Sejourning at Hawaii, a Corresp terviews a Volcano in Full Blast.

H. S. Jordan writes to the Chicago Inter-Ocean from Kohala, Hawaii: The proper name of this great crater is Kileaua and it is situated on the southern slope of the Mauna Loa Mountain. some several thousand feet below the apex. The crater proper is nine miles in circumference and about six hundred feet deep. The floor of this crater is covered with black lava, and every few weeks or months it receives a new coating. This floor is as uneven as the waves of the restless ocean. The descent into the crater is made by a path cut down and alongside of this great Pali. On leaving the house the excursionist is provided with stout staff and a lantern. The guide precedes the com-pany with staff, lantern, and a large canteen of water. The volcano proper lies two and one-half miles from the outer rim of the crater. The trip across the lava can be made with reasonable safety during the daytime, but woe to the traveler who will not have the guide even in daylight. That lava is fearfully treacherous, and what seems safe one moment may next prove a great hole or fissure. The trusty Hawaiian who has traveled that crater for years knows the

result of each flow. The approach to the volcano was made from the safest side on account of the treacherous wind, which is apt to veer and smother you with sulphurous smoke. If at any time you are overtaken the guide drops upon his knees, opens. that canteen, calls for your handkerchief, and thoroughly wetting, puts it across your mouth, exclaiming, "aole pilikia"-no danger. There are three orifices out of which at times pour redbot lava. "Lua Hou." The New Lake: "Halemaumau," the house of everlasting fire, and Peles Throat, alias The Little Beggar, so named because it draws its supply from the New Lake. Halemaumau is the oldest lake and has a circumference of about a mile.

been at work, and upon two sides has great walls, scores of feet high, leaving one opening and a second in case of great eruptions. The new lake lies to the east about half a mile, and is nearly round and has a diameter of not less than eighty rods. This lake has thrown an embankment all around itself probably fifteen feet high, and is constantly heightening it by lava flows. When this lake becomes active it throws redlava over this wall with a recklessness that is truly reprehensible. The Little Beggar is situated quite a distance from the new lake; it looks like a lighthouse built out of the remains of the great Chicago fire. It has an opening on the side, near the apex, and out of this constantly dart the fiery tongues of this subterranean hell.

IT HAS FOR UNKNOWN YEARS

ing the eruption the belches out of this opening at an incredible rate. Pele was the ancient god of the Hawaiians, and because this was throat shaped it was called the throat of a god. Strange to say many of the natives still cling to their old superstitions anent the volcano. This race is peculiarly superstitious. All that religion, education, and science have done has not thoroughly eliminated it. The Rev. Mr. Oleson, of the Hilo Boys' Boarding School, records with great gusto that he and thirty boys slept in the crater, and the boys evinced not a particle of superstition. The Hawaiians used to offer sacrifices to this great god, and some of them still observe that custom despite the devotees. Not long ago a native woman, widely known in the island, a member of the church and having roval blood in her veins, came to offer sacrifice. She brought a pig, two roosters, some taro-poi, and various other articles. The lake at this time was encrusted, the fire having temporarily subsided. The pig was tied and heaved over into the black lava.

IT WAS A HOT PLACE. The protest of the pig was grateful to the god and appeasing to the woman's conscience. The roosters did not take so philosophical and religious a view of the matter. Evidently they had some-where got a taste of the "New Theand flopped about until they broke their fastenings and then flew away. The natives were frightened out of their wits, believing that some awful catastrophe was at hand; but that god must be appeased and they gave stern chase to those plucky unbelievers, caught and fastened them securely, and as the lake again broke up they were cast into the fiery depths and swallowed up by that burning that never ceases. If this woman had been an ignorant religieuse we might charitably have said that she mixed her theology very badly, but the fact is she was well educated in English and an intelligent woman. It is not to be wondered at that the ignorant natives regarded this house of everlasting fire as a god. No intelligent man can approach this great wonder of nature without more fully believing in Genesis i., 1. The reverent student of nature and science looks upon this mighty volcano and exclaims in the words of the book of books, "In wisdom Thou hast made them all.'

The volcano is not always active Sometimes it quite dies down. A few years ago Halemaumau sank down and it was impossible with the naked eve to see the bottom. Ordinarily this is not true. The fire falls away several feet from the top of the lake and at that point the lava cools sufficiently to allow the formation of a crust of lava. It looks like dirty snow, save here and there red-hot lines four or five inches wide extending across the crater. This usually lasts about one hour and a half. Then this black crust begins to rise like a large leviathan out of the sea. It is fairly frightful to look upon. THEN THE FIRE BURSTS OUT

in great columns and jets, throwing great sheets of molten lava into the air. The sound is similar to the swish and the volcano is thus active the whole the number 13.—Philadelphia Times. heavens seem to be on fire, and the lurid glare lights the country for miles and The Hotel Hygela, Fortress Monroe. miles around. Angrier and angrier The Hotel Hygela, Fortress Monroe. grow the flames, until they leap out, sending out long lines of red hot lava, and there they lie like billows of fire, exhausted vet terrible to behold. This work goes on unceasingly. What is to be the future of this apparently gather-ing force no human can tell. The fires are being pent up; they are exhibiting an awful restlessness that will not always submit to restraint. They undoubtedly will gather force until at last the top of Mauna Loa will be blown heavenward and the dwellers of this fair isle will be as hopelessly buried beneath ashes and stone, as was Pompeii in the days when the anger of Vesuvius was satisfied only by the death of every living thing within its grasp.

Near by this great volcano are vast craters that indicate the dying down of eruptive fires and the gathering of their forces at this given central point. Into one of these craters about 2,000 feet deep, the writer and our Union soldier descended, and so far as is now known the first white men that ever trod the floor of that extinct crater, Kileau Ski or Kilean dead. Then a fearful and dangerous climb out, a little further on a view of the ill fated Captain Cook's monument, and the journey is com-

plete.
Since the above was written tele graphic advices from the Sandwich Islands state that volcanic phenomena which were accompanied by a large number of shocks of earthquake, resulted in the total disappearance of New

future, either in Kilauea or Mauna Loa. Some, basing their views on the observations of Prof. Agassiz, believe the disappearance of the fire is a prelude to the extinction of Kilauea.

Rum and Oil.

"Let me have a little butter, please," said a stout, elderly gentleman, who stood in front of the Morton house bar the other evening, with a glass of steam-

ing hot rum before him.
The white-aproned bartender bent down, and from a shelf underneath the polished mahogany brought up a dish of butter in which was stuck a silver knife. With this the man took off a lump of butter and dropped it into his glass and stirred it about until it was melted. Then he drank the concoction slowly, with an oily smile overspreading his features.

"Yes, it is rather a curious drink. said the bartender to the reporter standing by, "but it is a very pleasant one, and a great favorite with some gentlemen. Those who don't know of its effects, however, had better let it alone, for the effects are apt to be queer. The man who drinks a number of these hot rums would be quite sober when he went home, but in the morning when he woke up he would be as drunk as a lord. That's odd, isn't it? But it is easy enough to explain. It is because there is so much oil in the butter. "Let me explain, and you can try it

yourself. Take a bottle of sweet-oil with you when you go out with the boys the next time. Order any kind of liquor you like, though I wouldn't bother much with beer if I were you. Pour into the glass a few drops of sweet-oil every time you take a drink. No matter how much you drink you will keep sober, while your friends, if they have kept up with you, will be in a very howcame-you-so' condition. You go home and go to bed feeling all right, and in the morning when you wake up you will be dead drunk. The reason is simple. Oil, as you must know, rises to the surface.

"Consequently, when you drink these oil-covered concoctions the oil will remain on the surface in your stomach, keeping the fumes of the liquor down. That prevents you from getting drunk. When you have stopped drinking and gone to sleep, thus giving your interior arrangements a chance to go about their ordinary duties, the oil will gradually evaporate itself through the system, allowing the fumes of the liquor to rise to your head. The consequence is that you awake in the morning 'full.' It's the funniest thing in the world when a man has this experience for the first time. He can't understand it at all, neither can his wife, who has seen him go to bed sober the night before, and can't be persuaded that he has not got that fluid in its composition, so I'd advise you to leave hot rum and butter severely alone if you're a married man. But if your'e going on a trip, and want

A Manager's Lucky Number. Col. John McCaull, of the Broad Street Opera House, is in no way an old man, except that he is a disbeliever in many popular theories of modern times. one of which is the fatalism of the number 13. He declares the dogma of one the ridicule heaped upon the heads of plus a dozen being a combination of misfortunes is heresy. To the energetic manager of "The Mikado" and "Black and luck. This was the conclusion

Hussar" the number is full of charm that the Times gatherer came to, after a short talk with the Colonel. The conversation was brought about by the happy manner in which the colonel had written an acceptance to a dinner to be given by the famous "13" Club of New

"Colonel, do you have no feeling of fear to sit down with a company of thir teen?" was the query. This made the managerial Napoleon

smile, and be remarked: "I should certainly feel uncomfortable with any other number around the festal board. Some people lose their appetites when there are thirteen at the feast, and sit a whole year expecting trouble. At two of the most enjoyable feasts I ever sat down to there were just thirteen in the company. They were given when we opened 'The Mikado'

"At the supper given the night before our opening with the D'Oylev Carte Company there were just thirteen gentlemen from Japan and maids from school, including the daughter-in-lawelect. On the night of our opening we entertained Sir Arthur Sullivan at dinner and we had thirteen at the table, and the great composer thought it so unique that he wrote home about it. "This was certainly a pretty how

d've do' for nervous folks, and a kettle of fish for people who are superstitious. We did not have such bad luck, after all. We opened with a \$1,300 house and played a successful season of thirteen weeks.

"I never understood why thirteen was my magical number until I recalled the fact that I was born on the 13th of the month. I was the thirteenth John in the family, went to school until I was 13, and married thirteen years after that

"In looking over the register of the boxes I find that we opened with a box party of thirteen, and out of 110 we had during the season there were eighteen that were composed of 13 people. I believe in 13. It knocks out the biblical 40 and 7, and to say nothing of the mokes' suggestive 4-11-44. I take good care that my shoemaker puts 13 buttons on my shoes and always wear my scarf 13 inches long. I am an original 13 man. Here is my coupe. I'm off for the Broad Street Station.

On the lamp of the hack was the mys-

The Hotel Hygeia has this advantage, which is appreciated at least by the young ladies. The United States fort is close at hand, with its quota of young officers, who have the leisure in times of peace to prepare for war, domestic or foreign; and there is a naval station across the bay, with vessels that need fashionable inspection. Considering the acknowledged scarcity of young men at watering-places, it is the duty of a paternal government to piace its military and naval stations close to the fashionable resorts, so that the young women who are studying the german and other branches of the life of the period can have agreeable assistants. It is the charm of Fortress Monroe that its heroes are kept from canui by the company assembled there, and that they can be of service to society.—Charles Dudley Warner, in Harper's Magazine

The famous diamond, the Kohinoor, which Queen Victoria wears on great occasions, belonged to an Indian prince, but was appropriated by the English during the Indian mutiny of 1857. Dhuleep Singh, whose property the Kohinoor was before the English seized it, now demands its rectoration. He wrote to Lord Salisbury on the matter shortly before the latter's resignation

such chimerical nonsense. Lake and Halemaumau, two pits in the crater of the volcano Kilauea, and the Prince Krapotkine, in fourteen years. The millennium is due, according to extinction of the fire in them. These Before 1900 we shall be delivered from mena are believed to be the pre-

One of our chief aims is to form an evenly balanced, open, symmetrical and this can often be accomplished better by a little watchfulness during the season of growth than at any other time. If for instance, two branches start so closely together that one or the other must be removed in the spring pruning, why let the superfluous one grow at all? It is just so much wasted effort. By rubbing off the pushing bud or tender shoot the strength of the tree is thrown into the branches that we wish to remain. Thus the eve and hand of the master become to the young tree what instruction, counsel and admonition are to a growing boy, with the difference that the tree is easily and certainly managed when taken in time.

Pruning.

Trees left to themselves tend to form too much wood, like the grape-vine. Of course fine fruit is impossible when the head of a tree is like a thicket. The growth of unchecked branches follows the terminal bud, thus producing long naked reaches of wood devoid of fruit spurs. Therefore the need of shortening in, so that side branches may be developed. When the reader remembers that every dormant bud in early spring is a possible branch, and that even the immature buds at the axil of of the leaves in early summer can be forced into immediate growth by pinching back the leading shoot, he will see how entirely the young tree is under his control. These simple facts and principles are worth far more to the intelligent man than any number of arbitrary rules as to the pruning. Reason and observation soon guide his hand in summer, or his knife in March, the season

when trees are usually trimmed. Beyond shortening in leading branches and cutting out crossing and inter-fering boughs, so as to keep the head symmetrical and open to light and air, the cherry does not need very much pruning. If with the lapse of years it becomes necessary to take off large limbs from any fruit-tree, the authorities recommend early June as the best season for the operation .- E. P. Roe, in Harper's Magazine for April.

Two College Stories.

Some interesting situations have come up at Harvard apropos of the enforcement of "involuntary prayers." The other day a party of four young men. with dark hair and slightly aquiline noses, picked fellows among the students, waited upon the dean of the faculty and asked to be excused from chapel in the morning, on the ground that they were Jews and had religious scruples against attending Christian services. The good doctor knew the applying students by sight only, and, as ie made a memorandum of their request, casually asked their names. Aftup during the early hours to take on the load he apparently has with him. But- er he had put them down, his tablet ter has the same effect as sweet-oil, be- run something like this: Solomon Isaac cause it contains a large percentage of Lowe, Abram Greenbauer, Moses J. Stern, Jacob Friedburger. It struck the conserver of moral discipline that it was a little extraordinary that he had not until the next day, you can try what oil will do for you."—N. Y. Star. heard of this Hebrew quartet; so, though was only another expedient of godless youth to "cut chapel."

This reminds the historian of a story of his juvenage. A young collegian of his acquaintance was called up for a reprimand before his college president. He had made up a concatenation of words to explain away the misdemeanor for which he was reproved, but his statement had not the desired effect on the professor.

"Young man," said that worthy sol emnly, "is it possible that you really expect me to believe such a lot of nonsense? Can you look me in the eve and repeat what you have been saving?" The graceless youth looked up non-enalantly, and inquired: "Which eye,

bir?"-Boston Record. Gouverneur Morris. Gouverneur Morris is by no means so well known to the present generation as he ought to be. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that he has not been and is not justly appreciated. If, however, we turn to M. Taine's great work on the French Revolution, we find that he relies on Morris as one of the best and most penetrating observers of that great struggle and places him at the head of the small group of men like Arthur Young, Malouet, and Mallet du Pan, who alone were able to record clear and dispassionate judgments in that dizzy time, for the benefit of posterity. The comments of Mr. Morris, thus rescued from his biography and brought before a wide public by M. Taine, already have attracted attention elsewhere, and a recent article in Macmillan's Magazine shows how striking his criticisms and narrative really are. Such a prophet should never be without honor in his own country, and now that he is winning admiration in England and France perhaps it would not be amiss to refresh our own memories in regard to him. It is not to be wondered at that M Taine and others find so much that is admirable in Gouverneur Morris, for in him many high qualities met in a rare combination. A man of the world and of society, a wit, philosopher, and fine gentleman, he was also a bold and ardent patriot, an able and most practical statesman, a distinguished lawver, and a successful manager of large business affairs. He played a conspicuous part among the many eminent men of his day, but in one respect he differs from them all. He had a sharp wit, a strong sense of humor, and a capacity for amusing satire which are to be seen in all his writings. If we except Franklin, who was of an earlier generation, Gouverneur Morris holds in this respect a lonely pre-eminence among his friends and contemporaries. The great men of our revolutionary and constitutional period were, it must be confessed, judg-ing from their letters and journals, somewhat ponderous. Now and then we find a moment when we can laugh at them, but Morris is the only one of in sympathy. This is enough of itself to a card party. "No, Jane, you need clever letters. - Henry Cabot Lodge, in April Atlantic.

Brother-In-Law. He-It was natural, you know, that I should be attracted to you. She (shyly)-Indeed! Why?

He-Well, you know, that your brother studied law in the same office with me, and we were admitted to the bar together. She-But what has that got to do with

He-Why, don't you see, I looked upon him as a brother in law? She (blushing)—Oh! I see. He-Yes, a brother in law de jure as

t were. Now I propose that he shall be a brother-in-law de facto as well. Then he slipped the engagement ring on her finger and their heads came close together, and the parian Cupid on the mantel looked as if he was about to clap his wings and crow. - Boston

David Siton, Ohio's richest man, is Scotch-Irishman, and grew up around the big iron mills of Pittsburg. He began business as a clerk in a country store at \$4 a month; then was a clerk in from office, and received in reply a note a blast furnace, afterward manager, and in which Salisbury "refused to discuss at last half owner. After that the advance in wealth was fast. He is worth \$12,000,000, and gives largely to public

The Comstock lode has been worked late meeting of the Royal Society of powerful force from India at Herat.—
National Review. to a depth of \$,200 feet, and has pro-duced about \$350,000,000,

GIFT OF SPEECH. An Accomplishment Which, If Not Natural

May Be Cultivated. Probably, my son, you never considered how important a thing it is in life to use language with felicity and copiously. I purpose showing you, by a couple of examples, how appetizingly a dish of fact may be garnished by the flowers of speech.

Here is a bald, uninteresting matter of fact statement: "As I came down town this morning, saw a man run down by a herdic. He was not hurt, but his clothing was

badly soiled.' Now there is nothing attractive in this statement. It is juiceless, spiritless, inartistic. See how the same materials can be made intensely inter-

"By blowpipe! I witnessed a conemnationed narrow escape this morning. Great Zeus! but I thought the nearnadined fool was booked for Hades. for sure! He was just ahead of me. I've see, and the man, by stove-lifter! must have been blind or asleep. An unsanctified herdic came careering down the street, by pens and scissors and just as the anathema got half-way over the crossing, by pianaforte! the nerdic, by curtain fixtures! came on to him, by elm tree! pell mell, and, in an nstant, by tobacco! he was down on his marrow-bones, by collar-buttons! and the horse almost on top of him, by check-rein! The fellow wasn't hurt. but, by Boston Common! he got a conlemned dusting, by sealing-wax! and he looked, by pocket-knife! as though, by cuspidore! as though, by garden eass! he had been wallowing in a horsepond, by locomotive and a train of cars! all his natural life, by primrose and

There, that is something like. You nave the same story, but embellished and beautified into a real work of art. I few oaths interspersed into the commonest narrative will enliven it wondrously. There is much virtue in an

Again: You are called upon to make speech. You have nothing to say; herefore you remark to this effect: "Mr. Chairman-I am no public peaker; and if I were, I have nothing to say. Therefore I beg to be excused from attempting to make a speech. Thanking you for calling upon me. I will, with your permission, now resume

That is what you would say; but an orator would express the same idea in language befitting and eloquent. For

my seat.

"Mr. Chairman-Utterly and irrevocably unaccustomed and unused as I am to mount and ascend the raised and resplendent streams of speech. if, Mr. Chairman, I neither attempt nor Post. essay, nor yet endeavor, to speak or And, Mr. Chairman, returning and extending my heartfelt thanks and good upon and requesting me to address this nonored and honorable assemblage of honored and honorable gentlemen, I kind and graceful permission, your indulgence and your well-known and universally recognized courtesy, resume and retake the seat from which I ought never to have arisen, and which I ought never to have relinquished or left. Again thanking you, Mr. Chairman, for the honor you have bestowed upon and vouchsafed to one who was never fitted to flourish in the luxuriant fields of oratory. I once more sink and

descend into the obscurity and insignificance from which I ought never to have emerged or ventured forth.' This is oratory; this is eloquence. Copy this style of speaking, my son, and you will soon acquire name said fame as a public speaker. And to you, my daughter, I have a

word to say. Instead of simply say-"I saw Sue to-day, but she didn't have anything particular to say;" Endeavor to cultivate that faculty of

"I saw Sue to-day-and, by the way, what a taste she has in bonnets-oh! that reminds me of May Flemington; she's got a lovely new wrap, and John Strut says-you know John; his sister married Charley Black-wonder what she ever saw in Charley! I'm sure I never could endure him, he isn't a bit good-looking, and then he's so stupid -what was I going to say? O, yes! John Strut: John says-oh, Belle! have you seen John's new turnout? It is awfully nice. I was telling Kitty only last night-what a queer girl Kitty is! Did I ever tell you about the time she and I had last summer?---"

And so on indefinitely. I am aware that this perspicuous and delightfully varied style of speech is seldom acquired by females; but, my dear daughter, it s not so difficult, after some practice. Acquire it, by all means. - Boston Tran-

TAKEN FROM LIFE.

How the Girl of the Period Receives At-

tentions From Her Many Suitors. At six o'clock her flowers came; at in the refrigerator. Pink roses? Well, I will wear my new Chinese silk. I will sleep about an hour longer, then come and put up my back hair." And he had foolishly selected them with care and much expense. She did not even give them a glance, but closed her pretty eyes in sweetest slumber, unthoughtful of the roses that had

bloomed for her. That night she modestly thanked him and murmured something about his delicate little attention, etc.; and he? Why, of course he believed her when she returned home with the prize, a bauble of beauty. She carelessly removed them from over her sordid little heart and told Jone that they would do to put in the window on the morrow. "For you know, Jane, mamma likes all the flowers the gentlemen have sent to be placed in the front window. She says it looks well,

and shows that I am having attention, and I do have lots, don't I, Jane?" Three foolish men each tenderly lifted a pink rose from over his heart that night, and thought of his "dear, good girl' who had given it. - Louis-ville Commercial.

-Evidence of the decay of forests in Australia is found in the present existence of a few trees far exceeding in size any of those about them and supposed to be survivors of a departed race of giants. A tree twenty-five feet in cir- British army in the Caucasus-which cumference at a height of thirty feet | means Turkish co-operation - and above the ground was described at a probably, also on the presence of a the toe of his boot, took them both off,

MISCELLANEOUS.

-An American living in Kobe, Japan, has engaged thirty very skillful Japanese ivory-earvers to introduce the art nto this country.

-J. R. Bond, of Stewart County, ia., says that some of his neighbors heard the train coming in the other night for the first time, and, mistaking the rumbling noise made by the train for a cyclone, spent the night in their cyclone pits.

-The locomotive headlight, which is so universally employed on railway engines in this country, is said to be losing favor among experienced railway men. They regard it as of little or no utility, while its powerful illumination tends to render indistinct the colors of signal lights on the track ahead .- N. Y. Examiner.

-Richard W. Belmont, who was going from Denver to the Pueblo Insane Asylum in charge of Sheriff Shrock, sprang through a car window when the train was running thirty miles an hour, When the train was stopped Belmont was seen running over the prairie unhurt. Shrock, after a long chase, recaptured him. - Chicago Mail. -When Thebaw and his retinue were

landed as prisoners at Madras and turned over to a burly Scot on duty there, the officer who had brought them demanded a receipt. The Scotchmar promptly made it out somewhat as folows: "Received of Colonel Willoughby one king, two queens, thirteen maids of honor, etc., as per invoice." -With the foundering of the steame Feronia off the Dutch coast about

5,000,000,000 of sewing needles were lost, which had been shipped by four firms from Isarbohn for China. Several insurance companies must bear the damage, which is very heavy. there having been a large quantity of expensive needles among the lot. -A gentleman having surrendered his seat to a lady in the horse-cars,

without the slightest recognition from her, drew an ear-trumpet from his pocket, and held the open end close to her face. She was brought to her senses by this broad hint, and found she had occasion to get off at the next crossing. We intend to carry a trum pet hereafter .- Prairie Farmer. -A cotemporary says "many of our

cooking utensils have remained the same for 1,800 years. We fry, bake and stew in pans formed precisely like those used in Pompeii and Hurculaneum. We even use the same shaped pans for eggs as were used in those cities long before the fateful eruption of Vesuvius buried them in ashes and iava." Happily the eggs we use in the pans are commonly a little less ancient.

-Chicago Sun. -Mrs. Elizabeth Chambers, of Miselevated rostrum and to dispense and souri, made her will in 1862, and begive forth thence glowing, glittering | queathed her slaves to her children equally, with the exception of one to rounded and rotund periods of elo- whom she gave her freedom. She quence and ornamental and ornate ora- lived a number of years afterward, but tory, I am especially and particularly steadily refused to recognize the results unfortunate and unhappy at this time of the war and her will was admited and moment in not having anything to to probate at St. Louis this week, just talk about, to speak of or even to men- as it was originally written. But the tion. Hence and therefore, Mr. Chair- slaves which she desired to divide man, I beg and supplicate and pray to among her children long since walked be excused and pardoned and forgiven off on their own account.-St. Louis

-Henry L. Ebbecke, of Upper Nazatalk upon this occasion or at this time reth township. Northampton County, or in this presence; but that I may be Pa., is the owner of three horses, the permitted and allowed, both at this like of which are seldom found. One ime and upon this occasion, to be ex- of the animals is thirty-eight years old. cused and exempted from making, another twenty-eight and the youngest manufacturing or constructing any re- twenty-six, their combined ages making marks of any kind whatsoever, or from a total of ninety-two years. They are uttering, delivering or giving voice to the only horses Mr. Ebbecke owns and any thoughts, cogitations or reflections. all three are in constant use on that gentleman's farm. Even the oldest is still able to do a solid day's work, and wishes to you. Mr. Chairman, for calling all promise to be good for some years' service still.—Philadelphia Press.

-A vouthful theological student, so minute in stature that he ordinarily will now and at this time, with your can not make himself seen when behind the pulpit desk, recently preached near Exeter, N. H. An aged woman sat in the front pew, and was greatly concerned to see a boy in place the expected minister. So she slipped on tip-toe to the pulpit stairs and beckoned to him, whispering loudly: "Come down, my boy; you mustn't sit there; that's the place for the minister." - Springfield (Mass.)

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The Help It Could Give England in a War

with Russia.

I have of late been surprised (1) st the orderly regularity of their camps; (2) at the fair show of discipline and neatness of dress when on duty; (3) at the cleanliness of their rifles, which in the regular army are all breech-loaders. though not of the best and latest patdiffusive particularity so uncommon to terns; (4) at the intelligence and smartyour sex, and deliver yourself in this ness of some of their officers. There is now a military college at Teheran, at which the superior class of officers are instructed in branches of military education similar to those taught at most European military academies. The inferior class of officers is drawn in the main from the middle or lower grades of the Persian people, and is as a rule by no means highly educated. Many of them, however, are capable and intelligent; though others, and, I fear, the majority, are the very reverse. This class never, or hardly ever, rises above the grade of Yawar or Major. There are 80 battalions of Persian infantry. each nominally 1,000 strong. Perhaps we may be not far wrong if we assume the actual average strength of each to be 500, thus making a total of 40,000. The Shah has only three regiments of regular cavalry, drilled and disciplined by Russian officers on the Cossack system. He has at Teheran several batteries of artillery (guns of modern make) also under European officers. while scattered over his kingdom are a collection of antiquated pieces of ordnance worked by artillerymen more or less proficient in the duties they are called on to perform. To the above them all with whom we laugh or smile eight she and their sender were going may be added an almost unlimited number of irregular cavalry, but very to make us hold him in remembrance, not open the box. Just peep in and their weak point. They are good see what color they are, then put them their weak point. They are good ing out visiting. If I call on Brown norsemen, well mounted on horses capable of enduring much hard work, and are entirely independent of transport and commissariat. A more mobile force could not be found, and, composed as it is of Kurds, Turks, Bakhtiaris, Hazaras, Jamshidis, and all the must be better armed in time of war. That portion of the Persian army which is under the Zill-us-Sultan at Isfahan has a good name for drill, discipline, and general efficiency. All considered, then, we should be justified in placing somewhat greater faith in the efficacy of Persian military resources than most recent writers have displayed. I would not argue that a Russian corps d'armee marching on Teheran would be likely to find the Persian forces more than a match for it; but in the event of a war between England and Russia it would be a great advantage to the former if the latter were obliged to detach a corps d'armee, whether to watch the Persian frontier or to repel a Persian attack. Moreover, with a hostile Persian on her right flank, the operations of

Russia from the Caspian via Askabad

and Sarakhs against Herat would be.

if not paralyzed, at least seriously ham-

a Persian alliance. But, be it remem-

bered, that alliance will be conditional

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

-Rudolph Albrecht's university at Vienna is the largest in Europe. It has 285 professors and 5,221 students. -The average age of those who enter college in this country is seventeen; a century ago it was fourteen. - Chicago

Inter Ocean. - The average salary of the Methodist preachers of the Baltimore Conference is \$785 a year. Sixty preachers, some of them married, receive less than this amount, and one receives only

\$160.—Baltimore Sun. -The Rev. C. S. Sargent, of New Haven, /t., has given to the Congrega tionalist a cheering description of work of the Holy Spirit. He says "The churdhes of the Chap lain Malley are experincing a work of grace and an outpouring of the Spirit such as has not been known for fifty years."

-The Christian Advocate states that during the past three months upward of one hundred thousand persons in the Methodist Episcopal denomination have "responded to the appeals of pastors and friends, and professed to give their hearts to God, through Christ, and their names as candidates for admittance into the Christian Church."

-Simultaneous meetings held at the same day and the same hour, for the purpose of advancing the interests of the missionary societies of the church. are frequent in England, and the Episcopal Recorder thinks they might be introduced into this country with advantage, and, moreover, that an entire week should be devoted to the cause of -Since the accession of Pope Leo

XIII. forty-four Cardinals have died. Of the Cardinals created by Pope Pius IX. twenty-six are still living, the remaining thirty-four have been created by Leo XIII. There are now ten vacancies in the Sacred College. Cardinal Newman is the oldest of the Cardinals. There are now 1,208 dignitaries in the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

-The vast work that is being done by the four great Bible and Tract societies of this country and of England is hardly understood or appreciated by the public. The daily issues of the two Bible societies was 18,243 for each working day of 1885. The total issues of these two societies for 1885 reached the enormous number of 5,709,207 copies of the Scriptures. These are startling figures. - Brooklyn Eagle.

-The attention of the Catholic Church is beginning to be attracted to Alaska as a promising missionary field. The country is vast and the population estimated at 70,000, but in all that territory there are but two priests. This state of affairs is likely to be soon remedied, Archbishop Segbers, of Oregon City, having given up his see for the purpose of taking the field in the ardu ous missionary labor in Alaska. - N. Y

-The American missions of South Africa have recently celebrated their fiftieth anniversary at the oldest mission station, which is named after its revered founder. Dr. Adams. The Lieutenant Governor of Natal, Sir 'harles Mitchell, was present and the flags of England and America waved together in the breeze. He expressed. in his speech, the hearty sympathy of the Government with the work of the missionaries, which has been so successful in that part of the world. The great feature of the celebration was the opening of Jubilee Hall, which is the name that has been given to the new seminary for boys.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

-A cigarette-smoking dude is as much like a man as an opera bouffe is fike an opera. He is merely a thin and amusing burlesque. - Fall River Ad

-In order to distinguish one from the other, the dinner-plate must be made smaller or the fashionable button affected by the ladies must be slightly enlarged. - Chicago Tribune.

-Patient-"Well, doctor, what do vou find ails me?" Doctor-"I can's tell just vet, Mr. Peters. I am afraid I shall have to diagnose your case more thoroughly before I can tell vou." Patient-"Say, doctor, will it hurt?"-Tid-Bits.

-It will be remembered that "Old Uncle Ned" laid down the shovel and the hoe, and hung up the fiddle and the bow. Probably if Ned had stuck to the shovel and the hoe he would not have been compelled to "hang up" his fiddle and bow. There is a moral here

-Miss D .- "O, I assure you that the doctor's wife is very untidy. Why, she can not cook or govern her servants and her children are badly brought up. Ah! she deceives her excellent husband." Mr. C .- "How do you know this so well?" Miss D .- How? Don't you know I'm her best friend?"-Pittsburgh Chronicle.

-First Dealer-"So they are going to pass a law forbidding the sale of tobacco to miners." Second Ditto-"Yes, but I don't see how that is going to interfere with our business so long as we stick to the favorite brands-cabbage leaves and old shoe leather, you know."-- Boston Transcript.

-Rev. Mr. Slytes, of Bungton, (to asher in up-town church)—Will you show me a pew, please? Usher-You can take any one of the back pews, sir. Rev. Mr. Slytes-But I am the Rev. Mr. Slytes, of Bungton. Usher-That don't make any difference, sir. The back pews can be occupied by any one who behaves himself. - N. Y. Times.

-Young Wife-I am going to be very economical. Do you know I bought liver to-day for dinner? Young Husband-I suppose you bought some bacon to go with it. Young Wife-O, no! Couldn't afford it, but I bought you a necktie and myself a love of a bonnet for only twenty-eight dollars. Now, wasn't I good? Young Husband (groaning inwardly) -Yes, very. - Boston Globe.

-- "No," said Fogg, "I'm tired of gohe's sure to hore me to death with hi everlasting brag about his dog; if I go to Black's, he'll talk of nothing but that confounded horse of his; and at White's I shall hear of nothing but his hens. Therefore I prefer to stay at home and enjoy myself. "But, my best and bravest fighting element of Persia, one not to be despised. But it versation will hardly be more improving if, as usual, you dilate on pipes and tobacco." "Yes, my love," Fogg, "but you should remember the difference. I do the talking."—Boston Transcript.

A HARD FATHER.

How He Abused the Confidence Daughter's Admirer. The clock was on the stroke of twelve and old man Stuffey was awakened by muffled voices in the hall below. "Wife." he said. "what is that?" "It's Sary and her young man," re-

"Tain't morning, is it?" he asked. "I don't know what time it is." "I will see about this," he said, getting up and putting on his boots. In a few minutes his wife heard a dull thud down stairs, and shortly after the pered. Let not, then, England despise old man returned. "I am not an astronomer." he said.

plied the wife.

"and I can not explain it, but I saw the upon the successful debarkation of a son rise a few moments ago, and it is now midnight."

Then he looked reflectively down at blew out the light and went back to THE BEST

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