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A Word for Pork.

pensive meat, a loin costing more per

ty-four cents a pound, while beef sau-

sages (a favorite dish with London

working people) are twelve cents to

sixteen cents, pork is looked upon as

cheap that it is despised? I know

many believe it to be unwholesome; is

tion, the Germans, who in their various

sausages eat it in all forms. Where

are there healthier people than those

English or those Germans? Look at

the children who, from the time they

are weaned, eat daily such fat pork as

would make one shudder to think of:

in English rural districts it is not an

occasional, but a steady diet, day after

day all the year around. At the road-

side, sitting on the mossy banks that

flank the fields they are tilling, may be

seen laborers with a hunch of bread

and a thick slice of pork or of bacon

on the top of it, solid fat, and a

"thumb piece" (a small piece of bread

their knives. This, with perhaps a

raw onion and a drink of beer, is their

daily dinner year in and year out, but

do you suppose they know anything of dyspepsia? I don't think many of

them ever heard the word, and one

look at the ruddy skin, the strong

frames even of their old people will

tell you that. Of course the out-door

life makes a difference, but the school

children are the rosiest and chubblest. Take at random any group of these

pork fed children and there will not be

London, as in these days most do, they

take places where there is abundant

fresh meat, fare such as they never

dreamed of, and the one thing they

erave is their country pork, not that pork is not eaten in London, but it is

pork with several inches of fat, they

love so well. In the baskets of coun-

try women visiting city friends, is al-ways a piece of this pickled pork and

sometimes a piece of bacon is packed

To the London working classes,

roast leg or loin of pork stuffed, is the

next luxury to roast goose, and the

working people, if they cannot afford

a goose, take pork and sage and onions

usual Sunday dinner and therefore not

I suppose there are no hardier.

healthier races in the world than the

English and Germans, especially the

country people; both are largely pork

I should perhaps state that I speak

only from observation. I have no

scientific knowledge on the subject.

Pork takes its place in my family in

change with other meats, and we know

nothing of dyspepsia, which we might

do if the American climate made the

Another thing urged against pork is

that the pig is an uncleanly feeder, but

no one says this of that dainty bird the

chicken. Is there any filth a pig

would eat that a chicken would not?

Do not chickens revel in offal? Can

it is the food of the animal that unfits

it for use, then the chicken must come

I know people who tell me they have

never eaten fresh roast pork. If there

are any among my readers who do not

pork with the crackling neatly scored

and crisped, stuffed with bread, sage,

and boiled onions, and eaten with

apple sauce, let her buy one, and roast

it till it is brown as a chestnut, and

perhaps she will thank me for persuad-

ing her. Perhaps in her house Mrs.

Povser's "stuffed chine" may come to

hold a place of honor as a savory joint

to have on hand .- Catherine Owen, in

Romance of the Mines.

said a mining expert at the Planters'

House yesterday. "Here I pick up the papers and read of Mrs. Mackay's do-

ings in Paris-how she receives the

scions of royalty, how she entertains,

how she appears at the opera, how she

dresses, and how she does a thousand

other things; and then I can scarcely

conceive that eighteen years ago she

kept a boarding-house in Virginia City

and that I was one of her boarders.

Yet it is true, and I often ponder over

it. She was a young widow then, with an interesting child who has

since matured into a young lady and

was recently married to an Italian

Prince of some kind. That little girl

has often sat on my knee with a little

tin can in her hand which contained

those days we lived principally on can-

ned food, and Mrs. Mackay's back-

yard was paved with tin cans. The

child had selected a very pretty can,

which one of the boarders transformed

into a little bank. This was partly

filled with coin, the result of a tribute

which she levied on her friends. She

would climb on the boarders' knees,

and, shaking her little bank, would

say: 'Is you lucky to-day?' This

query had the desired effect, and the

bank receipts were increased. Even

in her days of distress Mrs. Mackay

was a good woman. She personally

superintended affairs and made her

boarders as comfortable as possible. I

was then a superintendent under Fair,

and Mackay was already a millionaire.

Mining stock was the rage then and I

remember often how she would come

to me and some of the other boarders

and ask our advice about certain stocks,

I gave her was good, and if I had

taken it myself I would now be \$5,-

000,000 or \$6,000,000 better off than

"Then Mackay took a shine to the

widow, and being reputed one of the wealthiest men in the camp he found

smooth sailing. He couldn't win on

"This is indeed a peculiar world,"

yet know the excellence of roast leg of

there be a more uncleanly feeder? If

use of pork unadvisable.

under that ban.

Good Housekeeping.

and brought away in a trunk.

a "treat."

When these girls and boys go to

a sickly one among them

\$100,000, expensive, and it is not the "pickled"

who has seen Mackay knows that he wouldn't take a prize in a congress of In this country, where it is the beauty. They were married, and the cheapest of all meat, roast pork is oft-en a rarely used and despised dish, ex-cept by German's and Irish. In Enlittle girl no longer sat on miners' kuees, and 'mamma's' delicate hand no longer placed cornbeef and cabbage on miners' plates. They rose faster glish cities, where pork is the most exthan Sheridan stock did last summer. pound than sirloin of beef, where pork the only difference being that their rise sausages are twenty-two cents to twenwas backed by hard coin. The great Comstock lode continued to pour forth its riches and Mackay and his partner became immensely wealthy. Although reared in poor circumstances, Mrs. a great treat. It is only because it is Mackay showed her good sense by securing a private tutor, by whom she was drilled and educated for five years. The little daughter was put through the same course and fitted to shine in the most cultured society of the Old whom veal is almost poison. As to its wholesomeness, I think we ought to World. Then came the conquests in New York, San Francisco, and finally look at the people who almost live on it. The English agricultural populathe trips to Europe. A year ago I was in Paris and one evening attended a performance at the Grand Opera-House. It was the first night, and prominent in a private box were two ladies bedecked with diamonds and festooned with flowers. They were the cynosure of all eyes and, leveling my glasses, I discovered behind the silks, flowers, and diamonds the face of my former landlady in Virginia City. The out-lines were the same, but time had wrought its changes. The young lady with her was the little girl who used to play on my knee. She had grown out of my recollection. As I stood looking at them 'midst the flashing lights, the incense of flowers, and the delicious music, I could not help re-

Some one who breasted high water, Swam the North Fork and all that, Just to dance with old Follansbee's daughter, The lily of Poverty Flat."

calling something of

-St. Louis Republican. He Met Macaulay.

Not long ago I was talking with an

old gentleman who has for years been in the iron business as a commission merchant in a Western city, who, early in his career, went to England to make a study of iron manufacture in conjunction with a visit for pleasure. "One day," he said, "I went to a

London book store to find a certain work on metallurgy I could not find in America, and while there a pleasant old gentleman came in and began looking around pretty much as I was doing. We came together presently, and soon were chatting pleasantly on books and other matters, and I told him who I was and what I was seeking. He told me he knew the work, and, though it was rare, thought he might find it. and at once began a search through the racks, shelves, and out-of-the way corners, and finally came up smiling from a dark place with the book in his hands. I thanked him, and, taking the volume to the dealer. I ordered it laid aside, and at the same time ordered the late numbers of Macaulay's works, which were appearing in parts and some of which I had bought in

"I told my new friend that in my estimation Macaulay was the greatest English writer, and that I had read everything he had written, as far as I knew. He smiled pleasantly, and after a few moments' further conversation we parted, with the hope of meeting again. The next morning I left London for York, and when I had settled myself in the compartment assigned me I found my traveling companion to bd the old gentleman I had met in the book store the day previously. I was glad to see him and told him I was bound for York, and he said he was going there, too. This pleased me and I settled down for a good talk, for he was exceedingly entertaining and thoroughly the gentleman. We made no stops for some time, and when we did I noticed a large crowd at the

"There must be some distinguished person aboard the train,' I said, 'and these people are here to see him.' "Possibly,' he answered, with

mile like the one he gave me the day before among the books, and we continued our talk. At the next station there was a larger crowd, and getting outside I asked what was going on, and some one told me Lord Macaulay was on the train. I went back to report to my friend.

" Lord Macaulay is on the train." said: 'that's what brings the people out, and I'd give a good deal to see him myself.' He smiled again. I'm Lord Macaulay,' he said, with almost a schoolgirl blush; and I reached out with American enthusiasm and shook hands with him so heartily and earnesty that he laughed till tears ran down is cheeks.

"When we reached York he invited me to dine with him, and at the dinner he extended further invitation for me to visit his home and his family, and I did it, and to this day Macaulay is one of my brightest and pleasantest memories."-Dramatic Times.

Odd Antics of Birds.

A relative of mine had a large marsh upon his estate, and here the great cranes made their summer home. building their curious nests there and rearing their young, says Prof. Holder in the San Francisco Call. The and it was his practice to creep through and watch the birds unobserved. The antics they went through it would be impossible to describe-now they would caper along in pairs, stepping daintily with the winning gait of the ideal exquisite, lifting their feathers or wings, taking short steps, and gradually working themselves up to a bird frenzy of excitement, when they would leap into the air and over each other's backs, taking short runs this way and that, all for the atification of the females standing by, and finally, after a series of these exhibitions, the different birds selected their mates. Among the birds of the western hemisphere the cock of the rock ranks next to the crane in the strangeness of its evolutions. The bird is confined to South America, and is about the size of a small pigeon; has a bright orange web in the male, with a plume-like arrangement upon the head. It is a proud bird, principally building its nest in rocky places not frequented by man. At the commencement of the breeding season a party of birds, numbering from ten to twenty, assemble, and selecting a clear space among the rocks form a ring or circle, facing inward. Now a small bird takes its place in the center and begins to hop about, toss its

appear to be watched with great interest by the rest. When the performer is thoroughly exhausted he retires to the circle and another bird enters the ring, and so on, until all have been put through their paces, when the pairs probably make their selection. Often the birds are so exhausted after the dances that they can hardly fly, ly-

ing panting on the rocks. Near the borders of southern California is found a bird, called the sunate, that has a strange courtship. It is about the size of a magpie. During the mating season four or five birds collect together and seem to vie with each other in the extravagance of their posturing-wooing now in rows, now single, in a regular dance, and, by the way of music, uttering loud, discordant squawks. Their long tails are lifted high in the air during this performance, and their entire behavior s remarkable in the extreme.

A Curious Gas Well. "There are many curious phenomena ever present at the natural gas wells in this vicinity," said the owner of several wells, "but I have never seen any that struck me as being so peculiar as those that were witnessed a few years ago at a well in the Canada oil field at Sarnia. The well was being drilled for oil, and at the depth of 600 feet a great volume of gas was found. The gas was accidentally set on fire as it rushed from the well. A fountain of flame more than fifty feet high was the result. That in itself was a wonderful phenomenon for that district then, but is as common as water hydrants in this region.

"The peculiarity of the well was that every fifteen minutes, as regular as a clock could mark the time, a stream of water three inches in diameter spouted from the depths and mingled with the burning gas. The force of the water carried the flames up more than a hundred feet, and separated them in sprays and showers of fire. The chemical composition of the water was such that there were certain inflammable qualities in it, and these would make bright ly colored lights to mingle with the dull flame of the gas itself, creating a natural pyrotechnical display that I never saw equalled artificially. Streaks of bright yellow, globes of purple, and fantastic shapes in red, pink, and blue leaped and danced and whirled about in that warring mass of fire in a manner that was enchanting. The eruption of water lasted exactly three minutes. when it would cease, and the flame of the gas would resume its normal condition. While the water was mingled with the flame a strong smell of sul-

phur pervaded the air. "A strange thing connected with the burning well was the way birds of all kinds were attracted to it during the time the water was spouting. They would circle about the pillar of fire, uttering their different cries, and acting as if they were frantic. Frequently the flames would catch some unfortunate bird in its flight, and it would fall either dead or dying to the ground. This fire had such an effect on many kinds of birds that they would light in the midst of spectators, and suffer themselves to be caught. The owner of the well tried every means then known to extinguish the burning gas, but all to no purpose. It burned without any show of ever giving out for two years, and then went out one day almost as suddenly as it had appeared."

- Washington (Pa.) Letter. A Spanish Execution.

The condemned man mechanically yielded himself up to the executioner. The latter made him sit down at the foot of the post with his back to it. and then tied his hands and feet hard and fast. He did all this without hurrying himself in the least, and with all that dignified indifference which characterizes the Spanish functionary in the discharge of his duty. If the preparations had lasted even a few seconds longer, I believe I should have lost my own self-control. I could hear my heart thumping in my breast, and every moment or two something like a veil came before my eyes. You could not here even a whisper in the crowd. While one of the priests pressed a crucifix to the colorless lips of the sufferer, another was murmuring words of consolation and hope into his ear. But the wretched man was not listening. His expressionless face had a waxen pallor, and his eyes, as they wandered over the ocean of faces before him, already seemed dim with the dimness of death. He started considerably when the executioner placed the iron collar about his neck, and I observed his mouth contract. Then, however, a white covering thrown over his features hid them from further observation. The executioner then gave two or three turns of the screw connected with the instrument of death. The bones of the neck cracked, a long trembling ran through the whole body; the arms twisted outward, the legs in-

ward. Alvarex Oliva was dead. The priests took off their square caps as if to salute the soul passing by; and the executioner removed the covering that concealed the dead man's face. | the Tulane University. The face which had been so pallid a moment before was now purple. The tumified tongue protruded from the mouth and the bloody eyes had spurted out of their sockets. The head had fallen slightly toward the right shoulder, and the black miter with a white cross that had been placed upon it seemed about to fall off. The crowd ebbed away silently, evidently much affected, while two gendarmes with rifles mounted guard at the foot of the scaffold where the corpse was to remain until evening when the corporation of female public mourners would escort it to the cemetery of executed criminals, with long piercing cries of lamentation like the yu! yu! yu! of Arab women. - Madrid Letter.

A Maine woodsman saw a rabbit on the ice, and it did not run away as he drew near. It had hopped into a shallow puddle of water and had stood still till its feet were firmly frozen to the

Dolphus-Dat am a fine turkey yo' got, Rastus. Am it dry picked? Rastus-No, Dolphus, hit wah rainin' wery hard when I picked dat bird .--New York Sun.

Why is a man who keeps his eyes shut head, lift its wings, and go through all | like an illiterate schoolmaster? Because his shape nor his beauty, for everybody the strange movements possible, that he keeps his pupils in darkness.

MISSING LINKS.

says monkeys have conversation. try will marry her devoted admirer in

churches.

Queen Victoria is the oldest reigning sovereign in Europe excepting Em peror William.

which she made by her pen. Miss Edith Chester and Mrs. Blanche Horlock, actresses, are the reigning professional beauties in London.

iron into "iron-clads and stink-pots." try is the one at Barnstead, N. H. It will shortly celebrate its fiftieth anni-

Montana lacks one qualification of a state. She has no big debt. On the contrary, she has a neat sum in her

Senator-elect Reagan is now living with his third wife, and intrusts to her supervision his not very profitable Texas farm.

book on the railway question, which will doubtless conceal what its author knows on the subject to be treated. William F. Cody, otherwise known

thing stronger than lemonade, because fire-waters do not agree with him, he William K. Vanderbilt will hereafter

spend most of his time in Europe. His new private vacht, the Alva, which cost \$1,000,000, will soon be ready for

Congressman Buck, of Connecticut, has received a letter from a female constituent asking him for all the

is "interested in botany." for publishing his name in the paper for getting drunk and raising a row.

Jim Featherstonaugh, of Big Tom Canon, N. M., says he can whip any man in America. He will make an Eastern trip in the summer, as he says, to "shove his fist under Sullivan's

mender, of Pittsburg, Pa., who is now dving of consumption, served as a soldier in three great wars—the American civil war, the Austro-Prussian, and the German conflicts.

What becomes of her money she is unable to tell herself. Ex-Governor Bate, who is to represent Tennessee in the Senate, was at Bull Run, was dangerously wounded

wounded, and is now a poor man. cording to Sam Jones, is the female who marries a man whose breath smells of whisky. The revivalist won much applause by making that assertion in

Mrs. John F. Cleveland, the sister of Horace Greeley, and her daughter have been in great want during the winter. the property left them having melted away. They have both been quite ill, and their friends were obliged to assist

Metz is perhaps the most agitated of all the cities on the continent. Her

the success which the numerous paragraphs printed have attributed to him. Frederick Amerling, the celebrated Austrian painter, died recently in his

Eneas" and "Moses in the Desert. Miss Anna T. Howard, following the suggestion of her father, Charles T. Howard of New Orleans, will begin in the spring the construction of a free

public library as a memorial of him. The building will cost \$50,000, and

undesirable"-in other words, the lady s too old for the young man. Ex-Senator William H. Barnum, of Connecticut, is very active for a man of his years. He is a frequent visitor to New York, and travels about the country a great deal. Mr. Barnum

around the calf of the leg. No hearse could be found big enough to carry his body, and it took twenty men to get the coffin through the window to an open wagon.

Secretary Whitney recently had the

One of the shortest bills, if not the shortest, ever introduced into any legislature is that recently presented Mr. Glover, of Maine, which read: ture assembled, as follows: Section 1. The dog is hereby declared to be a

boggan" should be pronounced with the second o long, as in open. Citizens of Depere, Wis., are about

name of their city shall be spelled with a small or with a capital P. A student of Indian tongues declares that the word "Chicago" was used by

designate a place where wild onions abounded-literally, an onion patch. The word "polyg" is in constant use among the people in Utah in conversa-tion and in print to designate a Mor-

less frequently to a person of improper habits.

elegant new flats to let,' you know." Minneapolis now to call a dude of a a melancholy mien and a habit of profound silence where speech is not absolutely necessary. He should smile only rarely, and in taking leave of a per-son should vanish gently as if fading

Recollections of a Private.

First Lessons in Painting. A celebrated miniature painter who was unusually hard up sometimes consented to take a pupil to help inflate the cash account, though much against his inclinations. A wealthy gentleman called at the studio one day and begged the artist to take his son, a young man of 16, as a pupil, promising to pay him handsomely for the instruction. The boy was admitted for the sake of the that he knew absolutely nothing of the first principles of drawing. The young man sat around for half an hour the first morning, watching the master at in contact with the object at which it and finally ventured to ask that he be given something to do.

damp feet."-San Francisco Call.

which used to be the old House of Representatives. There are several sets of these stones, and a person

standing on one can hear a second person whisper, if that person is on the corresponding stone on the other side of the hall. One of the most curious of these stones is the long distance one. The stone is near the north door of the hall, which the person who talks must pipes will heat the car, and a compress- stand on the threshold of the doorway of the south entrance, some twenty feet an impossibility. The general adoption of such a car would be a most desirable away. Any one standing on the stone near the north door can hear the result. familiar whispers uttered on the doorsteps of the south door. The other day

and one of the groom's friends was "Be it enacted by the Senate and showing them around. Of course, he House of Representatives in Legislawas explaining the whispering stones to them. The bride was on the north domestic animal. Section 2. This act steps of the south door. He was whisshall take effect when approved."

A Canadian says that the word "to

to take a vote to determine whether the

the Pottawatomie Indians long ago to

The verb "to jounce" and the substantive, "jouncer," are becoming current in certain society circles as terms and "masher." The idea involved is that of the reduction of the victim to the condition of jolting helplessness

designate the lingua franca which passes current between English-speaking people and the Chinese, is said to be a corruption of "business English," the word "pigeon" being the nearest approach that a Chinaman can make to the pronunciation of the English word

Miss Fortescue, the actress, told a Chicago reporter the other day that the adjective "elegant" is never used in London in cultivated conversation. "Over here it is rightly, and, I notice, frequently used," said she; "but in England we use it but for one thing in the whole world, and what do you think that is? In advertisements of flats,

Dead Faces in Battle.

"All right! all right!" the artist replied, going to a closet and returning action of the heart continues, is not to with a pair of muddy boots and a blacking brush. "Here, black these in this condition, the German chemist boots, young man, it will give you points out, the bodies may be packed breadth."—Boston Record.

Washington's Whispering Stones. THE PIRST Among the first curiosities shown National Bank! the visitors to the capitol are the whispering stones in the Statuary Hall,

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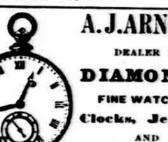
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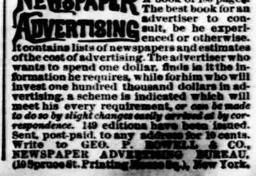
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A Popular Science Monthly writer It is again reported that Mrs. Lang-

June next. There are 403 members of Congress but only 283 are connected with

The late Helen Hunt Jackson left an estate worth \$12,642, almost all of

John Ruskin rises to remark wrathfully that civilization is putting its best The oldest brass band in this coun-

Jay Gould is said to be writing a

as "Buffalo Bill," never drinks any-

George R. Sims, the English playwright and story-writer, has received nearly \$100,000 from his plays pro-

details of the fisheries question, as she An Indian called upon the editor of the Crescent City (Cal.) Record a few days ago and threatened to scalp him

Charles Heyne, a poor umbrella

Sarah Bernhardt, whose purse is always as slim as her form, has received from her numerous engagements since May last nearly 1,800,000 francs.

at Shiloh, had three horses killed under him at Chickamauga and was again The biggest fool in the world, ac-

one of his talks to a Boston audience.

young men, faithful to France and fearful of being drafted into a fight seainst her, are moving away, and whole families hold themselves in readiness to start at any time. Senator Jones of Nevada has struck no such rich streaks of luck as lately | lived for over an hour. He did not represented. He has had no great stroke of fortune. He has done well in business, but has had nothing like

eighty-sixth year. Among his greater works are "Dido Abandoned by Amerling was four times married and his youngest child is but twelve years

have a capacity of 100,000 volumes. The library will be under the charge of Senator Hearst's objection to the marriage of his son to Miss Calhoun, it is said, arises from no nonsensical pride of wealth, but from a feeling that the disparity in age and experience between the parties makes the union

says that he is personally out of politics; that he has retired from the stage to a front seat in the orchestra. Samuel Murfitt, who died the other day in England, was 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighed 560 pounds, measured 100 inches around the waist and 20 inches

The Emperor William's fayorite dish is the Russian batwinia, a cold fish soup, in which beer, cider, rancid herrings, and salt cucumbers are ingredients. The emperor is also fond of veal stewed with cloves and cinnamon, and of pork stewed with nutmeg and marsh-mallow, while a frequent sweet is a large sponge cake well steeped in rum. following sign: "Lady applicants for positions will please weep in the ante-room, as the clerk suffers greatly from

Marine band to play at his house and afterward gave it luncheon. When he invited them to the table he asked their nationalities, and said, "I have hog and hominy for the Americans, macaroni for the Italians, and sauerkraut for the Germans." Then he ordered out terrapin and champagne for them

A number of Boston capitalists are building a railway car of steel. Instead of forming their car by the current square-box pattern they will use, as far as possible, a curved design. Hot-air ible platform will render telescoping

> stone and the friend stood upon the The Use of Words.

the page said:

mon. "Cohab" is applied to a person explain matters, but somehow the bride convicted of unlawful cohabitation and doubted his story .- Baltimore Ameri-

typified by the jellyfish. The term "pigeon English," used to

It is the proper thing in St. Paul and certain class a "fade." To come stricty under this designation a dude must not be too old nor too stout, and his nost prominent characteristics must be

When we got into the Brock road inrenchments a man a few files to my eft dropped dead, shot just above the right eve. He did not groan, or sigh or make the slightest physical movement, except that the chest heaved a few times. The light went out of his face instantly, leaving it without a particle of expression. It was plastic, and, as the facial muscles contracted. it took many shapes. When the man's body became cold, and his face hardened, it was horribly distorted, as though he had suffered intensely. Any person who had not seen him killed would have said that he had endured extreme agony before death released him. A few minutes after he fell. another man, a little farther to the left, fell with apparently a precisely similar wound. He was straightened out and speak. Simply lay on his back, and his broad chest rose and fell, slowly at first, and then faster and faster, and more and more feebly until he was dead. And his face hardened, and it was almost terrifying in its painful distortion. I have seen dead soldiers' faces which were wreathed in smiles; and heard their comrades say that they had died happy. I do not believe that the face of a dead soldier, lying on a battlefield, ever truthfully indicated the mental or physical anguish or peacefulness of mind which he suffered or enjoyed before his death. The face is plastic after death, and as the facial muscles cool and contract they draw the face into many shapes. Sometimes the dead smile, again they stare with glassy eyes and lolling

The new city clerk has erected the

pering to her several little things of interest about the hall. She had her back toward him. A page from the house came along and got interested in the conversation. Suddenly he thought he, too, would talk to the bride, and when the friend stopped for an instant, "Say, old girl, how old are you, any-As quick as lightning, the bride hopped off the whispering stone. Her face was crimson with blushes, and she took her husband's arm and walked off. The friend had heard the page's remark, and saw its result, but before he could grab the boy, the naughty page had fled. He followed his friend and his young bride, and tried his best to

a bride and groom were among the

visitors. They were from New York,

Peculiarities of Reagan. Representative Reagan is now near-

ten years younger. The gray has not yet crept into his short black hair, and his round, dark face is unseamed with wrinkles. He walks about briskly. rides to and from the capitol in the street cars, and is as approachable as any public man in Washington. He is of medium height, rotund in form, and weighs, I should judge, over 200 pounds. He wears a black slouch hat and clothes of rough goods, which are made with little apparent care as to their style and cut. His face is always smoothly shaven, and it reminds you of the colonial statesmen whom you see in the picture of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in the rotunda of the capitol. He has black eves, a fat nose, and a rather heavy iaw. He talks in a guttural tone without gesture, and he is not an attractive speaker. He is very earnest in his speeches, bowever, and does not often talk buncombe. When he speaks he is never at ease unless he has a string in his hand, and he keeps pulling this through his fingers as he talks. His favorite position, when listening to a discussion in the House, is sitting back in his chair with a piece of white letter paper in his hands. This he folds up carefully, and with his jack-knife cuts through the folds. The two pieces of paper he now lays together, folds them, and cuts them in pieces. He reduces these pieces still smaller in the same way, and when he has used up one piece of paper he takes another. So he goes on for hours at a time, until his desk is littered with scraps of

paper. - Cleveland Leader.

On Her Dignity. The wives of the justices' of the su preme court have more of the feeling of a home and permanence in Washington than any of the other ladies of official circles. Some of them have moved in society here for more than twenty years, and they are supposed to be well-known everywhere. One of them in calling the other day fell into the hands of a voluble assistant, who poured upon her a steady stream of machine conversation. The assistant, after rattling along for a while, said to

"Have you been here long? Is this

your first visit to Washington? Don't

"I have been here twenty-" "Oh! then you're a resident, how much you must enjoy living here, and how nice it must be for you to see all the high officials and handsome houses; and of course you go to the white house on Saturday afternoons?" The justice's wife was fast reddening under this stream of misapprehensions, but after the glib assistant had

the justice's wife:

you like it?"

teacup emphatically and said: "My husband has been justice of the supreme court for twenty-five years!" -Cor. N. Y. Herald. The ice gathered in many New Jersey ponds has been found of late to be

asked if her husband was in business

here the justice's wife sat down her

tongue and dreadfully distorted visages | filled with small particles resembling at you. It goes for nothing! One little worms, which have come to be death was as painless as the other .- | called ice-worms. A gentleman near Dover, who found the ice in his pond affected in this way, made an investigation. He says the pond was filled with little wrigglers, and these were shedding their skins. These skins floated to the surface and adhered to the bottom of the ice, and, as if frozen

from the bottom, filled it with what

looked like great numbers of little

worms. He has noticed that ponds

plentifully stocked with fish are free

from the wrigglers.

as prisoners.

A German chemist has invented a money it would bring, but, much to new kind of anæsthetie bullet, which the painter's disgust, it was discovered he urges will, if brought into general use, greatly diminish the horrors of war. The bullet is of a brittle substance, breaking directly when it comes work, much to the latter's annoyance, is aimed. It contains a powerful anesthetic, producing instantaneously a complete insensibility, lasting for twelve hours, which, except that the be distinguished from death. While

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