that He is Sure to Go Over the Road.

Fraker, the Swindler.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 5 .- Dr. George W. Fraker was brought back to Kansas City at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

James Patterson, a druggist of Excelsior Springs, was the first to grasp his hand.

"Well, Dr. Fraker, how do you do?" he said with emphasis. The doctor apswered in a scarcely audible voice: "How are you, Jimmy?"

Judge A. H. Dooley of Excelsior Springs was the next to speak to him and he was recognized, too, by the doctor. Melvin L. Zener, the manager of the Hartford Life and Annuity company, which had paid \$15,000 for Fraker's "death," spoke to the doctor but was not remembered by him. E. L. Moore, manager of The Elms hotel at Excelsior Springs, Attorney D. J. Haff, J. P. Davis, president of the Kansas Mu:ual Life association, the company which ran him down, and United States Marshal Jo O. Shelby were among others who crowded around the doctor and spoke to him.

He was hurriedly driven to the sheriff's office. As he sat with nervous hands clutching the hat on his crossed knees, he was beset, browbeaten, volleyed with questions. Every detective and lawyer and newspaper reporter in the room took a hand at it. He answered all questions with the same air of meekness and weariness which has characterized him since his arrest. He had said often that he was tired and worn out from hiding out from the men who were hunting him. He said did not appear glad, but he did look resigned.

Before Fraker was taken away a reporter talked with him.

"I notice," he said, "that a great many people seem to believe there was a conspiracy with several persons in it. Now this is not true. When I went on that fishing excursion I was preparing to take a trip to California to bring back my nephews. I had collected some outstanding debts and had \$540 in my pockets when I fell in the river. Fort Yates and their commanding When I got out of the water half a officer, Lieutenant Colonel Comba to mile below where the accident occurred, my clothing was covered with mud and I was wet to the skin. I first thought of going back to the camp, but I did not want to return to the infantry now at Fort Russell to Springs in such a plight, so I stayed in go to Columbia barracks, Ohio.; the brush all that night and the next four troops of the Seventh cav-day and caught a freight train for alry now in the department of Kansas City the next night." Dr. Fraker was placed in cell No. 4 on the south side, third floor, of the county jail. From the time of his arorado to Oklahoma, two troops going | rival until late in the evening the jail was besieged with people who wished to see him. Probably 200 were admitted to see him, but very few succeeded in engaging him in conversation and fewer secured any information from him. Dr. Fraker was tired and slept fairly well last night, though after enjoying the freedom of the Northern woods so long, confinement in a close jail was most disagreeable.

points to Harry. Before there could FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS in straits and difficulties out of which moved to Minnesota, and not long af-

terwards Harry disappeared. Simul-taneously a store was robbed in Ra-ton, N. M., where Harry's mistress is said to live, and simultaneously,

Interesting and Instructive Reading for of sight. Harry knew the name and address of the only man in Wisconthe Heirs to This Republic-Incident and Anecdote Worth the While to Read About.

> HE BOY WHO'S always wishing That this or that might be, But never tries his mettle, Is the boy that's

bound to see His plans all come to failure, His hopes end in

defeat.

For that's what comes when wishing And working fail to meet.

The boy who wishes this thing Or that thing with a will That spurs him on to action. And keeps him trying still, When effort meets with failure Will some day surely win, For he works out what he wishes, And that's where "luck" comes in! -SeL

Oddities of Wild Animals.

"People who live near the haunts of wild animals see a good many strange sights if they are watchful," said a woodsman. "Our folks once had a picious strangers were arrested and stumpy lot with woods on three sides of anything to approach this fellow's reheld until they could give some honest it. The field had been seeded to clover, excuse for being in town. Among the and fifteen or twenty woodchucks dug suspicious ones arrested in Richmond holes in the ground and lived high and the gunwale of the boat to save myself was George Harry and he was held till in peace till a bear got in the habit, officers from Texas came and took him | along in July, of stealing out of the to Texas on a charge of horse stealing. woods just before sunset every day, crouching in the tall clover and pouncing on a wood chuck, while it was getting its supper. Father wouldn't shoot the bear because its fur was good for nothing then, and he wanted it to thin HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 5 .- Samuel out the wood chucks. When the bear killed a number of woodchucks and carried them into the woods, a wise old woodchuck in the upper end of the field began to smell a rat, and whenever the bear stole out of the timber, the cunning old woodchuck would sit by its hole and whistle like everything to warn the other woodchucks of the bear's presence. Then he and all the woodchucks in the lot would scoot into their holes, and the bear would slouch back into the woods looking sheepish.

"When the alert old woodchuck had played that trick on bruin a few times the bear went to thinking, we thought, for at noon one hot day we saw the bear shamble out of the woods and climb up a tree just above the cute old woodchuck's burrow. Not a single woodchuck was in sight and that made us wonder what the bear was up to. The the thirtieth by the neck and shaking bear stayed in the tree all the afternoon, and just before sundown we saw the cute old woodchuck crawl out of its hole and take a survey of the field. He didn't see the bear, and pretty soon he scampered off some distance from his hole, and began to nibble contentedly. No sooner had the woodchuck started to eat his supper than the bear let himself drop from the limb. It landed near the hole, got its feet in a second and lay flat in the clover. The woodchuck heard the thud and scampered for his hole, and the cunning bear nabbed him and squeezed him to death in a hurry. With the wise woodchuck out of the way, the bear had smooth sledding, and before the end of August it killed every woodchuck in the lot."

no way seemed clear, kneeling with uncovered heads and pleading for God's help and guidance, reveals one element of his power. Akin to it is the power of his prayer uttered on the morning of the battle of Lutzen, in which he was slain: "O Jesus, help me to fight this day for the glory of thy name.' When this prayer was offered, and Luther's great hymn, "Ein' feste Burg," had been sung by the entire army, the command was uttered, "In the name of Jesus, forward, march!" An example of this heroic type has a strange reduplicative power; from age to age its

Caught a Big Garfish.

embodied ardor and faith and courage

will quicken the souls of countless mul-

titudes of struggling men and women.

H. Lutz, while fishing in Lake Marie recently, caught the largest garfish ever captured in that lake. It measured forty-one inches and had a bill seven inches long. He says:

"I was casting with a steel rod and live frog, and had about fifty feet of line out, when the fish took the balt with a yank. I at once began to play him, and attempted to land him, but he pulled like a horse, and in his struggles jumped repeatedly as high out of the water as four or five feet. I thought several times that my line was a 'goner,' but determined to land him if it took all day. After a hard and exhausting fight of an hour and a half I tied him and got him to the side of the boat, where my chum managed to finally land him with the aid of a gaff hook and landing net. He proved to be a huge garfish, the largest ever caught in those waters. I have had trouble in landing catches before, but never sistance. I was several times forced to play out all my line, and to hold on to from going over."

Polly Got Even with the Old Man"

A New Bedford man whose niece had coaxed him to buy a parrot succeeded in getting a bird that was warranted a good talker. He brought it home, and, after putting it in a cage, stood before it and said: "Say uncle, Polly!" The bird did not respond, and after repeating the sentence a dozen times or more with no better success, the uncle put his hand into the cage, and grabbing the bird by the neck shook him until his head wabbled around, all the time yelling to him: "Say uncle, goll darn you: say uncle!" The bird looked limp and lifeless, and, disgusted with his purchase, the old fellow took the parrot in the yard, where he had a coop of thirty chickens. Thrusting the half dead bird in with the chickens, he exclaimed: "There, by gosh! You'll say uncle before you get out!" Next morning the uncle went out to see how the parrot was getting on. Looking into the coop he counted twenty-nine dead

ward previously promised, probably more money than Harry had ever be-Harry was one of the men who was with Fraker on the night of the alleged drowning. He was the chief witness for the Fraker heirs. He testified that he saw the doctor fall in and drown. He may be a witness against Fraker at his trial in Ray county, though his former testimony might impeach his evidence now. It has developed recently that he

has been a professional thief for years and that as long ago as 1875 he was a friend of Dr. Fraker. In that year Attorney James Garner was prosecuting attorney of Ray county. The James gang was looting banks all over Western Missouri and bank officials were uneasy and in Richmond, Ray county, all sus-

too, Mr. Herrick's friend dropped out

sin who knew Fraker's address. Fra-

ker thinks Harry wrote to this man

but he needed money and there was no easier way of getting it than by giv-

ing up Fraker and securing the re-

fore seen in his life.

EOMES FROM THE CLOUDS.

Dynamite Balloons Prepared for Cuban Rebels.

he was glad the thing was over. He Andrews, a machinist of this city, claims to have perfected a war balloon which he has sold to a syndicate of New York Cubans for use in aid of the Cuban insurgents. It has been tested in the fields and is said to work per-

feetly. Instead of the ordinary car fixed with an armored box from which a number of bombs can be suspended the bombs are ignited and released by automatic machinery in the box and after all are discharged, the box explodes, destroying the balloon. Andrews claims to have a device by which he can control the direction of the balloon.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.-Advices from Santiago de Cuba are that Dr. Donald Dodge, alias Frank M. Boyle, who says he is a correspondent of a New ork paper and who sailed from

for his address and that as he knew of the previous correspondence between the two the young man gave it. The month If Harry committed the robbery with which he is charged there was a motive for him to keep his whereabouts secret. When he was arrested two weeks ago there was no longer any reason for him to keep himself hid.

A CONSPIRACY CHARGED.

Letter From a Duluth Man Who Says the Prisoner Is Not Fraker.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 7.-The Kansas Independent, a Populist paper, publishes a letter from a citizen of Duluth to its editor, I. W. Pack, which purports to expose a conspiracy on the part of the insurance companies and the chief of police of Topeka to arrest William Schnell and palm him off for George W. Fraker of life insurance fame. The letter is written by a German of the name of Harberger, and is to the effect that Fraker or Schnell is a crazy hermit, whose great ambition is to achieve notoriety. The author of the letter declares that it can easily be proven that Schnell has lived in the woods of Minnesota and Wisconsin for years, and that he passed in the locality where he was arrested as "King of the Forest." It is alleged that it is not the intention of the insurance companies to push his prosecution after officials believe, from the appearance the money handed over to Fraker's executor has been recovered. It explains that the reason why Fraker's companion in Minnesota was not taken into custody was that he would swear that the prisoner is not Fraker and furnish the names of any number of witnesses who would so testify.

J. P. Davis, president of the Kansas Mutual Life Insurance company, in an interview said there was no doubt of Fraker's identity, and that no effort would be made to secure the return of the insurance money until all interested admitted it. He said that he believed Fraker would be sent to the penitentiary, although he admitted that a number of prominent Kansas and Missouri attorneys whom he had consulted had expressed the opinion that he could be convicted of no crime.

For Killing Daniel Stone,

LIBERTY, Mo., Sept. 7 .- George W. Russell was arrested at Smithville this morning on the charge of having murdered Daniel Stone, the farmer who was found June 25 at his home, a mile east of there, with his skull crushed. The officers say that the evidence is very strong against Russell. He runs a pool hall at Smithville and has had a bad reputation. He once lived in Kansas City, and is said to have killed a man there.

will be published as the "Kansas positive that Harry was the man. A Florida Girl's Terrible Fate. of the machine shows that the mice Juvenile Logic. AMILLA, Fla., Sept. 7.-Last Tues-"How about your boy at the shanty An Illinois Leader Dies in Kansas. daily perform work equivalent to travel-"Pa, did Juno Juno?" asked thoughtful Breeze and Topeka Mail." BLUE RAPIDS, Kan., Sept. 5 .- James | ing ten and a half miles. day night Stella Johnson, the i6-year-old daughter of a widow who lives Mr. Harrison Wants Adirondack Land-old daughter of a widow who lives Mr. Harrison Wants Adirondack Land-hidrondack Land-This morner N. V. Sent 7 - The new mathematical and did not know anything about my died this morning, aged 59. H located day night Stella Johnson, the 16-yearwhere you lived?" little Ned. "No, I did not know Juno!" the startled OLD FORGE, N. Y., Sept. 7.-The ne- history. That is impossible. His near here, was kidnaped. This morn-A Christian Hero. father said. "Well, pa, Juno was Noju, that you ing the nude corpse of the girl, strapin Dwight, Ill., in 1859, and was di-The heroic example of Gustavus Adolgotiations which ex-President Harri- ...ame was Fred Springstead and he ped to a log and horribly mangled, surely know; phus was recently ca"ed by a contemrector, secretary and treasurer of the son is carrying on with Dr. Steward couldn't possibly have known any-And then if Juno Noju, why didn't Plymouth, Kankakee and Pacific railporary in connection with the centewas found floating in a small lake Webb, owner of thousands of acres of thing to tell about me. He thought Juno Juno?" rad, and identified with the Kankakee | nary celebrations lately observed in his about six miles from her home. The Adirondack land, will probably result | my pame was Schnell." River Improvement company. In 1870 honor in many lands. The noble deeds he introduced the first bill for the ap- of this great hero are as inspiring today girl's neck had been broken and her in his buying a number of lots near The fact that it was shortly after an On Broadway. throat cut from ear to ear. Her right First lake, in the vicinity of Dodd exchange of letters between himself arm had been severed from her body camp, where he now is. and Harry that Herrick got his first pointment of a board of railroad com- as they have ever been. The picture Hayseed-What building is that? intimation of Fraker's whereabouts missioners in Illinois. which historians draw, representing the Smart New Yorker-That's a tenat the shoulder. king and his warriors on one occasion story building. Can't you count? -

Barracks, Mo. Fort Buford, N. D., and Fort Hancock, Texas, are discontinued as army posts and directions given to turn over the public lands to the interior department. Where the troops and companies to be transferred have not been designated in the order, the department commanders will make the selection of the troops to be removed.

AFTER ROTHSCHILD.

Another Attempt to Dynamite Him in

His Paris Banking House. PARIS, Sept. 7.-M. Rothschild's banking house in this city was the scene yesterday of another nihilistic attempt. At 3:20 o'clock a man entered the bank from the Rue Lafitte. In the vestibule a detective, who was on guard there, saw the stranger trying to light the fuse of a bomb which ashes on the cigarette prevented the ready ignition of the fuse, and the man, seeing that he was observed, threw the bomb upon the carpeted floor. The weapon did not explode, and the man was arrested. When he was taken to the police office he boldly awowed himself an anarchist. He made a desperate attempt to use a razor before he was overpowered by the detective and a policeman, who had come to his assistance. Police of the culprit, that he is a brother of Pawels, who perpetrated the Madeline outrage.

To Combat Silverites.

CHICAGO., Sept. 7 .- Democrats from all parts of the state are attending the meeting to-day of the Honest Money league of Illinois at the Palmer house for the purpose of preparing for the presidential campaign of 1890. Leaders of the party were present, and after transacting routine business discussed the work of the coming year and the means of combatting the free silver element of the party.

A Tennessee Negro Lynched.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 7 .- At Fayetteville last night, Dock King, colored, arrested on the charge of attempting to criminally assault Mrs. Charles Jones, near Fayetteville, was taken from jail by a mob of 200 men and hanged. He protested his innocence, but he was identified by Mrs. Jones and her sister as the guilty man.

Two Topeka Papers Consolidate.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 7 .- The Kansas Breeze, the official state paper, F. C. Montgomery and T. A. McNeal, publishers, and the North Topeka Mail, Arthur Capper, publisher, have been consolidated and beginning next week

About 10 o'clock Fraker induced one of the other prisoners to shave off his Lurnsides. The amateur barber did a butcher's job before an audience that would have delighted the proprietor of a museum. When he had finished Fraker's face was bleeding, but fairly smooth, with no beard left except his mustache, which is light and thin and not very long. The presence of the crowd disgusted him and he would sit reading newspapers and pay no attention to the remarks and questions of his visitors.

Fraker was taken to Richmond, Mo., on the 5 o'clock Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train this afternoon, Sheriff J. R. Holman of Ray county he carried, with a cigarette. The and City Marshal Byers of Richmond having come after him.

Attorneys Haff and Van Valkenburg say there is no chance that Dr. Fraker will escape conviction in the circuit court of Ray county, where he will be tried on five counts of attempting to cheat the insurance companies. The information lodged by Mr. Van Valkenburg in Ray county against Dr. Fraker, and on which the warrant for his arrest was issued, charges him with violating section 3826 of the statutes of Missouri. This statute makes it a felony, punishable with seven years in the penitentiary, for a person to attempt to obtain money from any other person by means of a cheat or fraud or false pretense, or trick of any kind.

"You will notice," said Mr. Haff, "that to violate this statute it is not necessary for a person to obtain the money by fraud; the simple attempt to obtain it is a violation of law. The statement is made in some quarters that because Fraker did not obtain any of the insurance money, and did not seek to obtain any of it, his will having left it to his relatives, he cannot be convicted under this statute. All supreme court decisions on this point hold that it is not essential that the person himself should actually receive the money. It is sufficient for conviction if it be delivered in accordance with his wish, or for his advantage, or for the purpose of effecting some object of his.

Other lawyers who were asked about the possibility of conviction in Fraker's case said the statutes covering attempts to defraud were very broad and would undoubtedly cover the case of Fraker.

SOMETHING ABOUT GEORGE HARRY. Although Attorney Herrick has persisted in his refusal to say whether or not it was George Harry who gave him the information that led to Fraker's arrest, Fraker says to-day that he is

Nassau by the Ward line steamer Niagara, was arrested by the Spaniards upon his arrival in Santiago de Cuba and confined, charged with being an emissary of the Cuban junta in New York on his way to Maceo's rebel camp. Despite the Spanish military governor's expressed purpose to have Dodge court martialed and shot as a spy, Consul Hyatt, after several long interiews with the civil governor, succeeded in having the case transferred to the ordinary courts.

THE GOLD RESERVE.

Made to Offset Anticipated Deposits Withdrawals of Gold. NEW YORK, Sept. 5 .- It was quite

evident yesterday that the Morgan- Crows Outwit a Farmer and Geta Dinner. Belmont bond syndicate expected another large drain on the sub-treasury this week. At the opening of business it was announced that the Farmers' Loan and Trust company had deposited \$2,000,000 in the sub-treasury. No explanation of the deposit was made, but it was geneally known that it was for the account of the bond syndilater by Washington advices.

This is the second financial institucate. The first was the American Ex- feel exactly natural. change National bank, which deposited time it was said that a number of national banks and financial institutions which had been members of the bond syndicate had agreed to aid Messrs. Morgan & Belmont in their efforts to keep to the spirit of the contract with the government to maintain the gold reserve against exports in every way in their power.

Medico-Legal Congress.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.-The Medico Legal congress, which convened in this city to-day, has attracted a great number of leading scientists, lawyers and physicians, not only from this country, but from Europe. The sessions of the congress will be held in the United States court in the postoffice building. It will continue until the night of September 6, when a banquet will be tendered the visitors at the rooms of the Press club by the Medico-Legal society of New York.

For a Banker's National Association NEW YORK, Sept. 5.-At a meeting of the New York State Banker's association, resolutions were adopted declaring in favor of a national association made up of delegates from state associations and a committee was appeinted to arrange for a national

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 5.-In an editorial in his paper H. H. Gratz of the negro assailants.

"Crows are so fond of eggs that you can play some amusing tricks on them," writes a well-known Illinois farmer. "One summer I placed a studded porcupine in a field, spread a little straw over it, and stuck some hen's eggs onto the uills. A crow soon spied the eggs from a treetop, and flew down to get one. It lit on the ground near by, and then cate and the belief was confirmed it flitted up and settled down on the straw, but it hopped off very suddensy, looked sideways at the eggs, and tion to come to the aid of the syndi- | scratched around as if its feet didn't

"The crow tried again, got its feet \$500,000 about a week ago. At that pricked and flew back to the tree, where it sat silently till two more crows got fooled in the same way, when it began to coo and chuckle as if it was laughing at tham. Then the two joined him and the three sat on the tree till two more got their soles pricked, when the five went squilling away to the woods. The next morning I noticed a big flock of crows flying back and forth from the woods to the porcupine. Finalthey had piled up a lot of twigs on the quills, and on them the cunning crows had got a foothold, stuck their bills into the eggs and parried them

> "One spring I fed the crows on chopped frogs till the corn got well up, and by so doing kept them out of the cornfield. I scattered the frogs in a field next to the corn lot, and the crows soon got so that they watched for me to come with the fodder. When I had fed them a few times a lot of kingbirds got in the habit of following me to the feeding ground. They lit on the trees, and when the crows settled down

to eat the king birds whaled them back to the woods, where they kept shady till the kingbirds went home.'

Mice Run a Sphining Wheel.

In 2 little shoemaker's shop in Third avenue, New York, there is on exhibition in the window a miniature threadspinning machine run by two trained mice in a sort of treadmill apparatus. The proprietor of the store, who is an Kentucky Gazette, says that the next | ingenious German of an inventive turn legislature will be asked to repeal the of mind, planned and invented the malaw prohibiting the carrying of con- chine himself, and, as it was built on cealed deadly weapons so far as a small scale to fit the space available, women are concerned. He declares it could not be operated by steam power, that it is necessary for women to go so he conceived the idea of training the armed to protect themselves from mice and having them do the work. The little register fastened on one side

it till its head wabbled, and screaming: "Say uncle, goll darn yer; say uncle!"

chickens, and in the center of the coop

stood the parrot on one foot, holding

Companions in Mischief.

A dog and a horse owned by Col. Willis J. Hulings, at Oil City, are inseparable companions. The horse has learned to pick and untie all sorts of knots, and unless the door is fastened with a padlock it is impossible to keep him in the stable during the present hot weather. This trait gives the dog much trouble, for the horse pays no attention to his barking or sharp nippings, but keeps trespassing on the colonel's lawn or that of his neighbor without discrimination. After trying by all manner of stratagems to get the horse back into the stable where he belongs, the dog will give up the job in disgust, rush into the house, and by barking or dragging at the dress of some of the women members of the family entice them to the window or yard, and as plain as if told in words, show that the horse is in mischief .- Pittsburg Chronicle.

Knew Him by His False Teeth.

Policeman John Roebuck and Edward Goggin travel beats in the vicinity of the Illinois Central's Thirty-ninth street station, says Chicago Record. 'At 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning they saw the light usually kept burning in the ticket office go out. On looking through the window of the station they saw a man with a lighted match in his hand examining the front of the safe. He had a coupling pin. Just at that moment a heavy freight train thundered by, and the man proceeded to smash the combination with the coupling pin. He struck several blows, when the policemen entered and seized him. The safe contained \$4,000. The burglar was taken to the Hyde Park ly they all disappeared, and I found that station, where Lieut. Lavin recognized the black scamps had outwitted me, for him by his false teeth as Henry Stone, alias "Mouthy John," an old-time thief.

His Wife's Permission to Be Hang^ad.

"Tell Alexander Simms to be hung on the 10th. I can't come. Don't ship his remains."

The above was the telegram received by Sheriff Bowden yesterday evening from Ella Simms, the wife of Alexander Simms, who will be hanged to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock for the murder of Policeman Minor .- Florida Times-Union

Give.

Give as you would if an angel Awaited your gift at the door; Give as you would if tomorrow Found you where waiting was o'er; Give as you would to the Master If you met his searching look; Give as you would of your substance, If his hand your offering took.

Write Rite Right.

Write we know is written right When we see it written write. But when we see it written wright, We know it is not written right; For write, to have it written right, Must not be written right or wright, Nor yet should it be written rite, But write, for so 'tis written right.

meeting Women May Go Armed.