tient's Knowledge Has Been Proven a Success.

Can inebriety be cured by sugment, but notwithstanding his re- necessary uses. vermouth, absinthe, etc. Ordi for this unusual silence. peated.

the approval of the family of the know what was going on, there the household. was slow and steady improvement. The treatment commenced touched wine and has only taken a little absinthe once or twice a month and at home. He is no longer irritable, but happy and a regular worker. The treatment had to be continued for 18 months, but the result is complete and the patient entirely transformed. He has gained control of his will and is gentle and affectionate."

ST. PETERSBURG IS CAY. or Without War Enjoyment Goes on in the Russian Capital's Society.

War or no war, the aristocratic Russian pursues his pleasures with an abandonment that speaks of unlimited resources or unlimit ed recklessness. The pleasures of the table are protracted to an inordinate degree: A lunch, in which the courses are plentifully watered with champagne, will spread itself through the after noon. You may barely escape at five o'clock, though you began to mind mine.' eat at one. The host never sits down, plying his guest with a suc-relapsed into silence. cession of good things, liquid and to sparkling champagne. The ap along the road. pearance of the streets tells of horsed with coal-black steeds, that mail bag slide off?" dash at full speed, in lofty disredown the central strip of wood man. pavement in the principal "prospects," as the wider streets are denominated. Holding the reins in his two hands, with arms outthere is something of imperial mind mine." Rome in the second capital of the czar.

RECLAIMING OLD TOPERS. WIVES WHO NEVER SPEAK, GREAT IN BOYHOOD ALSO.

Curing Drunkenness Without the Pa- Tales of Several Spouses Who, During Their Natural Existence, Remained Mute.

A Korean woman is not permitgestion? asks Public Opinion. ted to speak or nod on her wed-This is a question which has been ding day, says the New York Her. had been fishing in a stream near asked many times and satisfac ald. Should she transgress she torily answered in the affirmative. at once becomes an object of ridi-But the question of practicing cule and loses caste. She must resuggestion while the patient main obdurate to her husband's to eat, says the Chicago Tribune, sleeps is a different proposition, entreaties; neither threat nor and, therefore, a recent article in prayer must move her, for all the bountiful supply of bread and the Journal des Debats of Paris household is on the qui vive to milk, and refused to accept any is of interest. The experiments catch a single muttered syllable, pay for it. in question were conducted by the | Sometimes for a week or more she well-known psychologist, Dr. Paul does not speak, and even then, Farez. "The man under observa when complete silence is broken, tion refused all offers of treat only puts her tongue to the most

fusal, against his will and un Although no such universal cusknown to him, the man was cured tom is prevalent in the western and has remained so for four world, extraordinary cases are not a great favor upon us, madam, years. The patient was 25 years wanting. In the early forties a he said, "and that we are correof age, married, of sound consti- Mrs. Jones, living in Pennsyl- spondingly grateful, conveys the tution and average health. He vania, undertook, for a wager of idea feebly. Here we are, miles commenced drinking when he was \$150, to remain mute for the first from home, and suffering from 17 years of age, and his wife had month of her marriage. Her hus- hunger, having caught nothing in married him in order to reform band, who naturally was not in the little stream in which we were him. After his marriage, how the secret, was so much incensed fishing. You have supplied our ever, he drank as before. His daily at his bride's behavior that he left wants most generously. Out of ration was two quarts of wine her before the period of her ordeal the abundance of your larder with his meals, and during the day had expired, only to return later you have ministered to the wants several glasses of brandy, rum, when apprised of the real reason of two hungry strangers, and with

when he had taken more absinthe ding day a Brussels couple named fused to accept any remuneration than usual he became violent. Dupont quarreled so bitterly that for the same. It is scarcely necabused his wife, broke everything the wife, in a burst of passion, essary to assure you, madam, that within reach, and surrendered swore that her husband should we shall always hold you in gratecompletely to his frenzy. The day never again hear the sound of her ful remembrance and should it following this delirium the man voice. She would there and then ever be in our power to requite the remembered nothing, but when have quitted the house, but her favor you may depend upon our told of what he had done he wept, now penitent husband implored doing so with the liveliest satis promised to become sober, etc. her not to leave him. To that ex- faction. Madam, we thank you." The scenes, however, were soon retent only did his entreaties prevail, for she kept the letter of her claimed the farmer's wife, "what "Dr. Farez decided to try, with oath and never in her spouse's I done for you wasn't worth all presence did she unloose her that, but I like to hear you talk. patient, suggestion during nat tongue. In other respects she You'll be a big man some day." ural sleep. The treatment took continued a model wife, and may. Her foresight was unerring. place four or five times per week, be her strange resolution contrib. The boy grew up to be Chauncey and, although the patient did not uted not a little to the harmony of Mitchell Depew. the greatest

A Brunn woman whose husband was in hiding from the authorities in January. Up to April the man inadvertently betrayed his wherehad been intoxicated only three abouts to a neighbor who was setimes. In April and May there cretly in the pay of the police. As were no acts of violence; in June a result he was taken and received and July slight intoxications on a term of imprisonment. So much two occasions; in August and Sep | did his wife take to heart this mistember a trip to the country, but fortune brought about by her gosno wine during this time, only sip, that she resolved for the rebeer. Returning to Paris, the man mainder of her life to remain The president was absent, but did not go to a cafe, but drank a mute; nor did she even make an "Tad" was at home. The woman little absinthe and less than a exception in her husband's favor, called the boy to her and said quart of absinthe for all of his for, although she received him on meals. After a year the only his release with the utmost afthing taken was a little absinthe fection, she maintained an obon Sunday and Saturday, and duratesilence, which remained unfrom this time the patient has not broken till her death, which took place three years later.

MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS.

Youthful "Dude" Tourist Silences Stage Driver Who Hated to Be Interrogated.

drive the old stage which ran be. president returned "Tad" was at tween Bridgton and Portland, him at once about the case of dissays the Boston Herald. One day tress. Mr. Lincoln had other Wallace had as a passenger out of things on his mind, and did not pay Portland a young city chap, or much attention to the child till dude, as Wallace called him, he clung to his father's legs and The scenery along the route was begged of him to sit down and let both beautiful and diversified; the him tell the sad story. The father young man was much interested, and as he sat on the box, or post be back the next day, and he would of honor, beside Wallace, literally plied him with questions as to what mountain that was, and climbed on his father's lap, threw what river this was, etc.

The old driver, who detested this sort of interrogation, stood it as long as he could. Finally he the man out?" It was too much blurted out: "Say, stranger, if you'll mind your business I'll

Thus snubbed, the young man

They had driven about ten miles solid. Even the afternoon tea in farther when they came to a long middle-class circles is a very for hill, where the driver was obliged midable undertaking. It includes to ply the brake. As he shoved dishes of various sorts, in which his foot toward it he immediatemeat will certainly figure, and ly noticed that the mail bag which Russian tea, served in a glass with had always been there was gone, lemon, is but the pale comparison Evidently it had been dropped off

Wallace stopped his horses; wealth, too. No finer equipages then, breaking the long silence, he exist anywhere than those which, said: "Say, stranger, did you see

"Yes, I did; some ten miles gard for the mere foot passenger, back," calmly remarked the young mense rat, well advanced in devel-

"Well, why in thunder didn't you tell me?" gasped the astonshed stage driver.

The "dude" looked him squaresaretched, the driver, medieval in ly in the eye for a moment, and dress, has the summary methods then he drawled: "Say, driver, of a Roman charioteer. Indeed, you mind your business and I'll

> The rest of the journey was driven in cold silence.

A Mirthful View of a Distinguished Statesman's Youth - Chauncey Depew, His Name.

One fine day in the summer of 1844 two ten-year-old boys who a little town in southern New York became hungry and went to a farmer's house to get something The farmer's wife gave them a

One of the boys merely said: "Thank you, ma'am."

But the other wiped his mouth on his coat sleeve, bowed and expressed his gratitude at greater length.

"To say that you have conferred a hospitality rare indeed in these narily the man was quiet, but On the anniversary of their wed- days of sordid greed you have re-

"Good land, little boy!" ex-

after-dinner orator of his day.

LINCOLN SECURED PARDON

"Tad," Son of the Illustrious, Brings About Desired Results for a Poor Woman.

A poor woman came to the white house one day to see President Lincoln about her husband. who was in trouble says Success. "My husband is in prison. We have boys and girls at home who are cold and hungry. Your papa can unlock the door of the prison and let our children's papa come home and care for us. Won't you ask your father to let him come home?"

"Tad" could not talk or think of anything else but that poor, distressed family, and of his pledge Wallace Cummings used to to try and bring relief. When the told him that the woman would then know what he would do. That did not satisfy his son, who his arms about his neck and said: "Papa-day (meaning 'papa, dear,) won't you promise me now to let for the great man, who said: 'Taddie, my pet, I will let him out because you ask me to."

Strange Animal Rediscovered.

In 1873 a great rat-like rodent named Dinomys, was discovered in the Peruvian Andes. But a single specimen was found, and this is now preserved in the Berlin museum. Last spring Dr. Goeldi, of Para, rediscovered the Dinomys in the lowlands of Brazil. Its natural habitat is now supposed to be the almost unexplored regions lying among the foothills of the Andes, between Brazil, Bolivia and Peru. The animal is described as reminding one of an imopment toward a bear. It is about two feet long, with a bushy tail nine inches long, thickset and has a waddling gait. Its character is "a combination of leisurely movements and supreme good nature.' It seems well provided for digging. but "knows absolutely nothing of haste." Dr. Goeldi keeps .: mother and her young one in a cage. - Youth's Companion.

OUR PRODUCTION OF GOLD HOW JAPAN WAS COLONIZED MANY ENGLISH IN MEXICO.

Caused Comment All Over the World.

The enormous increase in the production of gold with the conse of the origin of the Japanese emof coin and bullion has attracted which attributes the rise of these years than its importance would source, runs as follows: more and more the subject of com- long a period as possible. amount of production during cen- possibly obtain any knowledge. world at that time was \$4,359, that, if not plucked with pure terpreter without offense.

\$4,000,000. In the next quarter of dom. For the two decades next succeed. of the precious plant. The meding there was a great falling off. ical adviser also patriotically volof gold in California, the annual gladly accepted by the emperor. production averaged \$13,484,000. In the next decade it was \$36,393,-000, but it was late in the decade before the discovery of the California mines. From 1851 to 1855 next period of five years of \$134,-083,000. From 1861 to 1891 there was a falling off from these figures, but since the last named land of the "celestials" itself. year there has been a steady infour years has been approximately \$1,200,000,000, and the present honor. year is expected to raise it to **\$1,600,000,000.**

including bullion in national it cannot be distinguished, and as treasuries which performs the good a conductor as copper," has functions of coin, was estimated been invented by an Italian, says in 1873 to be \$1,209,800,000, in L'Echo des Mines et de la Metal-1897, \$4,359,600,000. By the end of lurgie. It is composed of copper. the present year the total is esti- iron, silver, phosphorus, and, of mated at little short of \$6,000,000, course, radium. It is lighter than an increase of nearly 50 per cent, copper, and its beautiful color is in nine years.

In Thibet.

Here is a description of a country scene in Thibet, taken from Col. L. A. Waddell's note book, "Lhassa and Its Mysteries:" "From every hamlet the cottagers had swarmed out into their fields, and were busily plowing and sowing in the glorious sunshine, form ing pleasing bits of bright color. The men were plowing with oxen gaudily bedecked with plumes of wool dyed glowing scarlet and lay? blue, with long throat tassels of dyed yak's tails and harness of jingling bells, while close behind the plowers came the gayly dressed women as the sowers, scattering broadcast the seeds from their baskets."

Answered by Suggestion. "Do you really think I begin to show my years, Ella?" "Do you want me to answer frankly?"

"Why, yes, of course." "Then let us change the sub ject."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Not There Yet. Claude Don't you think my

mustache is becoming? but it hasn't got there yet .- N. Y.

Enormous Increase in This Line Has Traditional Account of Origin of Far Increasing Use of Language in South-

Eastern Empire Proves Interesting.

One of the traditional accounts

hands and with special precau-For the first 25 years after the tion, it would lose all its mysteri- mately acquainted with condidiscovery of America the annual ous virtue before arriving within | tions in the Spanish islands that production of gold was less than the limits of the celestial king have recently come under the con-

a century it was in round numbers | It was suggested that 300 young | ine that they will be readily \$4,750,000. By the middle of the men and the same number of girls | Americanized. They do not know eighteenth century it had risen to -all of spotless physical health what a long process is required over \$16,000,000 a year. From and morality-should be selected to change the language and the 1801 to 1810 the average annual to proceed to Japan for the purproduction was nearly \$12,000,000. pose of securing a sufficient supply From 1831 to 1840, the last com. unteered to conduct the expediplete decade before the discovery tion himself, and the offer was

speedily as possible for the Japanese islands, but not one of its cies, and the constantly growing members was ever seen within the | trade relation between the United bounds of the Chinese empire States and Spanish-speaking the annual production showed an again. The previously unoccupied countries, make it most desirable average of \$132,513,000 and for the parts of Japan were rapidly populated with a race more fresh and men of the United States should vigorous in body and mind than include a thorough course in Spanthe average inhabitants of the ish. Many young men in coming

crease. In 1896 the annual produc- tion, of course, created himself tion for the first term exceeded king of the country, and soon had \$200,000,000, being estimated at a magnificent palace erected for trifle less than \$203,000,000. In his residence, which he called 1903 it was \$325,000,000 in round Kanioku, i. e., grand house. It is numbers and last year the esti-further said that the Japanese mate is approximately \$350,000. mention the historic fact in their 000. The expectation that it will annals; that they point out to visreach \$400,000,000 in 1905 does not itors the spot on which the medseem unreasonable. In the pres- ical founder of their empire landent century the production for ed and also show the ruins of a temple which was erected in his

Artificial Gold. A new metal "harder than steel, The world's stock of gold coin, as brilliant as gold, from which not changed by any chemical reagent. This is wonderfully interesting if true. Indeed, "we will go further; it is interesting if only half true."- Engineering and Mining Journal.

Hard Times.

First Tramp-Not much doin', pard.

Second Ditto-Nothin' doin' at all. Things is orful. I ain't had a job fer six months.

"That's rocky. What's yer "Me? 1 peddles Chris'mus

trees. What's yourn?" "I sells sowveneers at presidential inaugurations." — Washington Life.

Considerable Cats.

Marshal Van Worley has gone into a new business, viz., the shipping of cats out of Titusville. He has shipped about 20 to the farm of Eli Walker, at Quay. There were all sorts of cats, large and small, and all shades of color; some with ears and tails and some without .- Titusville (Fla.) East Coast Advocate.

Italy's Working Women.

While Germany has 6,500,000 women who earn their own living, Maude-Well, it may be coming, Italy, with only one-half the population, has 5,250,000.

ern Republic Makes Conversation Easier.

The increasing use and knowledge of the English language in quent accumulation of the stocks pire is interesting. The legend, Mexico must not be considered by foreigners who propose to do busi rather less attention in recent sprightly easterners to a Chinese ness in Mexico as relieving them from a necessity of knowing Spanappear to demand, says the Louis | Sinosikwo ascended the throne | ish. For those who come in direct ville Courier Journal. Neverthe- of China in the year 246 B. C. and contact with the masses in any less the subject is not wholly neg- at once entered on a career of cru- way the native language is still lected, and the estimates of pro- elty and tyranny. He was, never very essential, and will always be. duction and accumulation that theless, most anxious to enjoy the The amount of English that can are put out from time to time are privileges of his position for as be heard by the visitor in the main street of this capital city is ment. There is a great discrep | For the purpose of obtaining apt to be misleading. It is not ancy between the statement of some specific agent by which the necessary to journey to the integold production and of the stocks duration of human life could be rior of the country to reach a sec of gold coin in the principal coun- prolonged, he dispatched trusted tion where English is neither tries of the world. Much of the messengers and explorers into all heard nor understood. By walk gold produced is used in the arts, the countries with which he held ing a few squares either to the and of that coined much is lost or any communication or of the right or left, away from the beat reduced to attrition; so the whereabouts of which he could en track of the tourist and the foreigner, one readily encounters turies greatly exceeds the stocks Taking advantage of the circum the Mexico that must be spoken of coin existing in the world, stances, one of his medical attend to in Spanish. As has been The amount of gold in Europe in ants, who was living in hourly said many times, it is more 1492, the date of the discovery of dread of a sudden sentence of important that the man who America, is believed not to have death, told the emperor that he comes to Mexico should know exceeded \$225,000,000 in value, had learned that such an agent exthoroughly his own business From that time to the close of 1896, isted in the juice of a plant which | than that he should have a fluent according to a report of the direc. grew only in the islands which knowledge of Spanish. Ignorance torof the mint, the world's produc. now form the Japanese empire. of his business is quickly detected tion amounted to \$8,983,320,600. The plant in question was also re- by those with whom he has to deal. But the same authority estimates ported to be one of so delicate and at once discredits him, yet he the stocks of gold money in the structure and sensitive a nature may employ the services of an in-

> Many people who are not intitrol of the United States imagcustoms of a race. It will not be done in a generation, nor in many of them. Children born of American parents in Mexico invariably learn to speak Spanish before they do English, and it must naturally folow that local customs are to The expedition embarked as them more familiar than those of their parents. The new dependenthat the education of the young years will find a knowledge of The medical chief of the expedi. Spanish a valuable asset of their stock in trade.

HIS SOLDIERS MUST SING

Edict from Kaiser Commands That Defender Must Lift Up Voice in Tuneful Notes.

It is now commanded by Em peror William II. that the German soldier, in addition to his many other duties, shall, while marching, lift up his voice and sing. With surprise and sorrow his majesty has found in going over the old time-honored marches that these had, for the most part, "not suitable texts," and in hot haste two poets of Berlin and Mu nich respectively have put them heads together and produced a lit tle "hand-book of easily remem bered marching songs," with the caroling of which Hans, Hermann and Fritz will in the future be . guile their steady tramp, tramp. tramp.

By the way, has not the foreign er sometimes been puzzled as to why a German marching regiment will on occasion suddenly and with one accord start stamping? The "stamp" of all the rank and file follows on a sharply given order to "salute" some passing officer. and the "salute" when on the march is given with the feet!

Controlling the Elements.

According to the Peking (China) Times, the viceroy of Kwangtung province "has taken in hand the control of the elements.." There having been a long spell of cloudy weather, the viceroy started in to set the matter right. "For sev eral days by his order the various forts have been firing salutes in order to break up the darkness of the heavens and cause the sun to shine. Day and night there has been a long cannonading. This morning (March 25) when the clouds grew thin and the sun almost shone the Chinese began to say that the viceroy's attempts were accomplishing something."

Time to Speak Up.

When a girl tells a young man that the best is none too good for her it is up to him to offer himself .- Chicago Sun.