I thought, in the warmth of my passion. That I'd made a great hit in thus gain But 'twas only a Miss-calculation. For so many Misses surrounded Miss Kid,
With me and my love interfering,
A jealous Miss-trust put it into her head
That she ought not to give me a hearing;
Then a certain Miss-chance that I met with

Almost sent my hopes to destruction.

For she felt a suspicion of what I would say,
All owing to one Miss-construction.

Deceived by one Miss-information I wrote,
The cause of her anger demanding;
Miss-direction prevented her getting the note,
And introduced Miss-understanding;
When to make her my wife I exultingly swore,
Miss-belief made her doubt my intention,
And I nearly got wed to Miss-fortune before
I could wean her from Miss-apprehension.

But when she no longer would yield to Mis doubt,
Nor be led by Miss-representation.
She had with Miss-like a most serious fall-out
And to wed felt no more hesitation.
And when to the church to be married we went

Miss-take made the parson to linger, And I got so annoyed by an awkward Miss-fit, That I put the wring on the wrong finger. Maving been so Miss-used, I kept a strict

watch,
For I still felt a fear of Miss-leading;
And I found, when too late, an unlucky Missmatch
Interfered with the joys of our wedding.
Miss-rule in our dwelling put everything

Was all wasted by Miss-application.

—F. G. Ottarson, in Manhatten

AN UN-COMMON-SENSE MATCH.

The weather had been very cold even change which would allow her noisy children to exercise their lungs and muscles out of doors.

At last the change came. During the Jane." forenoon the thermometer indicated a rising temperature, and about midday "the old woman up in the sky began

emptying her feather beds."
Thick and fast the downy snowflakes "the stake and rider" fences, the log mission. barns and corn-cribs, things of beauty which are too truly "joys not to last for-

Hastily we children were clad in coats worn, despite the protests of the wearers. sport, sliding, snowballing and making

. The afternoon slipped quickly by, the show ceased falling, and the evening upon the opposite hilltop there came in sight a farmer's box sleigh, drawn by a split-bottomed and wooden chairs with been longer than all the rest."—Chicago patchwork cushions, a low-backed rock—Tribune. reached it just in time for a "hitch."

buckskin and yam, and it proceeded from a sort of tower of bed quilts, big fire-place. blankets, buffalo robes, comforters, surmounted by a head piece enveloped in a green and red "Bay State" shawl. by general consent some opportunity for left for the eyes, but no eyes could be seen before being told our errand.

Edging around very little, but probably as much as circumstances would allow, the roll of dry goods and furs in- deniably homely. quired if "Yon house was 'Squire

down to the enjoyment of a ride to our enough for gold. "Carroty" is the set before them, just such things as had own door, during which we exchanged proper description.

whispered speculations as to whom the Her light complexion was freekled,

us reported the arrival at the house while the remainder watched the tying ing to make amends for that mishap, women were sitting on it all around the had shaped itself into a decided pug. formed a voluntary escort.

"Squire Black, I suppose?"
"Yes sir; come in. Getting quite cold outside," said my father, eyeing his

guest curiously. "Well, yes; we've had a fearful spell o'weather, and I've been on the road for the last two days of it. I see you eyes were so full of frost I hardly knew

you; but I reckon you'll see who I am when I get this toggery off." From the moment our visitor had stepped inside he had been engaged in unwrapping one garment after another, a process all the world like peeling an

At last there stood revealed a young man of four or five and twenty years, a six footer, with broad shoulders, face bronzed by exposure to the weather, but a goodly face to look upon, with its rather square jaw, ruddy cheeks, full smiling lips, brown hair curling over a but without other sign of embarrass- our party declined to drink, though broad forehead, and blue eyes, which ment began: answered my father's questioning look "Miss Holt by a merry twinkle.

hands and grasped the stranger's most

A hearty laugh preceded the reply,

landlady of father's when he was a ped- a hundred and sixty acres of land about had paid two rupees. Having been agogue; that she lived forty or fifty miles half cleared. There's the papers to finally admitted, he was instructed to show for it, and Squire Black will tell sit on the floor with his groomsman -and our interest began to flag after mother came in from the kitchen, and conversation was continued about old conversati neighbors of whose existence we had down here and a yoke of oxen besides.

been ignorant. We betook ourselves I don't owe any man a cent. I shall out of the bedroom, opening into to the kitchen, when mother soon fol- have cows and chickens when I've a the room, and with her bridesmaid

pitchers" said, with the air of one who taking silence for consent, proceeded: must be circumspect lest his risibilities would betray him, "Ma, what do you suppose Joe has come for?"

"I'm sure I don't know," replied mother, composedly stirring another hand-ful of meal into the boiling mush which have come out here." was to be the piece de resistance of our

evening meal.
"He has come for a wife." "A wife! I did not know he was ac-

quainted around here. "He isn't. He wants me to recom-

mend him to some girl who is strong, able, and willing to work, knows how to run a house and [hesitating a little as he saw the contemptuous curve of my mother's nose and mouth] -and I'vespoken-about-Jane.

"Squire Black!" exclaimed mother, aphasizing her words still further by a dash of the pudding stick which sent the mush flying over the stove.

Jane was a farmer's daughter who it in a wrong cause, became silent, but worked for us summers and went home the questioning went on. winters to help do up the spinning, weaving and the like.

A mutually satisfactory agreement home in the winter than in the summe and mother thereby saved the board and wages of a girl during the winter when the work was not so heavy. Moreover, mother often said that Jane put the work ahead so when she was there that

changed his position, getting a little out of the way of another charge from the mush-pot, where the beating was going

on vigorously. After a pause he began again: "Well, ma, Jane is not bound to marry Joe unless she wants to. But per-haps she'll never get another chance as good. You know yourself that any one of Aunt Anna's boys is bound to make a good man and a smart one.
"None too smart if he thinks to get a

wife this way," snapped out mother.
"Let him try; ma, if he wants to; let him try. It won't hurt him to have the conceit taken out of him." No reply, but the mush was stirred as never mushbefore. Another pause. "You know, ma, Jane has been keep-

ing company with that trifling Dan "Why doesn't he marry a girl who knows him if he wants to get married?" speaker.

"He says the girls up there are all squaws, and down by his mother's they have too high notions." "Well, it's a heathenish. Frenchified way of courting a wife," replied mother,

"and if he were to come about me that of water over him.' "May-be she will, may-be she will,"

have enjoyed that termination of the affair as well as any. "But, ma, you know Jane is terribly

homely, and-Miss management there took her station.

Till my cash, like the time taken reading this "Mother sent these to you with her

ompliments, Mrs. Black." Mother, who knew the flavor of Aunt stirred out unless compelled by necessity, and, I've no doubt, our dear
mother had longed many times for a

piling the sticks as evenly as lath in a in regular succession, their heads mountbundle, filled the water-pails, cut the ing one above the other like the rounds
kindling, and did the milking, bringing of a ladder. the pail in as clean, she condescended to tell him, as she would herself or—but she checked herself and did not say "or divorce

She would be no party to that iniquity. He nearly won her when he repeated his text promptly and correctly and their courting.

But before morning the sky cleared, and things were hurried around for an early start to Jane's.

the fire in the best room.

The "best room" of an old-fashioned our sleds to the foot of our hill and ing-chair, a wooden "settee," a table reached it just in time for a "hitch." The driver of this establishment was Unconverted," an almanac, and a file of the Christian Era. A few silhouettes and The hand which guided the team prints from magazines were on the seemed not a hand but a huge wad of walls; but, after all, its only ornaments big fire-place.

Jane bustled in and out on household

There was a little crack undoubtedly acquaintance and a chance to see and be You already know what she saw. What did Joe see?

> Jane was, as father had said, un-She was tall and angular. Her feet

When the sled stopped a committee of roses. Her eyes were gray; her nose had a little fire and much smoke. The floor Her mouth was large and always smil-In answer to a muffled rap father ing, and smiling showed what was Jane's but as I had put on a clean dress for the opened the door.

but as I had put on a clean dress for the occasion, I did not like to sit on the dentist's hands.

Her dress was of blue flannel, every thread spun and woven by herself. The hour or two until dinner was don't know me, Squire, and I swan, my talking over "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which was then appearing as a seriel, in all of which Joe took his part sensibly

and modestly. cellent and bountiful farm dinner. It distributing various articles-tobacco, was quite evident that by this time Jane betel, plantains and another kind of had been informed of our errand, for vegetable cut up fine—and then folfrom perfect unconsciousness she be-

After we were all done suddenly there me, it looked so much like water, and came a break and an awkward pause in had so little smell, that I touched my the conversation. Joe cleared his throat, lips to it and found it strong spirits, so

"Miss Holton, I see somebody has al- heard great shouting and laughing outready told you what I've come for, and side; and, looking over the wall, we it's right I should tell you something saw that the bridegroom had arrived, about myself. The Squire here will but was not allowed to come up the ladtell you about my folks.

never been sick in my life, I don't drink across the top of the ladder. After "I wasn't afeerd but you'd git it right, whisky, or swear, or chew tobacco. I much talking and much fun, the hand-Squire, give you time enough. I'm the lam a member of the Baptist Church kerchief was withdrawn and the bride-when I'm where there is one.

wife to take care of 'em. Now, if you think sat down opposite the two men. Then

"Did you cook this dinner?" Still Jane was silent, but her mother answered "yes" for her. Joe smiled. "Well the Squire told

"Can you make good bread?" A faint but rather indignant "yes"

was heard from Jane as if he had asked if she could wash her face or comb her "Can you milk and tend to milk, laid in the other, while the old man mutbutter and cheese?"

"Yes." a little louder. "Can you run a house and do kinds of housework?" The cat seemed to have gotten Jane's made to sip, and then exchange cups tongue again, and my mother pitying her embarrassment, replied with an exhausted catalogue of Jane's virtues as a down of their own accord, when they

"Can you sew?" "Can you knit?" "Can you spin?" "Yes.

"Can you weave?" "Are you strong and healthy?"

be could not keep her busy the year was you've got to saying 'yes,' I'd like to go right on and ask you to have me: a recent "s help was help in these days. But het I'll go cut and feed my horses, and eight hours.

THE JOURNAL. to return to our kitchen. Father had sour can talk with your folks and the changed his position, getting a little out Squire and his wife, and give me the of the way of another charge from the answer to that question when I come in. "I want to say first that if you agree to marry me I'll try to do the fair thing by you, and expect you to do the same

> "You can always have what you can make from the butter and eggs and half the wool for your own spending. It will be very lonesome, for there won't be another white woman nearer than five miles for awhile vet, and the work will be hard, but maybe not harder than you are used to. If you go we'll have to go day after to-morrow. The roads are very rough, and it will take two-may be three-days to travel the sixty odd

It took Joe a long time to feed his team, and during his absence a great deal of talking was done. When he returned Mr. Holton stood by the table looking very sober, and there were tears sourly inquired mother; but the pud- in the eves of all the women when he ding stick relaxed its vigor slightly and said: "Joe, Jane has concluded she'll father ventured a little nearer the chance it with you. She's been a good girl always, and we hope you'll use her

"I will, Mr. Holton, so help me God," solemnly answered Joe, and he walked over to where Jane stood, and put his arm around her and kissed her.

don't you know!'

So the argument ran.

jority will not. Last year a Chicago

tailor who was on here tried the thing,

and I must say he looked very well. It

was a vast improvement over the regu-

lation long trousers, and I don't won-

der that an effort is being made to in-

troduce it. I understand that the thing is getting to be popular in Chicago, but the trouble is fashion doesn't travel

popular in California, the Sandwich Islands, Japan and throughout Asia

and Europe before they come into

vogue here. In that case we will prob-

ably be making them twenty-five years

hence. Perhaps; I can't say that this

matter, however, is such a novelty that

its spread will be novel, and that Chi-

cago is going to set the style for the

east. That is to say, that Philadelphia will adopt it before New York, and New

York men will carry the fashions

abroad. Such a thing is possible, but not probable. You fellows"—and here

he glanced admiringly at the animated

fashion-plate before him -"are not ant

to adout anything that is not all the go

abroad. If the Prince of Wales, for

instance, were to wear knee-breeches

and a claw-hammer coat at one of the

Queen's drawing rooms, every New York dude would have the news within

the next twenty-four hours, and we

should be overrun with orders, but I

don't believe that because a Chicago

tailor takes a not on that the style

should be changed the Anglo-maniaes of New York and Philadelphia - and it

is from the Anglo-maniaes of these

cities that the fashions of the United

States take shape and form-will catch

der long trousers?" queried the youth

with the slender extremities.

"I think so!"

mon-sense pantaloons.

"Then it would be safe for me to or-

While some changes in male attire

may be discussed at the annual meeting

of the tailors, no attempt will be made,

it is now generally understood, to do

away with the plain, everyday, com-

of the officers of the association this

morning. "Philadelphians don't take

kindly to the knee-breeches idea, and there's no use denying it. Why? Be-

cause we haven't the legs. Look at

the leaders of fashion here. There are

very few well-built men among them.

They are all spindle-shanked fellows,

tioning. How would their legs look in stockings? As a matter of fact, legs

are not what they used to be-far from

our grandfathers had. We don't walk

enough; and unless a man has good

legs knickerbockers are at a discount.

Look well on the stage? O, yes, but

very few stage legs are natural legs.

They are made up, artistically made up, too, and if knee-breeches are

adopted there would be so much pad-

ding of legs by the men about town

that the industry of making false calves

Whether or not knee-breeches are to

become fashionable it is hard to dis-

cover. Opinions on the subject are at

variance, but one thing is certain, more

knickerbockers were worn at the sea-

side and mountain resorts this summer

than ever before, and only in a small

minority of cases was there any reason

to believe that pads were used. De-

spite general sentiment to the contrary,

slender, but well-rounded leg incased

in a neat silk stocking for evening wear, or a heavy ribbed woolen hose for

rough and ready use, looks twice as

well and is much more graceful in ap-

pearance than the fat and knobby ex-

remities that resemble so many Indian

De Lesseys Really a Scotchman.

elnbs.-Philadelphia Bulletin.

would have an unexampled boom."

"What's the use, any way?" said one

Then there was a general handshakway, if I were Jane, I'd empty a bucket | ing, and arrangements were made for the wedding next afternoon; after which Joe and his wife were to come back as chuckled father, who probably would far as our house and the following morning start for home. The wedding was an old-fashioned

country one, and not long after the What further he would have said was a cargo of feather beds, quilts, blankets cut short by the entrance of Joe bearing and housekeeping goods of various kinds, and a nice cow (the pick of the herd) tied behind, for Mr. Holton would not let his daughter go empty-handed. Every second year after that for many Anna's cheese and honey of old, was years Jane came home for a visit. The somewhat mollified by these presents, intervening year she could not come bebut she remained rather sulky all even- cause "the baby was too little to bring," for January. For days nobody had ing; even when Joe filled her wood-box. and the numerous little Tolons grew up

> made these visits if she had come for her Jane always replied: "Not this time. I don't see but Joe and I get along as well as those who take more time for

Father regularly asked Jane when she

knelt reverently at prayers, and she told | And Joe, who was always holding the Thick and fast the downy snowflakes father "he was a likely young man, baby while Jane "undid" the bigger fell, wrapping every tree and shrub in a but"—her lips, shut close, and she ones at the time this question was asked, of the members will try it, but the magarment of pure white and making even shook her head when she thought of his would say approvingly: "That's so,

Jane." "Dear me," said Jane, as, leaning on Dr. Joe Tolon's arm, she threw back During the ride it was arranged that her widow's veil (she has worn that cloaks, scarfs, mittens, and all that par- father was to introduce Joe's errand to nearly ten years now) and wiped her aphernalia of outer garments which lov- the elders, and if they were willing Joe glasses before "The Heart in the Wiling mothers provide and insist on being worn, despite the protests of the wearers. So upon our reaching the farm father "dear me, Joe, that looks just like the like the earth, from west to east, but At last we were free and out upon the and Mr. Holton left Joe and the boys to piece of woods opposite the door of the from east to west. Therefore, kneeput out the team, and they came to the old house when your father brought me breeches, it would seem, must become house and held a conference with Mrs. home. I've seen the deer browsing Holton while Jane was busy building there many a time, I didn't think then it would ever be a city, but your father said it would, and new the cars run over was settling down clear and cold, when farm-house was dreary enough. This that very spot. It's been a long, long been longer than all the rest."-Chicago

A Tongthoo Wedding.

Early one morning we went to see a Tongthoo marriage, having obtained an invitation from the bride. When we reached her house, we were met by a man dealing out lemonade limenade who would not let us pass till we drank some. Immediately we were met by another man, who offered us each a bunch of plantains, a handful of betel leaves, nuts, etc., and a large pinch of a kind of vegetable mixture seeming to have been only wilted over the fire. When we had taken these things to carry, we were allowed to pass up the ladder into the house. In the front room or veranda, and hands were large. Her hair was a the men were sitting on mats, feasting We replied affirmatively, and settled trifle too red for auburn and not yellow on the good things (as they call them) been given to us. Afterwards we passed into the ladies' room, which was really but her cheeks would have shamed the the kitchen, where was a fire-place with grown very long, and then, as if wish- was well covered with dirt, and the the napee jar and a woman smoking; nice white teeth as ever came from a dirty floor, so, after standing awhile. I

put my umbrella down and sat on that, after which a mat was brought me to sit on. As the smoke was preferable to the smell of napee, I turned a friendly face spent in viewing and discussing the to the woman smoking. A tray was stock, in telling the scanty news, and in placed in the midst of the company, into which they dropped their piece, which, I suppose, was to go toward pay-

ing for the feast. After waiting some time-an hour, I think-two men came into the room. vegetable cut up fine-and then followed a man with the lid of a betel-box came suddenly preoceapied, nervous and blushing. Joe enjoyed his dinner and did ample justice to it. and a bottle, pouring out and dealing lid to the company. When it came to urged very strongly. Pretty soon we der till his friend had paid money to "I am twenty-five years old, have those who held a silk handkerchief groom came up the ladder, where he "I've been raised to work and can found his way again stopped before We knew Aunt Anna was a former hold up my end with any man. I have the door of the ladies' room, until he Presently, while Joe was caring for his team, father came in, and all unmindful of the adage about "little" Jane said nothing, and Joe, evidently the cup of spirits, and wound around the cup of spirits, and wound around the bridegroom's wrists, muttering over something as he did so. After four or five windings to each wrist, he again dipped the end into the spirits, touched the man's hand with it, and proceeded me you were a good cook or I wouldn't to wind the bride's wrists in the same

manner. Then he treated the groomsman and bridesmaid just the same, after which they were all made to hold their hands before them, touching the tray, the men holding theirs cup-shaped, and tered away for three or five minutes. He then took the two cups, put one into the hands of the bridegroom the other into the bride's hands, and they were housewife. Then suddenly checking her-self as one who had said too much or said groomsman and bridesmaid to sip and exchange as the married couple had done. Then the old man gathered up all the money on the tray into a betelbox, and presented it to the husband with a little speech, and he presented it to his wife, and she took it into her

> their example, bringing our plantains with us .- Cor. Albany Argus. -The Portland Oregonian speaks of recent "shower" that lasted forty-

room, which ended the ceremony. The

young husband and his friends got up

and returned home, and we followed

Knee-Breeches. A Washington Romauce. "When are knee-breeches coming Twenty years ago in this city a lady into style?" asked a youth with a pair was married to an army officer, and a of pipe-stem legs which stuck down from a marvelously short-tailed over-coat like two shawl-pins inserted in a year afterward a plump girl-baby blessed the union. Major W. and bis wife subsequently quarreled and parted. champagne-bottle cork. He addressed his tailor—his long-suffering tailor— who for eighteen months had been try-Mrs. W. taking the child with her to San Francisco, where after a few years she secured a divorce and afterward ing to collect from him an ever-increasmarried a Mr. B. in the "Golden City." ing bill, and who was now debating in mind whether or not he should give him credit for a new dress suit. The Her second husband died in the course of time, and about a year or two since she made her way back to this city. question as to the knee-breeches was with her daughter, who had grown to omewhat of a conundrum, but it called beautiful womanhood and secured a poup a train of thought which, for the sition in one of the departments. time being, put the credit debate out of Major W. left Washington shortly mind. "You see," added the youth, as after his separation from his wife. He he tapped his toothpick shoe with the was mustered out of the service, settled tip of his long crutch cane, "I don't down in a western city and married

want to order a new pair of long trousers for evening wear if knickerbockers and silk stockings are to be the go. The whirligig of time brought him to the National Capital, where he became Government clerk. This was some could make out with my old ones until the fellows catch on, if the fashion time before the arrival of his first wife. is likely to change within six months, Time had dealt gently with both of them, the ear-marks of the destroyer telling more plainly on the Major by a Whereupon the tailor went into a disslight stoop in the shoulders and a cussion of the question of pro and con. The Philadelphia Merchant Tailors' Aspientiful sprinkling of gray hairs. sociation, he said, would hold their an-One day not long since the Major passed his first wife on Pennsylvania | feet long, 55 inches wide and five-eighths Avenue in company with a pretty young

nual meeting and banquet in this city in February, and it had been proposed that all who attend should wear kneelady. He had not heard from her for fifteen years and knew nothing of her breeches, black silk hose, low shoes and whereabouts during that time. She buckles. The idea has not met with general favor among the tailors. While some of them—the fashionable, swell knew him, but did not care to recognize him, for she had not known of his life since they parted. The Major looked upper ten, silk and satin lined tailorswere in favor of it, and would willingly have gone to the expense of fitting long and wistfully at the former partner of his bosom, who, though slightly themselves with doeskin, the old fogy aged, bore pleasing traces of her former Seauty, and the thought struck him as fellows who still have a hankering for balloon pants and for spring bottoms he looked at her beautiful companion: put their feet down in rebellion, and 'This is my daughter!' said they would not agree to any such nonsense. Philadelphia men, they After a search of some weeks he dissaid, had not the calves to make kneebreeches a success, and for that reason

overed that his former wife and daughter resided on Capitol Hill. He addressed them a letter; the wife did not respond, but allowed the daughter they would not be a party to inauguto do so. The latter met her father by rating the fashion. Philadelphia, the home of the Quakers, had never led the appointment away from her mother's home. The meeting is said to have been world in the way of style and costume, and it was too late to begin now. Let an affecting one. Since that time the Major has showered upon his long-lost London take the initiative, they said; girl not only his parental love, but rare let New York follow, and perhaps in the course of a few years the city of and interesting gifts, and the twain can be seen together on Pennsylvania Ave-Penn would be compelled to join in: nue on any fair day, mixing with the but they could not think of being first. promenaders. The daughter still lives with her mother, who does not speak to, "You see," said the tailor to his and has made no sign to, one whom dude customer, "the wearing of this style of costume at the annual supper she once loved and who did not treat her kindly, she alleges, in "Auld Lang will not be general. I dare say some

The reality of the above story surpasses the romances we see from week o week upon the dramatic stage, and only reminds us of the old, old traism that "Truth is stranger than fiction." -Washington Letter.

The German Railways. The total length of the German railvays is 30,002 kilometers; or 18,750 En. capital value of the German railways is about 300,000,000 sterlings. The large proportion of 22,178 kilometers out of the total are State lines, and of this again 15,395 kilometers are owned by Prussia, which, as was lately intimated. now proposes to buy up the chief private lines remaining in that Kingdom at a cost of about 23,000,000 sterling. Before many years are over it is probable that the German States will own the whole of the railways, and-which is not probable in France, for example -will get a large profit out of their working. German politics are wonderfully methodical and business-like. Laxity in the conduct of railways by State officials, especially Prussian, would no more be tolerated than laxity on the field of battle. The money spent on railways by the German Government is one of the few instances of really profitable reproductive State expenditure. Chiefly wanted for strategical purposes in time of war, the lines are nevertheless worked on commercial principles in time of peace. Accounts are published for the five months ended with May last, from which it appears that the combined railways of Germany had gross traffic receipts of 373,500,000 marks, or nearly 19,000,000 sterling, being at the rate of 45,000,000 per annum; and the increase last year for the five months is £713,000, or 31 per cent. If this rate of progress continues the earlier the Governments of Germany buy up the whole system the better investment the railways will be, for the lines are no source of loss, as it is under

State control.—Pall Mall Gazette. Unexplored and Unknown.

The English are beginning in a vague way to realize the magnitude of India. and to comprehend that it contains some tifty millions more people thau all Europe west of the Vistula. Few, however, are quite aware of the number of its cities, or believe that it includes sixty-two with more than 50,000 people, and twenty-two with more than 100,000: namely; Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Hydrabad, Lucknow, Benares, Delhi, We haven't anything like the legs Patna, Agra, Bangalore, Umritsur, Cawnpore, Lahore, Allahabad, Jeypore. Rangoon, Poona, Ahmedabad, Bareilly, Surat, Howra, and Baroda. We give them in order of population, but, properly speaking, in the English way of counting, Howra, the Southwork of Calcutta, should be included in the capital, which with it contains above 866,000 souls, and is the greatest, as it is by far the wealthiest city in the empire. Below the limit of 50,000 the towns become more numerous, and there are hundreds with populations above 20,000. The majority of the latter are quite unknown to Europeans, an active magistrate or two excepted; and so far as we are aware, there is no book in England which gives the slightest account of their organization, or of the life and people in them. Yet many of them have histories of two thousand years, and in all flourish families which think themselves noble. and have long pedigrees and stirring tales to parrate. We hear every now and then much of Indian princes who in India are hardly mentioned, and of "educated natives," a scarcely perceptible class, but of the true "British India" as little is known at home as of the eastern provinces of Peru.-London

Scotchmen will be more than ever Some Instances of Discipline. convinced that no good thing can come In many of the departments at Washout of any place south of the Tweed by ington much grumbling is heard among the clerks of the rigid enforcement of the results of the genealogical researches which M. de Lesseps has just made known. Like so many other Frenchthe rules governing employes. An asmen he is really, it seems, a Scotchsistant chief of a prominent division of man. In Scotland there were many the treasury, who had been in the de-Lasseps and Lessels, Lesseps and Laspartment twenty-five years, went into sels, while in France there were none of the corridor the other day to point out his name except himself and his own the direction of the cash-room to his family. One of his direct ancestors | wife and a lady friend, and upon rewas with James II. at St. Germain, and turning to his work found on it a card t was at that time that his family setdirecting him to report to the Secretary tled in France. The discovery of his | for disobeying rules in leaving his desk Scotch origin seems to have made a on matters not connected with public great impression on M. de Lesseps, for business. Not long ago a clerk in anhe referred to the matter at considerother department was a few minutes able length twice over during his visit behind in reporting for duty. He was to Newcastle; and, indeed, some of the fined seven cents for being tardy, and details are highly interesting from the point of view of hereditary genius. M. de Lesseps is proud of being a diplomatist, and the conduct of one of his the fine taken out of his wages at the end of the month. To do this it was necessary for his immediate superior to formally communicate to the disbursing ancestors who was ordered to arrest officer of the department, who carefully Henry IV. of France, but who, instead computed the value of the time lost, and of arresting the King, forewarned him then the Auditor and First Comptroller of arresting the king, forewarded him of his danger, may perhaps be taken to show that diplomacy runs in the family. So, again, although M. de Lessèps modestly disclaims being himself in any sort an engineer, it is interesting to know that one of his ancestors followed had to approve the account, and by the time the red tape performance was ended the Government had lost probably the value of one day's time of a clerk in formally passing the fine of seven cents upon the tardy employe and collecting the same.—Detroit Post a technical profession, and that, according to vestry records still preserved, the Cathedral at Edinburg was built by an architect named Lessons. and Tribune.

Some 30,000 children are liging on sanal boats in England.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

-There are over 200,000 horses and 100,000 vehicles of all kinds licensed in New York City.

-Cleveland's 136 mills, with \$21 .-202,500 capital and 17,114 hands turned out \$32,411,600 worth of manufactured iron last year .- Cleveland Leader. -The State debt of Ohio is \$4,490.

000. The aggregate debts of counties, cities, towns and school districts in the State is \$43,388,000, -- Cincinnati Times. -The average of the pulse in infancy is 120 per minute; in manhood, 80; at sixty years, 60. The pulse of females

is more frequent than of males. - Scien-

lific American. -Slaves in the Soudan are taken down to the coast, put on board a vessel and shipped by night to Arabia, whence they are distributed to all parts of the Turkish Empire.

-This year's sales of petroleum at New York, Oil City and Bradford amounted to 4,249,820,000 barrelsmore than a hundred times the entire supply of oil in the world .- N. Y. Her--A belt made in Lowell, Mass., and

sent to a Western flouring-mill is 160 of an inch thick. It contains 200 hides. weighs one ton, and valued at \$2,000 .--Chicago Times. -The Governor General and the members of the Cabinet of the Dominion of Canada are paid salaries amount

more than is paid to the President of the United States and his Cabinet. -The statistics of the New York Coroner's Office for 1883 are as follows: Sudden deaths from natural causes, 1, 296: deaths where there was no medical attendance, principally children under one year of age, 1,231; accidental deaths by violence, 414; deaths from falls, 405; suicides (males 186, females 24) total 160; deaths by drowning, 225; run over by vehicles and killed, 87; homicides 49; ante-mortem examinations made 18; total number of cases attended to

ing to \$155,000 yearly, which is \$49,000

3,880.—N. Y. Tribune. -In the vocation of fishing, during the year 1883, seventeen Gloucester (Mass.) vessels were lost and 200 liver were sacrificed Of these men lost at sea, forty left widows, and sixty-eight children were bereft of their natural protectors. In the stress and strain of a seafaring life seventy-one men were capsized or were driven from their crafts. and were carried ashore or rescued by passing vessels after incredible hardships. The total topnage lost was 1,120, valued at \$91,300, on which there was an insurance of \$76,972. In 1882 the total losses were 115 lives, and twelve vessels valued at \$79,700 .- Boston Herald.

WIT AND WISDOM.

-It was a son of Erin who asked the plish miles, of which 29,354 kilometers meeting to excuse him from serving on unexpectedly called away. - Chicago

-Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we con verse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy is the best bred in the company. - Swift. -Doctor-"There, get that prescrip-

three times a day before meals.' Pauper Patient-"But, doctor, I don't get but one meal in two days."-Texas —A generous young lady, having loaned Suiffins fifty dollars, he declares that he has at last arrived at an owe-a-

tion filled and take a tablespoonful

sis in his life. There are people who would fetch puns all the way from the desert.—N. Y. Mail. -"Why don't you get up as early as you used to a few days ago?" angrily asked a wife of her lazy husband. "Beeause, my dear, it's sleep year," he

grinned, as he turned over for another snooze. - Chicago Times. -The author of the "Ingoldsby Legends" used to tell a story of the complete discomfiture of a wit of no inferior order by a message, politely delivered at a supper party by a little girl: "If you please, Mr. Jones," said the child. "mamma sends her compliments, and

would be much obliged if you would begin to be funny." -"John," said Mrs. Parvenu, "what's all this in the papers about Baker's pershaw and the Soudan?" "Oh," said her husband, "it's some further trouble in the East. I don't know much about it." "Trouble in the East," said Mrs. Parvenu, "well, you might expect it. I always said them New England folks was no earthly use except for pumpkin pies and darning stock-

ings!"-N. Y. Mail. -The Fun of It-A hill; a sled painted red. The name in yellow;

A boy in cap and mits and wrap—

The track like ice—that's very nice;
A scrape and rumble;
A little swerve, a tricky curve—

A whirl, a stop; the sled on top— Snow all is hiding; A merry laugh—yet is this not The fun of sliding? -Good humor is de safes' quality in a man. As long as de dog wags his tail dar ain' no danger in him. I'se spicious o' de man whut bows low. De mole goes down mighty low, but ah, Lawd, whut mischief he does. Dar's no hope in dis worl' an' no hope in de naixt fur de man whut doan' lub his chile. In dis respeck he's wus den de wolf. Too close 'tention ter bus'ness ain't good fur de system. De rooster what crows all night crows de weakes'

Daniel Webster and His Retainer.

in de mornin'. - Arkansaw Traveller.

When Webster was at the zenith of his career, a gentleman waited upon him one day to engage him for the defense in an important case at law, the amount at stake in the suit being \$80,000. The gentleman asked Webster

what the retaining fee would be.
"A thousand dollars." "A thousand dollars!" exclaimed the

"Yes. But think for a moment what I engage to dc, sir. I do not only hold myself at your service in the matter, CHICAGO HERALD, age, etc. perhaps for a month or more, but debar myself from accepting any ofter, no matter how large, from the plaintiff.' The applicant was satisfied with this explanation, wrote out a check for the Daily for amount and gave it to the great expounder, who, after he had put it into his pocket, said:
"I will now give you a bit of advice

gratis. If you can compromise this bus ness upon fair terms with the plaintiff. you had better do so." The client expressed his thanks, and took his leave. In a few days after the gentleman called upon Webster again and told him that a compromise had been effected, and the matter satisfactorily settled. Webster duly congratulated his visitor on the result and would have turned to other business, but the visitor seemed to have something further

on his mind. "Of course," he ventured, after pause, "I shall not require your services, terms to agents and clubs. Mr. Webster."

"Certainly not, sir." "And-and how about the \$1,000 paid you?" faintly asked the gentle-man, who was not quite reconciled to paying such a sum for services which were never to be rendered. "Oh, ah!" responded Daniel, with a bland smile. "You don't seem to un-

derstand. It is very simple. That was a retaining fee-called in law a 'retainer.' By virtue of the contract, I also became a retainer. What should I retain, if not my fee?"—Beeten Gleba



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