a Reservation. In the rounds of duty incident to the business of stock raising, I camped one night on a little creek within the borders of the great Nez Perces Indian reservation, writes a correspondbefore darkness settled over the sheltered little plat of wild meadow and brought to a close a day of hard work. There were Indian cabins of dingy, houses up and down the river, but the peaceable owners were not astir, and I heard not a sound to denote the Poor, shaggy saddle ponies were feeding about on the scanty grass. The | what it is to-day. dogs were barking in answer to the tried to sleep again. As the wind lasses candy pulled from a batch made lulled I heard a strange noise. It was for that purpose. the voice of someone-a child, I clambered over stiff, unvielding and is 80 years old. contact with what I knew to be the strange cry came to me more distinct- away. not startled to such an extent that it | African church. mother was the mourner whom all the world could not comfort. There was a rude fence around the little newmade grave and there were flags waving above it to frighten the wild beasts that howled so ghoulishly the evening before. The storm that came so suddenly that night was the first to beat upon the lonely resting place of the little one, and the mother came from her house near by and threw herself upon the grave beause it in some way relieved her to protect all that remained for her of her heart's A BOY WITH A PURPOSE.

## How Cornellus Vanderbilt Worked His

Way Up. Cornelius Vanderbilt's real education was gained in working on his father's farm and in learning to sail a boat and drive a horse. He showed in boyhood the very quality which distinguished him as a man-the power of accomplishing things in spite of difficulty and opposition. When he transporting it to New York in lighters.

It was necessary to carry the cargo a little fleet of lighters, three wagons, their horses and drivers, started from of this difficult affair.

distance over Jersey sands. He left the beach with only \$6 and

reached South Amboy penniless, with six horses and three men, all hungry, still far from home, and separated from Staten Island by an arm of the sea half a mile wide, that could only be crossed by paying the ferryman \$6. This was a puzzling predicament for a boy of 12, and he pondered long how

he could get out of it. At length he went boldly to the only inn-keeper of the place and said: "I have three teams here that I

want to get over to Staten Island. If you will lend me the money to pay the ferryman I'll leave you my best horse. and if I don't send you back the money the horse.

The inn-keeper looked into the moment and said. "I'll do it."

deemed within the time promised.

A Fine Collection. George II., as well as those of War- both, and, after destroying the polwick the Kingmaker, Mary Stuart. Sir luted nest, took wing and departed, Walter Raleigh, the duke of Maribo and were never seen there again. rough, Henry IV., and Louis XIV. Frederick the Great William the Silent, Prince Rupert, Bishop Latimer, Milton, Ben Johnson, Addison, Pope, Dr. Johnson, Newton, Watts, etc. The other (a much handsomer book) contains not only the autographs, but engraved portraits also, of the kings and queens of England since George IL, including the present heir apparent Nelson, Wellington, Humboldt, Washington, etc., and many of the most illustrious English and American men and women of letters of the century. Mr. Morgan owns also the letter in which Cornwallia asked Washington to consider terms for the sur-

A Lake Underground. An underground lake has been discovered three miles from Genesea. Idaho It was found by a well-digger. At a depth of sixteen feet clear. pure lake water ran out over the surface for a time, then settled back to the earth's level. The most curious part of it is that fish were brought to the surface by the overflow. They have a peculiar appearance and are sightless, indicating that they are underground fish. The spring has attracted much attention, and many farmers in the vicinity fear that their farms will drop into the lake.

render of Yorktown.

WHAT A CAKE WALK IS.

n Institution of Slavery That Is Very Popular. The cake walk is one of the institutions of slavery, which has survived

the emancipation proclamation. The evolution of the cake walk is an interesting study, says the Cincinent of the Detroit Free Press. It was nati Enquirer. It is closely allied to a cold evening in early spring, and no the coonjine, buzzard lope and Mobile notes were taken of the surroundings | buck dances, which are in turn related to the South Sea island hulahula dances and more remotely, perhaps, to the South American coombiamba. All these are exhibitions in movement unpainted boards, and smoky old log and gesture of human emotion, and necessarily are rude and barbarous, but wonderfully fascinating. The cake walk is the highest type of these presence of mankind. This silence forms of amusement. It is easy to and inactivity is not unusual in the see how the idea of walking for a cake settlements of the native redman. impressed the imaginative brain of a colored person and caused it to become

As nearly as can be learned-for shrill notes of the howling, hungry cake walking has no literature—the coyotes and the echoes played from custom originated in the lowly cabins side to side of the rocky canyon. The of the colored people in ante-belium river, too, sent up a changing rumble, days. It was customary for the slaves rising and falling like sighs from a to dance a homely sort of square troubled heart. But my loneliness did dance somewhat resembling a quanot keep me from sleep. I was drille, but not so involved nor intritired and slept soundly for several cate. There was a time in this dance hours when I was aroused by the when every participant walked around beating of rain drops in my face. The in a circle. At first the men and wind had whirled down into my shel- | women alone, but in time they began tered cove and carried away the to walk in couples. The reward was blanket that formed my tent. The a hoecake, baked in the hot coals of calm, cold evening had become a the hearth and wrapped in a cabbage blustering stormy night. I gathered leaf. This was given to the successful my blanket about me for protection | male, while the victorious female was from the storm as best I could and presented with the first piece of mo-

Cake walking has been for unward thought-in distress. It was dark of fifty years a popular amusement. and it would be impossible in that When slavery was abolished it was storm for me to prepare a light. I carried into the northern states, more tried to resist the impulse that urged | particularly to New York. The first me to go to the relief of the one in cake walk that is known to have distress but again and again I heard taken place north of Mason and the cry-someone weeping and wail- Dixon's line occurred in Turner's ing in distress. I hastily put on my hall, in Brooklyn, in 1866. It was clothes and started in the direction conducted by a man named Dobbins. from which came the pitiful cry. I who still lives in Vanderbilt avenue

brush and cragged rocks till I reached | A cake walk was such a novelty at a bare knoll that stood out from the that time that spectators came from mountains like a mound. I came in twenty miles around the country to see it, and there was such a crowd fence around an Indian grave. The that half the people were turned

ly. It was the pathetic wail of an In- For many years the colored people dian woman. I heard the same sad had cake waiks at long intervals, cry of hopelessness before. I was which were witnessed by very few within a few feet of her. She must white men. They usually took place. have been aware of my approach, but fifteen or twenty years ago, as an adso intense was her grief that she was junct to a fair held in the aid of an

called her mind for one instant from The next step in the progress of the dead. I turned away and left her cake walking evolution was its introto bear her burden with only the dark- duction at summer and seaside reness of night and the fury of the wind sorts by the colored waiters in the to help her. When daylight came I hotels. There are very few of the went again to the grave. It was that big summer hotels in the United of a very small child. Its heartbroken States but have their annual cake walks at the close of the season.

#### AN INDIAN FAKIR'S TRICKS. After Inhaling Poisonous Fumes, He

Runs a Knife Through His Tongue. An account of the performance of the Indian fakir, Solomon ben Aissa, is given by a Vienna correspondent. The exhibition has very properly been foebidden in public places in Vienna. but a series of private entertainments has been arranged. An aristocratic audience was present at the first of these. The fakir commenced his performance by inhaling the fumes of burnt powder prepared from extracts of snake and scorpion poisons, and by certain quick movements of the head he produced a foaming at the mouth. After these preliminaries needles and other sharp instruments were thrust through various parts of his body, including a stiletto a foot long and half an inch broad, which was thrust

through his tongue. Another feat which is said to have was 12 years old his father took a caused great sensation consisted in contract for getting the cargo out of a pulling forward the eyeball and prevessel stranded near Sandy Hook and | senting it outside the orbit to the view of the audience between two fingers. He was "invulnerable" also to the heat produced by a flaming torch held in wagons across a sandy spot, says for a minute and a half against the Youth's Companion. Cornelius with under surface of his forearm. Chewing glass and playing with poisonous snakes were among his other tricks. home charged with the management. The Lancet recalls the experiments of the celebrated "Fire King," who After loading the lighters and start- many years ago created a sensation in ing them for the city, he had to con- London by advertising his power to good. How did you manage to get duct his wagons home by land-along drink prussic acid without injury to such a pleasant expression on the genhimself. The history of his exposure, sudden downfall and subsequent malignant challenge to Mr. Wakely to fight a duel form one of the most interesting chapters in the volumes of the Lancet. The Lancet deprecates medical men lending their countenance in any degree to such dismal

spectacles.

A Court Meid by Storks," The owner of a house near Berlin found a single egg in the nest of a pair of storks built on the chimney, and substituted for it a goose's egg. which in due time was hatched, and produced a gosling instead of the expected storkling. The male bird was within forty-eight hours you can keep thrown into the greatest excitement by this event, and finally flew away. The female, however, remained on bright, honest eyes of the boy for a the nest and continued to care for the changling as though it were her own He gave the boy the money, and a offspring. On the morning of the horse was left in pawn, but he was re- fourth day the male reappeared accompanied by nearly 500 storks, which held a mass meeting in an adjacent field. The assembly, we are informed. The Critic describes at length two was addressed by several speakers. volumes of autograph letters, docu- each orator posting himself on the ments, signatures etc., belonging to same spot before beginning his har-J. Pierpont Morgan, the New York rangue. These deliberations and disbanker, which probably have no mates cussions occupied nearly the entire anywhere, and certainly are unmatched forenoon, when suddenly the meeting in America. One of them contains broke up and all the storks pounced the autographs of almost every ruler upon the unfortunate female and her of England from Henry VI. (1450) to suppositious young one, killed them

> Curiosity Rebuked. A man was on trial in a Southwestern state for a very grave offense. The jury were slow in coming to an agreement, and many people were waiting about for a verdict. At this stage of affairs a colored bailiff came

> out of the jury room and hastened down one of the corridors. 'Hold on! hold on!" called out a man who was waiting. 'Have the jury agreed?" 'Yis, dey done agreed," said the

> bailiff, grinning. ·What's the verdict?" "Well boss" said the bailiff. 'ye see 'twas dis er way: Dey was some on 'em wanted sandwiches, an' some on 'em wanted pie; an bum by dey done 'greed dey'd hab some crackers an' cheese, an' dey done sen' me out fer to fotch 'em."--Youth's Com-

> A Big South African Diamond. A diamond buyer of Kimberly, South Africa, has recently purchased from a river digger a magnificent diamond weighing 295 carats, said to be the second largest stone ever found in that field. The stone is a perfect octahedron and of fine color. The buyer paid \$10,000 for the gem and was subsequently offered \$40,000 for it, but refused to sell.

Better Face the Music advise me to tell her my love in a

valentine? Rounder-Berause girls don't know enough at a usiness to consider scaled proposils.

The Object. "That's a beautiful stained-glass

"Yes: it was given by Mrs. de Riche, whose pew is just below. She wanted something to sait aer complexion."

Stather Strange.

"Why?" there to drown the sound." Museum Amenities

Armless Wonder-Will yer come out ridin' next Sun lay wid me? wid ver feet.

Naturally. Quericus-What is Miss Autumn's opinion of valeatines? Cynicus -She doesn't think they make as nice ones as they used to years

Full Value.

you waste on your cigars, Charlie? girl, you can't waste money on the kind the stage for concert-giving cats. Getting Square.

I mailed her such a valentine I'm sure she will resent it: But still this consolation's mine, She doesn't know I sent it.

"Why don't you get an umbrella "I'm afraid somebody might borrow it, and forget to bring it back."

His Fears.

Simpler. Servant (to Squibs, in his new board ing place). -Shall I get some ice, sir? No: it isn't necessary. Just put the pitcher of water in the stove.

Unencumbered. "What are your political principle s?" "I have none-I'm a Republican."

New York Winter. "Now is the Winter of our discontent." Ma le up of all the various seasons blent.



oxpenses, Jakey." "Vat for, Fadder? Piznese is goot." "Yah, Jakey. And ve must make it a leetle petter!

A Chance to Smile.

It does not take a mortal long to get the big end of his life behind him. When a balloon fails to go up as annonneed it is a soar disappointment to

A man's troubles do not come singly when his wife presents him with twins. Sonad is said to travel over 700 miles down. an hour; yet we have known the sound of a cat yawping on the back fence to button. One of the ragmuffins put man's heart."

dening hours. certain man who was 90 years old, reas that I guess it is a matter of habit

First electric wire: "With all their kicking there is one thing people never threaten to do with us." Second electric wire: "What is that?" First electrie wire: "Handle us without gloves." Photographe - That is certainly a good picture for an amateur: very tleman's face? Amateur-I told him I wasn't goingto charge anything.

Little Dot-Ma, may I take the baby out in my doll's carriage? Aamma-Why, what for? Little Dot-Susie eyes an' cries 'Wah, Wah!' I'm doin' to betend the baby is a doll and let her hear him vell. Then I dess she'll stop puttin' on airs.

Binkle-I had a great notion to lick my boy for getting to the bottom of Why didn't you? Binkle-Well, he put licked the teacher

### A HOODOO.

A Northern Pacific Locomotive Declared to Be So Afflicted.

Northern Parific locomotive No. 571 s looked upon by all conductors. engineers and brakemen on the road as the rankest kind of a hoodoo. She was brought on to this division about three years ago, and has spent the greater part of that time in the repair shops. Her first wreck was at Prescott, the crew escaping with slight injuries. The next was a head-end wreck one mile from Buckley. The third was a frightful collision at Eagle Gorge, at which time engineer Young and fireman Cooper were killed. Then, in trying to butt a train from the track at Palmer, she was buried into the Green river, and so, throughout her life, she seems to be possessed of the spirit of the evil one. Strange stories are told of a goblin perching itself on the pilot of 5,1, of the hose spurting blood when an attempt is made to draw water from the tank to wet down the coal, and of various mysterious pranks and caprices that the old engine is given to. "You may call it superstition," said an old Northern Pacific employe, "but there isn't a railroad man on this division but what fears 571, and they will all rest easier when she finds her way to the junk shop."

Everywhere throughout the West are lost mines. Every state and territory that has gold or silver has several of them. Around each there clings a halo of romance. The lost Pegleg mine on the Colorado desert is the latest to have an inning and be noticed by the press. There is a Lost Cabin mine near Crater lake in Oregon. Montana, Wyoming. Idaho and New Mexico have lost mines of some sort or other, all rich, and locked in the depths of the Navajo reservation in Arizona is another lost mine. Men with guns and picks and burros steal in from time to time in quest of the latter. Sometimes in referring to the various lost mines they are singularly mixed, until the prob-

lem is made harder to solve as to just

where they are. "There are at least a Young Bash'a'-Why wouldn't you half dozen or a dozen Lost Cabin mines in the West," said an old mining man recently. "Anything that is strange and hard to get at will have many hunting for it. The lost mines are hard to find, but there are all the time expeditions in quest of them."

AN ELECTRIFIED FENCE. It Effectually Kept the Boys From Steal-

ing the Gentleman's Pears. A gentleman who lives almost under the shadow of old Harvard's walls, at Cambridge, bas for several years em-"I'm surprised at the noise Niagara ployed his leisure 'dabbling in electricity." as he expressed it. In his home all the doors drawers and win-"You'd think there was enough water dows open and shut by this mysterious ! force. Mrs. C., the gentleman's wife. declares that she hesitates to touch anything-even to touch a hair brush -in his private room, for fear it may be somehow connected with a hidden Circassian Beauty (scornfully)—Naw; wire. One of his inventions is unique. wot's de good—even if yer can drive and has been the means of affording him and his friends no little amuse-

In his back yard are several fine old

pear trees, which have sometimes led

certain boys in the neighborhood to

rear of the fruit garden is a board

Mrs. Lovey-How much money do climb when they wanted pears and Mr. Lovey-Waste money! My dear which likewise too frequently formed on the top of this fence Mr. C. tacked strips of zinc. which were connected with the electric wires leading to the house. By pressing a button a but will roast the whole family upon more or less strong charge of electricity could be sent through this zinc. old sections of which were united to

> Unsuspecting cats would run along the fence, and the moment their forefeet touched the non-insulated zinc an astonished feline rose from one to three feet into the air, sometimes to turn a complete somersault, and then to descend with all four feet outstretched as if to fly. If the unlacky repeated with variations. The instant that rode puss touched solid earth she would utter one shrill meow of terror and

the earth by means of wires.

dart away. One afternon during last fall Mr. C. was sitting in his room when, chancing to look from the window, he

puff of his breath. finally, in despair, he shouted lustily for help.

Mr. C. watched the lad for a time. from the button and released him from electrical durance. The boy, mean- I was it would make me ashamed." time, had caught a glimpse of Mr. C's smiling face at the window and immediately connected him with his The cook doesn't burn everything own peculiar sensations. He gave vent to his feelings, therefore, in an angry threat that he and the boys would 'tear the old fence down," and

A few minutes later half a dozen ragged-looking urchins, led by the electrified boy of a few minutes before, were seen approaching the fence.

remain right in one spot for five mad- his hands on the feace and that instant uttered a shrick of pain and A little up-town girl, on hearing of a terror. Electricity had caught him His comrades stopped just long marked: "When a man lives as long enough to see that the boy was held and then suffered him to depart says tell you that that's what the weather the Youth's Companion. Not a pear has been right along." was disturbed after that nor has he since known of a boy's attempting to climb that electrical fence.

> SENDING OUT SAMPLES. A Seeming Trifle That Costs a Great Deal

of Money. "I wonder whether one person in what it costs the merchants of this in a drizzling rain. Stuckup has a new doll 'at shuts its country a year to satisfactorily respond to the simple request?" asks a

dry goods merchant.

"I had a talk with the managers of a dozen or more big houses not long ago and among other things discussed was that of giving away samples and send his geography class to-day. Pinkle- ing out samples of dry goods, etc., by salesmen. Finally we got to figuring some of the questions to me that the or the matter. The result was most teacher put to him, and as I couldn't appalling. Some of us had been conanswer one of 'em I let him go and nected with big factories in our time, as well as other large houses, whole sale and retail. We found that, placed at a conservative figure, there are more than \$3,000,000 worth of goods given away, and consequently destroved, in samples every year in the

United States. This \$3,000,000 or more, eventually of course, comes out of the pockets of the purchasers, or, more properly speaking, the consumers of dry goods. The sample feature of the dry goods business is at once one of the greatest nuisances and blessings that we have. Where the nuisance comes in it is easily to be seen; the blessing of it is in the fact that it saves us, or, I should say, the dearly beloned people, many a thousand dollars which otherwise would go for the expense of sending out more traveling salesmen. Thousands of dollars' worth of goods are sent out every day to retail customers over the country from which we never hear a word. But do we lose it? Oh, ao-never! We simply count upon it as being so much clear loss or necessary expense, along with clerk hire. taxes, etc., and ask the more for the goods that we sell.

Electricity Gives Age to Liquors. A New York inventor has invented a process for aging liquors by electricity. By means of a series of connected vessels, in which are inserted a series of electrodes, alcoholic liquors are passed through them; and, during the action of the current upon them the liquors will, when caught in the receiving tank, be purified, deodorized and aged to a degree corresponding to the duration of the action and the number of the vessels employed.

Lobsters Dreed Thunder. The lobster dreads thunder and drops its shell, when it hides until the it." new shell is hard enough to protect it !

DANGER IN THE GAS STOVE. It Causes Many Fatal Accidents by Set

ting Things on Fire. A popular Broadway club man who wears the uniform of the Metropolitan products of Alaska and the fact that police says he has been making an es- it is procured so easily insures the timate of the matter and that an are most thriftless with an easy means of age of two persons are burned attentions. Perhaps it is not known every week in New York-that is, they generally that the codfishing banks are burned dead-killed by fire. While an occasional holocaust, like that of chain and in Bering sea may supply the Hotel Royal, startles the community, the real loss of human life by fire comes from the lamps and gas stoves, and is the result of carelessness. Some official figures on this subject would serve as a timely warning. In New York a great many gas stoves

catch the dress of the economical housewife or the hair or clothing of her children, with every now and then fatal results. Two, three or four separate cases of this kind have frequently been recorded in a week, until the old familiar causes of fires-the ready curtain and defective flue-are no longer in it, and the kitchen stove-girlkerosene-can variety of broil is now a novelty. Even the long excoriated and overlook the distinction between anti-legislated car stove, with all its meum and tuum. Running along the unhappy victims, can not-shall I say "hold a candle" to the little family gas bank. On these banks good fishing fence. 100 feet long, perhaps, over stove for genuine omnipresent danger which the roguish lads were wont to to human life. The gas stove has a where trials were made with hand tory of its own-luring the innocent lines hadrawie on by degrees and lying promises of unmeasured savings, insidiously tempting the children to sit on it, barning with sickly blue flame that won't melt butter in cold weather, opportunity. Its poisonous fumes the eastern end of Kadiak Island have slain hundreds who couldn't live about 115 miles. Shumagin Islands, long enough with it to be roasted alive, have an area of about 4, 400 square and the jaw-bone of the ass who talks miles. Atbatross bank, off the southpeople into such things is responsible eastern side of Kadiak, has an area of for the terrible human sacrifice.

Who Took Part in It Does Not Con.

sider It a Heroic Deed. Bernard McKernan, a night watchcat in falling chanced to hit the zine man of Phoenixville, Pa., was a private fined. It is known that codfish abound again, the performance was apt to be in Lord Cardigan's immortal regiment

"Bac's from the jaws of death, Back from the mouth of hell, at Balaklava. He also passed unscathed through the whole Crimean war, and is the proud possessor of two silver medals, one of which was given spied a boy in the act of climbing to him by Queen Victoria and the the fence, his hands resting on the other by the sultan of Turkey, "Balzinc. Mr. C. immediate'y recognized aklava," he says, "was a mistake, a him as one of the purloiners of his thing to be ashamed of. None of us. pears. He put his finger on the either officers or privates, did more electric button, and the next moment than every soldier does-obey. Lord a startled bo / umped backward and Cardigan said 'charge!' and we charged tried to let go his hold on the fence and that was all there was to it. Why But electricity had set its grip upon don't they drop this nonsense about his ha ds and he was as powerle s to Balaklava and talk about Inkermann et away as he would be to throw and Alma instead? They were battles. down Banker Hill monument with a and they did some good. What good did Balaklava do?" Upon this ground He kicked he pulled barkwards, the old man refused to be interviewed. he struggled this way and that, and, "I'll show you my medals," he said, "since you came all the way to Phœnixville to see me, but I don't want you to write a lot of nonsense and then; thinking he had punished about my bravery. I wasn't any braver him sufficiently, removed his finger at Balaklava than any other man would have been, and if you say that

> IT DEPENDS. The Enjoyment of Getting Home in Sun-

shine or in the Egin. "Isn't it a pleasure to get home after an absence of a month or six weeks?" he asked as he shook his friend's hand "Um, yes: ordinarily it is," admitted

the friend. "You come back to the place you as if with a determination to tear it have lived in for years and find the sun shining and the birds singing-I Mr. C.'s finger sought the electric tell you it warms the cockles of a "Well, that depends," returned the

friend doubtfully. "Depends? Depends?" "Certainly. Now, if you go away to escape a spell of bad weather that is fast, and took to their heels and de-expected along about that season of serted in a body. Mr. C. gave the the year and come back on a bright. frightened lad a few words of advice, sunshiny day, your friends are sure to

> "That's so: they do." "And then you feel that you have been to considerable expense to get the worst of it."

"I admit it: I've felt that way. "But if it's cloudy, dismal, sloppy, they can't bluff you. You just throw your chest out with the proud consciousness that you know a thing thousand who asks for a sample of a or two about enjoying life. It all depiece of dry goods ever stops to think gends. Sometimes I'd rather get home

> THE RUSSET ORANGE. Caused by the Proboscis of an Infinitesi-

mal Insect. The russet orange is made so by a minute insect, which comes at certain times during the summer months in such vast numbers as to give a grove the appearance of being covered with brown dust. A magnifying glass shows this insect to possess a bill-like proboseis, with which it punctures the oil cells of the orange skin and causes the oil to exude, which becomes oxidized tanning upon leather, making it thin-

ner and tougher. It is a mistake to say they select only the "sweet fruit," for they cover an entire grove, both fruit and foliage. Some hold the theory that as they destroy the oil cells of the rind the made richer and sweeter in consequence. Sometimes orange growers spray their trees with a mixture which destroys the insects, but it was found that the russet orange shipped so much better and was so much finer in quality that they have abandoned it. The hammock and Indian river fruit is seldom attacked by the rust mite, hence it is not so durable for shipping, the skin being very tender.

'Tis a World of Cranks. A Bangor woman's pet dog died recently, and the woman, after copious tears, gave the cur an elaborate funeral. A casket was made and lined with silk. On a shrouded table in a darkened room, and banked with hothouse flowers, the carcass, with crossed paws, was laid in state. Then the family and all the sympathetic and curious women of the neighborhood filed in for a last look at Towser. The casket was borne to the garden, and there under the lilacs \$4 worth of black walnut, silk and flowers, and 50 cents' worth (original value) of dog were laid away.

Leave It Outside.

A minister, annoyed by tobacco chewing, thus spoke to his congregation: "Take your quid of tobacco out of your mouth on entering the house when the peals are very loud numbers of God, and gently lay it on the outer of them drop their claws and swim edge of the sidewalk or on the fence. away for deeper water. Any great It will positively be there when you go fright might also induce them to drop out, for a rat won't take it, a cat won't their claws. But new claws begin at take it, a dog won't take it, neither once to grow and in a short time are will a hog; you are certain of your as large as the old ones and covered quid when you go after it. Not the with hard sheils. The lobster often filthiest vermin on earth would touch

CODFISH OFF ALASKA. Large Fishing Banks Where a Great

Industry May be Davelonad.

Fish is one of the most abundant along the eastern part of the Aleutian it consumes. Two San Francisco firms are in the Alaska codfish business at the Shumagin islands, south of the Alaska peninsula, and in Bering sea. Their catch in 1800 amounted to 1,138,000 fish, valued at \$569,000. The business is increasing in importare in use. The flames are exposed to ance, and no one knows yet of what development it is capable. In fact nothing was known of the extent and ralue of the banks until systematic inve tigations were made awhile ago by the United States fish commission. A builetin recording the results of these explorations in 1585 on the Atbatross was issued a year ago. The report contained a full account of the fishing banks discovered and recorded the belief that the entire submerged plateau from off Unalaska island to Fairweather is one immense fishing was obtained at nearly all localities Governor Lyman E. Knapp, of Alas-

ka in his latest annual report enumerates a number of these banks that were discovered during the Albatross' voyage. There is a bank called Potlatch, extending northeasterly from 3,700 square miles. Davidson bank. southeast of Unimak Island, has an THE CHARGE OF BALAKLAVA, area of 1,60) square miles. The Sannak bank southeast of Sannak has about 1,300 square miles. In Bering Sea the finest cod are taken, but the boundaries of the banks are not deoff the coast west of Bristol Bay for more than 100 miles, and about twenty miles north of Unimak Pass eastward to Bristol Eay. Fairweather ground also gives evidence of the presence of these fish in large numbers. In several localities off the shore of southeastern Alaska cod are caught for local use, but no careful investigation has been made of the grounds with reference to a determination of the extent and values of the bank.

PERILS ON THE OCEAN.

Companion Stramo's Might Avert Some of the G vatest Dangers. The Washington patent office alone contains some fifty different models of swimming belts cork ackets, life buoys, surf boats, life boats and danger signals; and, considering the elaboration of marine charts and safety arrangements in naval architecture, it seems rather strange that the number of shipwrecks for the northern hemisphere (not including the Gulf of Persia nor the China Sea) should reach the enormous average of 2,400 a year, involving a loss of 6,000 lives. The fact is that new ocean perils

turn up as fast as the contrivances intended for their prevention. The very speed of first-class passenger steamers increases the fatality of such disasters, asserts Felix Oswald in the Chautauquan.

Another new element of danger has arisen from the fact that the civiliza- cars, luxurious conches and the finest DAILY. tion of the American continent is working its war farther and farther up north, involving the establishment of steamer lines across the drift of polar icebergs.

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