GIRLS THAT SKATE.

FERENT COUNTRIES.

Some women on skates are some-

good," or else they approximate quite

right foot may skate as her grand-

mother, a market woman of Holland.

stroke of her Scandinavian grand-

father. Skating has been one of the

rights of women ever since they used

to strap long bones to their feet and

Skating in Holland, however, is not

of a highly ornate order. This is be-

cause a prudent woman is not dis-

posed to attempt the evolution of

spirals and other figures when she has

a basket of fragile eggs upon her arm.

But the Holland girl goes in for speed.

pair of skates in Amsterdam.

ated in this little episode?

The match came off, with great

eclat and a large attendance. The

winning time was two hours, and if

Now, as has been said, the Dutch

In England skating is an art, not an

industry. The English girl is as ad-

stiff as an English girl nor so luxuri-

ous as a Russian. She wraps up in

There is a streak of French in her

colors and which puts verve and dash

There is the girl who knows that

she can't skate, and also knows that

every one else knows it, but doesn't

care a continental. She is going to

learn. She has no manly arm to lean

upon, so she embraces large sections

of atmosphere as she plunges boldly

forward. One cannot help murmur-

ing, "What are the wild waves say-

ing?" as one watches the circles her

arms describe. But, never mind, she

And, speaking of the manly arm,

there are only two desirable positions

with regard to a girl on skates. One

is very close to her escort-very close.

The Clam Does Move Forward.

example of all that is unprogressive.

but he is by no means a stationary

creature. Every man bred at the sea-

side knows how a clam left upon the

sand will utterly disappear by sinking

himself below the surface; but the

clam also has a forward movement.

and blue in the process.

lost equilibrium.

into her style.

blood, which makes her don bright

women skate because it is the quickest

in proof of which statement there is a

Dutch housewife.

Are Quick.



bells of Christ Set all hearts sing a To trumpets and to Here's to our old com-

rades left; Peace be to those with anguish torn. And joy to those bereft! (Boys, here's another matinee) -Ring out, sweet bells of Christmas day!

Ring out the feud 'twixt Right and Wrong' Here's to the girl we love! We'll pledge her health in laugh and song All other healths above! Forever may the curtain fall On jenlousies and spites; In dreams alone may we recall

Our unsuccessful nights.

(But Jack there is a matinee) -

Ring out, sweet bells of Christmas day! May joy attend the kindly hand, And bless the gentle heart! May winds of fortune still be bland, And luck no more depart!

A glowing season unto all; The critics' lines be mild; A Yule Tide blessing softly fall On parents, wife and child! What though it bring a matinee? Ring out, sweet belis of Christmas day!

MISTLETOE ON THE ALTAR. 4 Christmas Church Decoration De-

rived from Pagans. The Saturnalia again furnish us with analogies to Christmas decorations, when houses were decked with laurels and evergreens; the Druids, too, carried cut mistletoe and laid it on their altars. The custom was long preserved in the north of England, and at York the mistletoe used to be carried to the high altar of the cathedral, and a public pardon was proclaimed at the gates of the city toward the four quarters of

This, however, was not long used as a church decoration, on account of its connection with Pagan rites, and is said only to have been employed for this purpose either by mistake or through ignorance. The most favorite evergreens for decorating churches were holly, bay, rosemary and laurel; ivy and cypress were eschewed because of their association with Bacchus and Death respectively; the most elaborate display of olden days could not be mentioned in the same breath with the artistic treatment which many churches receive at the present time.

A Christmas Romance.

I was an intimate friend of the Horton boys, and on the strength of that I was invited to spend Christmas with the family. Of course I went. I was desperately in love with May Horton, but I had kept my secret well from the boys.

There were hosts of relatives, a big dinner and plenty of fun after it. Mistletoe hung in tempting fashion from the gas fixtures, and opportunities were not neglected. Dancing and merriment were at their height when i quietly made my way to a curtained bay window, where I hoped to find the darling of my heart. In a dusky corner sat a dark little object, and for fear somebody would seek the lovers' hiding place I immediately commenced to pour forth my love. Twice she repulsed me. Twice I drew her head down on my shoulder. Then suddenly she tore herself from me and shot out into the parlor like a comet, screaming at the top of her lungs:



TWAS MAY'S SPINSTER AUNT. That good for nothing young ras-

Susan Frizzetty, May's spinster aunt. and catching hold of both of us they time the Yule log, when half burnt, called young Parson Peters and bade was always kept to light another at him tie the knot. I was beside myself | the next Christmas, and it was considfor a moment, especially as Miss Susan | ered a safegard against fire during the seemed growing reconciled to the sit- year. uation. With one spring I dashed over to May, who had entered the room and | affoat concerning it; among others, it stood leaning on the mantelpiece, with a grave look in her eyes, and before

"May. I thought it was you. I love you. Will you marry me?" Twas like a thunder clap, such a surprise. May said "Yes," bless her on entering the room.

Amid the congratulations of the older ones and the delighted vells of the small fry, we became engaged beneath the mystic mistletoe; and later in the season Aunt Frizzetty danced at our wedding .- Dora L.

The Festival of "Tule Peace."

mythology is filled with striking and | Having arrived at this decision, he beautiful legends of this turning point | went down town and ordered a dis-

MIGHTY NEAR TO CHRISTMAS.

T'SGETTING CLOSE to Christmas :across the hills and dells, You can almost hear the chiming and the rhyming of the

But theskies are clear and candid, with no clouds that dream And you bear in dark

It's getting close to Christmas: there's some thing in the air That seems to breathe of Bethlebem and the glory there; and sweet the bells and bugles our dreams of rest-

Ring, bells, your sweetest music, and bu

gles blow your best! it's getting close to Christmas. Oh, time o peace and joy! And oh, to be once more, once wakeful, watchful boy, With the stocking in the corner for Santa Claus to fill:

GEORGE PLAYED HOOKEY.

we're boys in memory still!

And Now He Learns That Santa Claus Will Boycott Him.

But we still thank God for Christmas, and

deer editur-i am the most misera blest boy wat is alive. lo the world 2 me is al a blank. on wensda i dident feel like gone 2 scool, an i askid ma if i cood sta hoim. ma gave me her reglar lectur a bote i orter haiv a chance 2 go 2 scool an lern somethin, b cause when she wos a girl she dident haiv no chance 2 lern, cass thay dident hair no free scools then, n. b.-but if ani shud tel mar 2 day she dont no ani thing his payrents cood colect his insurance moni in time 2 maik crismus presents. but i maid up mi mind not 2 go 2 scool ani way. wats the mater this country; the little oysters from with playin hookey, hay? I sed 2 miself, coss if i sed it out loud ma wood mi litel slait an went out. but i dident no from the Mediterranean, turkey, ham, go 2 scool. an i dident no from the Mediterranean, turkey, ham, race was arranged. They were to ing eloquence. Educated liberally, suppressions, all forms of weakness, chronic in the crismus winders coss bings mite



THIS IS ME PLAYIN HOOKY.

woods an wait 4 time 2 go hoim. i got so cold i most cride and mi face felt like it was froze, an how i wisht i had gone 2 scool and not plade hooky, then a man cum a long an wanted 2 no wat i was hangin a round 4. en i sed i dident no, an the man sed i had better moiv on or he wood arrest me 4 a suspichous caracter, so i moved on. i kept on movin on till i cum near the scool. an wen i saw the boys comin out i started hoim.

i rushed in the house like i always do wen i cum hoim frum scool an put mi slait on the table. ma luked at me knowin like. i got a merit in scool 2 da 4 bein gud, i sed, coss thay wos sumthin inside of me wat kept sayin, gorgie, ma is on 2 u. she knows u aint been 2 scool. an then ma sed, u yung | Home Journal. raskil u no u wosent 2 scool 2 da. an i sed, ma du u want me 2 chop sum wood. an ma sed, no, but i want 2 no wy u dident go 2 scool 2 da. bil jonson was here with a note frum the teecher savin that u wosent 2 scool. i dident no wat " say so i dident say nothin, but ma sed she wood fix me 4 playin hooky. She sed she was gone 2 tel sandy closs not to give ani presents. wen pa cum hoim he wiped me, an wen i went to scool next da the teecher wiped me. no, litel boys, don't pla hooky, it ain't no gud, coss u wont get no crismus presents an yure pa

THE YULE LOG.

An Important Item of a Good Old Fashioned Christmas.

The Yule log, which has always been so important an item in celebrating a 'good old fashioned Christmas," is distietly a Druidical survival, and has cal, Sam Miller, asked me to marry been held in honor ever since that far off time; its flames burned out all That voice-great heavens! 'Twas wrongs and quarrels and it was used to heat the wassail which was drunk They all thought it was a good joke. to the drowning of old feuds. At one

> Various strange superstitions were was thought very unlucky if a squinting person, a bare footed man or a flat | Miss Mullins, Effie; put all your presfooted woman, entered the place in which the log was burning. History does not relate whether the exact shape of the feet had to be described

His Holiday Discovery. "Are you going to hang up your stocking?" said Plodding Pete. "Naw," said Meandering Mike. "It's already 'tended to fur me.'

"Whut je mean?" "See dat clothes line over there?"

"Cert'n'y." "Well, dere's a pair of stockin's righ's there dat Santa Claus mus hev hung up fur me, cos' I kin see from here dat dev're jes my size. An' I'm goin er climb de fence an take 'em fur fear some onprincipled person "ll come

Scriptural Charity. "I don't know so much about the

mend bracelet for her.

CHRISTMAS IN EGYPT.

at a Greek Delmonico's.

writer, and soon the Arabs commenced dropping in and squatting on the floor. Our Copt had made so much noise that he had awakened the whole

village. It was Christmas Eve, or, rather, morning, and I felt liberal, so I ordered coffee and mastic for the party, and | did. while her left foot may take the kept the landlord busy until I had filled the whole lot-a feat never before accomplished in Tel-el-Baroud. I began to feel hungry, and the land lord fished out from under the divan, which also served as a chicken-coop, three squabs, which he killed, plucked, boiled and served up on Arab bread. This bread is baked of unbolted flour in round cakes, seven inches in diameter. It is hollow like a doughnut. and of about the consistency of heavy

After breakfast everybody went on hunting expedition. After their return they all went for their bath, a change of clothes, and then to dinner -and such a dinner!

The bill of fare could scarcely be Alexandria Harbor, they were first planted there by McKillop Pasia, weather, which was clutching all the face of the inquiring man as that here me. so wen scool time cum i tuk who was admiral of the Egyptian canals in a grip of ice. The two attorney went before a jury and ware to go, it was orful cold, ducks, snipe, fresh vegetables of every i dident dare go in 2 the vilag an luk | description, figs, grapes, oranges, bananas and the flaming English plum-

pudding. The sparkling wine flowed as copiously as Nile water, and I was about to say as rapidly. The hunt was rehunted, and haps and mishaps, spiced with raillery and laughter. Then came pipes, songs and recitations, and the hot water with the Scotch

CHRISTMAS EVE.

The children dreamed the whole night

Went Santa Claus at Christmas-tide. Black stockings, red, brown, white and

But as he felt his hoard grow light, A tear-drop glistened in his eye: "More children on this earth tonight, Than stars are twinkling in the sky.

He knelt, his empty bag beside-Some little socks must empty go. Alas!"-said he-"this Christma-tide.

With gifts and toys and Christmas cheer, These little ones from sorrow keep; For each, dear Lord, to Thee is dear!

Long years ago in Bethlehem, That first and blessed Christmas tide! And all her comfort, sweet and kind, So give them love, lest they may miss

"That sweetest gift, dear Lord, bestow On all the children far and wide: And give them hearts as pure as snow Prayed Santa Claus- 'at Christmas-tide!' -Marguerite Merington, in The Ladies

The gitts I know not where to find?



run down an' git der hook an' ladder company to take der t'ings off der top bly skates. She is not only ready to

Jim?" asked a little shaver. "Why, you got that for Thanksgiv-

"Yes; but dad took it away from me the next day for breaking the win-

dow, and he gave it back to me for A Good Reason

Wife-No. I want her to see how gen-

erous vou are. Husband-But most of them are and will travel thirty feet in the things I gave her when I was engage I course of a week. The large muscle en off-Munseys.

padlock."-Lowell Citizen

Wise Advise. Jeweler-What words do you wish

engraved in the ring, sir? Young Man-"From Henry to Ciara ! Jeweler-Take my advice, young bigamy. Wilkins-So I told him, but his man, and have it engraved simply

answer was: "Business is business."-Puck. Iron-Tipped Files. In the museum at Mayence, Ger-A Long-felt Want. many, there are several iron-tipped Mrs. Grigs-"What are you going

piles which were used by the Romans to give your husband Christmas?" 2,000 years ago in the construction of Mrs. Grogs-"A theatre outfit." a bridge near that place.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCES. To Look at He Was Not Much of a THEY BELONG TO MANY DIF-

closely to "horrid," says the Montreal News. It really must be confessed the New York girl, is not always a success. But there are extenuating circumstances. The New York girl is, in fact, a composite cosmopolitan. says the New York Journal. Her the person was and was informed he

sion on the inquirer's face. any girl in New Amsterdam can do filled mind. The name of this personbetter, let her show her record. Is it age will occur to all members of the not quite likely that the familiar bar. It is the same as the title to one

Mul'et Fishing. means of locomotion between their Mullet fishing by night in the Cheskitchens and the market. The Scan- apeake is exciting sport. A small the most rapid way of paying calls, the stern. When a school of the fish is at all. The rivers in Russia flow so rowed toward them until they are swiftly that they seldom freeze, and driven ashore. Once they feel the even in the cities most of the skating land beneath them they begin to leap is done by the English and German. toward the light. Then the boat is color effects, and she and her furs are and are thus taken.

dicted to open air exercise as her tors for the humorous papers was American cousin is to ice cream. She once a bank clerk in Philadelphia. skates conscientiously, if not always He used to amuse himself and his felwith marvelous grace, and with her low cierks by caricaturing the custosisters may be seen by the thousands mers of the bank. Some of his friends on the Serpentine and in Regent park. at length sent a few of his sketches to The Canadian girl improves each a humorous weekly of New York, and shining hour of ice, but she often has a check was promptly returned for

HERE AND THERE. the warmest of woolen suits, and pulls | It takes a snail fourteen days and a festive toboggan cap over her ears. five hours to travel a mile.

tion in Atlanta, Ga. Watts-By the way, who was the patron saint of fishermen? Wiggles-Dunno. It isn't Ananias, is it? The time is coming when, by

There are about ten Afro-American lawyers in New York, thirteen in Boston and more than twenty-five

It has been estimated that it will A woman's respect for a man never require eighty-five men working every reaches a higher altitude than it does day until 1947 to unearth the entire ruins of Pompeii. when she is perched on a pair of wob-

fall on his neck, but she actually does in Birmingham, England, is a negroit. She falls all over him, in fact. Rev. Peter Stanford, pastor of the Wilberforce Memorial church.

of whom 358 are boys and 244 girls. The other position is one of remote- Forty-four tribes are represented. ness. One which absolutely removes A socialist in Northampton, Engher escort from the reach of her land, recently notified the poor clutches and kicks resulting from her guardians of the town that he was about to commit suicide, provided to decry the sentiment as "harmful to they would guarantee him a decent | mankind-a something from which God The clam is commonly taken for an In the Forum Dr. George F. Shraly

> says that Dimsdale, a prominent physician of London was called to vaccinate the Empress Catherine II. of Russia, in 1762. Jenner was then a lad of 11 years. Jeremiah Fisher has resigned his position in the Carver cotton gin

96 years of age, and made the first gin ever manufactured in the works. Oronyatekha, a Mohawk Indian, who lives in Toronto, draws \$10,000 a Filkins-Strange that Himan, who year as a supreme officer of the Order runs a matrimonial agency, the very of Foresters in Canada, and has an man who should know better, has income as a practicing physician. He

> Artificial whalebone is now being heavy pressure, which makes it hard and elastic.

The scientists of a European expedition now in Ecuador have been making analyses of ashes which fell 150 miles away from Cotopaxi at the time of its last eruption. They nave found them to consist mainly of feldspar, quartz, maquetite and specular it adjusts itself to every motion of the iron ore. One sample yielded silver at the rate of 200 grains to the ton.

A WOMAN'S HEART.

ONE DISEASE THAT BAFFLES THE PHYSICIAN.

for Nine Years-How She Was Cured.

(From the Newark, N. J., Evening News.) Valvular disease of the heart has always been considered incurable. The following interview, therefore, will interest the medical profession since it describes the success ful use of a new treatment for this disease. The patient is Mrs. Geo. Archer of Clifton. N. J., and this publication by the News is the first mention made of the case by any newspaper. All physicians consulted prohounced the nationt suffering with valvular disease of the heart, and treated her without the slightest relief. Mrs. Archer neither could I go up stairs without stop ping to let the pain in my chest and left arm cease. I felt an awful constriction about my arm and chest as though I were tied with ropes. Then there was a terrible noise at my right ear, like the labored breathing of some great animal. I have often turned expecting to see some creature was a disciple of Blackstone. I thought there was an amused expres-

"Last July," continued Mrs. Archer, "I was at Springfield, Mass., visiting, and my mother showed me an account in the Springfield Examiner, telling of the wonderful cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. My mother urged me to try the pills and on November 25 last I bought a box and began taking them, and I have taken them ever since, except for a short interval. The first box did not seem to benefit me, but persevered, encouraged by the requests of my relatives. After beginning on the sec ond box, to my wonder, the noise at my right ear ceased entirely. I kept right on and the distress that I used to feel in my chest and arm gradually disappeared. The blood has returned to my face, lips and ears, which were entirely devoid of color, and I feel well and strong again. "My son, too, had been troubled with gastritis and I induced him to try the Pink Pills, with great benefit. I feel that everybody ought to know of my wonderful cure and I bless God that I have found something that has given me this great relief.

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The Kind of Fowl to Raise. Select in the make-up of a fowl a bird that carries a large amount of meat if you want a bird for the table. To secure meat a peculiar configuration is essential. A large, projecting crop is unnecessary, for some of the meatlest birds look flat in the breast. It is necessary to have the quarters extremely broad. If they round out, then so much the better, because there is meat carried upon the breast bone. A deep keel bone to the breast well lined with muscle should round out and feel on the bird very much as a duck does when he is dressed. Secure a bird with a large thigh, because the thigh joint and the bone down through the leg carry a large amount of meat. Look out for a strong shoulder because the muscles that make the shoulder are the muscles that make their way in the

A Bread-and-Butter Miss, a novel by George Paston (Harper & Brothers), is the story of an Eglish girl who, in the opening chapter, is introduced as barely seventeen years of age, the eldest daughter in a very poor but well-connected family, and certainly not a vain young person, for she blushes crimson with pride and gratification when her mother says to her: "You wouldn't be bad-looking if you were decently and fearless skater. She is not so soon after became his sole occupation. dressed, and I don't think you are devoid of common-sense, or I should't trust you alone in a modern countryhouse." In the course of the agreeably and wittily told story we find her placed in "a modern country-house" - not alone, but among fashionable people, and exposed to temptations which fully justify the maternal solicitude.

> And Molasses Stick to Us. "The word sugar," said Mr. Biffleby, is often used in the plural. For example, we see on a sign, 'Sugars and molasses:" but we never use molasses in that form, though there are various kinds and grades of it as there are of plural is dictated to a considerable extent by a desire to make the best possible showing of everything. Thus 'teas, coffees, sugars,' no doubt conveys in a general way an idea of a larger and more varied stock than tea, coffee and sugar would do. But this effect would scarcely be produced by the plural af molasses. Whether it were right or wrong we should be more inclined to laugh at 'molasseses' and so, for the sake of euphony, if for no other season, we stick to just plain molasses." - New

In the character of Napoleon there was little room for the gentler passion. but Professor Sloane's Life of the Emperor, in The Century, brings out the one element of love there was in his early days-his affection for Mile. du Colombier. That this could not have Love" he says, "I, too, was once in shwhite hair, love," and proceeds, after a few lines. would do well to emancipate it.

Lady Rosebery's Necklace. Some years ago an old Frenchwoman died in a poor part of Dublin, and her little effects were put up for auction. which did not attract much attention. However, a shrewd pair of Jews thought there might be "money in it" and decided on purchasing, clubbing together £5 for the purpose. On taking it to a well known jeweler he promptly offered £1,500, which sum

they refused, and sold the necklace of purest emeralds for £7,000 in London. where Lord Rosebery on his marriage purchased it for something like £20,000. The old Frenchwoman's mother had been attached to the court of France. and the emeralds had once formed part of the crown jewels. - London Answers.

discussed by Casper W. Whitney in the | to me December number of Harper's Magazine. "We Americans do nothing by halves," says Mr. Whitney. "Perhaps we should enjoy life more if we did; and the history of the country club, as much as anything else, bears witness to our tendency to superlative develop- ings. ment. From having not a single country club in the entire United States of America twenty-five years ago, we have in half that period evolved the handsomest in the world."

The men not only have to set tehind high hats at the theatre, but they have to pay

TURNING THE JOKE. It Was a Good One, But the Ventrilo

quist Didn't Repent It. A ventriloquist had great fun on a New York elevated train lately, and at the same time put a train guard in danger of being attacked by a score of indignant passengers. Then he was warned that he had better leave

It was a stormy night and the train was crowded with passengers going Pay Marsi on The Deposits down town. In the rear car every seat was taken when the train left the Ninety-third street station in Columbus average. In one of the rear seats was a person who appeared to be enjoving a calm sleep. Just as the train was approaching

the Seventy-second street station a voice at the forward door called out: for Ninth avenue."

The voice was clear and resonant. Every one in the car heard it, an unusual thing on elevated trains, as every one knows. A dozen passengers who thought they had been car | SELLS : STEAMSHIP : TICKETS. ried beyond their stations at Seventysecond and Sixty-sixth streets hurried to the door, and as many more who wanted to change cars at Fifty-ninth street joined in the forward movement. Passengers for Seventy-second and Sixty-sixth streets were angry because they believed they would have to go back in the storm.

As the head of the procession reached the door the train guard poked in his head and called:

"Seventy-second street." The train halted with a jerk which | LEANDER GERRARD, Pres't, threw a half dozen passengers off their feet. There was a struggle at the door between those who wanted to get off the train and those who didn't, and by the time the train JOHN STAUFFER. moved ferward there were a dozen passengers angry enough to assault

.. What in thunder do you mean by this performance?" demanded one of them as he approached the conductor. Why did you call out Fifty-ninth street when the train was at Seventy-"But I didn't," said the train guard.

"Yes you did!" shouted the angry passengers in chorus, and one big Authorized Capital of - \$500.000 man put himself in a position to attack the guard. "But I know he didn't," piped a

shrill voice just under the roof of the Everyone looked up in astonishment, and the amazement was increased when a voice which seemed to come from beneath the car floor said, soothingly: "Calm yourselves, gentle-

the station! The passengers, recognizing the sitnation, retreated to their seats and began looking around. The suspicion Gernard Losens, began to fall upon the sleepy man in the rear corner. A big man—the one FRANK RORER, REBECCA BECKER. who wanted to fight the train guardwent over to him and said:

The sleepy man left the car at Fifty-ninth street and took another train down town.

Philadelphia. "It may almost be claimed," says Professor Warren P. Laird of the university of Pennsylvania, "that Philadelphia is at once the most curious, the most typical and the most instructive of American cities-curious because of the strange medley of its more pretentious buildings and their singularly eccentric individualism; A. ANDERSON. typical of American practice in its broadest aspect, because of the absence of restraint and defiance of precedent shown by the great maority of its architects; and instructive, because of its contrast, for no other American city has so wide a field of architectural error to offer in contrast to its works of real merit."

About the Dollar Mark. There are several theories to ac count for the origin of our dollar

First-Some say it is a combination or monogram composed of the letters sugar. ! suspect that our use of the U. and S., the initials of the United Second-It may have been derived

from "H. S.," the mark of the Roman Third-It is probably a combination of P. and S., from Pesoduro, a Spanish term signifying "nard dollar." the symbol 8.

Eridget's Alternative. Mistress -Bridget, I must object te your extravagance. You sit here in the kitchen, reading with two gas jets blacing until 11 o'clock every night! Bridget - Well, ma'am, if you'd only let me inthertain my gintleman frind here three nights a week I'd have as little use for the gas as Miss Mabel do been very deep is shown by the fact in the parlor on the nights phwin she that Napoleon himself laughed at it recaves the attintions o' that young five years later. In his "Dialogue on dude wil the shkinny legs an' the

Willing to Give Information. Customer-I'm a stranger in you village. Can you tell me where I shall be likely to find the "Autocrat | of the Breakfast Table?" Clerk, in the country drag store-Why - why, I don't think they keep it Among other odds and ends was a neck- here, but they've got some first-rate lace of dirty looking green stones, mackerel at the store over there acrost the road.

> Strugger of a Growing Mind. Tomm: You say December is the last month of the year, pa? Tomers's lather Yes.

Tommy And January is the first? Tomme's Father - Yes, certainly. Tomus -Well, how is it, then, that December always comes afore January. Chicago Record.

A Fearful Retribution. Miss Fanay That bideous old Mr. The Evolution of the Country Club is Jones had the impudence to propose Miss Jennie-You gave him the

> to punish him I accepted his offer. He s worth half a million. - Texas Sift-: xceptions to the Rule. He-I suppose you can go anywhere

Miss Fanny-No. I did not. Just

She-No, indeed. He-That's strange. I always heard that where there's a wheel there's a way. Texas Siftings.

on your bicycle?

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them all I desperately cried: heart, and I led her forth blushing and smiling.

Jones.

The German, the Scandinavian and other northern races used to keep, at the time of the winter solstice, a great festival known as "Yule peace," or the Twelve Nights. At this season the forces of nature-personified by all Pa- erlong when nobody's lookin an' sw pe gan people-were believed to be engaged in a grand conflict. Gods, goddesses, giants and ogres were struggling together with desperate enmity. which ended only when Thor demol- fatherless," mused Oldsport, reflacished the castle of the ice king, and | tively, "but I guess this Christmas sea-Freija, goddess of spring, foreshadowed son is a good time to, 'remember the coming life, light and warmth. Old widow.

Christmas Breakfast and Dinner

The following Christmas experience in Egypt is related by a writer in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly. He was at the house of a Greek who was apparently not a Crossus, as the entire turniture of his cafe consisted of a stone-and-mud fireplace in one corner, a palm-branch divan occupying the remainder of that side of the banqueting hall, and a lot of rush mats nead. on the earthen floor. I took the place of honor on the divan, says the

bolting paper.

Of stockings hung the hear:h be-ide: And, bound to make each dream come gray—
Long, little, warm, or patched and thinThe kindly Saint found on his way,
And smiling, popped his presents in.

Upon the white and frozen snow Though I their stockings may not heap

Thou wert a little Child like them"-Prayed he-"For whom I would provide 'As soothed Thee then Thy mother's kiss.



Jimmy, the eldest son (coming in unexpectedly) .- "Stop der music till I

A Shrewd Father. "What did you get for Christmas,

Husband (hastily)-Here comes

to her and got back when it was brok- of the clam, which helps to make him indigestible, is his single leg, and by the aid of this he makes his progress. His Gwn Affair.

"From Henry." Then, if you get it back, you can use it again next Christ-

Mrs. Grigs-For the land's sake, Pneumatic Horse Collar. A pneumatic horse collar finds favor Mrs. Grogs-"A nursing-bottle, with many horsemen, and the animals package of cloves and a chain and themselves seem to appreciate it, as

Lawyer, But Then-Said a gentleman who is well

acquainted in the mountain countries: "I noticed in the city a few days since And They Have Peculiarities According an attorney from an Eastern Oregon to Their Nationality-The Canadian County who came here to appear be-Girl Bold and Fearless-The Dutch fore Judge Fee in chambers. He wore a felt hat with no less than five inches of brim. His neckgear was by no means such as would be furnished by a city outfitter. His coat was a miserwhat like the little girl who sported a ably poor fit, and as for pantaloons, curl right in the middle of her fore- they were decidedly picturesque. The They look either every, very bag in those pants hung out conspicuously four or five inches below the knee and the dust of the street was swept by the lower edges trailing that the skate, as she is now worn by along behind him. The moustaches worn by this attorney were and, of course, are yet, such as to lend a particularly fierce appearance to an otherwise unique figure. As the lawyer passed along the street toward the court house, some one inquired who

"Now I wish he could have gone with me to the lawyer's house in one push themselves over the ice with a of the mountain towns. He would pointed stick, and particularly has have been greeted by the lady of the been the inalienable privilege of a house in the most cultured manner. Entertainment would have given evidence of the presence of refinement. A library would have been at the visitor's disposal composed of some of the rarest volumes extant. And these volumes would be found to be as familiar to my friend the attorney as Mother Goose's melodies to the average person. In the mind of this story that once upon a time two attorney could be found a wonderful neighborly souls had a difference over store of valuable information: facts the question of their respective skat- digested and with the meaning and ing abilities. Even the Dutch tem- bearing on men and events extracted equalled at that season of the year in per sometimes gets stirred, and the therefrom; in short, one of the most argument finally waxed exceedingly remarkable minds I have ever met. warm-far warmer, in fact, than the And then I would enjoy watching the skate thirty miles, and to the one cov- trained in West Point military acadering the distance in the shorter time emy and for years a captain in the a prize was promised of the finest regular army, later thoroughly educated in the law, that tall, peculiarly accoutered lawyer would prove a most agreeable surprise to one who came in contact with his disciplined and well-

> phrase, "It beats the Dutch," origin- of Sir Walter Scott's best known novels."-East Oregonian.

> dinavian women skate because it is boat is used and a light is placed in and the Russian women rarely skate | sighted near shore the boat is rapidly When a Russian woman does skate, depressed on the shoreward side, so however, she can discount every other as to bring the other side high above nationality in the beauty of her cos- the water. The consequence is that tume. She is not afraid of brilliant many of the fish leap into the boat One of the most successful illustra-

to have her skating area dug out of the pictures. That started the illusthe snow. A Canadian girl is a bold trator on his career, and illustrating

> Charles Johnson, a 13-year-old negro preacher, is causing a sen a-

methods already foreseen, we shall store and make use of the heat of the It would take a man seventy year. to pass through Harvard college if he studied every course offered in the

One of the most popular clergymen

And the timid dependence with which the haughtiest girl clings to a man's The report of Captain Pratts superstrong right arm is ample reward for intendent of the Carlisle Indian "The watch and chain," was the having that same arm pinched black school, shows the attendance is 602,

> company of East Bridgewater, Mass., on account of failing evesight. He is

made himself liable to prosecution for looks 45, and is suspected of being made from leather, which is soaked for two or three days in sulphate of potassium, slowly dried, subjected to a high temperature and then to a