Naples is the only town known to us in which, if you are acquainted with the recognized language of signs, you can buy and sell, impart and receive useful love, and challenge your enemy to the death without opening your lips. Why

this is so is a difficult question. Some have supposed that these gestures were once a secret speech, which the lastaroni used in order to shield themselves from the oppression of their social superiors, and which they still employ to inform each other of the weaknesses of their foreign patrons. This theory may be correct: but sometimes one is inclined to think that the motive that power to drive the machinery and supprompted the invention and gave it cur- plies the blast for the furasces. The rency was less heroic and more practical. | pig-iron is brought from the blast fur-May not the Neapolitans have adopted | nace in cars and carts, and at a certain it because it enabled them to hold two place is broken in halves, weighed and

an invention; in this perhaps we were het air is driven over it by means of a wrong—it may be a survival. Some time during the first half of the present century a learned Neapolitan wrote a book to prove that the gestures of the figures depicted on Etruscan vases are to all intents and purposes the same as those that are still daily employed in the streets of his native city. Whether these strange signs are a relic of ancient the rolls it into a ball shape, withlore or only a modern trick, it is certain draws it from the furnace, and that no foreigner and very few Neapoli-tans of education have ever gained a of tongs running freely on an mastery over them. A few of the overhead railway conveys it to the simplest are known to every one who has squeezer, a piece of mechanism worth lived a year or two in the town, and describing. In former times the squeezer may be seen even in the drawing- resembled the jaws of a monster crocorooms; but how your cabman manages to inform his friend that you have Now the apparatus is called a "coffeecome from the railway station, are mill squeezer." and, indeed, it looks going to private lodgings in a certain district of the city, that you know its ball is tossed into a squeezer, which customs, and he considers you rather a seizes it and sends it rolling around and screw, is a mystery that done but cab- around, the space becoming narrower men ever know. That he does so you as the outcome is approached When will soon perceive if you keep your eyes at last the mass emerges it has taken open; and if, on the contrary, he re the shape of a roll of cotton batting. ports that it is your first visit to Naples | man on the 'lookout" for it grasps i and you are lavish in cab-fares, the fact | with tongs, and the overhead rigging is will be announced in every street again brought into play to carry the through which you pass, and you will "bloom." as it is now called, to the find your traveling expenses rise accord- rolls. The rolls are constructed with ingly. To the foreigner the cabman numerous grooves graduated to the seems the chief guardian of the Etrussize of the bar desired to be made. The "bloom" has now gone through the equally cognizant of it, and probably all public rolls and is flat, say four inches

at almost any price.

and elevate your chin more suddenly into your face, turn sharply on your yet jeopardized. persecutor, fix your eyes on his, and of the guilt of those noble soldiers of and miss-cut separator. ours who once fought in Flanders. But There is another process to be told the gestures must be performed simply, about, and that is blueing. This is easily, almost mechanically, or the cab-man will discover that you are only a pierced with holes, and kept at a dull

fraud, and act accordingly.

To return to Naples, no inhabitant of the elevated end, and, as they slowly the town ever thinks of paying a cab-man his legal fare. Every one feels it blue tipt we have so often admired. The would be unjust to compel him to drive | nails are now taken to the 'packer,' from one end of the city to the other who weighs them, packing one hundred for the eightpence he has a right to pounds in each keg. The packing is claim, and on such occasions every one done by means of a machine which, by gives him something extra. But for an ingenious application of mechanics, short drives the eightpence is too much. has a vertical as well as a revolving On summer afternoons a walk through motion. The keg is placed between the the streets is almost intolerable. You knees of the "packer," and as it dances have been to see the museum or the aquarium, let us say; the walk from either to the neighborhood of San Carlo, where the great coffee houses are, is short; but if you go on foot, you know you will be exhausted before 'you choose the cab you like, say "San the first finger of your right, and walk | Mining Engineer. on. You have offered the driver half a lire. He shrugs his shoulders, and sits firmly on his box; do not turn your head; in half a minute he will be rattling along the road beside you, "But also a gratuity for me. sir." The only notice you take is slightly to elevate your chin, without honoring him even with a side glance. Seeing you are an adept, he cries at once, "Come in, sir, made; but your cabman will think none none the worse of you if you give him two soldi-one pensy-at parting. This gratuity is not unusual, and does not, if a bargain has been made, denote extravagance.

In dealing with the lazzaroni, even if the tongue is employed, it is wise to use the fingers as well. Every finger de-notes a lire; the first joint of the fore-finger when crossed represents the quarter, the second the half of that coin; the whole of the right hand extended means five, both hands ten; but it is best for the foreigner to use only one hand at such times, and keep the other firmly clasped, if possible, in some pocket, or mistakes may arise. To fold your hand means to repeat the sum. Thus, if you wish to offer a boatman twelve lire for an excursion, you extend your whole hand with the palm toward him, then close it, then open it again, and finally keep it clasped with only two

finally keep it clasped with only two fingers extended.

These are simple and obvious devices, but there are others that are at least as the overeil and less are simple and obvious. These are simple and obvious devices, but there are others that are at least as the overeil and less are simple and obvious devices, but the overeil and that the heart ness of a great city demoralises it beyond repair. It is only in the virgin waters of Maryland and Virginia that the overeil are simple and obvious devices, but there are others that are at least as useful and less easily explicable. Thus and Express. when a foreigner is intent on purchasingers of his right hand between his neck and the shirt collar, and then ask with an easy langh what the prices really are. The more respectable the seller is the more pronounced the ges-

ture must be. The sign signifies almost everything, from "Do you take me to be a fool?" to "I don't quite believe that story." When skilfully used, it often leads to a great reduction of prices.—Saturday Review.

MAKING NAILS.

information of various kinds, make The Process Traced from the Ore to the Finished Nails to the Keg. Upon entering the works the first thing which strikes one is the arrangement of the puddling furnaces, they being built so as to form a hollow square. Each furnace is double—that is, one stack is divided into two parts. making two puddling furnaces. In the space within the square is placed the "squeezer," the train of rolls, and the engine, which latter furnishes the thus to indulge in a double loquacity?

We have spoken of the language as in particular in anives, weighed and apportioned to the puddlers. The iron is placed into the furnaces, a blast of dile, from which it derived its name.

the lazzaroni are initiated. Whether wide, three-quarters of an inch thick each trade has a language of its own or and twelve feet long; it is termed pud all use the same gestures is a question | dle or muck bar. When used for nailwe can not even attempt to answer.

There are some simple signs, howof a foot. These are p led in a certain ever, which everyone in the city uses. manner, weighed and taken to a secthem naturally, he will escape from This mill has within it several many of the inconveniences of life in heating furnaces and two trains of southern Italy. The man who says rolls—one to break down the pile "No," or still worse who shakes his and another to finish the sheet. head at those who are importunate either for his alms or his custom, has delivered himself over into the hands of does his loaves in the oven. When it is the tormentors. They know by experi- sufficiently heated it is conveyed by ence that foreigners may be driven by means of the ever-useful over-head rail loud cries and persistent following to way to the rolls, there to be again such desperation that quiet seems cheap flattened and drawn into long this sheets. Now we have come to the nail Now, all this discomfort may be factory. The sheets are taken to the avoided in a very simple way. You "slitter," who cuts them into different

have, first of all, to make yourself ac- sizes, as the kind of nails desired to be quainted with the plan of the town, and made requires. The nail-plates are to walk out of the station without any then packed in numbered boxes to be hesitation. If you go wrong, it does delivered to the nail cutters. The larger not much matter; you can soon find sized nails are out hot, and for the puryour way again, or if not, you can buy pose of heating the plates a furnace is a trifle at some shop, where they will at hand in charge of a man whose set you right. When the cabmen scream | business it is to supply the nailers with at you, as they do at everyone, do not iron. Now we have reached the last look at them, but raise your chin process of this rather intricate manuslightly. That means "No," and it will facture. We hear the busy hum of generally quiet them. If they persist, one hundred and twenty machines shrug your shoulders, pout your lips, which in the course of eleven hours cut one thousand one hundred kegs of nails. and distinctly, with a side glance at An invention of recent date which at them, while you continue your walk. one time threatened to revolutionize That means "Don't trouble me." If it the cutting of nails, has been introshould prove ineffectual, which it rarely duced in this factory. It is called a does, summon as much ferocity as you self-feeder, but as it only cuts middle can easily command at a short notice sizes the trade of the nail-feeder is not The ingenious machines are almost

draw your right hand, with the back human in their working. An attenduppermost, gently but firmly from your sant takes up a nail-plate, pries open throat to your chin in such a way as to the stiff jaws of his nippers, places one push out your beard, if you are fortu- end of the plate within, and by a skillnate enough to possess one. What this ful thrust has set the machine going gesture means we can not say; it is best It certainly is more accurate in its acnot to inquire. To judge from its effect | tion than any feeder can be. One peron the lazzaroni it is tantamount to son can, if dilligent, attend two self-very bad language indeed; so that he feeding machines. Each machine conwho employs it innocently may have all sists of a cutting knife, a heading the satisfaction without incurring any machine, bed-plate, flywheel, and splin

the chimes gives it a whirl, and away

reach your destination. As soon as it goes to the brander, who numbers i you appear on the public way half-a- and stencils the firm's name and tradedozen cabmen offer their services. You mark And now our nails are sent to the warehouse to be put into care des-Carlo," place the first finger of your tined for every part of our own country, left hand across the second joint of and, indeed, as far off as Australia.

CRABS AND OYSTERS New York Gourmands Who Don't Know

a Good Thing When They See It. New Yorkers consider that they know more about good things to eat than ear people in the world. The fact is, they know less. New York itself produces If you do so, you will have singularly few of the choicest table delino quarrel with him at parting. All cacies. Now, much ado is made over but the very worst Neapolitans will ad- softshell crabs in New Tork, and the here to the agreement they have once New York gourmands gobble up the pasteboard things sold as soft crabs and think they are delicious. The truth is the flavor of the soft crab is so delicate that it is at once ruined by being put on ice, the destroyer of all favors. The softshell, when he leaves his native river, is a fascinating follow, with a charming saltish taste. Take him up to New York and keep him on ice twelve hours and he is the most tasteless thing that can be imagined. It me quires as much salt as there was in Lot's wife to make him eatable. His outside is all right, but his inside is a dismal failure. But the connoisseurs of New York exult over this melancholy shadow of the crap, in happy ignorance that the soul, the spirit, the je necias quoi, the essence, the spiritual part of the soft crab is gone to return no more. They eat their Blue Point and Saddle Rock oysters, forgetting that the oyster loathes civilization, and that the near-

ing corals, pearls, photographs, or-walking-sticks, and thinks he is being overreached, he can hardly do better children should weigh them as soon as -Doctors say that mothers who take than gaze at the dealer with the most possible after birth. Children lose ating and furnishing of this place have placed of smiles, insert the two first weight during the first three days of cost nearly a million.—London World. hens in Maine, and the egg crop of the State is as valuable as the apple crop.—

Boston Journal.

SPYING AND SPIES.

"You think our business a queer one," remarked a Central Station detective

"We have to do all kinds of tasks:" he continued: risk our lives one day capturing some third, and the very next perhaps assume all the delicate tact and nice behavior required to convince a lady that she has absolutely no cause to be jealous of her husband. Then the worst of it is we have to be so myswon't do; the story might contain some lessly repeated by others, would afford

outsiders a cine to the business I had I remember an incident of the kind in question, showing the bad policy of talk ng too much about a case. Some four years ago the confidential clerk of schievement, and not without reason. a certain big grain house in this city "Some eighty years ago, Louis Carez, was found to be an embezzier. This a boy of sixteen, the son of a very discovery was made one Senday after- poor country physician in France, was not by the proprietor himself, who de- sent by his father to a school in Lonveted the entire day to the work of everhauling the accounts of the concorn. He chese Sunday for this work, exchange for lessons in French to the se as not to excite the suspicions of his younger pupils. Eight months later man and about four in the afternoon the schoolmaster died, the school was had abundant evidence that the young closed, and Louis Carez found himself fellow was several thousand dollars alone in the big city without a friend short. Naturally the old man was and with very scanty resources. While excited. He jumped around his office | looking out for another school, he took and tore his hair, and then resolved to a room in the house of a druggist, in have the embessier arrested forthwith. one of the low parts of the city, and of a young bootblack on the opposite month, all that his father could send side of the street, and he called the lad him. It was almost starvation. But over and gave him a dollar to go to the house where his clerk boarded and inquire if he was there. The boy knew the young man very well, and when he appeared at the door told him every-

thing that was going on at the office.

"Mr. — is pulling his hair out by
the roots, said the boy, and the young
man took the hint and left the city within half an hour. We got track of him and telegraphed to a town farther on his description, and asked the police to arrest him on the cars. But the fugitive knew a thing or two himself, and left the cars at a small station, and boarded a train going in another direction. That young man gave the department more trouble than I care to tell. He was tracked to Kansas City, thence to Quebeo, and finally, six months later, he was located in St. Louis. An officer was dispatched to bring him back, but the bird had flown. 'How is it,' we asked, that this man is able to escape us right along; he seems to forestall all our actions, and it would appear he was glass into the other and drank with de-being advised of our intentions right light the pleasant, effervescing draught.

"Such proved to be the case, and some of our men talked a little too days, whenever he had a chance, the freely. The fugitive was a member of a powerful society, and all our talk small laboratory, and having at length concerning him, we found out after-ward, had been telegraphed him direct, and he knew beforehand what we intended to do. We captured him at last, however, and he is now doing his bit at twine. One fine morning he made up

valuable lesson. It would be impossible now for a case like that to be repeated, and that is why I first said you the enthusiastic young boy and refused might possibly think our business the loan. However, it was written in queer. If you'll allow that we have the book of fate that ginger beer was many odd jobs to do, what do you think of the men who are hired to watch us? You see a detective keeps | the druggist had heard the explanations his eye on thieves, but there are de- of the boy, and whether she had faith tectives whose only business it is to in his invention. or whether she was watch other detectives. Spying on spies is their work, and if I am any judge I should think it rather ticklish pieces in the hand of Louis out of her work to do."

"Who are they?" "I don't know. All I know is that every detective in this department, and every unitormed officer as well, is under surveillance, and that these secret agents report only to the Superintend-

"What do they report?" Well, various things. In the first place, the Chief of Police is constantly in receipt of complaints against patrolmen and others on the force. Sometimes a Lieutenant is said to be 'working' his district for a gold watch, a horse and buggy, or some expensive present, which generally takes the form of a testimonial. There is a rule in the department prohibiting an officer of police from receiving any present. Now, this rule is not often enforced, but, to make sure that it won't be, your ambi-tious copper tells the chief that the diamond star he is about to receive, or the horse and buggy, or the gold watch, or whatever it may be, is the unsolicited gift of the residents of his district who open their pocket-books and buy him what he gets in order to express their sense of his fitness for office. Of course that is all tosh; the Lieutenant is always at the bottom of such a scheme, and one of the jobs your mysterious 'fly bobs' has to do is to look up the extent to which he is a party to the dodge.

"Again, any detective who dresses well or wears diamonds is a sure work for the 'fly bob.' I ought to explain that these secret officers are called 'fly bobs' in the department. They are put on the track of any and all police officers who are known to be addicted to fast living. If the officer thus singled out happens to be doing a quiet sort of blackmailing, as is often the case, it isn't a great while before his head goes into the basket. Even the corner 'cop' who takes too many peaunder the watchful eye of the 'fly bob.'
"It's a ticklish business, as I said before, but its enhances discipline in the department and for that reason I suppose the scheme is all right."—

MOUNTSTUART. Lord Bute's Magnifloent New Palace Near Bute's palace, near Rothesay, has been magnificent mansions in Great Britain. The house covers an acre, and is in the mediaval Gothic style of the thirteenth century. The walls, turrets and balconies are built of stone brought from a quarry in Kirkcudbrightshire. In the center is an immense tower one hundred and twenty feet high, with a wide beloony all around the top. The great hall is constructed entirely of alabaster and the rarest marbles, with columns and a gallery; and the grand staircase is also of marble brought from

Sieily and Carrara. The drawing rooms are paneled with walnut and beautifully decorated, and so are the dining, rooms, the largest of which accommodates eighty guests. The ceilings and chimney-pieces of all these rooms are most artistic, and so also are the win-dows, the work of which are extremely elaborate. There are three immense libraries and a billard-room, all with carved stone tireplaces of antique de-

In one wing are Turkish and swim-ming baths, and there are large con-servatories and a private chapel. The whole house is beated by hot-water pipes and lighted throughout by incandescent lamps. In the gallery will be hung the famous Luton Hod collection of pictures which have recently been exhibited at Bethnal Green. Clasgow and Manchester. The building, decor-

-There are more than 10,000,000

GINGER BEER. How a Druggist's Boy Stumbled on a Rich

Dr. J. Hameral, editor of Les Deuz Monde, Buffalo, N. Y., has been in the city during the past week, and furnishes the following interesting account of the accidental origin of ginger beer and the results which made its inventor a wealthy man.

"Everybody." said Dr. Hamerel knows the ginger beer, the popular arink of the middle and lower classes in England, the yearly sales of which terious in everything we do. Not a (at one panny per bottle) reaches milsyllable dare we utter for fairly sche to
ing the job. Sometimes I fairly sche to
tell of the funny things I see, but it temperance drink is not known and I doubt whether, even in England, there are many men who could say how and by whom it was invented. The story savors a little of romance, and I can vouch for its truth, having heard it many a time from the lips of the inventer, who was rather proud of his

don in which he got board. lodging and instruction in English in "His eye at that moment caught sight managed to live with five dollars a the poor boy had not seen the end of his troubles. One day the monthly remittance failed-the father was dead! The boy would have ded of want if it had not been for the kind charity of the old druggist and his wife. They had become attached to the pretty, well-behaved boy, they pitied his forlorn position, they gave him his room and his board until he could obtain a situation. Anxious to make himself useful, Louis Carez swept and cleaned the I ttle store. and was soon able to help the old man in preparing simple prescriptions. "One day, as he was alone in the

stere, a woman called for some ginger

powder. Louis served her, and, after she left, tasted the powder. He liked it, but finding t burnt his tongue, he mixed it with water. Then an idea struck him. He put some ginger powder in one glass and in another a little sugar and the contents of the white paper of a se dlitz powder, added water to both, poured the contents of one The ginger beer, although in a crude state, was discovered! For several young inventor experimented in the perfected his new beverage, he calculated that he wanted two guineas to manufacture his liquid, buy one hundred bottles, as many corks, and some his mind to speak to the druggist, explain his idea, and beg for the loan of two guineas. But the old man did not see the matter in the same light as not to be withheld from the appreciating palates of Englishmen. The wife of ecanty savings. A few days later she could be seen on the streets of London. carrying a basketful of bottles in one hand and a glass in the other, calling: Ginger beer, the drink of the period; ginger beer, three pence a bottle!

"A few months afterward Louis Carez manufactured and sold daily one thousand bottles, but one year later he formed a partnership with a Captain Dubbers, and established large works which could scarcely meet the demands, and had to be enlarged more than once. Ginger beer sold retail at two pence a bottle. After four years of partnership, being then twentyyears of age, Louis Carez Louis Carez to his -partner for £10,000 and went to Paris. He invested his capital in the silk house of Vacossin, at that time (about the year 1815) already a very important one. But Louis Carez was a born merchant, and in 1824 the firm of 'Carez, Vacossin & Co.' had become the largest and richest of the silk trade in France. He was elected President of the Board of Trade in Paris, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the Legion of Honor, and many times a millionaire. His son, Alfred Carez, was my chum at college. I was often a guest in the house, and many a time I have heard the old gentleman, when he had taken some friend through his art and picture gallery. one of the finest private collections in Paris, say with a smile: 'See what can be got out of a bottle of ginger beer.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

GRAY HAIRS.

Their Appearance Not Indicative of Premature Decay of Constitution. The fact that some persons begin to show gray hairs while in their twenties does not indicate a premature decay of Catholic Church." the constitution. It is purely a local phenomenon, and often co exists with great physical vigor A medical journal says: "Many feeble persons, and others who have suffered extremely. both mentally and physically, do not blanch a hair until past middle life; while others, without assignable cause, lose their capillary coloring-matter The rebuilding of Mountstuart, Lord rapidly when about forty years of age.

"Race has a marked influence. The traveler, Dr. Orbigny, says that in many never saw a bald Indian, and scarcely ever a gray-headed one. The negroes turn more slowly than the whites. In this country sex appears to make little difference. Men and women grow gray about the same period of life. In men the hair and beard rarely change equally. The one is usually darker than the other for several years, but there seems no general rule as to which whitens the first. The spot where grayness begins differs with the individual. The philosopher Schopenhauer began to turn gray on the temples, and complemently framed a theory that this ndicates vigorous mental activity.

'The correlation of gray hair, as well as its causes, deserve more attentive study than they have received. Such a change is undoubtedly indicative of some deep-seated physiological proascertain after more extensive observations than have yet been submitted to cience."- Youth's Companion.

Yankee Accent in London.

Yankee accent and inflection have come into fashion among the London aristocrats. It is a freak that may and may not last. An acquaintance of Lord Dunraven attributes to him the Americanized talk of his particular set; and I purpose to rent a room, put a barrel ican manner of utterance. These ex-Lendon, and the novelty seems to have in two barrels of whisky. — Arkansase proved captivating .- Chicago Tribune | Traveler

MISCELLANEOUS.

--- An American lady has opened a house in Par's for young American girls, who have come to that city without friends or protection, to carry on nas um duties during the course.

-Fourteen of the three hundred and eight graduates of the Woman's Medisouri and spit on the parlor carpet. The woman was sick in bed, but she got up and broke his cellar-bone and ran him to the woods.—St. Louis Past.

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-There is no more sense in "tipping" water or bed room servant who is fathful than a prompt salesman or an efficient helper of any sort. The system is an outgrowth of the aristocratic easte bas s of secety in Europe, and should not get a foothold hero where labor is held to be honorable and paid for on its merita. - Washington Star.

- Sepator Walker, of Nevada, was attacked by a band of covotes near Walmsley to a tiv. and was o'liged to 'set we a tree to save hielfo. He at a ride with him, and k lied a numb rot the animals, which were quickly devoured by their comrades. He rema sed in the tree all night, closely watched by the coyotes. but was rescued in the morning by a party of hunters

-A few months ago a hitherto unknown portrait of Shakspeare was discovered in a shop near the Haymarket in London. It had been for many years in the possession of a family at Paddington, by the last of whom it was bequesthed to the present owner. At the back of the panel on which it is painted a e several explanatory complets, dated been photographed.

-On some of the German postal cards is a printed formula designed to save time in imparting news transmissable by this med.um. It runs as fol-"Only a few lines to-day." Then follow five lines on which to write; then. "God be thanked, I am in good health and hope to hear that you are a'so. The weather is --; write soon and give my love to all. In haste," and here follows the signature. There is even place reserved for postsor pt.

A white man from away down South in the Okeechobee Lake region came to Gainesville last week on bus ness at the United States land office. While here he saw the first ice he had ever seen. He manifested great interest in the frigid substance, and put a half pound lump in his pants pocket to take home to his family. He soon took it out of his pocket however, and as he did so d: "I am afeered it will spile my terbacker. - Gainesville (Fla.) News. -A student of womank nd explains that belies acquire an interchange of

ideas during the summer, and return to their houses to put them into prac-tice during the winter. At Saratoga, Long Branch and other fashionable resorts, women and girls from the most distant parts of the country are thrown together in mutual observation, if not in close social intercourse, and the influences that are more dominant fix the conventionalities of feminine behavior for the ensuing year. New York substant ally dictates to the rest of the country through the force of numbers. wealth and audacity. -N. Y. Tribune.

-Three linemen were at work at the top of a telegraph pole near New Haven, when a thunder cloud, emitting zig-zag arrows of Jove's blue fire. rolled down toward them. By and by a current from the surcharged cloud came flashing along the wire and the men were given a dreadful shock. The fellow who was standing highest was struck senseless, and, falling, was caught by the others. Upon the taut skin of the stricken man's chest were three parallel marks; but, in spite of the stroke, he recovered within an

hour .- New Haven Register. -When Miss Annie Middleton was married to E. E. Stone, at Louisville, several days ago, she wore what was pronounced to be one of the most beautiful dresses worn in that city. The front was of imported silk gauze, em broidered in marguerites and da'ses. The court train was a rich piece of white plush, bordered with heavy bands of ostrich tips. In the corsage were some colored tints, which made the effect more pleasing. Downy white feathers and illusion veil, dotted with tiny orange blossoms and fragrant Marechal Niel buds were added .- N. Y.

-Of Santos, the "boss" of Uruguav. a correspondent writes: "He was the son of a common so'd er and born in a barrack never saw the inside of a schoolhouse, and, when a child, was physician, "that you can't prescribe not considered of consequence enough even a dose of pills without that everto rece ve the baptism of the church. Yet it was this man's destiny to introduce free schools into Uruguay, secure the passage of a compulsory educational law, demolish the monasteries. drive out the nuns, banish the Papal legate, and forbid the d scussion of pr-litical questions from the pulpits of the

A MASONIC RELIC.

A Traveling Card Issued in Philadelphi. Jane 6, 1776.

John D. Harris is the owner of an old Masonic traveling card, which is about a foot long and eight inches wide, made of sheepskin. It is written in Latin. French and English and reads: "I do hereby certify that Brother John Perkins is a regular registered Free Mason of Lodge No. 1, of the prov nee of Pennsylvan's, and has, during his stay among them chaved himself as become an honest and

behaved himself as become an honest and worthy brother, as appears by the lodge cer-tificate to me, given under my hand and tho seal of the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, the th day of June, in the year of our Lord, 1776, and the year of Masonry, 5776. "JAMES SUTTON, Grand Secretary."

Mr. Harris says it was found between the rafters in the garret of an old house in Worcester County, Maryland. Within about four feet of the relie was found the skeleton of a man. One of the persons present when it was found was J. W. Parker, of this city. The relic is considered the oldest Masonic traveling card in existence. Nobody by the name of Perkins has lived in Worcester County for years. It is supposed that the man whose skeleton was found was evidently a traveler who had been foully dealt with and his body secreted in the garret. Masons at the present time have no traveling card, but are proven by their works.—Philadelphia Times.

Never Mind the Water.

Several years ago there lived in Little Rock a bright young man, but who, like many bright young men of this day. was sadly addicted to the excessive use of whisky. One day his brother went to him and said mey for box persons "Brother John. I see that you are

determined to kill yourself drinking, so the Marquis of Lorne and Earl Duffer in. of whisky and a barrel of water into it. aided by their wives, are supposed to and shut you up in it until you kill have taken back from Canada an Amer-"Brother William," the young man

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

-Students at Amherst College will hereafter be refused a diploma at grad-uation unless they attend to their gym--Fourteen of the three hundred and

- The President of a life interence calvation under hearen for you or company recently receive a letter in pupils, unless you work for the lumino-which the witter said. "In case of deth diste and everlesting good of each in-place explain to me what the aires dividual child. "Fraction Toucher."

would get when I die."—Boe'on Treescript.

There are 2.400 stables of powe in
New York, the milk of which is sold in
in the city; and these cows from the
time they enter the stable, until no

"Hild the Fort" was intended to enlonger able to give milk, never see courage rebellion, and expurgated that grass.—N. Y. Times.

—There is no more sense in "tipping" Christian Union. —Some time since a Miss Caldwell, a devoted Catholic, left \$300,000 to assist

in founding a great Catholic university in this country. This sum has been increased to about \$5,000,000, and it has been decided to locate the university in Wash ngton City, the \$5,000,000 to be used in the purchase of a site and the erection of the buildings; then it is expected to raise at least \$1,000,000 more by way of endowment. - N. F. Tribune. -The Cathol o ladies of Washington have a "tabernacle see etv." the object of which is to aid poor and needy mis-sion churches throughout the United States with the necessary altar vestments and linens for the decent celebration of the divine mysteries. The meet at the Carroll Institute every day of the week except Saturday and San

-The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry was held recently at the office of the soc ety, at Hartford, Conn. The total receipts of the year have been nearly \$15,000. Fifty-five scholars, from twennearly 150 years ago. The portrait has a ty four d oceses and four missionary jurisd ctions have been added during the year. The president for the ensuing year is the Right Rev. John Williams, D. D. LL. D., ot Connections. - Brooklyn Eagle.

day to labor in their pious work. -

-An American traveler in Europe fancied he could make people understand him by speaking with a loud, clear and slow pronunciation, forgetting for the moment that his words had no meaning whatever to his listeners. Similar is the blunder of the teacher who hopes, by the mere urgency of h s manner, and by his clear use of words familiar to himself, to carry his ideas into the very center of the pupil's understanding, without any reference to that pup I's previous knowledge of the subject. -Pilgrim Teacher.

-We met at a public service in one Conl. of our churches, a few evenings since, a Congregational minister, of the latterday dispensation, who was bold to claim that he had as good a right to preach the propositions of Universalism as ourselves. We presume there are not many who would think of asserting such a claim; but to all who would we say: "We rejoice in whatever way the truth gets proclaimed, and will rejoice. But it seems to us meet, right and proper that a ship which carries Universalist freight should fly the Universalist flag."-Christian Leader.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-Some people think the injunction on the face of the postal card should be: "Postmasters will read only this side." —Florence, Mass., has a lady ori-cyclist in the person of Miss Anna Strong. The natural inference is that Anna Strong woman can ride a tricycle. -Boston Transcript.

-It is said that only one woman in a thousand can whistle. Well, she doesn't need to. The husband's the one who receives the bills, and of course he's the North Side Eleventh St. one to whistle. - Yonkers Statesman. -Boston society note: "O, where

does beauty linger?" demands a Quaker City poetess. As a usual thing she lingers in the parlor until her mother has cleaned up the kitchen. - Boston Post -The enfant terrible is at it again. He astonished a West Saugus supper-table the other night by demanding "some of the cake with one egg in it

made for the company." cake. — Boston Transcript. -A culinary exchange says: "Eggs and ham are very nice." This should be a valuable suggestion to boarding-house keepers, whose ham and eggs are seldom very nice. Let them try trans-posing the dishes.—The Judge.

-What's the first thing you would do, Jones, if you were stung by a hornet?" asked Smith, who had been reading an article on the treatment of stings. "Swear." replied Jones, solemnly. And the conversation abruptly ended. - Boston Courier.

-"Why is it." asked Nifty of his lasting R on the prescript on?" "You R right," replied his medical adviser, "that is one of the pill-R's of medicine." -Stockton Maverick.

-Boarder-"Mrs. Squeeze, 1 will have to leave your house if you allow that regular tough to come to breakfast every morning." Landlady "What do you mean?" Boarder-"The steak, of course."-Puck.

-'You are bound to read, I see," said Mrs. S. to her husband, who, with novel in hand, was busy among its pages. "So is this book," he replied without looking up, and his talkative wife collapsed.—Oil City Derrick. -Where Is the Driver?

To I patiently all day, And switch his tail and elevate His lofty ears and bray. How doth his eyes with drowsy gleam But when he clevates his heels -"Do you ever have a dreadful, tired feeling come over you?" asked a patent

How doth the little busy mule

medicine manufacturer of a friend who complained of not feeling well. "O. yes, often," replied the friend. "You should try a bottle of my cure-all. How often do you experience this tired feeling?" "Every time I see your adver-tisement on the fences." - Chicago Standard. Other People's Letters.

The simplicity with which certain

people acknowledge their own sins of curiosity, and other forms of bad taste, is sometimes very refreshing. It suggests the only excuse possible for them, that of the ignorance in which their offenses were committed. Said a farmer to a neighbor, whose mail he had just brought from the adjoining town: "There's one more a postal-card—but I yow I believe I've lost it! No matter; I knew what was on it. Your sister Marie's comin' next Mon-A gentleman in Rome one day asked

the postoffice clerk if there were any letters for him. There was one. "How much for it?"

"How much for it?"
"One scudo." (A dollar.)
"That's too much," said the gentleman. "I'll make it half a scudo."
"Won't you make it seven paoli?"
(seventy cents) asked the clerk.
"No, I won't."
"Well, then, you may have it at your own price. I've read it, and it's nothing but a loweletter." but a love-letter .- Youth's Companion.

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