A LACK OF HARMONY

STRATEGIC BOARD'S METHODS DISPLEASE PRESIDENT.

Will Take Things Into His Own Hands and Direct Movements of Army and Navy Himself Hereafter -Other Items of Interest.

Displeases the President.

President McKinley has grown tired of the \$50,000 and went to San Francisco the jealousies and bickerings which have with him. Before the wedding day the been the order of the day among the foremost officers of the army and navy. During the past week these misunderstandings and differences of opinion have led to orders which have been countermanded, changed and reissued until there is a decided fog as to the program, which even the president of the United States is unable to see through. The president has finally decided to take matters into his own hands. It can be asserted positively, upon the highest authority, that from this time forward every order governing the movement of the army or navy will emanate from the president. The first of these orders was issued Monday. It is asserted the president early in the morning informed Secretary Long that he had a plan of his own for handling the blockading fleet, and that in carrying out his plan he desired the secretary to immediately transmit its details to Commodore Watson. As a consequence dispatches were carried to Watson directing him to hit a Spanish head wherever he sees it. He is to cruise along the coast of the blockaded district and to shell thoroughly everything along the coast outside of Havana which looks like a battery or a fortification. There will be no repetitions of the unfortunate Winslow affair, nor will load of American sailers within a hundred feet of masked rifle pits.

DRAPER IS NOT GUILTY.

Second Trial for Murder of Hastings Results in His Acquittal. The jury in the Draper murder trial at Jerseyville, Ill., returned a verdict of acquittal. The murder was one of the most sensational ever committed in Illinois. Charles Draper and Charles L. Hastings were for years employed by Abstractor of Titles in Kirby in Jacksonville. Draper lost his position, and it is supposed that jealousy of Hastings prempted the crime. Hastings was very popular while Draper was not. On the night of March 31. 1897. Hastings was in the abstractor's office attending some work when Draper came in. What happened no one knows. Draper attacked Hastings with a pocket knife, inflicting 138 wounds. He fairly cut him into strings. Draper at first denied all knowledge of the crime, but later made a full confession to his attorney. The trial just ended was the second. The first trial was at Jacksonville, where the jury returned a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

SAMPSON REPORTS.

Admiral Sampson reported to the navy

Commander of American Fleet Stops at Cape Hayti.

department Monday from Cape Hayti. The department says he will now go to Cienfuegos, on the southern coast of Cuba. A dispatch from Willemstad, Curacoa, says that the Spanish cruisers Vizcaya and Maria Teresa left that port at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Their destination was unknown. While there the two warships took on a small quantity of coal and provisions. Their departure was due to the Danish government requesting them to light crops of hay and alfalfa. leave as provided in the decree of neutrality. There are no colliers with the fleet.

FIRE IN A CONVENT.

Nothing is known as to their boilers.

Seven Dead and Five Missing at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec.

The St. Joseph Sisters' School at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, burned Monday morning. Seven are known to be dead of the 200 in the institution, and five are missing, and a number were injured in jumping from the windows. The dead

Two boys named Beauchmen. Sisters Alexandrina and Hilomena. The missing are:

Maria Millott and Nofiette Meunir, ser

Mrs. Berthiaume, boarder. Sisters Bouvier and Auge.

Kansas Squatters in Trouble. Fort Scott, Kan., settled on a lot of rich | C. A. Foote, Minneapolis; grand esteemed railroad land near Yates Center, about six | local knight, W. L. Saxon, New Orleans; months ago, has just been ordered to vacate the lands and serious trouble for some one is probable. The colonists sent McDonald to Washington to see about the lands and he reported that they were open

Big Paris Robbery.

ened.

to pre-emption. A repetition of the Allen

County Land League trouble is threat-

A package containing over 500,000 francs in securities and gold was stolen Monday morning from a car in Paris on the Lyons and Mediterranean railroad. There is no clew.

Timber Fire.

Thirteen hundred thousand feet of logs were burned on the skids at Reefer Creek. near Bayfield, Wis., a few days since. They were owned by Hiram Knox and H. L. Chase of West Superior, and were cut last winter. It is suppose that it was the work of an incendiary. No insurance.

Murder Trial Dispensed With. Clark, who killed James Adney at Atkin, Minn., died about noon Sunday. He was conscious to the last but died without knowing that he had killed Adney.

"SWIFT WATER BILL" DROWNED

Klondike Millionaire and Two Women Perish in Lake Bennett. Word has reached Seattle to the effect that "Swift Water Bill" Gates, one of the most unique characters in the Klondike

country, as well as one of the wealthiest prospectors, was drowned Friday, May 6, in Lake Bennett, Alaska, with two women. He was on his way to Dawson City when the disaster occurred. "Swift Water Bill" was the owner of valuable claims in the vicinity of Dawson and was accounted a Klondike millionaire. The fact that two women perished with "Swift Water" serves to recall his experiences with women last year. While he was at Skaguay enjoying his newly found fortune he became infatuated with a vaudeville actress and offered her \$50,000 if she would go with him to San Francisco and marry him. She accepted his offer, took actress tired of "Swift Water," and refused to marry him, going east with a large part of the money which he had given her.

SEVERE HAILSTORM.

Thousands of Window Lights Broken in Kansay City.

Kansas City was visited Sunday evening by the heaviest hail storm ever experienced there. Hailstones as big as hen's eggs fell everywhere. The storm came from the south and throughout the city residences and business blocks were left without a window pane on the south side Skylights were smashed everywhere and in the business districts many stocks of goods were soaked. The roofs of several street cars were pierced by hail. Horses ran away at every hand and there were numerous injuries. The storm seems to have been general in eastern Kansas and it is feared that serious damage has been done to fruit trees.

PENSION FOR GEN CLAY.

Famous Old Kentuckian Granted

\$50 Per Month. The entire session of the house Friday was devoted to pension and private claim Lills. At the night session the house in committee of the whole voted to grant a pension of \$50 per month to Maj. Gen. Cassius M. Clay of Whitehall, Ky. The famous old veteran of Mexican and civil wars was represented as the owner of the extensive estates known as "Whitehall," but with an income insufficient to meet his expenses. A total of forty-six bills were passed in committee of the whole and six were passed finally by the house.

TRAIN ROBBERY.

Bandits Make a \$5,000 Haul Near

Cuba, Alabama. The Alabama Great Southern passenger train was held up by five masked men near Cuba, Ala., Sunday night. The express car was robbed of \$5,000. Express officials, however, claim only \$500 was taken as the express messenger hid most of the money in a stove pipe. A posse was immediately formed and went in pursuit of the bandits with bloodhounds.

Protests Against Our Course.

The first political step taken by the Cuban congress after being definitely constituted was to appoint a commission which will send, through the Spanish government to the powers and to the United States, a protest against American intervention in Cuban affairs, declaring the entire adherence of the people of Cuba, and the colonial authorities, to Spain and the Spanish government.

Gloomy Outlook for Wheat. * Owing to the prolonged drought throughout California the outlook for the wheat crop is a decidedly gloomy one. According to reports received by the weather bureau officials only a small amount of wheat raised on irrigated land in the lower sections will be harvested and some elsewhere cut as hay. It is scant owing to

McDuffie Defeats Titus. Eddie McDuffie easily defeated Fred J. Titus on the Charles River park track at a distance of fifteen miles, for a purse of \$1,500, in 27 minutes 93-5 seconds. He broke the world's record made by Michael for the distance by 51-15 seconds, and made new records from five miles up, and defeated Titus by about five-sixths of a

Mysterious Topeka Murder. J. S. Collins, one of the most prominent citizens of Topeka, Kan., was killed early Saturdsy morning as he lay in bed. The murderer fired two shots from Collins' shot gun, standing at the foot of the bed. One charge slightly wounded Mrs. Collins. It was at first supposed to be the work of burglars, but it is now in doubt

Elks Elect Officers.

The grand lodge of Elks in session at New Orleans elected the following offi-The colony which, under the leadership | cers: Grand exalted ruler, John Galvin, and advice of Judge F. M. McDonald of | Cincinnati; grand esteemed leading knight, grand esteemed lecturing knight, Henry D. Cozzens, Des Moines.

Peter Maher Knocked Out.

Pugilistic history was made very rapidly at Philadelphia Friday night, when in minute and 51 seconds of combined sparring and fighting, Joe Goddard, the "Barrier champion," retired Peter Maher, with a sort of pivot punch, which was delivered so suddenly that hardly a spectator realized what had come off.

Blanchard Declines the Position Chairman Blanchard of the Joint Traffic Railroad Association, who was recently appointed by Secretary Alger to have charge of the transportation of the troops of the volunteer army, has informed the secretary that he must decline the honor conferred upon him.

Earley Is Electrocuted. Frank Early, the Cincinnati wife murderer, was electrocuted in the annex of the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus at 12:15 Saturday morning. The electrocution was not as successful as previous ones. Six applications of the current were required

DEWEY HEARD FROM

HE EXPECTS SURRENDER OF MANILA SHORTLY.

Can't Stand the Blockade Established Much Longer-Rebels Hem It In by Land and Our Warships by Sea-Other Items.

Must Surrender Soon. The dispatches from Hong Kong Sunday brought welcome news from Admiral Dewey to the president, Secretary Long and the naval officials who are watching the admiral's movements with so much interest. The telegrams indicate that Dewey has lost none of his prestige gained in his memorable fight of two weeks ago and that while he refrains from taking the city of Manila he has it practically at hi mercy. The admiral expresses the belief that the rebels are hemming in the city by land, but the fact that he says explicitly that they have made no demonstration seems to disprove thoroughly the published reports that they had already entered Manila and had begun a career of bloodshed and rapine. The best evidence of the effectiveness of the blockade maintained by the American admiral and also of the work of the insurthe statements in the dispatches that proan early surrender by the Spanish author-

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

Prime Minister Sagasta Will at Once Form a New Ministry.

It was composed as follows: President of the council-Senor Sagasta Minister of foreign affairs-Senor Gul-

Minister of Justice-Senor Groizard. Minister of Finance-Senor Puigcerver. Minister of the Interior-Senor Capde-

Minister of War-Gen. Correa. Minister of Marine-Admiral Bermejo. Minister of Agriculture and Commerce

and of Public Works-Count Xiquena. Minister of Colonies-Senor Moret.

The liberal cabinet, under Senor Sagasta, assumed office October 4, and was formed shortly after the assassination of Senor Canovas del Castillo, who was assassinated on August 8, 1897, by an Italian anarchist named Golli. One of the first steps taken by Senor Sagasta was to recall Gen. Weyler, the then captain general Blanco. But the situation did not improve, and Spain was courteously but firmly warned that the United States could not much longer maintain neutrality in the face of the terrible situation of affairs interests were suffering therefrom. Spain, from a humanitarian standpoint and diplomatic relations with the United States were broken off on April 21 last. It is mier Sagasta's ministry, when the new ministry is formed, will continue to prosecute the war with the full recourse of the

Bumped a Freight. Both locomotives were injured, the bag- public opinion. gage car of the St. Paul was smashed and two passenger cars were derailed. The only man hurt was the fireman, who suffered dangerous concussion of the brain. The wreck was caused by somebody's blunder.

Forkey a "Lifer."

guilty in the second degree, which means a life sentence. Forkey is glad that his neck was saved, the evidence against him being so strong that his attorney put in a plea of self defense.

France Issues a Denial. A semi-official note has been issued in France denying the report that the steamer Lafayette, permitted by the United States to enter Havana, landed a number of French artillerymen, and declaring France had not departed, and will not depart, from loyal neutrality.

Weekly Bank Statement. The New York weekly bank statement shows a reserve increase of \$3,000,000; loans increase, \$2,500,000; specie increase, \$600,000; deposits increase, \$7,000,000. The banks now hold \$47,000,000 in excess of the legal requirements.

Will Succeed Gen. Merritt. It is stated in New York army circles that Brig. Gen. John I. Rodgers, chief of \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; artillery, has been appointed commander of the east, to succeed Wesley Merritt, yellow, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 32c to 33c; who departed Friday for San Francisco on rye, No. 2, 62c to 64c. the way to Manila.

Famous Confederate Stricken. Gen. Henry R. Jackson, the famous exconfederate major general and a veteran to 35c; rye, No. 2, 69c to 71c. of the Mexican war and minister to Mexico during the first Cleveland administration, was stricken with paralysis at Savannah, Ga., Sunday.

Columbia's Boat Crew Beaten. Annapolis defeated that from Columbia University Saturday in an eight-oared race over a two-mile course, finising 13 seconds ahead of the visitors. Time, 11.29.

Makes a Loan to Spain. The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Mail, says: The Banque de Paris has concluded a loan of 10,000,000 francs to Spain, and in consequence Spanish ex-

teriors are firmer.

Reconcentrados Dying. News comes from Havana that the re concentrados are dying of starvation, and before life was finally pronounced extinct. | through the Spanish lines.

DARK DYNAMITE PLOT.

Suspected Scheme to Blow Up

Government Buildings. A Washington special to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: Notwithstanding the absolute secrecy of the police and secret service officials, it is learned on high authority that a scheme to destroy several of the public buildings of Washington has been detected and is now unraveled. Friday afternoon a man at work on Analostan Island, in the Potomac River, a mile west of the city, discovered officials of No. 7 precinct. They sent a detail and a patrol wagon. What they found was startling. Hidden in a dreary, wild spot were a canister containing 250 pounds of dynamite, a large canister of nitroglycerine and a can containing a white mixture. These dangerous explosives were taken to the station. The officers, who are being aided by the secret service, have a clew which leads to the belief that Spanish spies had

GOLD IS VERY PLENTIFUL.

secreted the explosives with the purpose

of blowing up some of the public build-

ings. A sensation is expected to develop.

Circulates So Freely in New York as to Cause Inconvenience.

More gold coin is in circulation now gents in surrounding the city is shown in | than was ever known before. This is because of the plethora of gold and the visions are scarce in the city of Manila, dearth of currency in the banks, as well which seems to indicate to Admiral Dewey as in the United State treasury. Merchants, and particularly Wall Street brokers, when drawing money at New York banks, object to the inconvenience of carrying heavy bags of coin instead of the more easily handled currency notes. Payments of gold at the subtreasury have The Spanish cabinet resigned Sunday. aggregated \$1,000,000 daily lately, greatly increasing the work of the paying tellers. Nothing better illustrates the abundance of gold than its use in the settlements of customs duties. Of the total receipts for customs duties last month 50 per cent. was in gold. In October, 1897, the proportion of gold was only 5 per cent., and before that month the average did not exceed 2 per cent. This movement began before the war, and money shipped from New United States that is not also advocat-York has not begun to return.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed and Another Mor-

tally Injured. The boiler of McFarlin Bros.' mill at Conway, five miles east of Petosky, Mich., exploded Monday afternoon, instantly awaken the American people from killing two men and fatally injuring an- their slumbers. When they awake other. The mill was about to start up and | they will sentence to British fortresses, of Cuba, who was succeeded by General it is supposed that the engineer started the pump with water too low. The mill was demolished.

Mrs. Manning Asks a Divorce. Mrs. Mary C. Manning, eldest daughter in Cuba and the damage which American of Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller of the United States supreme court, has made an however, refused to regard the situation application in Chicago for a divorce from her husband, Colin C. Manning, on the ground of non-support and alleged bad habits. Mr. Manning is now United officially denied that the cabinet changes | States consul at Fayal, Azores Islands. are connected with a peace movement. He has given notice of an intention to re-On the contrary, it is declared that Pre- sist the granting of the decree. The parties were married about six years ago.

> Retirement of Carl Schurz. Carl Schurz has retired from his post of

editorial writer on Harpers' Weekly, and gossip has it that the reason therefor is a The Pioneer limited, a new \$250,000 train falling out between the noted journalist, for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul orator and campaigner and the propietors Railroad, ten cars, fresh and new from the of the publication concerning the war shops at Dayton, traveling on an exhibi- policy of the big weekly. This story is tion tour from Columbus to Cincinnati on | denied by the editors of the Weekly, and the Big Four, collided with a switch en- Mr. Schuaz has not spoken. He is now free gine with freight cars at Middletown, Ohio. to engage himself in another arena of

Secure Incriminating Papers. Stories were published in Rome Friday onfirming the reports that the police have seized at the residence of Madame Kulicieff, a noted nihilist, who is closely associated with the socialist leader, Turati, not only correspondence relating to the organ-The jury in the Forkey murder trial at ization of the disorders, but the outlines Fairbault, Minn., was out only two hours. of the whole concerted scheme for a revo-When it came in it returned a verdict of lution, compromising several republicans, socialists and anarchist leaders.

Horse Sells for \$125,000. It is asserted in London that the Russian

government has purchased the celebrated Irish bred race horse Galtee Moore for £25,000 (\$125,000.)

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Chicago-Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.50 to \$1.52; corn, No. 2, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2, 29c to 31c; rye, No. 2, 68c to 69c; butter, choice creamery, 15c to 17c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 11c; potatoes, common to choice, 65c to 85c per bushel.

Indianapolis-Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.24 to \$1.26; corn, No. 2 white, 37c to 38c; oats, No. 2 white, 33c

to 35c. St. Louis-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs wheat, No. 2, \$1.20 to \$1.22; corn, No. 2

Cincinnati-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.29 to \$1.31; corn, No. 2 mixed, 37c to 39c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 33c

Detroit-Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.23 to \$1.25; corn, No. 2 yellow, 38c to 40c; oats, No. 2 white, 36c

to 37c; rye, 69c to 71c. Toledo-Wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.37 to The boat crew of the naval academy at \$1.39; corn, No. 2 mixed, 37c to 39c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; rye, No. 2, 65c to 67c: clover seed, \$3.00 to \$3.10. Milwaukee-Wheat, No. 2 spring, \$1.27

to \$1.29; corn, No. 3, 36c to 37e; oats, No.

2 white, 32c to 34c; rye, No. 1, 68c to 70c; barley, No. 2, 50c to 55c; pork, mess, \$11.50 to \$12.00. Buffalo-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.39 to \$1.41; corn, No.

2 yellow, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 white, 36c to 37c. New York-Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, Western, 10c to 11c.

BANKS AND CURRENCY.

Of late the gold acvocating press is not saying that "the banks are safer than the Government." This may be owing to the fact that just now the people are inclined to be impatient with those who show a disposition to impugn the stability and honesty of this government.

Again, the recent big bank failures in Philadelphia, followed within the last week by a genuine boom in bank wrecking in the East, may have cooled a box of strange looking things. He re- the ardor of the "sound money reformported his discovery to the police ers." Lemuel T. Terry, of New Bedford, Mass.; Lewis Warner, of Northampton, Mass.; and E. H. Myers, of Carthage, N. Y., have wrecked the banks with which they were connected and have stolen an aggregate of half a million dollars. These men were all "highly respected members of society," and representatives of what President McKinley calls "our best citizenship." Will the gold advocates again take up the unpatriotic, false and stupid Government? Possibly for there is other argument to advance in favor of handing the control of the currency over to the banks. To admit that the Government is safe and honest is to admit that there is no excuse for taking the power to issue currency away from the Government. But facts prove that, in many instances, the banks are not safe and that bank officials are not honest, while the converse is absolutely true of the Government; hence the gold clique argument has no weight and will be thoroughly discounted by

> Awakening of the Giant. How is it that not a single paper in the United States that is advocating the cause of bimetallism finds any time to say a word in favor of an Anglo-American compact? The answer is "dead easy." There is not a single newspaper advocating independent bimetallism in the United States that is owned in England, either in whole or in part. There is not a single paper advocating the gold standard in the ing an Anglo-American alliance. There is not a single paper advocating an understanding with England that is not either wholly or in part owned in England. They do not represent the sentiment of the American people. Their present noise, however, will serve to as it were, now established among us and teaching false doctrines.-National Democrat.

the people.

Nelson Dingley-His Bill. There is a bright and beaming smile upon the usually rugged face of Mr. Nelson Dingley these days. He hears with delight the music of Dewey's guns at Manila; the smell of powder smoke is as incense unto his nostrils. He glories in the triumph of American arms and he is particularly enthusiastic over all propositions looking to the prosecution of hostilities. For every gun fired, every naval skirmish tends to distract attention from Mr. Dingley's "bill to produce revenue." As he justly remarks: "The expenses of war are of an extraordinary nature and must be met by extraordinary means of raising money." It was no ill wind that bore to the Hon. Nelson Dingley's ears the clash of resounding arms. It was

a zephyr freighted with balm to the

troubled soul and carrying away disa-

greeable mutterings concerning a defi-

cit of \$10,000,000 per month. Grim vis-

aged war is a white-winged dove in the

eyes of Hon. Nelson. Business Interests and the War. When it is borne in mind that all the men likely to be engaged in the war with Spain will not amount to 1 per cent, of the active working male population of the country, and that all the money that will be expended is less than the capitalization of each of several railroad companies in the United States, the importance of the war, considered with respect to its effect on trade and industry, is insignificant. There is no good reason why business should not go on without serious interruption, and the reports of the trade reviews show that this is the view

taken generally by merchants.-Kan-

sas City Star.

The Gerrymander Nuisance. The Supreme Court of Illinois has very properly killed the infamous gerrymander enacted at the recent session of the Illinois Legislature. The decision goes to the very root of the question and prevents any further attempt at apportionment until after the next census. Every step that is taken towards putting apportionment beyond the reach of continued meddling is beneficial, and if the States would adopt the rational basis of county representation they would be rid of this perpetual nuisance altogether.-Indianapolis Sen-

Vast Power Given to One Man. No other Parliament in any other country of the world has ever given the executive a freer hand than Congress did when it voted unanimously and without a single restriction that \$50,-000,000. There are those who talk of the attempt of Charles I, to overthrow the rights and liberties of England, but he never dreamed of asking the House of Commons to put under his control any such sum as that .- Providence Journal.

Quay Has Work on Hand. Senator Quay is making the most determined efforts to secure his own reelection to the United States Senate by forcing the election of his henchmen to the Legislature; he is also strenuously engaged in efforts to compel the election of his candidate \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; to the office of Governor, and to accomwheat, No. 2 red, \$1.50 to \$1.51; corn, No. plish the nomination of one of his local concentrados are dying of starvation, and that cartloads of dead are taken daily 39c; butter, creamery, 14c to 17c; eggs, Philadelphia.—Philadelphia Ledger.



Points for Housekeepers. Instead of new papers for pantry shelves get white table oil cloth. This may be easily washed off, and will last a long time. It is also nice for kitchen table and wall back of table where the paper is liable to get soiled. Every housekeeper should have some place to keep medicines-apart from other things. If one has not a small closet, which is the most convenient place, a shelf in some closet, pantry or bed room may be utilized. Put high, out of the reach of the children and use for no other purpose. All medicines, bottles, etc., should be properly labeled, paken by mistake. akes in this way precious lives have been destroyed. For neuralgia or any sudden severe attacks of pain, wring cloths out of hot water and apply. A most excellent application for the relief of croup and pneumonia is a hot poultice of corn incal and hops. Apply, cover with dry cloth and renew, not allowing the poultice to cool. For earache, put black pepper in cotton batting, dip in sweet oil and in-

sert in the ear. Golden Spice Cake. Cream together one cupful of butter and two cupfuls of sugar; add the wellbeaten yolks of seven eggs and one whole egg, one cupful molasses, one teaspoonful of ground cloves, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of cinnamon, one teaspoonful of ginger, one-half of a teaspoonful of nutmeg, a dash of cayenne, and five cupfuls of flour. Add one and onequarter cupfuls of thick sour milk, beat well for five minutes, add one scant teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one tablespoonful of hot water. Pour at once into well-greased pans and bake in a moderate oven.

Freshness of an Egg. To ascertain the freshness of an egg without breaking, says a writer in Good Housekeeping, hold it before a strong light and look directly through the shell. If the yolk appears round, and the white surrounding it clear, the chances are that the egg is fresh. Or, you may drop it into water; if the egg sinks quickly and remains at the bottom, it is, in all probability, fresh, but if it stands on end it is doubtful, and quite bad if it floats. The shell of a fresh egg looks dull, while that of a

bad one is glossy. As Mother Used to Do. He criticised her pudding and he did not like her cake; he wished she'd make the biscuits like "his mother used. to make." She didn't wash the dishes, and she didn't make the stew; and she didn't mend his stockings "as his mother used to do." Oh, well, she wasn't perfect, but she tried to do her best, until at length her time had come tohave a little rest; so when one day he growled and whined the whole day through and through, she turned him. up and fanned his pants "as his mother

used to do." Fricasseed Oysters. Put in a stewpan a pint of drained oysters, add a tablespoonful of hot water, salt and pepper, and a dash of cayenne pepper. Boil for about three minutes, shaking the pan to keep from sticking. Strain out the oysters, and add to the liquor a gill of cream. Cook, but do not brown, a tablespoonful of butter and flour together. Add slowly

the oyster liquid and cream; when boil-

ing hot stir in one well-beaten egg, add

the oysters, pour the whole over but tered toast and serve. Rhubarb Pudding. Cover the bottom of a buttered pudding dish with some fine bread crumbs, and then with a thick layer of rhubarbcut into dice. Sugar is scattered thickly over the rhubarb, more bread crumbs added and the dish filled up in this. way, bread crumbs being on top, with a few bits of butter and a slight grating of orange peel, if that flavor is liked.

The pudding should be baked in a slow

oven until the rhubarb is thoroughly

cooked and the top of the pudding a

tempting brown. Oyster Cocktails. For each person allow the strained juice of one-half of a lemon, one-half teaspoonful of vinegar, eight drops. of Tobasco sauce, one-half teaspoonful of horseradish and one-half teaspoonful of tomato catsup. Add eight

minutes and serve in a tall glass. Rye Breakfast Rolls.

small blue points, let stand for five-

Two cups milk, two cups rye flour, three eggs, pinch of salt, one tablespoon of sugar. Beat the eggs, add milk and sugar. Stir this into the flour, to which the salt has been added. Havethe tins warm when the dough is put in.

Corn Meal Griddle Cakes. One quart sour milk, two eggs beaten light, one teaspoon soda, one teaspoon salt, two tablespoons molasses, onetablespoon melted butter and one-half cup flour; enough corn meal to make a good batter.

Fodder from Russian Thistles. Farmers about Alliance, Boxbutte County, Neb., claim that when the Russian thistle is cut before the sharppoints get hard and stems woody the resulting fodder is preferred to prairie hay. It will be eaten more rapidly and richer milk will result when fed tocows. On the table-lands north of here cattlemen depend largely upon it for winter feed. It is eaten readily when young and tender, but with cows the milk is liable to have an unpleasant flavor, as when feeding turnips or cabbage.-J. B. Johnson.