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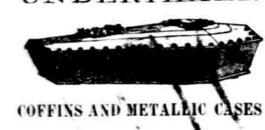
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thing as coal, which is sold at so much

s ton, but few persons realize that all

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mand. - N. I. Tribune.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 1885.

ebery day de good old names of Jane an' Betsey an' Sarah an' Emma an' Lucy am growin' in contempt wid de

female sect. "Speakin' fur de cull'd race alone. I say dat de fadder who rises above Moses or Samuel or William when huntin' fur a name fur his boy baby am coaxin' biles and bunions to grow whar dey doan' need to. De mudder who can't make a selection from Chloe, Catherine, Violet an Sarah Jane needn't feel rieties which the average observer can riled if her gal runs off wid a bowlegged stove-blacker an' eands up her days in a garret. Let us now attack de reg'lar purceedin's." - Proceedings of Lime-Kiln Club, in Detroit Free Press.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES.

young woman, or the expansive shirt front of her millionaire papa, should The Kind of People Who Fill Clerical Posttions at Washington. ural stones now in the possession of a With the exception of a few ancient servants who have life leases upon their tion in the country, and the most costpositions, and perhaps half a dozen ly one of the kind in the world. It contains 904 specimens, having an ag- trained experts in special branches. gregate weight of 1,877 carats and in- every one of the clerks, door-keepers, messengers, etc., is the retainer of some Senator or member. Deriving his apblack diamonds in all those forms with pointment nominally from the official whose seventeen-syllabled names the scientist delights to wrestle, are there at the head of his department, it is realin costly profusion. From the coarse ly the result of a trade between such conglomerate containing minute diaofficial and the member whose protege monds, and only valuable for grinding the appointee is. The member has up to form polishing dust, up to the voted for the official in the caucus in perfectly pure white or vellow crystal weighing twenty-five carats and worth consideration of being permitted to dictate certain appointments, and in this \$3,000 or \$4,000 there are 125 gradamanner he pays off some of the obligations incurred during his canvass. Every State in the Union thus has its diamond dealer in France, and is valued at \$30,000. The black diamond representatives in the Congressional -the prossaic reality, not the poetic retinue, most of them being bright, figure of the novelist - is a tough sub- keen-witted, active young politicians ect, known to the lapidary as the "ex- who are exceedingly useful personages treme of extreme hardness." and is ut. at ward meetings, conventions and terly incapable of polish. A specimen elections at their own homes. Strict was shown the reporter which had been devotion to the interests of their Conkept upon the stone for three months gressional patrons is exacted of them. without producing a luster approach- and woe to the clerk or messenger who ing to that which the "boss-shine-in-the- fails to render the full measure of loval city-for-five-cents" man would create service which is demanded. During the in half a minute on an old shoe. There | Congressional vacations they return were many examples of what is known to their homes, and go up and down to the mineralogist as "twinning," the their district sounding the praises

combination of several distinct crystals of the sitting member, telling what a in one mass. In some cases there great man he is at Washington, were little diamonds set in the facets of and showing how the interests of the arge ones. The small diamonds were country will suffer if he is not re-electevidently the result of an earlier crys- ed. Altogether, the Congressional emtallization and were afterward included ployes are a very nimble lot of politiin a later formation. In one specimen cians, and quite a number of fullthe smaller crystal was loose and could | fledged statesmen have been graduated be removed from its socket, leaving a from their ranks. Senator Gorman, of square hole in the facet of the larger Maryland, began life as a page in the stone. There are one hundred crystals body of which he is now a member; of various shades of pink and wine and there are, perhaps, a score of sitcolor, twenty of fine resinous, canary ting Congressmen who served the and orange shade of yellow, and some House in their younger days as clerks, rare cubic crystals from Brazil. Twenty- messengers or pages. But the great two of the diamonds are in their native | majority of these Congressional attaches rocks or matrices. One peculiar green never come to much. Their environpiece of rock, about the size which ment at Washington is not conducive a small boy would select to threw at a to industry, independence, or ambigoat, was pointed out as the largest tion. The duties which they perform

specimen of sahlite in existence-sci- are, for the most part, purely mechanentific name, chromium diopside. A ical, and a few years of routine work greenish brown crystal had the opal- at the capital reduces them to the lescence and fluorescence of crude petroleum, a beautiful liquid sheen. Still bounded opportunities to familiarize others contained red oxide of iron, and themselves with the practical operawith their blood-red spots looked as if tions of the Government, and to master they might have graced the hands of the details of legislative work, few im-Lady Macbeth when stained with the prove them. Many of them come to imaginary gore of the murdered Dun- the capital fresh from the country. can. Some resembled little brown with little or no knowledge of the seeds, some were triangular star-shaped | world, and speedily fall victims to the and some oval. Others were clustered manifold temptations of Washington together in a group of twenty-five or life. Those who escape these perils more, and still others were rolled up and continue to retain their places for together in a ball by the mutiplicity of a series of years are prone to toadvism "twinings"—in fact, there was every and sycophancy. Depending upon conceivable form in which the crystal favor for their appointment and retention in office, they make haste to pay Once the reporter held in his hand a homage to the rising sun, and have pin set with a pure yellow African dia- very little time or attention to waste

mond of 125 carats, absolutely without upon him whose race is run. I heard a member the other day bitterly reproaching some of the lackeys and nothing but the fear of incommoding the numerous gentlemanly clerks about the hall of the House for their who blocked the various avenues of exit | neglect of him. "They all know I prevented him from departing in haste haven't been re-elected," he explained to me, "and it is all that I can do to to attend a certain pressing engagement. get any service out of them. The mem-George F. Kuntz, the diamond expert ber who sits next to me has been returned, and if he makes the slightest says that the taste of Americans is more signal half a dozen pages will exacting in the matter of these gems. keeping pace with the increasing de- toward him with the utmost alacrity. I frequently beat my hands together until they are almost blistered without attracting their attention, and when I do succeed they move toward me as Brother Gardner Inveighs Against the leisurely as you please, and execute my orders with a display of con-Practice of Naming Children After Cedescension that would be amusing if

it were not so annoying." "Perhaps you have incurred their displeasure in some way," I suggested, "and their neglect of you is not due to

your defeat. "No, indeed," was the reply. Gardner Holdback. I presume it am a fore I went home, last spring, all the boy baby, though it may be a gal. De clerks, messengers and pages were most writer flatters hisself dat de fucher of assiduous in their attentions. But when dat chile will be plain sailin'. If any- left at the election, I found that they I came back in December, after getting body wants to name his offspring after regarded me as a person of very little me or Sir Isaac Walpole, or Giveadam importance, and since that time have Jones, or Judge Cadaver, we can't hin- been inclined to look upon me in the der, but so fur as I ar' personally con- light of an intruder. It is so with all sarned I want to indulge in a few re- the members who have failed of reelection. They are all making com-"I verily believe dat de foolishness of plaints, and I guess they have reason

sartin parents in tvin' names to deir to. I tell you that these fellows who offsprings has beclouded an' wrecked hang about the Capitol picking up the many lives. De ole man who was crumbs that fall from the Congressional shovelin' snow nex' doah to me de od- table have a keen eye for the main der day was named Henry Clay. It was chance, and no use whatever for a on de ideah dat he would make a mighty statesman whose days of official life are smart man; but de minit he got old numbered." 'nuff to realize who an' what Clav was I was relating this conversation a few he pulled right back. He couldn't moments later to a prominent member nebber git dar', an' he knowed it. In- who has served several terms, and who

stead of bein' addressed as Henery appears to have a "sure thing" on his Clay, eberybody calls him 'Hank Dirt,' seat for all time to come. "Well," he an' he's gwine to be called dat till de clay kivers his coffin.

"Some y'ars ago a naybur o' mine said, "I suppose the members the are not coming back have some casen to complain of many of the flouse emted colleagues after election since I and no doubt snubbed by the a while. was too long fur de public to grapple

A little observation about the capital wid, an' so he was called 'Wash Grant,' has shown me that the Congressmen Later on it got to be 'Washboard' an' | who is to retire to private life on the by de name of Washboard Smith he am 4th of March is in truth a vastly less important personage than the one who "I has seen Prime Minister Jones is booked for another term. Having no drawin' a swill cart around, while clus behind him, leading a yaller dog by a piece of old clothesline, came Montmorenci Stubbins. I has seen Queen Catherine Bivens at de wash tub, while de Princess Bienville was a' hangin' out de clothes fur her. I has whitewashed on two and them was a two have sured upon him unrer lingly in the last. But such is life. If you want to study human nature, come to ngress for a term or two and them want yourself to be declothes fur her. I has whitewashed on de same old job wid Czar Jackson, an' I has blacked stoves alonside of George de Fo'th Bones.

"De white folks am jist as bad, an' it really does me good to see by de papers det allowed by the state of two and them mit yourself to be defeated for respection. The last three or four up this of your Confessional service will give your clear dissipht into the foibles an weaknesse of your fellowed by the state of the state I has blacked stoves alonside of George | or four u

dat 'Hortense Victoria Clark' has other way.-Washington Cor. Chicago skipped out wid 'De Lisle Fitzhue Times. -A naturalist has discovered that per week. Ebery day de Police Judge one of the curiosities of natural history am sendia' Zachariah Chandlers, Rosis that a woman says "shee' to coe Conklings. Thomas Jeffersons and frighten a chicken and "boo" Heary W. Longfellows to de jug. an' goose.

DYNAMITE. THE POWER C

It is Greatly Overestimated and Soon to be Supersoded an Explosive. Dynamite, in ats simplest form, closely resembles moist brown sugar and is nitro-glycan absorbed in any inert base. It is no eyet twenty years old, having been first offered for sale In June, 1867. In the form in which it is licensed, denamite must consist of seventy-five or cent. of nitro-glycerine and twent five per cent. of an infusorial ear known as kieselguhr.

Of dynamic properly so called there are only to kinds, distinguished as o. 1 and No. 2. No. 1 is dynamite ! seventy-five per cent. of composed nitro-glycoine and twenty-five per cent. of the infusoria earth kieselguhr; No. 2 of eighteen per cent. of nitro-glycerine and eighty-two per cent. of a pulverized preparation composed of nitrate of potash, charcoal and paraffine; a mixture introduced to replace

gunpowder in coal-working where dynamite No. 1 was too powerful. Nitro-gly erine in a very pale-yellow oily liquid, shout half as heavy again as water. It is simply a cold mixture of one part of nitric acid and three parts of sulphuric acid. It has no smell, but a sweet aromatic taste, and, though it is not in a strict sense misonous, yet a single drop placed on the tongue will almost immediately produce a violent headache; ev handling of it, before the dynamite cartridges were in 1870 wrapped in parchment, would do the same. The "dynamite headache" is a disorder very well known in the trade.

The discovery of dynamite was due, as has been generally supposed, to accident, but to direct experiment. The first made consisted of charcoal and nitro-glycerine, and, before the porous silica known as kieselguhr was finally adopted, numerous trials were made of various other absorbents, such as porous terra cotta, sawdust and ordinary | C. and nitrated paper soaked in the liquid explosive and rolled into cartridges. During the siege of Paris, when the kieselguhr ran short, the French engineers found the best substitute to lie in the ashes of Boghead coal, and next to

that in pounded sugar. mite are numbered. The explosive of the future is undoubtedly blasting gel-atine, the latest invention of Mr. Alfred Nobel, of Edinburgh. Already on the . continent, the manufacture of this new agent has assumed important dimensions. Many of the later operations of the St. Gothard tunnel were carried out with pure blasting gelatine, and in Austria, the richest of all the European countries in mines, except Great Britain, the factories where dynamite was formerly made are now given over to its manufacture. It is simply dynamite a base actif, containing ninety-three per cent. of nitro-glycerine, with a base of seven per cent. of collodion wool, that is itself an explosive, in place of the inert kieselguhr. As a blasting agent it s more homogeneous than dynamite. and on account of its elasticity, is less sensible to outward impressions, while in handling or cutting the cartridges there is no loss of the material, as sometimes occurs with dynamite. Its further advantages are that the gases after explosion are lighter and thinner, and leave no dust, developing at the same time considerable more power. Taking the power of dynamite at one thousand and nitro-glycerine at one thousand four hundred and eleven, blasting gelatine is represented by the figures one thousand five hundred and fifty-five, in addition to which superiority it is capable, unlike dynamite, of retaining its nitro-glycerine when brought in con-

tact with water. The destructive power of dynamite which, contrary to the common opinion, does not act downward, but equally in all directions, and with the greatest violence where there is the greatest resistance, has been greatly exaggerated. Although it has from five to seven times the explosive power of gunpowder, it is comparative trifling in its effects at even short distances. The dynamiter, with all his daring and cunning, has after all, succeeded in doing us no more damage than gas has often done before. It would be better for him, if he desires to continue the warfare, to return to his ancient ally gunpowder, which above ground is a much more noisy and demoralizing

at their disposal lay a whole city in ruins-nor even a street. They may injure special buildings, and that is the most they can do. The dynamite employed for these purposes is, in the maority of cases, of the kind known as lignin-dynamite, a wholly unlicensed explosive, composed of sawdust and nitro-glycerine, and in its effects considerable weaker than that in common use. - Cornhill Magazine.

THE FLYING-SQUIRREL Its Habits, Habitat and Its Peculia

The common flying squirrel (Sciuropterus volans) calls but for a brief mention here, as it is entirely harmless to the farmer, never injuring any of his crops. It is easily recognized by the closely-furred flying membrane extending along the sides from the anterior to the posterior limbs. The tail is densely furred, and is quite flat. Above, the color is a vellowish slate, common ground squirrel. The "flight" of this species is performed by its ascending to a height and widely expanding the flying membranes as it leaps into the air. There is no motion of the "wings," the animal simply floating U. Carpenters and Contractors. from tree to tree. I have seen them glide through the air in this manner for a distance exceeding forty

vards. This is a strictly nocturnal species, and is gregarious, large numbers being always found together. It builds no summer leaf nest, but makes its home in hollow trees, crannies in rocks, and even under the eaves and among the crevices of houses and barns, occasionally sharing its abode with woodpeckers, screechowls and bats. From three to six young are produced by this squirrel yearly, and frequently a second litter is brought forth within the year. in the Southern States. The food of the dying squirrel consists of nuts seeds and tree buds, and it has been caught in traps baited only with meat, which goes to show that it is, at least at times, carnivorous. This is a particularly gentle and timid animal, becoming tame in a few hours when captured, and never making any attempt to bite. The flying squirrel ranges over nearly the whole of North America, and is an abundants pecies. - Ralph W. Sgiz, in Country Gentleman.

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THE HORSE'S FOOT.

Peculiar Construction of An Equine Hoof -The Coffin Joint. The foundation upon which a horse

stands has a far more important bearing upon his usefulness and value than men are inclined to admit. We therefore present a letter from a practical and experienced veterinarian, Dr. Joseph Hirsch, recently located at Fort Worth, Texas, upon "the horse's foot," which appeared in a recent issue of the Texas Live Stock Journal. A careful study of this subject will prepare the horseman for intelligent act on when it becomes necessary to correct defects or diseases in the feet of the horse. The doctor says:

"The horns, claws, nails and hoofs of animals are all composed of material Foreign and Inland Exchange, Passage similar to hair, and they are often spoken of as built up of hairs firmly matted together. The same cell which forms the scaly epithelium, epidermis and hair is used in building up the horny structures.

"The hoof of the horse may be described according to its formation, in three distinct parts, called respectively the 'wall,' sole,' and 'frog.' Each division of the hoof is composed of horn, differ ng in texture at different parts. That which enters into the composit on of the wall is denser than that of the other divisions, it is of a fibrous nature and the fibres taking a longitudinal direction from the coronet downward, and are endowed with an elasticity which fits them to embrace the complex structure, support weight and resist wear. The density of the horny fibres is greatest as they approach the surface of the wall, the other layers acting as seuticular covering to defend the inner from external agencies, such as a dry atmosphere, excessive moistare, etc. The depth and strength of the wall are greatest at the toe. At the heel it is inflected inward, so as to form an internal wall. These inflections are named the bars! The sole is the next division of the hoof, and viewed in connect.on with the wall it may be regarded as the arched support of the foot. The frog is composed of horn of nutria and carpincho on the river The hours of the supremacy of dyna- | 2th Street, 2 doors west of Hammond House, pliable than the sole; besides, it covers not due to the unsuitability of the sub-491.y an exquisitely elastic organized struct- tropical species of the neighboring zones are of its own shape. The bones which enter into the con-truction of the foot fertile valleys of the Andes beyond should be understood with reference to these particular factions, to the reu red action of these solid parts; all other structures concerned in the locomotive functions are made sub-

distinct orders as regards functions, one of which, sustaining the weight, are acted upon and are the levers which give speed and all motion; the others are formed into projecting pullevs, buttresses, and also become levers in connection with the shafts alluded to in the first order, of which the cannon, pastern, coronary and pedal bones constitute those of the foot extremity in both fore and hind limbs, and of the latter there are two pairs and two single bones in each extremity, viz: The navicular, the two sessamoids and the two splint bones, with the pisiforne in the fore and the ealeis in the hind

"In describ ng the bones of a horse's foot whilst limiting our observations to the scope of this essay, there are only three which come under our notice. These are first the coronet bone, the foot or coffin bone, and the navicular bone. By the connection of these the coffin joint is formed-a joint exquisitely | eautiful, and of the first importance in its exactly assigned functions."-

THE COYOTE'S VOICE.

Its Amplitude. The voice of the coyote bears almost the same proport on to the covote as a mosquito's bite doe- to a mosquito. In each case the living organism is immathere is only one thing that can imitate a covote's call, and that is an Indian. This seems to imply that an Indian must be the more comprehensive songconversely there is only one thing which can imitate an Indian. and that is a covote. The coyote's voice, moreover, has one occuliarity in which he gets ahead of the Indian; it does not echo. It used to echo, but the covotes would not stand it. They hated to have it flung in their teeth that a mere soulless atmospheric phenomenon could keep even with them, o one day they got up early and set themselves to heat the cho. Daybreak was just break ng as the first coyote commenced a second covote took up the burden and sang t I dawn. But the echo was out of a manhole and climbing the still on time. Twent three colotes used themsel es up, and still the echo staples fastened on the outer wall. came up smiling. Every note was echo was scarcely perceptibly behind weather-vane. A sailor agreed to do guaranteed. Shop on 13th Street, near the re-penses. That exhausted the it, and ascended in the way I have told St. Paul Lumber Yard, Columbus, Ne- v.s.ble supply of covotes, so the first von until he came to the conestone. v.s.ble supply of covotes, so the first vou, until he came to the copestone, of the last page but one. Another week so exasperated at the sailor for needincreased the coyote's lead to one hour lessly frightening the people by standand four furlings. Then the an mals doubled up, and by the middle of July | that he would not allow him to be paid. the echo mauled beyond recognition. On the 293d round the echo went down without being touched, and the covotes claimed a foul. Since then the echo never touches a covote, because he

back of it. It is the same sprit of for hish jeulousy which makes coyotes The main beauty of the covote's song is its numerousness. It is the only livcomparatively complicated and I could Maine. not invent alphabets quick et. gn to keep count. You have heard a dog in the Shell Creek Valley, and the north- howling at a hand-organ? Well, a wire could be carried above the trees ern portion of Platte county.—Taxes covoir is more like that than anything paid for non-residents. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Now like both, the dog and a hand-grant well, a and mountains, one could whisper the reports immediately cessed. organ.-Cor. Minneupolis Tribune.

Poculiar Characteristics of the Great Plains Extending From the Andes to the Amazon Basin.

THE PAMPAS.

WHOLE NO. 780.

The peculiar characteristics of these vast level plains which descend from the Andes to the great river basin in unbroken monotony are the absence of rivers or water storage, and the periodical occurrence of droughts, or "siccos." in the summer months, These conditions determine the singular character both of its flora and fauna. The soil is naturally fertile and favorable for the growth of trees, and they grow luxuriantly wherever they are protected. The Eucalyptus is covering large tracts wherever it is inclosed, and willows, poplars and the fig surround every estancis when fenced in. The open plains are covered with droves of horses and cattle, and overrun by numberless wild rodents, the original tenants of the Pampas. During the long periods of drought which are so great a scourge to the country, these animals are starved by thousands, destroying in their efforts to live every vestige of vegetation. In one of these siccos, at the time of my visit, no less than fifty thousand head of oxen and sheep and horses perished from starvation and thirst, after tearing deep out of the soil every trace of vegetation, includ-

ing the wiry root of the Pampas grass. Under such circumstances the existence of an unprotected tree is impossible. The only plants that hold their own, in addition to the indestructble thistles, grasses and clover, are a little herbaceous exalis, producing viviparous buds of extraordinary vitality, a few poisonous species, such as the hemlock, and a few tough, thorny, dwarf acacias, and wiry rushes, which even a starving rat refuses. Although the cattle are a modern introduction the numberless indigenous rodents must always have effectually prevented the introduction of any other species of plants, large tracts are still honeycombed by the ubiquitous biscacho, a gigantic rabbit; and numerous other rodents still exist, including rats and mice, Pampas hares, and the great That the dearth of plants can not hold good with respect to the Mendoza, where a magnificent hardy flora is found. Moreover, the extensive introduction of European plants which has taken place throughout the country has added nothing to the botany of the Pampas beyond a few species "The bones of the limbs belong to two unassailable by cattle, such as the two species of thistle which are invading large districts in spite of their constant destruction by the fires which always accompany the siecos. - Nature. ----

ABOUT STEEPLES. Some True Stories About Climbing the Spires of Public Buildings.

A great many years ago a hurricane occurred in Utica, N. Y. Just as it began it was noticed that a heavy swing sign in front of a store was held out in

a horizontal position for some time. Before long the force of the wind inreased to such a degree that several houses on Genessee Street Hill were unroofed, and the spire of the Second Presbyterian Church was thrown to

After the storm was over it was discovered that the rod holding the weather-vane on the top of the tall steeple of the First Presbyterian Church was bent so that it became nearly horizontal. It was unsightly: but how to repair the injury was the question. It would be no easy task, as there was a large ball, or globe, on the rod below the vane. After awhile a sailor offered his service. He ascended the steeple, and climbed the rod until he came just beneath the globe. Then he threw a rope out a good many times, until. after awhile, the end looped around over the rod above the globe, long terial, except as a vehicle. They say enough to reach to him. Twisting the rope together, he let go of the iron rod, and, trusting himself to the rope, swung out free. By climbing it he now

managed to get on the top of the globe. Standing there, he succeeded in straightening the rod that held the weather-vane. Now, how was he to get down? Again trusting to the rope that was fastened to the rod above the globe, he swung free at a great heigh from the earth: then lowering himself, and swinging back and forth, he managed to grasp the rod beneath the globe, and, soon reaching the spire, descended. The steeple of Salisbury Cathedral is the highest in England, and next to that of Strasburg Cathedral, the highest in Europe. Every year a man climbs to the top to grease the weatherthe oversure, and when he left at dusk | vane. This is done by ascending the inside as far as possible and then going rest of the way by means of the brass taken up as it tell due, and all drafts | King was present, a reward was ofwere cashed on sight. When the fered, as usual, to any person who eighty-seventh covote succumbed the would ascend and attend to the

Once on a festal occasion, when the one went to bat again. This was too when, to show what he could do, he much for the e.co. It broke its spirit. stood on his head. Then performing When the second covote relieved guard | the task he was sent to do, that of it was two bars, twenty-five cents be- grasing the vane, he decended and hind. By dawn be was only at the top claimed his reward. But the King was ing on his head at such a great height -Philadelphia Press.

Clara Louise and the Governor.

Abner Coburn, whose body fills a never knows how many more there are new-made grave in Maine, was not a man of fine address, nor was there much dignity in his manners. One day while he was Governor of Maine o' yours." Miss Kellogg, of fame as a singer, met him at the State College, and, mistaking thing that can sing a discord; and ing him for a janitor or man of work it is so proud of it that it never sings of some sort at the place, engaged anything else. When a covote sits him to fetch drinking water from a disdown to a solo it starts with the voice tant spring for her use. Her visit at in the key of B natural. After a bar or the college lasted for several days of was Secretary of State it was noticed two it starts a second voice in D sharp. | the commencement week. Just before | that the Cabinet meetings were reported Every few bars a new voice falls into line. she took leave she took out her purse in full in certain of the newspapers. I once undertook to count the number | and offered some coin to Mr. Coburn. of keys in which one coyote can sing at | who smilingly shook his head. Miss Shop on Olive Street, 2' doors a time. First it sang a rondel for Kellogg's chagrin was deep when later north of Brodfeuhrer's Jewelry Store. twenty-four voices. Then it took up a she learned that the man who had been twenty-four voices. Then it took up a she learned that the man who had been single tigure. At the end of the first serving her was none other than the movement I had used up all the known good-natured Governor Coburn, the keys, and had reached W in the un- richest man in the northeastern corner known. The second movement was of the country. - Spiteful Paper in

-Edison says that if a telephone

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ashionable women. -The word "hell" appears eightysix times in Shakespeare's writings, and heaven three hundred and six times. -George Augustus Sals thinks no

man has a right to consider himself a journalist until he has worked at the business fifteen or twenty years. -Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, is one of the wealthiest and one of the voungest men in the United States Senate. He was originally a boy in a

Providence grocery .- Providence Jour--It is said that Congressman Phil Thompson, when a Prosecuting Attor-ney in Kentucky, once asked his twin brother to try a case for him. He did so, and the Court did not know the dif-

-Cameron, the correspondent who was killed in the Soudan recently, was unmarried, but his aged mother was dependent on him for support. The London Standard, for which he was

working, has granted her a handsome life pension. -Hira Bates and wife, of South Hanover, Conn., are over eighty-eight years old, and, what is an uncommon coincidence, were born on the same day, August 5, 1796. within a few hours of each other. Barry's history of Hanover says that they were married

February 24, 1825 .- Hartford Courant. -Miss Caldwell, who has given a munificent donation to found a Roman Catholic University in the United States, is the first American to receive from the Pope the golden rose, which is presented each year to the individual who has rendered the most signal service to the church during that year .- N. Y.

-Bookmaking, five hundred years ago, was a costly business. The bill for designing and writing a manuscript in 1402 has just come to light. The parchment, the writing, the miniatures, the silver nails gold-plated and enamelled, ink figures, seventy smaller gold-plated silver nails, a gold-plated s lver clasp, sky-blue satin, and binding together cost, according to present value, \$186,

Y. Sun. -On last Thursday evening, as Miss Parlee Daniel was making preparations for a buggy ride with Mr. Will Wages, she remarked to her mother that she was going to be married to Mr. Wages before they returned. Her mother, thinking she was jesting, remarked: "Well, then, you must come back to see us some time." True to her word, they drove to Parson See's, where they stood in the presence of the family, and before God she solemnly promised to work for Wages as long as she lived. -Athens (Ga.) Banner.

HUMOROUS.

-It is announced that Vanderbilt does not drink coffee. Since hearing this, we have also ceased to imbibe. are bound to be a millionaire if possible -Through Mail.

-When a clergyman remarked there would be a nave in the church the society was builing, an old lady whispered that she knew the par y to whom he referred. - N. Y. Independent. -An o'd farmer in Massachusetts

shows a seythe with which he says he has "mowed the same medder for goin, on forty-three year, an' I expect to mow with it till I'm no more."-N. Y. -"Now, Clara," said the teacher,

"if you should meet a bear what would you do?" "Doesn't a bear squeeze people?" queried the girl. "Yes."
"Then when I saw a bear I should stand very still." - Chicago Tribane. -Pedestrian (who has lost his way) -"Why don't you have guide-boards

round here, so that a stranger can tell where he is going? Now, in the city we have plenty of guide-boards-one on every corner." Farmer - "Why didn't you bring a few along with you, then?" -Chicago Journal. -"How strange Mr. McSwilligen must look without a mouth," remarked

Mrs. Podsnap to Mrs. MeS. "No

mouth?" reolied Mrs. McSwilligen.

"What do you mean?" "Why. Mr. Podsnap said last night that Mr. Me-Swilligen had shot off his mouth at the club." - Oil City Derrick. -Little Pauline had been reproved for some misconduct and was sitting on a small chair by the window, looking very disconsolate. "Halloo!" papa, chancing to come in as two big tears were about ready to full. "Look at l'auline! Why, what is going to hap-

pen?" It has happened,' said Pauline, solemnly. - Harper's Bazar. -"Ah!" said Sureastieus to his fellow boarder who was shoveling hash into his mouth with his knife, "you must be descended from either the Athenians or the Spartans." You flatter me," blushingly responded the putative barbarian. "What makes you think I had such distinguished ancestors?" "Because the use of the fork at table was unknown to the ancient Greeks"-N. Y. Journal.

-Not long ago a lady who had just returned from Europe was asked by a friend if she had seen the hon of St. Mark. "O, yes," she replied, "we arrived just in time to see the noble creature fed." The late Dr. Beadle, of Philadelphia, must have encountered the same lady. He spoke of the beauty of the Dardanelles, and she replied. "O. ves, I know them well. They are inti-

mate friends of mine."-N. Y. Sun. -A story is told of a shrewish Scoto woman who tried to wean her husband from the dram-shop by employing her brother to act the part of a ghost, and frighten John on his way home. "Who are you?" said the guidman, as the apparition rose before him from behind a bush, "I am Auld Nick," was the reply. "Come awa', man." said John, nothing daunted. "Gie's a shake o' your hand. I am married tae a sister

How Webster Stopped a Leak.

The Cabinet meetings are, you know, always secret. Just off the Cabinet room is the library, and when Webster Various means were taken to find out who was the leaky member of the Cabinet, but each denied that he had told anything to any one. One day Webster excused himself and went out into the library, while the others talked as usual. He found he could hear every word uttered within. He came back and said he thought the secrets must have gotten out through a correspondent listening in the library. After this the library