For the JOURNAL. Elementary Astronomy.

In attempting to give my little girl some elementary notions of astronomy, I have had occasion to rub up my own remembrances, and perbaps some of your readers would not be unwilling to rub up theirs in company with me. Our sun and his attendant planets are such a mere point in space, compared with their distance from other suns, that we need to be every now and then reminded, by different illustrations, how far they are from being crowded together, in fact, how immense their distances, according to our terrestrial standards, are from each other. . Taking the cue from Prof. Proctor, I have compared the results given by three different scales of reduction, an inch for a mile, an inch for the earth's diameter, and a foot for the earth's diameter. Of course, the statements are not quite precise, but are near enough for the

Reducing the solar system at the rate of an inch for a mile, we have the following results. The sun would be a globe in the centre 13 miles through. Mercury, a globe 250 feet through, and 570 miles distant. Venue, a globe 632 feet thro', and 1057 miles distant. The Earth a globe 660 feet through, and 1436 miles distant. Mars, a globe 416 feet through, and 2225 miles distant. The Asteroids, an indefinite number of fragments, from 16 feet through down to mere grains of sand, and at an average distance of 3946 miles. Jupiter, a globe 1 2-5 miles through, and 7572 miles distant. Saturn, s globe a little more than a mile through, and 13,905 miles distant. Uranus, a globe 2776 feet through, and 27,967 miles distant. Neptune, a globe 3133 feet through, and 43,845 miles distant. Who, at first thought, would have imagined that so great a reduction as an inch for a mile, would still give such enormous distances, and such enormous dimensione?

Taking now the scale of an inch for 7912 miles, the earth's diameter, or, a little more loosely, 8000 miles, we have the following results. The oun would be a globe in the centre, 9 feet through. Mercury, a globe 3/2 of an inch through, and 376 feet distant. Venue, a globe an inch through, and 698 feet distant. The Earth, a globe an inch through, and 948 feet distant. Mars, a globe 36 of an inch through, and 1469 feet distant. The Asteroids, fragments, of which the largest would perhaps be one-fortieth of an inch through and 2604 feet distant. Jupiter, s globe 11 inches through, and nearly a mile distant. Saturn, a globe 83 inches through, and nearly 1 4miles distant. Uranus, a globe 4 inches through, and 31/4 miles distant. Neptue, a globe 45% inches through, and 5 3-5 miles distant.

Next, augmenting the scale 12 times, that is, to a foot for 8000 miles, the earth's diameter, we have the following results: The Sun would be a central globe, 107 feet through. Mercury, a globe 4% inches through, and 4500 feet distant. Venus, a globe a foot through, and 1% mile distant. The Earth, a globe a foot through, and 2 miles distant. Mars, a globe 6 inches through, and 31 miles distant. The Acteroids, fragments one-third of an inch through at the largest, and 6 miles distant. Jupiter, a globe 1034 feet through, and 11 miles distant. Saturn, a globe 8 feet 6 inches thro', and 29 miles distant. Uranus, a globe 4 feet through, and 42 miles distant. Neptune, a globe 4 feet 7 inches through, and 65 miles distant.

The last scale appears to give the most apprehensible results as to distances. As has been well said. the planets of our system, instead of appearing like the crowded balls of on orrery, rather resemble a few birds flying here and there through the sky. Moreover, consider how large a ball of fire 107 feet in diameter would appear at a distance of 65 miles, and we can understand how large the sun looks from the outermost known planet of our system. HAWKEYE.

For the JOURNAL.

Hate Not.

"God so loved the world that h gave his only begotten son that whosoever would believe on him might not perish but have everlasting life." He loved us while we were yet sinners; and he says unto ua "love your enemies." But do we? No: we hate them! we are not willing to give them credit for him twice more, robbed him of the good qualities which they pos- \$22.50, and fied. Notewise, a bad Yes, and if any of our friends dare to tell us of our faults, we are quite apt to hate them also! Even between two who were of different denominations, and when they met, one of them saluted the other, extending his hand as he did so, but the other would not accept it, and turned angrily away. Christ says, replied the young lady, "I never "if ye salute your brethren only, eat greens." what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?" How can we get angry at our neighbors about their good mother by a simple de trifles, and hate them, for the bible vise. When they got her religious telle us to "sin not," even when we paper out of the mail they slipped it are angry. We cannot look down from the wrapper and substituted a feeling a compunctions throb that the mother first opened it, without we ever hated such a frail short- her specs, she thought it was lived mortal. Why then will we Christmas number.

not be more severe to our own faults, more charitable to those of others,

and hate not? "So fleet our years, so full of tears; So closely death is waiting. God give us space for loving grace, But leave no time for hating. Begone with feud! away with strife; Our human hearts unmating: Let us be friends again! this life Is all too short for hating."
N. D. Howe.

Libraries. Everything considered, the newspaper is the best and most available of libraries. The one fact cheapness is so strongly in its favor as to ments that can be advanced upon the opposite side. It is within the reach of every one, no matter how poor, and finds an entrance where the art of condensation been thick. brought.

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can grasp at a single glance, and be 910 feet above sea level, and the saved the wading through ponder- western about 5,000. ous volumes of uninteresting detail

ligence; is the stereotype of every mind. We look back in wonder at the days when it was not, and human intelligence shudders to think of the barbarism and ignorance and blotting out of this the sun of the solar system.

Not a single word would we say much as possible; there can never be too many; the world can never have too much light; but as the its resources. grandest, and cheapest, and widest circulating medium of intelligenceas libraries for mankind, they never can compare with newspapers.

Confession of Crime.

F. B. Webster, under arrest for many crimes, prominent among them being a murderous assault and robbery upon Chester Goodale, at Eyremont, in September last, has made a statement to the effect that he and his uncle, Norman Notewise, planned the robbery of Goodale. Webster secreted himself in Goodale's barn on Tuesday, and lived there on provisions stolen from the cellar. Notewise joined him on Wednesday night. The plan was to throw a blanket over Goodale and rob him. but Webster stated that Notewise did not use the blanket, but struck Goodsle on the head with a club. not even just towards them; are knocking him down and then struck character, was arrested this evening

Several young men were sitting some preachers of the gospel hate together, and a young lady happentheir enemies! Not long since a ed to approach the vicinity. One elight misunderstanding occurred "real sweet" young fellow seeing, as he supposed, the young lady looking at him, remarked, playfully and with a becoming simper: "Well, Miss -, you needn't look at me as tho' you wanted to eat me." "Oh, no,"

Two bad boys recently shocked

Nebraska.

To a casual observer of maps, as well as to the traveler by rail, very little correct knowledge can be acquired of the rich soil, salubrious climate, pure water advantages and resources of a state like Nebraska. The soil must be examined by scientific analysis or cultivated by the farmer to know what character of crops it will produce. Both these tests have been applied, and the fact of their richness and durability is no longer doubted; it has been prononnced under a careful analysis, approved by the authority of the overbalance the majority of argu- state, to be the richest soil in the world, and ranging in thickness from 5 to 150, and even 200 feet, This investigation shows that over eighty per cent. of the formation is books (as a rule) never can; it comes | finely comminuted silica, so fine that weekly, and is read and loaned un- its true character can only be detil actually worn out; can be caught | tected under a microscope. Ten per up if one has but a moment of time, cent. of its substance is made up of and some knowledge can be gained. carbonates and phosphates of time A single, brief item frequently gives | There are some small amounts of what pages of book-bound matter alkaline matter, iron and alumina; would have to be waded through to the result being a soil that can never learn; for the newspaper is the ep- be exhausted until every hill and itome of the entire world. In the valley which composes it is entirely briefest possible space, all that is worn away. The richer surface soil necessary to the correct understand- overlies the sub soil, and it is from ing is given-to such perfection has 18 inches to 3 and 4, and even 6 feet

The next evidence of the richness The newspaper with the present of Nebraska soil is obtained from the facilities for almost learning what crops raised by actual cultivation. is transpiring in every portion of It is not unusual with the corn crop the habitable globe, is the reflection to produce from 70 pounds of ears of the hour equally as much as of 60 to 63 pounds of shelled corn, or past ages. By it the North and the four to seven pounds over the stand-South, the East and and the West | ard, the general average of producare brought together. We know of tion, with average fair cultivation, the crashing of the ice and the curl- being 50 to 60 bushels per acre. ing heat of the sun ; we are with the Great varieties of wheat are grown, daring explorers seeking for the the yield being 15, 25 and the Polish north pole; travel through the jun- variety yielding sometimes 30 to 35 gles of Africa; have a bird's eye bushels per acre; of barley a fair view of great battles; sail over every | yield is 30 to 40 bushels; of rye, 25 sea; dive with the whale to its fab- to 30, oats 40 to 50 bushels. Flax

The area of the state comprises last words of an expiring pope, and 75,995 square miles, or 46,625,800 acres, and is about as large as all A wonderful, concise most skill- the New England states, or all of fully painted panorams of the af- Pennsylvania and half of New York fairs of the world is the newspaper ; Its length is 412 miles, and its width a map of its busy life; a faithful re- about 200. The land on the eastern 1876. production of all its lights and shad- boundary is about 910 feet above sea 1877. ews, and at the most nominal cost; level, on the western, about 5,000. 1878 at the merest bagatelle to books, It is between the parallels of 40° 1879. even in these days of exceptional and 43° north latitude, placing the cheapness. Week after week the state in the latitude of Pennsylvania, paper comes filled with all that is and southern New York, and northrare, new, interesting and instruct- ern California, and southern Oreive. It is a history of nations in gon. From the eastern to the fifty-two volumes; an ever contin- western boundary of Nebraska, there ued encyclopædia of trade, science, is a gradual rise in the land of about biography, agriculture and the arts; seven feet to the mile in eastern is the "boiling down" of all books Nebraska, and from that to ten feet n so minute a form that the mind in the west; the eastern boundary is

The coming spring bids fair, at -to the great saving of time. It the present time, for a large emigrais, in fact, the grandest of all circu. tion from the older states and forlating libraries, at only a penny fee; eign countries to Nebraska, where the throwing open to the public of cheap and good lands can yet be all the costly and exclusive archives procured, either directly from the government or improved lands from The newspaper of to-day is a per- those who want to make larger infect omnium gatherum. Nothing vestments in stock. It is of the escapes its notice. Every event of utmost importance to persons inimportance is instantly photograph- tending to locate in Nebraska that ed upon its pages. The whispers they should receive reliable and breathed in every clime are caught truthful information regarding the and fixed. It is a marvel of intel- state, and especially the richness and productiveness of its soil, and in what we have written and what we may hereafter write, most of our superstition that would follow the Gov. Nance and F. M. Davis, Land Commissioner, and any person desiring further information by applying to S. J. Alexander, Secretary of less be furnished with the publication which treats of Nebraska and

> Congressional Personals. Don Cameron is sullen and sour

Senator Perry has buffalo-robe whiskers.

Senator Platt is a pale and sad dyspeptic. Conkling's face is pale, wrinkled and worn.

Edmunds sports a dashing blue frock cost. Fernando Wood looks solemn,

stiff and unbending. Eston, of Connecticut, is red-faced

and bright-eyed. Gen. Burnside gives the most careful attention to his dress.

Senator Bruce wears a tight-fitting, dark blue coat, and looks styl-Saulsbury of Delaware, is a sparse

grim, uncompromising old bache-Senator Ingalls has a new, huge plaid ulster, with dinner plate but-

Senator Hamlin wears the same swallow-tailed that he wore eigh-

teen years ago. Congressman Whittaker, of Oregon. is described as a great, gawky, homely-looking man.

Thurman has a weary and sad appearance, as if thinking of what might have been. Matt Carpenter has never forgot-

ten his West Point training, and re-

sembles a dashing dragoon. Warner stalks about the floor in a careless fashion, and gesticulates Its success has been continued and unmildly when in conversation.

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AN ASTOUNDING COUNT.

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Stockmen, Attention!

Some time since the JOURNAL subnitted a problem to the stock raisers of Platte county and Nebraska, concerning the increase in ten years from one cow, supposing that the progeny began to bear at the age of three years, and that the steer calves are changed for heifers before that time. J. W. Ziegler returned as answer to that problem, 61; W. N. McCandlish made an improvement on the problem, suggesting that, as cattle were kept here in herds, the progeny begin to come when the cows are two years old. In the following solution by our friend Barnum, he starts out the first year with a cow and a calf, and just see what he makes of it. Is it any wonder that stock-raisers get rich? To be sure, in this calculation no allowance is made for losses by disease, accident or otherwise, but cattle in this country are remarkably healthy and a friend of ours who has kept note for nine years, (the progeny of one cow) says he has lost but three calves in that time. The problem to which Mr. Barnum gives answer is this: What will be the increase from one cow (with calf beside her) supposing that all steer calves are exchanged for heifers, and that the

two years. When it is seen that the grass costs little more than the wages of a boy herding; the hay, in stack, \$1. or thereabouts, a ton, corn, for fattening, 10 to 20 cents a bushel, according to the season, it will not be wondered at that Nebraska stockraisers are on the high road to independence. But here are George's figures, and we would be glad to have any error pointed out. Address JOURNAL, Columbus, Ne-

heifers begin to bear at the age of

braska.

A man who had \$65 stolen from him received a note, with \$25, saying: "I stoled your money. Remors naws at my conshens, and I send some of it back. When remors naws agin I'll send you some more."

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An old lady in Wichita says she never could imagine where all the Smiths came from until she saw in a New England town a large sign. Smith's Manufacturing Company.'

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A slave has but one master; the ambitious man has as many masters every style of as there are persons whose aid may contribute to the advancement of

A Washington girl says that the best way to put to confusion a man who stares at you in the street cars is to steadily look at his feet.

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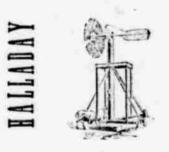
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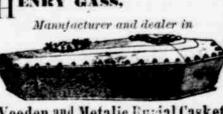
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