Illiterates Barred Out-Excludes For eigners Over 16 Who Cannot Read and Write Some Language-The Bill Now Goes to Conference-Cubans Fleeing From Spain Exempted.

Immigration Bill Passed.

Washington, Dec. 19.-The senate yesterday passed the immigration bill, known as the Lodge bill, with a new section, providing that the exclusion from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there. The strength of the bill was greater than had been expected, the final vote be-

As passed, the bill amends the immigration laws so as to exclude from admission to the United States all persons over 16 years of age, who cannot read and write the language of their native country or some other language, but an admissible immigrant, over the age of 16, may bring in with him, or send for, his wife or parent or grandparent or minor children or grandchild, notwithstanding their inability to read and write.

For the purpose of testing the ability of the immigrant to read and write, as required by the foregoing section, the inspection officer shall be furnished copies of the constitution of the United States, printed on numbered uniform pastboard slips, each containing five lines of the constitution, printed in the various languages of the immigrants in double small pica type. These slips shall be kept in boxes made for that purpose, and so constructed as to conceal the slips from view, each box to contain slips of but one language, and the immigrant may designate the language in which he prefers the test to be made. Each immigrant shall be required to draw one of these slips from the box and read, and afterward write out in full view of the immigration officers, the five lines printed thereon. Each slip shall be returned to the box immediately after the test is finished, and the contents of the box shall be taken up by an inspector before another drawing is made.

No immigrant failing to read and write out the slip thus drawn by him shall be admitted; but he shall be returned to the country whence he came at the expense of the steamshlp or railroad company which brought him, as now provided by law. The inspection officer shall keep in each box at all times, a full number of these printed pasteboard slips, and in the case of each excluded immigrant, shall keep a certified memorandum of the number of the slip which the immigrant failed to read or copy out in writing.

The Cuban section added to the bi provides that the action shall not apply to persons arriving in the United States from any port or place in the Island of Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there, provided that such persons have heretofore been inhabitants of that island.

An amendment by Mr. Elkins proposing a \$10 a head tax on immigrants coming in other than American ships, occasioned considerable debate, and was finally tabled, as were several other amendments.

The immigrant measure now goes . to conference, the bill passed vesterday being a sub-titute for the Corliss-Touse.

GOV. DRAGE SURPRISED.

Daughter of Iowa's Executive Secrety Married Nearly Two Months Ago.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 19.-Miss Mary Lord Drake, daughter of the governor of Iowa, and George Sturdivant of Centerville were secretly married at Denver October 28 and the governor did not learn of it until he went to Denver about ten days ago to rest a little and to visit with his daughter, expecting to bring her and his niece, Miss Mary Carpenter, home with him after the summer and fall sojourn at the Colorado resorts. He was first met by Miss Carpenter, who proceeded as gently as possible to break the news of his daughter's marriage. He would not believe it until he had been shown the certificate of marriage, duly signed.

"LIL'S" PLOTTING.

Hawaiians Not Worrying About the Ex-

Queen's American Trip. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19 .- According to steamship advices from Honolulu, no importance was attached there to the visit of ex-Queen Liliuokalani to the United States. She went, it was declared, simply for a change, hoping to better her health and her final destination was Europe.

It was reported that Liliuokalani would go to Washington to meet her niece, Kaiulani, and that both would seek an audience with President Cleveland, but, in view of the ex-queen's abdication and Kaiulani's acceptance of a pension from the republican government of Hawaii, the announcement was discredited.

Gompers Experated.

CINCINNATI. Ohio, Dec. 19.—President Samuel Gompers was given complete exoneration of the charges preferred against him by the Federation of Labor last night. Some of the Republican delegates had charged that he prostituted his office by being active in Mr. Bryan's behalf during the campaign. After an investigation the Federation voted Mr. Gompers a resolution of unqualified indorsement.

Canada Prepared for Defense. London. Dec. 19 .- The Daily Graphic publishes an interview with Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian high commissioner, in which he says: "Canada is quite prepared to take her part in the admiralty scheme for imperial defense outlined by the Duke of Devonshire. In the event of war between the United States and Great Britain, Canada would be invaded by land. That is why, during the recent difficulties, Canada voted a large sum to equip the militia. There is no fear that a hosFOR CUBAN INDEPENDENCE

Senate Foreign Committee Acts-Radical Position Taken.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. - All of the members of the Senate committee on foreign relations except Messrs. Gray and Daniel were present when the committee met this morning for the express purpose of continuing the discussion of the policy on the Cuban question to be commended by the committee. Secretary Olney was present for the purpose of giving advice and placing before the committee information in his possession bearing upon the question. The meeting was strictly private, Mr. Olney being the only person not a member of the committee who attended the conference. It was shall not apply to persons arriving early understood, however, that the secretary's advice was against precipitate action by the committee.

Soon after Mr. Olney had left the room the committee, without division. agreed to report the Cameron Cuban resolution as follows, after amending its title to read: "A joint resolution acknowledging the independence of the republic of Cuba:

FULL RECOGNITION FOR CUBA. "Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that the independence of the republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America.

"Section 2. That the United States will use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to close the war between Spain and Cuba."

The only division was as to the time the resolution should be reported to the Senate. Mr. Cameron moved its report Monday and Mr. Sherman suggested that the report should not be put in until after the holidays. When the question was put to the committee the Cameron motion prevailed by a large majority.

Secretary Olney, it is claimed by the members of the committee who favored action on Cuba did not have any new information to present, and they say the committee knew as much about the condition of affairs in Cuba as was known by the state department. Mr. Olney urged that no action be taken at present and pointed out that there was no real government to recognize. He confined himself mainy to a statement of facts in possession of the state department regarding the condition in the island and what this government had done. These included information furnished by the American consuls and agents, also information furnished by the Spanish authorities.

MR. OLNEY PREDICTED WAR. Members of the committee are very reticent as to what Secretary Olney said or what advice he gave, but it is very certain that he advised against any action, especially such as that contemplated, as no doubt was expressed that such action would involve war with Spain.

One member of the committee said: "Of course Spain will fight. The Spaniards do not know any better. But there is no danger of other countries getting in our way. No other European nation wants to fight us, and we woeld wind up a war with Spain in

The opinion was also expressed that President Cleveland would veto the oint resolution when it should come to him, which is taken to mean that Secretary Olney took emphatic grounds against action by Congress. A memter of the committee said he believed in case the President should veto the resolution that it would pass over the veto, as he believed there were more than two-thirds of both Senate and House in favor of it. Some point was undoubtedly made that the present administration did not feel like leaving war legacy to the incoming administration, but this point was not made

prominent. Senator Cameron's report will deal at length with the question of precedents in the matter of the recognition of the republic and intervention of whatever nature by the United States, beginning with the Greek revolution and coming down to the present time. Senators who heard the report say it goes over the entire ground.

ONLY BRYAN MEN WANTED

Governor-Elect Stephens Declares Him-

self as to His Appointments. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19. - Governorelect Lon V. Stephens, accompanied by his wife, arrived this morning from Hot Springs. His purpose here is to look over the local political situation with a view to making his St. Louis appointments. With him is Ed Orear.

"My time," said Mr. Stevens, "will be occupied in advising with men in St. Louis, who I think will be able to help me in making appointments. My desire with reference to this city is to appoint men who will advance the interest of the party. This will be my chief aim. I am a Democrat above all of the business men of the community. One thing, however, I wish distinctly and for various other purposes. understood, and that is that I will appoint no man to office who did not vote the Democratic ticket straight from Bryan on down.

Bryan Lecture Contract Sold. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 19.—Anthony Comstock, manager of the McBee-Bryan lecture combination, stated that the contract with Mr. Bryan had been sold by Mr. McBee at an advance of \$25,000. Mr. McBee refused either to confirm or deny the story. The purchasers are said to be an Atlanta syn-

A Railroad Official Mangled.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 19 .- John S. Hammond, formerly general freight superintendent of the Erie railway, with train started up and he was killed.

Two Women Killed on a Trestle. mail train.

HERMANN IS DEAD.

The Noted Magician Carried Off by Hear

Disease. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 18.-Herrmann, the famons magician, died to-day in his private car at Grain Valley, near Salamanca, while on his way to Bradford. He completed an engagement at the Lyceum theater here last night and had later been entertained at the Genesee Valley club by a number of his friends. Death was caused by heart disease.

Alexarder Herrmann was born of German parentage in France. Abandoning his profession of medicine, his father became one of the foremost prestigiditateurs in the world and Alexander's elder brother, C. Herrman, afterward eclipsed the father's fame

Alexander, greatest of the three, was born in 1844 and made his first appearance upon the stage with his brother in St. Petersburg when he was 8. He remained with his brother six years, when his parents placed him at college in Vienna. College routine proved too irksome and at the end of a year he left and began his career as a "magician" in Spain, in 1859. He made his first appearance in America in 1861, but returned to Europe a year later to fill important engagements there. In 1874 he returned to America, marrying on his arrival a woman he had met on the

Herrmann spoke seven languages fluntly and, from the necessity of his profession, was an adept at chemistry and physics.

Herrmann made a number of tours

ular, no less with adults, to whom his

ingenuity appealed, than with children, who believed in what they saw. He usually had a company, but his own efforts attracted most attention. Mme. Herrmann made a hit as a lancer, but her efforts tended rather to foil the mysteries dealt in by her husband, and to relieve the excited tension which his trickeries induced n an audience. When relieved from the cares of a tour, he found ease and happiness in a fine old manor house on the tip of Long Island Sound. On the spacious, verandahs of this residence the magician every summer smoked his

public wonder. MACEO REPORTED ALIVE.

cigarettes and dreamily watched the

sails while he devised new material for

Rumor Brought to Key West by Ha-

vana Passengers. KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 18.-Passengers arriving here last night from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well, and is in the province of Matanzas.

The passengers say that all of the festivities that were going on in Havana to cele brate his death have been ordered stopped since it has become known that he is alive.

Helena Bankers Arrested.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 18.—The United States grand jury has returned indictments against Erastus Edgerton, George H. Hill and T. D. Beattie. The first named was vice president and general manager, and the others assistant cashier and director of the defunet First National bank of this city. Edgerton is at present receiver of the bank. The charges are misdirection of credits, misappropriation of funds, false entries in the books and false reports to the comptroller of the currency. The bond was fixed at \$5,000.

Portfolio for Horace Davis.
Washington, Dec. 18.—Monday Ma-

jor McKinley told a delegation of Californians that he would give the Pacific coast a place in his cabinet if the California congressional delegation could agree upon a man. Yesterday the Californians held a caucus. After a protracted session they agreed upon Horace Davis for secretary of the interior.

Jack McAuliffe to Retire. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.-Jack Mc-

Auliffe, the lightweight champion, has announced his intention of retiring from the prize ring. He states he will go into business in New York city. Valuable Information Free.

The patent laws are probably the is very thorough in this respect and least understood by the public than any other portion of our statutes, and questions of general interest addressed to the managers of the Iowa Patent Office will be answered in their weekly reports. The patent law makes no distinction between men and women, boys or girls, citizens or aliens. The inventor of anything new or useful in the mechanic arts is entitled to a patent therefor.

J. E. Allen of Des Moines has been allowed a copyright for the "American Plumbers Estimate Book.'

Patents have been allowed to our natrons as follows-but not yet issued: To D. H. Whiteside of Middletown. Mo., for a device adapted for adjustably connecting driving reins therewith and governing horses advantageously there by with one hand.

To J. W. Keller of Lorimer, Iowa, for a machine mounted on wheels to be else, but I shall also remember that I operated by hand for reeling and am a business man, and in making se- stretching fence wire, carrying boxes lections will keep in view the wishes or barrels, rotating a barrel for churning or mixing matter placed therein,

To O. Volkerts of Sac City, Iowa, for shelving for windows that can be readilv detachably connected with a window, by means of two screw eyes, to support a collection of potted plants in artistic order and in convenient position for attention. It is really a thing of beauty and may be made a

household joy. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address. THOMAS G. & J. RALPH ORWIG.

Solicitors of Patents. Des Moines, Iowa, Dec 16, 1896.

The Philippines' Situation Dark.

London, Dec. 18 .- The Times' dispatch from Singapore says that the Spanish troops in the Philippines have headquarters at Buffalo, attempted to been withdrawn to Manilla and that crawl under a Lake Shore freight there are 50,000 rebels at Cavite. The train which blocked the crossing at situation is serious, and a European Northwesa, Pa., yesterday and the protection committee has been formed

at Manilla. Switzerland's New Chief Magistrate.

Berne, Dec. 18.-M. Denscher of

Dr. Talmage's Sermon > PRACTICAL ! RELIGION.

********* Washington, Dec. 20.-This subject of Dr. Talmage cuts through the conventionalities, and spares nothing of that make-believe religion which is all talk and no practice. The text chosen was James, 2: 20: "Faith without works is dead."

The Reman Catholic church has been charged with putting too much stress upon good works and not enough upon faith. I charge Protestantism with putting not enough stress upon good works as connected with salvation. Good works will never save a man, but if a man have not good works he has no real faith and no genuine religion. There are those who depend upon the fact that they are all right inside, while their conduct is wrong outside. Their religion, for the most part, is made up of talk-vigorous talk, fluent talk, boastful talk, perpetual talk. They will entertain you by the in this country and was generally pophour in telling you how good you are. They come up to such a higher life that they have no patience with ordinary Christians in the plain discharge of their duty. As near as I can tell, this ocean craft is mostly sail and very little tonnage. Foretopmast stay-sail, foretopmast studding sail, maintopsail, mizzentopsail-everything from flying-jib to mizzen-spanker, but making no useful voyage. Now, the world has got tired of this, and it wants a religion that will work into all the circumstances of life. We do not want a new religion, but the old religion applied in all possible directions. Yonder is a river with steep and

> Niagara as it rolls on over its rough bed. It does nothing but talk about itself all the way from its source in the mountain to the place where it empties into the sea. The banks are so steep that the cattle cannot come down to drink. It does not run one fertilizing rill into the adjoining field. It has not one grist mill or factory on either side. It sulks in wet weather with chilling logs. No one cares when that river is born among the rocks, and no one cares when it dies into the sea. But yonder is another river, and it mosses its banks with the warm tides, and it rocks with floral lullaby the water lilies asleep on its bosom. It invites herds of cattle and flocks of shee pand coveys of birds to come there and drink. It has three grist mills on one side and six cotton factories on the other. It is the wealth of two hundred miles of luxuriant farms. The birds of heaven chanted when it was born in the mountains, and the ocean shipping will press in from the sea to hail it as it comes down from the Atlantic coast. The one river is a man who lives for himself. The other river is a man who lives for

rocky banks, and it roars like a young

Do you know how the site of the ancient city of Jerusalem was chosen? There were two brothers who had adjoining farms. The one brother had a large family, the other had no family. The brother with a large family said: "There is my brother with no family; he must be lonely, and I will try to cheer him up, and I will take some of the sheaves from my field in the nighttime and set them over on his farm, and say nothing about it." The other brother said: "My brother has a large family and it is very difficult for him to support them, and I will help him along, and I will take some of the sheaves from my farm in the nighttime and set them over on his farm. and say nothing about it." So the work of transference went on night after night, but every morning things seemed to be just as they were, for though sheaves had been subtracted from each farm, sheaves had also been added, and the brothers were perplexed and could not understand. But one night the brothers happened to meet while making this generous transference, and the spot where they met was so sacred that it was chosen as the site of the city of Jerusalem. If that tradition should prove unfounded, it wherever a kindly and generous and loving act is performed, that is the spot fit for some temple of commem-

oration. I have often spoken to you about about works, for "faith without works is dead." I think you will agree with me in the statement that the great want of this world is more practical religion. We want practical religion tc go into all merchandise. It will supervise the labeling of goods. It it was made in another. It will not was manufactured in Geneva, Switzerland, when it was manufactured in Massachusetts. It will not allow the merchant to say that wine came from it sand and ground glass.

swing in the world it will go down ing that needs to be plumbed. Imper-Mrs. Martha McGill and her 16-year- Turgau has been elected president and the street, and it will come to that feet car wheel that halts the whole old daughter, Esther, were killed last M. Ruffy of Lausanne vice president shoe store and rip off the fictitious train with a hot box. So little pracevening while crossing a trestle on the of the Swiss republic. Both president soles of many a fine-looking pair of tical religion in the mechanism of the tile army could be landed in Canada by Midland railroad by the east bound and vice president-elect are radicals. shoes, and show that it is pasteboard world. I tell you, my friends, the law should be desecrated by contact with a The federal councilors were re-elected. | sandwiched between the sound leather. of man will never rectify these things. | corpse.

And this practical religion will go right. It will be the all-pervading influence of into a grocery store and it will pull out the practical religion of Jesus Christ the plug of all the adulterated syrups, that will make the change for the betand it will dump into the ash barrel ter. in front of the store the cassia bark that is sold for cinnamon and the brick dust that is sold for cayenne pepper; and it will shake out the Prussian blue from the tea leaves, and it will sift from the flour plaster of paris and bone dust and soapstone, and it will by chemical analysis separate the one quart of water from the few honest drops of cow's milk, and it will throw out the live animalcules from the brown sugar.

There has been so much adulteration

of articles of food that it is an amaze-

ment to me that there is a healthy man or woman in America. Heaven only knows what they put into the spices and into the sugars and into the butter and into the apothecary drug. But chemical analysis and the microscopic have made wonderful revelations. The board of health in Massachusetts analyzed a great amount of what was called pure coffee and found in it not one particle of coffee. In England there is a law that ferbids the putting of alum in bread. The public authorities examined fifty-one packages of bread and found them all guilty. The honest physician, writing a prescription, does not know but that it may bring death instead of health to his patient, because there may be one of the drugs weakened by a cheaper article, and another drug may be in full force, and so the prescription may have just the opposite effect intended. Oil of wormwood warranted pure from Boston was found to have 41 per cent of resin and alcohol and chloroform, Scammony is one of the most valuable medical drugs. It is very rare, very precious. It is the sap or gum of a tree or a bush in Syria. The root of the tree is exposed, an incision is made into the root and then shells are placed at this incision to catch the sap or the gum as it exudes. It is very preclous, this scammony. But the peasant mixes it with a cheaper material; then it is taken to Aleppo, and the merchant there mixes it with a cheaper material; then it comes on to the wholesale druggist in London or New York, and he mixes it with a cheaper material; then it comes to the retail druggistand he mixes it with a cheaper material, and by the time the poor sick man gets it into his bottle it is ashes and chalk and sand, and some of what has been called pure scammony after analysis has been found to be no scammony at all.

Now, practical religion will yet rectify all this. It will go to those hypocritical professors of religion who got a "corner" in corn and wheat in Chicago and New York, sending prices up and up until they were beyond the reach of the poor, keeping these breadstuffs in their own hands, or controlling them until the prices going up and up and up, they were, after awhile, ready to sell, and they sold out, making themselves millionaires in one or two years-trying to fix the matter up with the Lord by building a church or a university or a hospital-deluding themselves with the idea that the Lord would be so pleased with the gift he would forget the swindle. Now, as such a man may not have any liturgy in which to say his prayers, I will compose for him one which he practically is making: "Oh, Lord, we, by getting a 'corner' in breadstuffs, swindled the people of the United States out of ten million dollars, and made suffering all up and down the land, and we would like to compromise this matter with thee. Thou knowest it was a scaly job, but then it was smart. Now, here we compromise it. Take 1 per cent of the profits and with that 1 per cent you can build an asylum for these poor, miserable ragmuffins of the street, and I will take a yacht and go

to Europe, forever and ever. Amen!" Ah, my friends, if a man hath gotten his estate wrongfully and he build a line of hospitals and universities from here to Alaska, he cannot atone for it. After awhile, this man who has been getting a "corner" in wheat, dies, and then Satan gets a "corner" in him. He goes into a great, long Black Friday. There is a "break" in the market. According to Wall street parlance, he wiped others out, and now he is himself wiped out. No collaterals on which to make a spiritual loan. Eternal defalcation.

But this practical religion will not

only rectify all merchandise; it will also rectify all mechanism, and all toil. A time will come when a man will nevertheless stand as a beautiful will work as faithfully by the job as allegory setting forth the idea that he does by the day. You say when a thing is slightingly done, "Oh, that was done by the job." You can tell by the swiftness or slowness with which a hackman drives whether he is hired by the hour or by the excursion. If he is faith, but this morning I speak to you | hired by the hour he drives very slowly, so as to make as many hours as possible. If he is hired by the excursion, he whips up the horses so as to get around and get another customer. All styles of work have to be inspected. Ships inspected, horses inspected, machinery inspected. Boss to will not allow a man to say that a watch the journeyman. Capitalist comthing was made in one factory when | ing down unexpectedly to watch the boss. Conductor of a city car soundallow the merchant to say that watch | ing the punch bell to prove his honesty as a passenger hands to him a clipped nickel. All things must be watched and inspected. Imperfections in the wood covered with putty. Garments Madeira when it came from California. | warranted to last until you put them Practical religion will walk along by on the third time. Shoddy in all kinds the store shelves and tear off all the of clothing. Chromos. Pinchbeck. tags that make misrepresentation. It Diamonds for a dollar and a half. will not allow the merchant to say Bookbindery that holds on until you that is pure coffee, when dandelion | read the third chapter. Spavined root and chiccory and other ingredients | horses, by skillful dose of jockeys, for go into it. It will not allow him to say several days made to look spry. Wagon that is pure sugar when there are in tires poorly put on. Horses poorly shod. Plastering that cracks without When practical religion gets its full any provocation and falls off. Plumb-

Yea, this practical religion will have to come in and fix up the marriage relation in America. There are members of churches who have too many wives and too many husbands. Society needs to be expurgated, and washed, and fumigated, and Christianized. We want this practical religion not only to take hold of what are called the lower classes, but to take hold of what are called the higher classes. The trouble is that people have an idea they can do all their religion on Sunday with hymn-book, and prayer-book, and liturgy, and some of them sit in church rolling up their eyes as though they were ready for translation, when their Sabbath is bounded on all sides by an inconsistent life, and while you are expecting to come out from under their arms the wings of an angel, there come out from their forehead the horns of a

There has got to be a new departure in religion. I do not say a new religion. Oh, no; but the old religion brought to new appliances. In our time we have had the daguerreotype, and the ambrotype, and the photograph; but it is the same old sun, and these arts are only new appliances of the old sunlight. So this glorious Gospel is just what we want to photograph the image of God on one soul, and daguerreotype it on another soul. Not a new Gospel, but the old Gospel put to new work. In our time we have had the telegraphic invention and the telephonic invention, and the electric light invention; but they are all children of old electricity. an element that the philosophers have a long while known much about. So this electric Gospel needs to flash its light on the eyes and ears, and souls of men, and to become a telephonic medium to make the deaf hear; a telegraphic medium to dart invitation and warning to all nations; an electric light to illumine the eastern and western hemispheres. Not a new Gospel, but the old Gospel doing a new work.

Farmers who take their religion into their occupation: Why, this minute their horses and wagons stand around all the meeting houses in America. They began this day by a prayer to God, and when they get home at noon, after they have put their horses up, will offer a prayer to God at the table, seeking a blessing, and next summer there will be in their fields not one dishonest head of rye, not one dishonest ear of corn, not one dishonest apple. Worshiping God to-day away up among the Berkshire Hills, or away down amid the lagoons of Florida, or away out amid the mines of Colorado, or along the banks of the Potomac, and the Raritan, where I knew them better because I went to school with

Mechanics who took their religion into their occupations: James Brindley, the famous millwright, Nathaniel Bowditch, the famous ship-chandler, Elihu Burritt, the famous blacksmith, and hundreds and thousands of strong arms which have made the hammer and the saw and the adze and the drill sad the axe sound in the grand march of our national industries.

Give your heart to God and then fill your life with good works. Consecrate to him your store, your shop, your banking house, your factory, and your home. They say no one will hear it. God will hear it. That is enough. You hardly know of anyone else than Wellington as connected with the victory at Waterloo; but he did not do the hard fighting. The hard fighting was done by the Somerset cavalry and the Ryland regiments, and Kemp's infantry, and the Scotch Grays, and the Life Guards. Who cares, if only the day

FLOATING FACTS.

The czarina of Russia has 257 coatumes in her wardrobe.

Moles are expert swimmers. Their broad paws operate as paddles.

The new harbor at Galveston, Tex., is now completed, and is an entire suc-As low as 17 cents a barrel has been

offered for No. 1 Baldwin apples at Exeter, N. H. A Belfast (Me.) man has played 26,400

games of cribbage with his wife, and now they are only six games apart. A well-known restaurant manager in London says the supply of barmaids is

enormously in excess of the demand. Miss Younger, of Perry, O. T., says that if Bryan is elected she will marry T. J. Stanton. If McKinley is elected she will not.

Old Gotrox (savagely)-So you want to marry my daughter, do you? Ds you think two can live as cheaply as one? Young Softly (slightly embarrassed)-I-I hardly think you will notice any difference, sir.-Puck.

"Here, waiter!" roared the longwhiskered customer, pushing the plate from him. "Take this punkin ple away and bring me a glass o' milk. Darn a silver man that ain't true to his colors!"-Chicago Tribune.

As the result of an election wager a man in Ripley county, Ohio, is going to shave his head, gild it, and walk a mile without his hat if McKinley is elected. His opponent will silver his head if Bryan carries off the prize.

Among the more sober physicists of old it was believed that in some manner the sun was conveyed by night across the northern regions, and that darkness was due to lofty mountains, which screened off the sunbeams during the voyage.

The Parsees of India have a strange funeral custom. They expose their dead of Silence, at Bombay. It is their opinion that neither the earth nor the water

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