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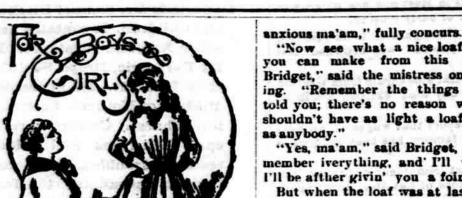
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OF ALL KINDS.



A Happy Thought.

And merrily sang he: His coat was mottled black and white As I could plainly see.

I called to him, I bawled to him, But he would not reply: He sang with unabated vim. And "winked his other eye.

I took my ancient pistol down From its accustomed place, I fear a very murd'rous frown O'erspread my handsome face.

I shot at him, nor missed my aim But still he would not go: Though bullet-pierced, he sang the same, My brave, untiring foe.

A thought at last came to my head-I sang: I knew he'd wince! But he did more: in fright he fied. I've never seen him since. HELEN GRANBERY, In Harper's Young

He Knew All About It. One of the men who are always sure and never make mistakes recently stopped at a Western hotel. On going to his room for the night he charged the landlord to call him in time for an early train. "Now don't you forget.

The five-thirty. That's the train I "But the five-thirty-" began the "Never you mind anything about the five-thirty. I know all about it. You

call me in time to get it. That's what you're here to do. See?" "All right," replied the landlord, a little shortly. At five o'clock the next morning there was a tremendous thumping at

the door of the man who wanted to rise for the "five-thirty." A voice from within called "All right!" and the landlord retired to the office. The traveller soon appeared dressed for the day's journey. As he paid his

bill, the landlord inquired, briefly: "Getting an early start, haint ve?" "No. Always take the five-thirty when I go through here."

"One of the directors of the road?" "Superintendent of the division

"No. What are you trying to get at?" "Nothing. Only the five-thirty was taken off the time-table vesterday, and the first regular train does not pull out till nine-sixteen. Didn't know but you had some official connection with the road, and was going to pull out on a special five-thirty all by yourself. You wouldn't let me tell you last night, but

p'r'aps 'taint too late now.' The man who "knew all about it" walked out of the office without a word, and the landlord smiled as he said to himself, "In the language of Josh Billings, 'It is better not tew kno so mutch then tew kno so menny things thet haint so.' "-Youth's Companion.

How He Rode.

The character of the old Illinois courts, in which Abraham Lincoln practiced, was very primitive, says a writer in the Century. In one case a livery-stable horse had died soon after being returned, and the person who had hired it was sued for damages. The question turned largely upon the reputation of the defendant as a hard rider. A witness was called-a long,

ride?" asked the lawyer. Without a gleam of intelligence, the witness replied: "A-straddle, sir."

"How does Mr. So-and-so usually

lank Westerner.

"No, no," said the lawyer; "I mean, does he usually walk, or trot, or

"Wal," said the witness, apparently searching in the depths of his memory for facts, "when he rides a walkin horse he walks, when he rides a trottin' horse he trots, and when he rides a gallopin' horse he gallops, when-" The lawyer was angry. "I want to known what gait the defendant usu- then," said Archie.

ally takes, fast or slow." "Wal," said the witness, "when his the pretty maiden by the flowers in the company rides fast he rides fast, and when his company rides slow he rides

"I want to know, sir," the lawver said, very much exasperated, and very stern now, "how Mr. So-and-so rides when he is alone."

"Wall," said the witness, more slowly and meditively than ever, "when he was alone I wa'n't along, and I don't know.'

The laugh at the questioner ended the cross-examination.

Wagner, the eminent composer, had the perves of an acrobat. Once he was climbing a precipitous mountain in company with a young friend. When

some distance up and walking along a narrow ledge, the companion, who was following, called out that he was growing giddy. Wagner turned round on the ledge of rock, caught his friend, and passed

him between the rock and himself to the front. His biographer, Ferdinand Praeger, relates an incident of a visit to Wagner Japanese coasts is a mud worm called at his Swiss home. The two men sat one morning on an ottoman in the of its own making, and gets its food

drawing-room talking over the events when the high tide comes up over its of the years.

old, rose and stood on his head upon the

tered. Her surprise and alarm canned her to run to her husband, exclaiming. "Ah! Richard! Richard!" Quickly recovering himself, he assured her that he was sane, and wished to show that he could stand on his head at 60, which was more than Ferdinand could do.

What Alled the take. It is said that good cooks, like good nurses, are "born, not made." In this opinion a lady who has recently struggled with the ignorance and stupidity of a servant who was "willin' and

STATE NEWS.

"Now see what a nice loaf of cake you can make from this receipt, Bridget," said the mistress one morn-"Remember the things I have told you; there's no reason why you shouldn't have as light a loaf of cake

"Yes, ma'am," said Bridget, "I'll remember iverything, and I'll warrant I'll be afther givin' you a foine loaf. But when the loaf was at last withdrawn from the oven by the despairing Bridget, it presented anything but a light and well-baked aspect.

"What iver can be the matter with it?" groaned poor Bridget when she had summoned her mistress to inspect the uninviting panful. "Did you remember to put baking

powder in the flour, Bridget?" queried the lady. "The bakin' powder is in it all right ma'am," responded Bridget, "but niver a bit av flour. I put in corn starch,

ma'am, in place av the flour." "Corn starch!" gasped the mistress. "Indade, yis, ma'am!" said Bridget. You said you wanted the cake very light, and it was yoursilf was tellin' me the other day how much lighter corn starch was than flour, so I just put in two heapin' cups av corn starch,

Astride a Crocodile. A cayman from a neighboring lagoon had occasionally poached among our ducks, says the engineer of an estate in India, as reported in "Tales of Travel," and we had been for some days on the lookout for him. One morning we discovered him lounging in one of the ponds, after a night's

I ran for my gun and fired at him. The shot merely stirred the old rogue up; he thrashed about in the water for a minute, and then left the pond and started for the morass.

I tried to get aim at his head, was unable to do so. At this point David, an African wainman, came up, and before I realized his purpose, he had thrown himself astride the crocodile, grabbed his fore paws and held them doubled up across the creature's

The beast was immediately thrown move his hind feet freely and slap his tail about, he could not budge half a doned their homes. yard, his power being altogether spent in a fruitless endeavor to grub himself onward. He was obliged to move in a circle, and of course was pretty nearly display at the World's fair. Arrange-

confined to one spot. The African kept his seat. He received some hard jerks, but as his seat was across the reptile's shoulders, he was well out of danger from jaws and tail so long as he held on.

called to me. aim at the crocodile's head, soon put for-all trot for a purse of \$1,000. an end to his mischief. The old fellow measured fifteen feet.

Ancient Spelling. Uniformity of spelling is a strictly nodern accomplishment, says the author of "The Sabbath in Puritan New England," a hampering innovation. In the descriptions of early meetinghouses, "A square roofe without Dormans, with two Lucoms on each side,' evidently means a roof without dormers or beams and with lucarnes, but who, unused to old records, would guess it? They had in those days "turritts" and "turetts" and "turits" and "turvts" and "feriats" and "tyrryts" and "toryettes" and "turiotts" and "chyrists." which were one and the same thing One church had orders for "juyees' and "rayles" and "nayles" and "bymes" and "tymber" and "gaybels" and a

'pulpyt" and "three payr of stayrs," a liberal supply of y's. Often in the same entry one word is spelled in three or four different ways. portion of the contract in the Roxury church records reads:

Sayd John is to fence in the Buring Plas with a Fesy stone wall, sefighattly don for Strenk and workmanship, as also to mark a Doball gatt 6 or 8 fote wid and to hing it." "Sefighattly" is sufficiently intelligi-

ble, and one can fancy the double gate all hinged, but who could guess that 'fesy" is "facy." or faced smoothly?

It was Archie Cole's wedding day. From boyhood he had been late at school, late at church, late at meals, late everywhere. "I'll wager," said his brother John, laughing. "that you can't be first even to kiss your bride at the wedding!" "O, I'll not be late Two hours later Archie stood with

parlor of her home. The guests were seated. The minister rose. Archie's failing and John's prediction were known to them all. Nevertheless Archie knew he should not be late

now, for his dear old mother had made all the guests promise not to precede him in kissing the bride. The solemn vows were said softly,

and the fervent prayer was spoken slowly, while a robin could be heard singing on the lawn. "Amen," said the minister. Archie bowed to kiss his bride; but

he paused, for an instant, he smiled, blushed. A sunbeam stealing through a rift in the heavy curtains, was trembling gently on the bride's "I've won the bet!" cried John.

The guests laughed, and the preacher, too, while the victorious sunbeam danced on the hyacinths and lilies. A Soup of Worms.

An animal growing between the high and low water marks on the sabella. It occupies a hard limy tube hiding place by thrusting out a head bushy with tentacles and sucking in currents of water loaded with minute particles of nutriment. Out of this wriggling creature the shore people make a soup which is true vemicelli, not a paste imitation of ·little worms. and is said to taste as badly as it

Furnishing Work at a Loss A Walla Waila, Wash., man about a year ago started a man out with a band of sheep on the range. A few days ago he received the following from him: "If you want me to remain here any longer, you'll have to get another band of sheep; them's all

NEBRASKA MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

-The Omaha police will picnic this ear in the vicinity of Lincoln. -The Sherman county institute will be held the first two weeks in August at Loup City. Superintendent J. M.

again conduct it. -Mss. L. Berry of Republican City has received an antelope which she has placed upon her iawn. The pretty little animal is an object of much attraction to passers-by,

Hussey of the Aurora schools will

-Maggie Whitmore, an Omaha domestic, is in durance vile for stealing \$50 from a lady in whose house she roomed. Maggie confessed the crime and returned part of the money.

-The Beatrice Chautauqua management has received positive assurance that Governor William McKinley of Ohio will be there to address the republicans at the Chautauqua grounda August 2.

-At its meeting last week the Beatrice city council passed an ordinance calling for a special election on August 22, to vote \$20,000 bonds for the purpose of floating the floating indebtedness of the city. -Nick Fox, the South Omaha mur-

derer, sentenced to the penitentiary for life, was piaced in the state bastile iast week. Since conviction he has shown no signs of the insanity made so prominent at the time of his trial. -Mrs. August Kemnitz, wife of a rominent Scribner farmer, was

brought to Fremont and lodged in jail. She became insane a week ago and has grown worse ever since until the form of her malady is now very vi--Clay Center Gazette says corn was never known to grow more rap-

idly than it has for the last three weeks, and, although late, if the season continues favorable Nebraska's corn crop this year will be nothing to -A sudden rise of four inches in the

river in the vicinity of Nebraska City

proved disastrous to several farmers on the lowa bottoms opposite that upon his snout; and though able to city. Many acres of corn were flooded and ruined, and several families aban--The county board of supervisors of Adams county voted ar appropriation of \$500 to aid in making a county

ments are being made for gathering and caring for the exhibit and part of it has aiready been secured. -At a meeting of the North braska fair and driving park association it was decided to hold the annual "Shoot'im! Me got 'im!" the fellow fair and races from September 27 to 30 inclusive. Friday, the 30th, will I reloaded my gun, and getting good be traveling men's day and the free-

> -Burglars entered the general store of Jonn West at Thanford, effecting an entrance through a window. The thieves helped themselves to pocket knives, pipes, mouth organs and ciothing. A large quantity of clothing was found in the basement where they had carried a lamp.

-Nebraska has won about 2, 250 silver medals, 250 gold medals, twentysix grand gold medals and three diamond medals in the famous Demorest contest. Nebraska enjoys the credit of having secured ail of the diamond medals that have been given out.

-The 4-year-old child of C. E. rock, proprietor of the City mills. was caught in the machinery at Dor hester, and torn to pieces. The fath er witnessed the baby's awful death without being able to render the slight est assistance. Its clothes were caught in a shaft.

- Frank Tyler, N. Y.," as he registers himself, done up some of the hotel and liverymen in Beatrice, pretending to be the advance agent of a circus. He lives on the fat of the land wherever he puts up, giving orders on the circus treasurer when he arrives, which will never be. - The dormitory to the Baptist col-

legs at Grand Island is now complete and ready to be turned over to the state board. The 150 students that were guaranteed by Crand Island people for the first year have been secured, and this institution of learning will be opened September 13. At St. Paul, last week, Henry Alaskich, of South Omaha, and Miss Aras-

the bonds of matrimony. Fathers Scbastianski and Paldeski tying the nuptial knot. The reader can spare distocation of the jaw by not attempting pronunciation of these names. -The delegate convention of the Grand Army of the Republic post held in Curtis, perfected an organization

tazi Jezeweski of Elba were united in

known as the Southwest Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic encampment. J. K. Paxton of Haves county was elected commandant. A reunion will be held in Curtis in September. -Albert Pageles, a young German living at Elkhorn, attempted to end his earthly existence by cutting his throat with a pocket knife. The at-

tempt was unsucceesful, however, as he was caught before his juguiar vein was severed. Pageles has for some time been considered mentally un--For some time a woman giving her name as Mrs. E. C. Bryan, agent for James E. Johnson & Co. of New York, has been doing a thriving busi-

ness among the merchants in some portions of Nebraska selling patterns and a case to put them in. For the latter article she collects \$8, but it never comes. Look out for her. -H. S. Ferrer of the Oxnard Beet Sugar company has just completed a tour to the beet fields all over the state and reports the beets in splendid condition. "Twenty-six hundred acres of the finest beets I have ever seen,"

said Mr. Ferrer, "are now assured."

The work on the beets is almost all done and the Grand Island factory will have a big run this year." -Miss Della High of Broken Bow has made application for a position in the Ravenna schools for the coming year. She was the republican candidate for superintendent of public instruction of Custer county last fall, and aithough defeated by Prof. Hiatt the independent candidate, principal of the Broken Bow schools, she ran

-Active preparations are going on at G. A. R. headquarters, says the plishment that still survives amon the former military class in Japan.

several hundred votes ahead of her

in order to get in realiness to attend the national encampment at Washington. The round trip rate is only \$30, and with good crops in prospect the attendance from Nebraska will be double that of any other encampment. At

least 1,000 old soldiers will go from this state. -Otto Nelson, a 'rmer living in Turtie Creek precinct says a Beatrice dispatch, was found dead in his barn the other evening. The coroner held an inquest and the verdict was that his death was caused by a hick from a horse. He had probably been dead for several days, as his body was in an advanced stage of decomposition. He was about 70 years old, lived alone

-Deputy Sheriff Hoagland of Lancaster county last week sold all the property belonging to T. F. Barnes, consisting of the Windsor hotel in Lincoln, turee or for forms, the town of Newman and an on thereto and Barnes' sub-division. The property was sold on an order from the district court in the case brought by Gail L. Barnes agreed to pay. The property was sold to F. M. Hall for \$20.

and had no relatives in this country.

-Judge Scott held a special term of court at Takemah, and among other things tried was the case of Frank Johnson, who was accused of being the brevet papa of a pair of twins, the mother being Anna Lindstrom. The facial resemblance and the mother's testimony resulted in a verdict of guilty, and Johnson was held in the sum of \$3,000 for the maintenance of the twins until 14 years old at the rate of \$20 a month. In default of bond he

was sent to jail. -John Ray, a Washington county farmer had on his premises a cat that had given birth to the usual number of kittens whereupon the female feline yielded up her nine lives and left a large family of orphans. At this point raise such a cloud and such a quackthe sympathizing dog stepped in and volunteered her services in the matter the earth have gathered there. Occaof rearing and nursing the disconso- sionally some wild beast, like a bear late kittens. The latter accepted her or a panther, will be found crossing kindly-offered services and everything this bar, and the Indians have much has gone smoothly with that odd fam-

ily. The stepmother is as jealous of the rights and security of her adopted | death. children as she could possibly be with

her own. -The Chautauqua tide is steadily rising, says the Fremont Tribune. The people are only just beginning to have a full realization of what an excellent intellectual banquet is daily spread on the grounds for bright morning at low tide and see their delectation; and the people are now showing their appreciation of it as they have not hitherto done. The gate receipts are increasing every day and the Chautauoua thus continues to grow in popular favor. Not only are until they have to chase the ball down the people doing their duty toward into the surf. the Chautauqua but the Chautauqua is doing its full duty toward people.

FACTS ABOUT TREES.

birch timber is used in basket works,

ses of Their Woods and Leaves-Vala. able for Many Things. The butternut is a tree that likes best rocky, uneven soil, and in whose shade neither shrub nor herb will thrive. The bark is used as a dye-stuff for woolens. Curled and bird's eye maple is a wood of the same family that sometimes have curiously arranged fibre, one which curves, the other with eyes, hence the name. White ash is used in carriage works. It is poisonous to snakes. It is said a snake is never north, in Canada, but rather scarce found in its shade. White oak timber in York state. is valued in ship building. Apple is But my banter was unheeded. Fred excellent for food and fuel. Weavers' knew these waters better than I did shuttles are made of the wood. Black

and that tree is claimed by the Indians as their natural inheritance. It emits pleasant odor when burning. Mountain laurel wood is used making combs. The leaves are poisonous to some animals. Black wild cherry timber is much valued in cabinet works. The bark is highly medicinal. The leaves, when wilted are poisonous to cattle. Of dog-wood, weavers' spools and handles of carpenter's tools are drew his fly with a quivering snakelike motion. There was a rise of a made. Witch hazel is a large and curious forest shrub. The small branches | magnificent fish, but Fred struck too were formerly used for "divining rods." and an extract from it is valued in medical practice. The wood of the American aspen, or white poplar, is

used in the manufacture of paper. Horse-Power of a Whale. The horse newer of a whale has been nade the subject of study by the anatomist, Sir William Turner, of the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in conjunction with with the equally eminent Glasgow shipbuilder, John Henderson. The size and dimensions of a great finner stranded several years ago on the shore at Longriddy furnished the necessary data for the computation of the power necessary to propel it at a speed of twelve miles an hour. length, twenty feet across at the you plenty of room to play him. flanges of the tail, and weighed seventyfour tons. To attain a speed of twelve miles an hour it was calculated that 145-herse power was necessar/.

Overworked Her Teeth. ontributor to a New York says: "I met a hotel chambermaid the other day whose lower teeth were nearly all missing, and from a singular cause. She had been for a great many years in the habit of holding the pillows in her teeth while she drew on the slips with both hands and it resulted in the loosening and gradual loss of those teeth upon which the strain was the greatest

Why the "Red Sea." Many persons have puzzled their brains wondering why the "Red" sea should be so called. The name was originally applied to it because portions of it are covered with patches from a few yards to some miles square, composed of microscopic vegetable animalculæ which die the waters a blood red. When not affected by these organisms the "Red" sea is intensely olue, the shoal waters showing some

The flat silk cord which is tied about Japanese swords are used by warriors in battle to hold back their flowing sleeves. Its ends were knotted and passed over the arms by a dextrous movement so that it was crossed on the back. The art of ticing this cord about the sword so that it could readily be unfastened is an accomplishment that still survives among

The Sword.

shades of green.

THE BIG LACOON. of the Most Interesting Natural Formations in the Country.

On the northern coast of (ulifornia some thirty miles below the mouth or the Klammath river, is one of the most interesting natural formations to be found in this country, known as the Big Lagoon. Here the coast. which runs north and south up to this point takes a sharp turn inland, bordered by very high hills running to a distance of about three miles, then turning out again makes a sharp bay almost V-shaped, and for ages past a sand-bar has been washing itself up across this bay until the bar has raised up out of the water some ten or twelve feet, having a width of about 100 feet and a leagth of four miles, reaching

across the entire bay. This bar is in the shape of a roof. When there is a storm the breakers will roll up one side of it, break over and run down into the bay inside, and it is a novel sight to stand there and watch the waters, mountains high on one side and perfectly calm on the other, the line between the two at intervals hidden altogether. This bar is a sort of short cut and can be traversed on horseback. In a storm the horseman will one minute be high and dry on land, the next minute a large wave will roll up and running under the horse's feet to the depth of a foot or more, the rider will be, for an instant, four miles or so at sea on horseback, with no land nearer than the high bluffs of the mainland in sight. Moss agates may be found in abund-

ance on the pebbly beach, and when the sun shines they glitter with dazzling brightness. The wild duck that frequent this part of the coast literally fill this inland bay, and the passing hunter. should he take a shot at them, will ing that he will think all the ducks of sport when such a thing happens, the

animal rarely escaping capture or Here the Digger Indians abound, living on the shell fish which they catch along the beach, seldom going over the ridge of hills to capture a deer, which are plentiful. It would astonish a Yale or a Harvard football man to come upon this scene some the squaws and children playing lacrosse on the beach. They get so excited with their sport that they keep it up until the tides drive them from the beach, often staying there

HE CAUGHT HIM.

How to Lure a Hig Trout Into Trouble Fred who had often been here before, wanted big trout and knew how to get them. He cast very near where I did, but gave the little fellows no chance. So rapidly was his single fly trolled across the water that in a few minutes he had collected the whole school away from the spot where he expected to find a big trout His fly was so large that I laughed when he mounted it, telling him he would find salmon a few hundred miles farther

those Pennsylvania streams where many years ago I tearned to cast a fly. and where such a fly as he used would be considered a bad want of judgment. A dozen times he swiftly trailed his fly across the water, getting a rise at every cast, but not letting them have it. Twenty feet away to the right he seemed to have drawn all the small trout in that hole, says a writer in the American Angler. Then lengthening his line he cast it again and slowly

cuickly and missed him, though I thought the fish feit the steel. "Wait a moment, Fred," said I. "Change your fly and you will get that big fellow."

"Not a bit of it," yelled John. him have it now, quick.' Fred's fly struck the water before John had done speaking, and had not trailed three feet when the trout took it, showing his head and shoulders out of the water and making the surface boil with the sweep of his broad tail. As his capacious mouth closed on the fly Fred struck so sharply that the leader sounded like the twang of a violin string struck pizzicato. "You've got him, Fred," velled John. .. Keep him away from the This whale measured eighty feet in bushes. I'll paddle you out and give

Indigestible. Young Farmer Medders (at supper -Ouch: Wonark! Kah! Jeeminy ieeswax! What in heaven's name is the matter with this cake, Gloriosa? Bride (a city girl) - Why darling there can surely be nothing the matter with it. I followed the recipe exactly. . Tastes as if it was made of clam

shells. Kah!"

these were white and brittle all the way through, and I had to powder them with flat irons, and -" "Where did you find them?" "In the hen house darling. There ras only one egg in each nest, and-"Gloriosa you have used my new

Oh. dearest! May be it was the

fault of the eggs. I always thought

eggs were soft and yellow inside but

A Monster Building.

china nest eggs:"-Puck.

The great Cathedral in the City of Mexico is the largest in America, and cost nearly \$2,000,000. Its foundation was laid by the Spaniards in 1579 on the site of an old Aztes pyramid, and the building was finished in 1667. Against its western wall leans the celebrated "Calendar Stone," covered with hieroglyphics and weighing twenty-five tons. A cast of this remarkable work of antiquity was exhibited at the New Orleans exposition of 1884-1893.

Falling Fish.

The greatest fishway in the world in the course of construction on the Potomac at the Great Falls. When it is completed it will carry fish over a vertical fall of seventy-two feet.

THERE may be honest and decided differences of opinion on the question whether we should or should not place new difficulties and severer conditions efore those who desire to make their homes with us. But no one can contend that we ought not to provide a proper scrutiny and to see that the laws be faithfully executed.

No inconsiderable part of satisfactory discussion of dinner a is prompt and unobtrusive service. This can be purchased of course. The waiter generally knows his customer and governs his movements by what he considers a just expectation of reward, but the customer of a restaurant is fairly entitled to prompt service equally with clean napery and wholesome food.

BLESSED the boy who has a father or mother who insists on his mastering a rich, varied or vital command language, who sends his letters back to him corrected, and with sarcastic queries whether the term bully" or 'tiptop' covers the whole realm of charm in such varied characters and incidents as a pretty little girl playmate, an ascent of Pike's Peak or a sail on Lake Cham-

"THE civilization of Africa" is a mission that Europe has taken vigorously in hand in the last few years. The first step has been worthy of the kind of civilization that is represented in the 3,000,000 men who are kept under arms to maintain the peace of Europe. The Christian nations have calmly proceeded to divide up the territory of the heathen and the savage among themselves without even gesting to the victim to throw up his

No sort of factory or other absolutely indoor labor compares in ease, healthfulness or pay with household labor. The great prizes go to the cooks. The great cooks of the world receive salaries equal to the greatest artists. They are the Pattis of the kitchen. The head cooks of the leading hotels and restaurants receive salaries equaled by no other employees. A good cook in a well-living family can command pay absolutely princely compared with that earned by women in most of the occupations they enter upon. This is going on the reasonable supposition that a woman can make as good a cook as a man.

THE trouble with our present immigration laws is that they place too much stress on the external circumstances of the immigrant and too little on the real quality. The defect could be remedied by the undoubtedly timely suggestion, that an educational restriction be placed on immigration. Education need not be the sole criterion of an immigrant's fitness. Respectable and law-abiding character should accompany it. If these qualities were insisted upon in the case of every immigrant, there is no doubt there would be a vast improvement in the quality of our accessions to population at the same time that there

was a decrease in the quantity. NINE-TENTES of the duliness and monotony of human intercourse grows out of lack of training of eye, ear and speech to the appreciation of fine distinctions. All the vast world of difference between a violin and a hurdygurdy lies in the infinite variety of shades of expression the violin is capable of. Just so with the difference between the attractiveness of one man or woman and another! No matter, then, how much it costs in the way of persistent effort, all hope must be forfeited of ever becoming agreeable in talk, attractive in manners. a discriminating judge of human character, of literature or art, except on the condition of growing ever more and more sensitive to minute distinctions.

·ONE funeral makes many," has been a proverb especially in the regions where inclement weather is frequent. The death of a prominent man in midwinter is sometimes followed by the death of several of his friends especially if well along in ife. While the coffin is being carried from the home or the lodgeroom to the hearse, and while the ceremonies mourners are expected to stand with ancovered heads whether the day is raw or damp, or a fierce sun is beating down. From a quarter to half an hour is often consumed. In winter the mourners are chilled and colds grip and pneumonia bring other deaths in the train of the first.

----THE question of infection is one which must continue to be seriously thought of by scentists, until some relief from the scourge of such disease is found. The strides of science have not yet carried us out of the reach of sudden and apparently unaccountable visitations, which we were content once to attribute to Providence, but which to-day we resent with propriety. It has been clearly proved that the air we breathe and the water we drink, pure though they seem are in trath but ambushes of death. In the meantime one knows defense we have, and that is the main taining of a healthful condition of the body. In good digestion and sound sleep are the strongholds which are certainly votent rgainst the germ.

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