A Talk with Farmers. There are some things in the last letter of your Denver correspondent. that are well worth the thoughtful ration of farmers.

The most important perhaps is, that if we consist our interests looked a'must look after them our-Business men nor politicians

Nebraska is now only an agricultural state, but I expect to live to see the day when it will take its place us the foremost agricultural state in the Union. Our geographical location, our climate, our soil and not least the character of the prominent settlers in our rural districts. I think, ful justify of such expectations. But this most honorable place is to be gained only by our own intelligent effort. Most of us have been kept at hard work since we commenced on the virgin prairies, while those in | other occupations have made use of combined effort to the advantage of their several interests. We have confined ourselves too closely to o individual interests. But now we are getting where we have more leisure and we will read more and think more, and begin to look into the public matters for ourselves more And when we do this we will see that our interests will be better con served. Our influence will be felt more in both local and state politics. That it is in the power of farmers to matters of our state, there is no quesed for an increase of salary from \$3,000 Heitkemper. to \$5,000 each. The matter was submitted to the people at the fall election and was most heavily sat down upon. And now the farmer and their most excellent state paper are being severally belabored for deceived by those in other occupations. In the same state the farmers think it result is a large majority of that body is made up of practical farmers. And this is what we should have in

Nebraska. Railroad interests are by Dowty & Heitkemper. comparatively concentrated, and they have plenty of ready cash or its equivalent and can afford to use law- Nebraskans. yers or business men or even tarmers to look after their legislative work. We farmers cannot do this; we are too scattered to direct what we want done, and besides we lack in having the proper inducements at hand, to have outsiders look after our affairs successfully. We must send men from our own calling to do it. I don't mean nominal farmers, who are more interested in politics than in their business. A dabbling farmer politiinterested in their calling, intelligent | druggists. enough to understand its interests and independent and brave enough

Now as to railroads. I cannot join in the indiscriminate cry against them. They are not an unmixed evil, and it is neither just nor wise to loose eight of the good they have done and are doing us, while we de nounce the evils that really do exit in their management. During the past 20 years transportation from Chicago to New York has decreased from three and torty-five-hundreth cents to sixty-eight-hundreth of a cent per ten per mite. While in Ohio last summer I met many discouraged farmers. They told me that they could not longer compete with us in organization. the west. I had just sold fat hoge it the Columbus market for as much as they were bringing in towns there situated on a main line road to Nes York. But cattle were not word more than one-half a cent per pound more than here. I was getting as much for my butter here as the bedairy men were getting there. Whe and corn brought more than here but the difference in price, even of thes-

Now it is the railroads that have made it possible for Nebraska farm ers to compete favorably with Ohio and New York farmers, and we should give them credit for it. A: the same time these railroad corporations are becoming powerful, and in some instances are making use of their power to our disadvantage, and we need to see to it that we have such legislators as will look after our

bulky grains was not nearly so muc

as the difference in the cost of rai-

rights. The out look for favorable railroad legislation certainly looks encour nging now. The interstate commercbill of which Mr. Millett speaks wi doubtless pass before the present sesion of congress closes. This wil robibit pooling-rebates and discrimnations, and regulate other matters o great importance with shipping freights. This, with the recent de cisions of Judge Gresham of the U. S. court at Chicago, by which he so verely cripples Jay Gould and other railroad magnates in one of the mogigantic attempts of fraud ever perpetrated in this country, will tend to stiffen the back bones of our state legislators so that we may look for some work in the right direction

from them. As to the senstorship, while Mr. Heltkemper.

Van Wyck has made mistakes, it seems to me there is no question but that he can do more for us in the next six years than any other man that can possibly be put in his place, and I am satisfied this is the opinion of a very large majority of the farmers of this state, who are intelligent in the matter and are unbiased in their J. H. R. judgment.

Don't Experiment. You cannot afford to waste time experimenting when your lungs are danger. Consumption always seems, at first, only a cold. Do not let any dealer impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Coughe and Colde, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived. but insist on getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all Throat, Lung and Chest affections. Trial bottle free at Dowty & Heitkemper's drug store.

IT is stated that Germany, France, Russia and Turkey are in accord on the Bulgarian question.

GREAT stir has aiready commenced at Denver getting ready for the grand inauguration of their Governor-elect Alva Adams, which comes off Il Jan., '87.

MR. F. H. GOODRICH, a'St. Louis shape, to a large extent, the public Traveling Man, representing the Graham Paper Co., contributes the tion. And this is as it should be. following, it may be of value to you: Their interests are by far the most "I have been troubled with coids and important. Our sister agricultural soreness of the breast the past year states understand this matter. As an and find great relief in Chamberiain's instance, down in Kansas the busi- Cough Remedy. I cheerfully recomness of the courts had so increased mend it to any one troubled with that it was thought there was too much | coughs or colds, give it a triai." L. work for the three judges, and last Harry, a merchant of Sweet Home, summer the lawyers, instead of set- Mo., has also used it for several ting about to see how the business years and knows its value; he says could be expedited, insisted upon Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never having two additional judges. This fails to give quick relief, and that he doubtiess would have been granted always keeps it in the house and by the people, but those directly in- would not be without it for five terested had the amendment also ask- times its cost. Sold by Dowty &

> It is claimed that a flowing oil well has been discovered near Ulysses, old.

Saved His Life.

Mr. D. I. Wilcoxson, of Horse teating the measure. Their plea is Cave, Ky., says he was, for many that they could see no good reason years, badly afflicted with Phthisic, for increasing the salaries of the also Diabetes; the pains were almost judges so long as it was generous in unendurable and would sometimes proportion to the remuneration re- almost throw him into convulsions. He tried E ectric Bitters and got relief from first bottle and after takno more than right that they should be | ing six bottles, was entirely cured, represented in their state legislation and he gained in fiesh eighteen in proportion to their interests. The pounds. Says he positively believes he would have died, had it not been for the relief afforded by Electric Bitters. Sold at fifty cents a bottle

> Next month has been fixed upon for St. John to talk probibition to

A Flut Contradiction.

Some one has told you that your catarrh is incurable. It is not so. Dr Sage's Catarrh Remedy will cure it. It is pleasant to use and it always does its work thoroughly. We have yet to hear of a case in which it did not accomplish a cure when faithfully used. Catarrh is a disease which it is dangerous to neglect. A certain remedy is at your command. Avail cian is often of the most unreliable yourself of it before the complaint sort. I mean men who are generally assumes a more serious form. All

A coal company is a new organi-

The Cause of Consumption. Scrofula, manifesting itself in blotches, pimples, eruptions, saitrhoun, and other blemishes of the skin, is but too apt by and by to infect the delicate tissues of the lungs also, and result in ulceration thus ending in consumption. Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" will meet and vanish the enemy in its strong hold of the blood and cast it out of the system. All druggists.

THERE are now seventy-seven organized counties in this state and eighteen of them are under township

The Population of Columbus Is about 3,000, and we would say at least "Wake up, old man," said he, "I have of the Threat and Lungs, as those com- the clock was striking 12." plaints are, according to statistics, more

pectfully, Dr. A. Heintz. REPORT comes from San Francisco that twenty-seven persons were drowned by the wreck of the Atlanic near the latter place.

50c and \$1.00. Trial size free. Res-

SYLVESTER GRANDA, has been captured at Kansas City, another man implicated in the Haddock murder

A Great Surprise

Is in store for all who use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, the great guaranteed remedy. Would you believe that it is sold on its merits and that each druggist is authorized to refund your money by the Proprietor of this wonderful remedy if it fails to cure you. Dr. A. Heintz has secured the Agency for it. Price 50c and \$1. Trial size free.

it is stated that a counterfeit \$20 eilver note has been put into circulation, and detected by the secret ·e vice.

ITCH, Prairie Mange, and Scratcher every kind cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Use no ther. This never fails. Sold by C B. Stillman, druggist, Columbus.

finally tound guilty after the jury had deliberated less than half an

McQuade, of New York City, was

A TRAIN DISPATCHER'S STORY.

Several years ago I was employed as train dispatcher on a southwestern American railroad. As usual there were three of us in the office. I had what is called the "second trick," my hours of duty being from 4 p. m. to 12 p. m. The third man, Charlie Burns. who came on at midnight and worked till 8 a. m., was a particular friend of mine. He was a young man of high character, a fine dispatcher, and very popular; and when, during the burning days of July, it became known among the men that he was confined to his room by a severe attack of malignant fever, many were the expressions of regret and of hope for his speedy recovery. During the trying days of Charlie's illness I spent all the time I could spare by his side, but on account of his beence from the office it was necessary for the remaining two of us to "double up"-that is, work twelve hours each, my watch being from 8 p. m. to 8 a. m. I came on duty one evening feeling very bad. The weather was so warm could not sleep well in the daytime; besides, I had spent a considerable part of the day with Charife, whose illness had now reached a critical stage, and seemed to show little prospect of im-

Hence, as you may imagine, I was not at all pleased to find that I was likely to have a busy night of it. A wreck on the road during the day had thrown all the regular trains off time, and besides the usual number of special freights there was a special passenger train to leave Linwood, the eastern terminus of our division, at 11 p. m. with a large party of excursionists returning from a picnic. For several hours I had my hands full. There was a special train of live stock bound east which had to be kept moving, but was being delayed by hot journals; never-theless, I hoped to get them into Linwood before the excursion train started

As usually happens in such cases, the excursion train did not get ready to leave on time, and it was 11:40 p. m. when they reported for orders at Linwood. I fixed up their orders, got the report of their departure from Linwood at 11:45, and entered it on the train sheet. Then, having for the first time that night a few minutes' breathing time, I rose from the table and went over and seated myself by the window, where it was cooler than under the heated gas-jets over the table. I was alone in the office, and as I sat there enjoying the cool breeze which came in through the open window a neighboring church clock rang out the hour of 12. From force of habit I glanced at the door, almost expecting to hear Charlie's light footstep on the stair and see the door open to admit him as of

"Poor fellow," I thought, "it will be a long time before he enters that door again, if he ever does." Just at the last stroke of 12, and while my eyes were still fixed on the door, it opened and Charlie Burns entered. My astonishment may be imagined better than I can describe it. My first thought was that in the delirium of fever he had escaped from his nurses and made his way to the office, but when I left him a few hours before I could not have believed that he had strength to get out of bed. I sat and watched him in speechless surprise, which was increased by his strange manner.

Instead of his usual hearty greeting he took no notice of me at all, but walked directly to the table and sat down. Placing his hand upon the key he began calling "Q," which was the signal for Elm Grove, the first station, six miles west of Linwood. "I. I. Q." came the response. "Put out signal for special passenger west and copy.' "Ro," "Ds," rang out the sound-"Ro." er with Charlie's nimble fingers upon the key. "Ro" was the call for Rosedole, the second station from Linwood, eight miles west of Elm Grove. Ro," came back the answer.

"Is special east coming? Ds." Then, as I sat by the window as one paralyzed, the awful truth flashed across my mind. I had overlooked the stock train, thundering eastward twenty miles an hour, and made no provision for its meeting the excursion train. My blood seemed turned to ice as I heard

"They are at the switch. Ro." Another minute and it would have been too late. Still apparently oblivious of my pres

ence, Charlie reached for the order-book with his left hand, while his right continued to manipulate the key, and heard the sounder click:

Out signal and copy Ds. Order No. 734. To C. and E. Eng. 34 Ro. C. and E. Eng. 19 O. Special east eng. 34 will take siding

and meet special west eng. at Rosedale. Quick as a flash came back the response from each station, and in less time than it takes me to write it the order had been repeated and signed by the conductor and engineer of each order-book and returned his "O. K."

sion of feeling was too much for my overstrained nerves, and I lost con-An hour after I was awakened by a familiar voice, and looked up to find Frank Dwyer, one of our conductors,

one half are troubled with some affection | bad news for you. Charlie died just as | Vilas, and Lamar. Miss Vilas is hard-I roused myself and went to the numerous than others. We would ad. table. There on the order-book was the vise all not to neglect the opportunity to order just as I had heard it clicked ou call on us and get a bottle of Kemp's by the sounder, and "Ro" was calling Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Price | me to report the two trains safely by | Had I been dreaming and sent the order in my sleep, or had my friend redeemed

his promise? The writing in the order-book was in his hand, and I have never been able to account for it .- Detroit Free Press.

How the Thistle Defends Itself.

themselves to all vacant situations. ready prickly fashion against the probable assaults of their natural enemics. They have forged darts, but have not learned to poison them. Their prickly leaves and wings are amply sufficient for defense, without the necessity for developing a virulent juice to be injected into the very veins of their savage aggressors. Natural selection can never push any special line of evolution further than is imperatively called for by the wants and circumstances of the particular species. It always necessarily leaves off just at the point where the protection afforded is fully sufficient to guard the kind from the possibility of extinction. The thistles have found in actual practice that prickles alone are quite enough to secure their boasted immunity from extraneous attacks; the nettles have practically discovered for themselves that without stings they would soon be landed in the final limbo of utter nonentity. -Mr. Grant Allen, in

CHAMBERLAIN'S Colic, Cholers and the clubs made it lively for the boys Diarrhos Remedy never fails and is pleasant and safe. Sold by Dowty & failed, did he?"—Rambler.

Popular Science Monthly.

How to Read.

Nobody can be sure that he has got clear ideas on a subject unless he has tried to put them down on a piece of paper in independent words of his own. it is an excellent plan, too, when you have read a good book, to sit down and write a short abstract of what you can remember of it. It is a still better plan, if you can make up your mind slight extra labor, to do what Lord Stafford and Gibbon and Daniel Webster did. After glancing over the title; subject, or design of a book, these eminent men would take a pen and write roughly what questions they expected to find answered in it, what difficulties solved, what kind of information imparted. Such practices keep us from reading with the eye only gliding vaguely over the page, and they elp us to place our new acquisitions in relation with what we knew before. is almost always worth while to read a thing twice over, to make sure that nothing has been missed or dropped on the way, or wrongly conceived or interpreted. And if the subject be serious, it is often well to let an interval elapse. Ideas, relations, statements of fact are not to be taken by storm. We have to steep them in the mind, in the hope of thus extracting their inmost essence and significance. If one lets an interval pass, and then returns, it is surprising how clear and ripe that has become which, when we left it, seemed crude,

bscure, and full of perplexity. All this takes trouble, no doubt; but then, it will not do to deal with ideas that we find in books or elsewhere as a certain bird does with its eggs-leaves them in the sand for the sun to batch and chance to rear. People who follow this plan possess nothing better than ideas half-hatched and convictions rear ed by accident. They are like a man who should pace up and down the world in the delusion that he is clad in sumptuous robes of purple and velvet, when in truth he is only half covered by the rags and tatters of other people's cast-off clothes. - John Morley.

Orthodox Pawrucket.

Some time ago the Pawtucket orthodox church was in need of some repairs and embellishments, and a carpenter was sent aloft to patch up the steeple and put it in thoroughly good shape. The reluctance of the weather-vane to record the changes of the wind had long been proverbial in the town, and the carpenter climised clear up to see if he could find out what was the matter with What was his astonishment to discover that a screw had been out through. apparently in recent years, in such way as to impinge upon the pivot and prevent the vane from turning except inder verv great pressure.

The carpenter was astonished that such an attempt should be deliberately made to cripple the church vane and fore he removed the screw he would report the matter and see whether by any chance it had been put there by authority. So he appealed to Deacon X.. the most prominent member of the times,"-N. Y. Sun. board of trustees, and told him the dis-

"Have you any idea how the screw came there, deacon?" the carpenter asked in closing his story. "Yes, I have," said the deacon

"Why, how was it?" "I ordered it put there myself. We're an orthodox church here, I want you to understand, and we don't want our weather vane to go whiffin' 'round with every breath no more'n we do. I ordered that screw put m so's it should take an all-fired breeze to make it go!"-Boston Record.

Escapes From Siberian Prisons: The Russian police are said to be growing nervous over the frequent escapes from Siberia this year. The few who have ventured to return to St. Peterburg have been recaptured and returned, but the majority have made their way to Geneva and London, and the plotting against the government has been renewed with redoubled fervor. Since June at least twenty Siberian prisoners have escaped, including two

some of them escaping by the way of Cambodia. The precautions which are observed throughout Siberia are so stringent that the government is persuaded that the escapes could not have been effected without connivance with the prison officials. So great a commotion has been caused by these repeated jail-deliveries, that a special commission has been sent to Siberia to inquire into their causes,

cavalry officers and several students,

and to reorganize the entire system of prison government. A number of high officials, under whose charge the escaped prisoners were, have been suspended, and some officers, who were either criminally negligent or else assisted in releasing the prisoners, have been arrested and thrown into prison. The refugees report that the Siberian

prisons and mines are crowded with exiles. Disease is rampant, and scurvy is especially severe. The mortality, they say, is frightful. The nihilists are train, while Charlie copied it into the greatly excited and rejoiced over the many escapes, but declare that they Then, as I realized that I was saved | will not strike again until they are sure and a great disaster averted, the revul- of their mark.

Mrs. Cleveland's Social Assistants. Mrs. Cleveland will have some lovely voung ladies inside the cabinet circle to assist her in her receptions this winter. who had volunteered to watch that The Misses Bayard will appear very sel-

dom in public, but their places will be filled by the Misses Manning, Endicott, ly a debutante vet, but will be allowed to take part in the festivities in a limited

Miss Mauning, the secretary's daughter, who is "just out," is quite attractive. Sue assisted her stepmother at her reception last season, and was quite poputar. Miss Endicott is a full-flown society lady now, and is very elegant and stately in her manner and movement. The prettiest one of them all is Miss Jennie Lamar, the debutante daughter of the Mississippi secretary. Her mother died over two years ago, and she hat been living with her married sister in On the other hand, the thistle family Memphis, Tenn., until this fall. She is a young fady, recently. "how came you are far more truly rural and agricul- 18, tall, graceful, and bright. Her hair tural in their habits, being denizens of is golden and her eyes a rich-hued the open fields and meadows, less de- hazel. She has the gentle ways and pendent than the nettles upon richness tender, poetic expression of the zunny of soil, and readily accommodating south. She will be the belie this winter. and will present a charming contrast in Hence they have only felt the need of | blonde points to Mrs. Cleveland as they arming themselves in a rough-and- stand in line to receive their fellow-citizens. — Minneapolis Journal.

WIT AND HEMOR.

"What is the Potter's Field?" asks a orrespondent. It see us to be reading 'Ostler Joe." - Rambler.

Room." It is not so good as her company. - New Orleans Picayune. It takes nine tailors to make a man. but one tailor can make a woman-that is, he can make her, proud. - Philadel-

What we want is not to see ourselves us others see us. We want to have others see us as we see ourselves. iomerville Journal.

First oyster—"Where are we?" Second oyster—"This is a church." "A church? What do the want with both of us, I wonder?"—Pineburg Dispatch.

"Take her all around?" says a writer, "she is the best product of her sex."

Yes, but did that writer, ever think of the expense of taking her all around?—

New Haven News.

New Haven News. At the examination for the baccalau-reate degree, the Professor of Physics asked the candidate: "What is the beat

insulator known?" "Poverty," was the

reply. - French Fun. A scientific journal gives an examp "weight sustained by vacuum." must be this same force that prevents the top of a dude's head from falling in .- New Haven News.

Young husband (to wife) -"Didn't I elegraph von not to bring your mother with you?" Young wife-"I know. That's what she wants to see you about She read the telegram."- Texas Biff-

"Pa, what's this that's always in the apers headed 'Foreign and Domestic'! an a thing be foreign and domestic "No, my son, of course not." Yes it can, too. Look at Bridget."-

Mary Anderson advises young women to have nothing to do with private theatricals. She says they have a bad effect on the nerves. We have noticed this in the case of audiences. - New Haven News. Friend (to young artist)—Isn't your shirt a little ragged, Charley? Young Artist—I'm afraid it is. Friend—Well,

why don't you change it? Young Artist—Because the other one is ragged, too. - N. Y. Sun. "My pen is weary, I shall write no more," warbles a poetess. We can't find it in our heart to blame that pen

from being weary, and we thank the poetess most sincerely for her good resolution. - New Haven News. Prince Henry of Battenburg has, after auch practice, succeeded in learning how to wear a Scotch kilt. He has positively declined to eat haggis. There is danger in consequence of a civil war between him and his mother-in-law.

Minister's wife (to husband)-I men Mrs. Jones this afternoon, and her husband, the deacon, who is sick, is anxious to have you call and see him. Minister—I will go to him at once. He must be hopelessly ill.—N. Y. Sun. "We can't all be President of the

United States, Bobby," said the minister. "I know it," Bobby replied, and his clear, honest eye shone with lofty ambition, "an' I don't want to be. I'm goin to be a drum major."-New York

Mistress-What! the cream all gone again? I really cannot understand it. Servant-Please, mum, the cat! Mistress Nonsense! when we haven't one. Servant-But, please, mum, you said as you was going to get one!-Friegende

A Chicago Anarchist named Ducey declares he will tell the truth if he "has to do so in front of a Gatling gun and with a rope around his neck." Well. it requires just about those very inducements to make some men tell the truth.

"I hope and pray," remarked a genshall never have occasion to cross the Atlantic again." "Rough passage, ch?" queried a friend. "Rough is no name for it. I had four kings beat three highest sense of the term. When the

her by rejected suitors. Young men to become a worker in the great system who propose to pay court to her in fut- of humanity. She will not sit down to ure will be more likely to win her favor | sigh over the work given her to do, to if they write only on one side of the pa- simper nonsense or to fall sick at heart, per .- Somerville Journal. Old Mrs. Bently-I see, John, that this new faith cure has been the means

of savin' a great many people. Old Mr. Bently-So I've beerd. Old Mrs. Bently-Well, the fust time you pass a drug-store, John, I wish you'd stop and get a bottle of it. - N. Y. Sun. Needy man-Yes, sir, if you'll give me a chance in your store I'll do two men's work. I've been out of employment

for starvation wages. Merchant-Now. about how much do you think you could starve on a week?-Tid-Bits. Eight millions of umbrellas are made in this country every year. Half a million are imported from France. This makes about one umbrella to every seven persons. One person buys the umbrella; the other six steal it from

many months, and I'm willing to work

him and use it .- Pittsburg Dispatch. Witty men sometimes get into bad places. Judge Gould, of the Portland, Me., police court, recently said to s criminal: "Look out that no more liquor is found in your back yard." will, your honor," was the reply. "I'll only keep rats in my back yard after

Mrs. Jones -"I am told that your husband is worth a great deal of money in the old country, Mrs. Macnamara?" Mrs. Macnamars-"Trotn an' be is. ma'm. The Government over there will pay \$5,000 for Mac any day they can lay their hands on him."-Lowel Kindly old lady-What's the matter,

little boy? Little boy (crying bitterly)
—I jes lost fi' cents. Kindly old lady (giving him a nickel)-Well, here is five cents more for you, so don't cry. How did you lose it? Little boy (feeling better)-I lost it pitchin' pennies.-Harper's Bazar. "John," she said, as she entered his

office one day and snifted suspiciously. "I thought you had promised never to drink again." "My dear," he replied deprecatingly, "your suspicions are injust. I have just had a call from a Chicago Alderman." "Ah, that explains it. Forgive me, John."-Rambler.

A novelist makes his heroine throw \$100,000 of her own money into the sea so as to relieve her lover of the suspic-ion of being mercenary. She should have given the money to her lover to start a paper intended to fill a long-felt want. She would have lost it just the same and it would have been a little

more natural. - New Haven News. They had been quarreling, and she was railing against marriage. "But, my love," expostuiated the husband. 'marriage is made in Heaven." don't care if it is." she snapped. isn't made for howe consumption, and they ship it down to earth just as soon as they can till the orders."- Washing-

ton Critic. It isn't always best to be entirely satto marry such a very plain, unpreten-tious man as father?" "If I had known that his daughter would ever have ask- and judgment. - Boston Budget. ed such a question I presume I should have hesitated." "Then you are not satisfied?" "Not entirely. I'd most wish that our daughters had been all sons,"-Hartford Post.

"What is this I hear," said Mrs. Spook, "about compulsory prayer being abolished in Harvard? Did they use to compel the students to pray?" said young Spook, who had just come home from college on a vacation; "yes, the janitor used to go round three times A new book is out called "A Girl's a day and make every student get down on his knees and pray, and, if the studant resisted, swore at him like a pirate.' "That's just right," said Mrs. Spook; 'If a young fellow won't pray he ought to be sworn at until he is ashamed of himself."-Lynn Union.

> Edison says that no experiment which he has tried at night ever failed. Now what we want to know is, did Mr. Edison ever try at night to find the matches in his bare feet without disturbing any of the furniture or stubbing his big toe against seventeen different obstructions. New Haven News. "Around the world in eighty days"

no longer is heard from the hips of the wideawake. It is, like the old "2:40 ou a plank road" phrase, out-dated "Around the world in sixty-nine days"

An Owl's Peculiar Trick.

In one of the Bowery museums, in a wire cage, is a monster owl, with eyes as big as five-dollar gold-pieces. A solemn-looking man wandered from the serpent's den to the owl's cage, and his eyes met those of the captive bird. As he walked around the cage the big, flat eves of the owl remained fixed upon him. He kept on, and, while the claws of the bird clutched the rod on which it perched, the eyes neither winked nor waved. Three times he made the circuit of the cage, keeping his eyes fixed on those of the owl, then halted, still eying the bird, and a perplexed look came over his face. Again he started on, with quicker step, and as often as he made the circuit of the cage he

attendant in the museum came up and asked him what it was all about. "Go 'way," said the man without taking his eyes from the owl, and he kept on around till he had closed the other finger and both thumbs. Then he halted, and still keeping his eyes fixed on those of the owl, he said: "I've walked around that owl ten times since I began counting, and three

closed one tinger of his open hand.

After he doubled over seven fingers an

or four times before, and he hasn't taken his eyes off me vet, nor let go the perch with his claws. He ought to be pretty near wound up, hadn't he?" The museum man thought the stranger was a crank, and went off to attend to

some boys who were pestering the With the observation that he could keep on walking as long as the owl could keep turning his head around without letting go with his claws, the stranger started on. He made eight or ten more circuits and then halted, and waited to see the owl's head fly back

upon him with a placid look. "Well, that beats me," said the man and he disappeared down the stairway. What puzzled the man has been puzzle to naturalists also. One of the solutions is that after each turn the owl's head flies back so quickly that the human eye can not detect the movement. - N. Y. Sun.

like a piece of twisted india-rubber. But the owl's eyes remained fastened

The Grown-Up Tomboy.

The girl romp, otherwise known as the tomboy, is an eager, earnest, in-pulsive, glad-hearted, kind-souled specimen of genus feminine. If her laugh is too frequent and her tone a trifle too emphatic we are willing to overlook these for the sake of the true life and exulting vitality to which they are the escape valves; and, indeed, we rather hke the high-pressure nature which must close off its superfluous "steam" in such ebultitions. The glancing eye, the glowing cheek, the fresh, balmy breath. the little, graceful play of the limbs tell a tale of healthy and vigorous physical development which is Nature's best beauty. The soul and the mind will be developed also in due time, and we shall have before us a woman in the tomboy has sprung up to a healthful A Somerville girl has had her room and vigorous womanhood she will be papered with old love letters written to ready to take hold of the duties of life, but she will be ever ready to take up her burden of duty. In her track there will be sound philosophy, in her thoughts boldness and originality, in her heart Heaven's purity, and the world will be better that she lived in it. To her allotted task she will bring health, vigor, energy, and spirits: these will give her both the power and the endurance without which her life must be, in some respects at least, a failure.

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Cure for Most Dangerous Wounds An intelligent and trustworthy correspondent has sent us the following: The smoke of woolen rags is a cure for the most dangerous wounds. A lady of my acquaintance ran a machine needle through her finger. She could not be released till the machine was taken to pieces. The needle had broken into her finger in three pieces, one of which was bent almost double. After repeated trials the piece were extracted by pincers, but they were very strongly embedded. The pain reached to the sboulder, and there was every danger of lockjaw. The woolen rags were put over the coals, and she held her finger over the smoke, and in a very short time all the pain was gone and it never returned, though it was some little time before the finger healed. This is but one of many instances of such cure, some of them taking place after several days from the time of the wound. Let woolen rags be kept sacredly and always at hand for wounds. The smoke and stench will fill the house, perhaps, but that is a trifle when the alternative is lockjaw, or even a long, painful sequel to a wound. Another instance. was the wound made by an enraged cat, which tore the flesh from the wrist to the elbow, and bit through the fleshy part of the hand. One ministration of the smoke extracted all the pain, which been frightful. - Boston Tranhad

Methods of an Inventor. There is a president of a tool-building company in one of our eastern cities who is a thorough mechanic and a successful inventor. In one of the draughting rooms is a table with square, rule, pencil, and a few other appliances always on it. Perhaps this table may be visited three or four times a day by the president, who will jot down figures, raw a few lines or make a sketch. He may not come for several days, and he may work at the board or table for several hours at a time. At last the work is thought out and its elusiveness is fixed by the penciling. The result is then properly drawn, patterns are made, the castings are finished, and the machine is completed. All this is the process of thought-growing, lasting perhaps for weeks or months. During that incubating time the idea possessed merely literary effort required greater devotion to its subject, more intense thought, or more exercise of the reason

Levy Will Swear Off.

Solomon Levy and Mose Schaumburg had a settlement of accounts not long since, and Levy paid a small balance which was due. Levy had been taking too much wine, and paid Mose more money than was coming to him. Next morning Schaumburg's clerk came to Levy's place of business and handed him a \$5 bill.

"Vat for is den dot?" asked Levy. "Mr. Schaumburg says that when you settled with him yesterday, you paid him \$5 too much. Lovy clasped his hands and an expression of intense anguish came over his face as he said:

"I vonder how much too much I have paid ven a man like Mose Schaumburg sands me back five tollars. I eggspects I paid dot schoundrel a hundred tollar bill for a one tollar bill. Ven it vas less den dot he vouid have send me pack noddings. I vas a ruined man. I vas all broke up. Vine vas mockery.
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