BLIZZARD was York.

wall. Deer heads and other trophies not worth living. of the hunt adorned the walls. The room lacked the prettiness of arrange-Beside the open fire lav a huge St. Ber-

Vincent toyed with the magazines. decorated with holly, caught his attention. Christmas! Why, it was Christ- head. mas eve! How many years had passed since he had thought of that day. All the sad recollections of his life clustered about that day. His father had died at Christmas, and she-

Unnoticed the book dropped to the floor. He sat gazing intently into the flame. Could it be nineteen years ago that he had withdrawn from the society of men and women? How the time had slipped away! His pipe, his dogs, his books and business had so filled the time that he had not observed its lapse. A cousin connected with a publishing

house supplied him with all the best literature. How kind Hal had been! His visits were really the bright spots in his gray existence. Hal understood. The wind wailed a homesick strain and Hugh scowled at the fire. His outdoor life, his regular habits and healthy

living had cheated time. He looked barely 30, while, in fact, he was 42. His was a goodly face to look uponcalm, strong and handsome. Thoughts of her invaded his peace.

What a feel he had been to stake his life on the fickle fancy of five feet of was under the mistletoe that he had seen her first. With the audacity of youth he had picked her up and kissed her. From that moment he had coveted her for his own. She had promised yes on the Christmas day in the long ago, with her sweet eyes looking so trustfully into his. He had gone away, and when he returned, three months later, she had married the cattle king from Texas.



THE RESCUE.

No word of explanation be had ever

and pain. A remorse of feeling sometimes alters a life-course. From a merry youth, smoke a cigar, while I straighten up Hugh Vincent became a stern man, things a little bit, and then come home On his ranch he went to work and to breakfast with me. You have done found solace for his pain; and so nine- me a great favor." teen years had passed away.

The St. Bernard roused himself un- in great surprise. easily and laid his head on Hugh's knee. He began to bark uneasily and tion of the safe on a bit of paper and sniff about the door. Hugh opened last night I accidentally locked it in the door and let him out, and returned the safe and forgot how to work it; to his reverie. Not more than fifteen I spent most of the night trying to minutes had passed away when he was get the thing open and came in early aroused by the St. Bernard barking this morning to have another try at furiously. Reluctantly he pulled on it."-West Medford (Mass.) Windmill. his fur coat and went out. Away in the distance he saw something black against the snow. It was an awful night. Reaching the dog, he bent over the object in the snow. He raised it in his arms and carried it to the house. He unbuttoned the sealskin jacket that enveloped the slight figure, undid the silken wrap about the head. The light fell upon her face, framed in its soft

dark hair. "Nell:" he whispered, hoarsely, Calling his servants, he worked over her until he restored her to consciousness. Hugh's heart seemed like a dead thing. What hollow mockery was this?

He watched her as she slept. The deep mourning dress draped a form no larger than a child's. The face must he Nell's! Without a word she opened her eyes and found his fixed upon her face. He could not think, could not reason. Who was she, how came she

She roused herself and began to talk.

"Merely stopping there on my way south. My mether asked me to come

this way to deliver a message to her father. She is dead." "Your mother's name, child, was-

"Helen Condy." "You have heard of Hugh Vincent? "I am taking him a message." "Little girl. I am hc.

"You-ah-you are worthy the love my mother bore you. She sent me to she married. I was to tell him to tell souri are adopting resolution ledging mez, an old Portuguese sailor, who has of vinegar or lemon juice. Skin the you all. That she married my father ther members not to vote for any memto save his honor. You will under-stand—it was about some public funds. ber or the legislature who will not stand—it was about some public funds. spread them thickly with the mixture when he caught them in the bay of and grill them for a minute, and then Yes, I see you apprehend it all. She talked of you so much and when she cial organ of the Iron Moulders' Inter-

to forgive, Neil." Nell's eyes were wet. Hugh's head over the one of for a bey season bowed on his hand and the pent-up their trade. The indications are that feelings seemed to rend his soul.

the factories will all be running full They became wonderfully well acquainted that night. The next day cigar where in the city. dawned clear and Hugh sent her to the | The Railroad Telegrapher says when fort, where anxious hearts were wait-ing her coming in hopeless despair. | an employer of labor objects to sub-mitting differences between himself a triumph of art. Silk underskirts are ing her coming in hopeless despair. A year had passed away and it had and employes to a board of arbitration advancing in favor, and from the plain made a difference in Hugh Vincent, it must be because the employes have silk to the richest satin with lace inser- going to establish and operate a mu-Every week, whether it was answered the best of it. Labor seldom refuses to tions find ready demand. Silk skirts for nicipal electric lighting plant, to sup-

HUGH'S RECOMPENSE. had grown restless as the cold weather TWO-HEADED SNAKES. oft-repeated invitation to visit New

> raging across the He went and was glad he did. New plains. The wind Year's eve found him at a reception. blew harshly and He hardly knew himself in evening breefly. The saw dress. He met many bright people, fell in blinding and felt much at home among them. Alone for a moment, he stepped in

With his feet on the conservatory. There, beside a huge the grate, his pipe palm, stood a dainty figure in black. in his mouth, Hugh Hugh forgot his 40-odd years as he Vincent sat, en- looked at her face. His Nell! The sconced from the Nell of long ago! A great pain filled storm. By his side was piled a his heart. All the love he bore Nell huge stock of periodicals. Books her daughter had awakened in all its in rude cases stood against the acquired strength. After all, life was

She saw him standing there, with his love shining in his eyes—the strained ment that a woman's hand imparts. despair of hopeless affection. Tears suffused her sweet, brown eyes as she came and laid her tiny hands on his arm. With her quick tact she guessed Their brilliant covers of white and gold, his secret. The clock struck 12. She jo Bay, along the Locatines River, and smiled as she spoke, then lowered her

> "Hugh, I cannot live any longer without you and as the clock has just I can with propriety--'

"Nell-do you mean it?" at last his own dear little Nell!

AS A SISTER.

Why One Man Thinks Gen. Harriso Will Not Marry Mrs. Dimmick. A member of the church who was long a member of the Bible class in Indianapolis of which ex-President Harrison was a teacher, prior to his going to Washington, gave the

other day what he regards as conclusive reasons why no engagement of marriage exists between Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Dimmick. He says that the ex-President is a thorough religionist and a firm believer in the doctrine of John Calvin as elucidated in the conbible class the ex-president was ex- cisely alike in form, color and general nence.

"While Mrs. Dimmick," said the gen- second head of the snake. tleman, "is not related by the law of consanguinity to Mr. Harrison, it is a fact that her close relationship to Mrs. Harrison and her frequent and protracted visits to the Harrison home have caused the ex-president to look upon her in the light of a sister and indeed their relations have been practically those of a brother and sister on these visits. Viewing her in this light I do not believe it possible that Mr. Harrison has ever considered any other relation with her."-Cincinnati Eu-

An Angel in Disguise. The proprietor of a large store on High street went to his place of business at an unusually early hour recently; in fact the sun had not yet risen when he turned the key in the door. On entering he was surprised to find a man trying to open the door of his safe.

He stood and watched him for some ime, apparently deeply interested in the proceedings, when finally the burglar swung open the door of the safe with a delighted chuckle, but happening to turn he saw that he was discovered and became very much alarmed. He jumped up and was about to make accepted. Alone in his stubborn Eng- his escape through a back window, lish pride he had borne his chagrin when the merchant called to him:

"Don't be in a hurry, my friend; come back and sit down awhile and

"Why, how's that?" asked the burglar

"Well, you see, I had the combina-

Reading Helen's Letter. Helen's face is like a book-Charming in all its pages, Helen's face is like a book: What's the story I forsook, When on Helen's face I look? When her smile engages,

There I read an old romance: Here I see one living. There I read an old romance. But in Helen's slightest glance, Far a livelier tale enchants, Wild excitement giving.

What is printer's ink to me? Commas, dots and dashes! What is printer's ink to me If with Helen I may be, Exclamation points to see

Underneath her lashes!



Paul h gislatio innesota. a member of the Amerof Labor as ayers' and nemasons en issued by cago has

Labor organizations throughout Mis-

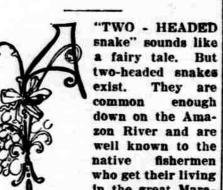
died I placed the miniature locket she always were above her heart. The last words she said were: 'Tell Hugh I will await him in heaven. Teach him Black.

The last character modules interplaced to around their six necks, and thrust them into a bottle of spirits. And so they exist to-day.

Now that the sea serpent has been of the sea ser Cincinnati cigarmakes are gleet

or not, a letter came from Nell. He reach a settlement through arbitration, spring will supplant the heavy, stiff, ply both are and incandescent lights.

SOME INTERESTING SOUTH AMERICAN REPTILES.



a fairy tale. But two-headed snakes exist. They are common enough down on the Amazon River and are well known to the native fishermen who get their living in the great Mara-

in the smaller rivers running out of the bay and around the city of Para. on the coast of Brazil. Sometimes an inquisitive traveler in

proclaimed that leap year is really here | those regions, hearing talk of "twoheaded snakes," will openly scoff at the idea. "Two-headed snakes, indeed! In his longing arms he clasped her, That is a story for the marines." The native fisherman does not waste time in natural history discussions with the sneerer. "Seein's believin'" is his

He just starts out, catches a few of these two-headed water-snakes, and lets the incredulous traveler see for himself that well-known product of South America.

The body of this snake is striped, givmarkable fact is discovered that it possesses a perfectly formed and sym-





THREE SNAKES DOUBLED UP. sightless, and the mouth is only a the principal one. The second head is, that is smoking. Serve hot. apparently, more for ornament than use, although it is so perfect a deception that a close examination is necessary to detect the working head from

the ornamental one. water to breathe, some observers have the snake always protrudes both heads above it, his body describing the shape of a letter U. If the traveler were in side. This phenomenon of the two tricts. heads of one snake taking an airing is

an ordinary affair in the bay of Marajo. The fishermen down there catch them

The Portuguese fisherman who finds | managed to live for twelve years longer them in his eel-basket or fish-net, is with a little help fr n his former emmore likely to cross himself with a mut- ployer; then, as he outlived his savings, tered "Maria!" and throw them back he had to be relieved by the poor law into the water than to carry them home officials, dying a pauper, at 87. with him. A creature so unearthly as to possess a double allowance of heads is scarcely safe eating for a good Chris-

Some of these snakes have been brought to this country. Michael Go- tard, curry powder, and a few drops settled at Wilmington, Del., has three of the creatures preserved in alcohol.

ficially recognized by Germany we cannot afford to deny the reality of the wo-headed snake.

Satin Underskirts with Lace Insertion The new underskirt has many charms France used in the arts \$11,962,800 in and the pretty silk creation decked with gold and \$7,173,000 in silver. lace is a costly article, but nevertheless and weighty moreens recently revived. | for public and private use.

ed. The wearing of pantaloons brings wrong sum to anyone.

THE SNAKE WITH TWO HEADS.

modest skirt dress.

New Way to Serve Parsnips. An entirely new way of serving parsnips is in the shape of an English tion upon the modest candor of the walnut with a nut in the middle. The vender of a beautifying fluid which "reparsnips are first boiled and mashed pels pimples, drives away freckles, fine. Then to each pint there are ad- smoothes the skin and plumps the ded a teaspoonful of salt, two table- flesh, but does not profess to restore spoonfuls of melted butter, a dash of the roses of 15 to a lady of 50," while on a dish to cool. Then take the nut he warned every mother that she would crossed and sent down. In harbor the graph. of an English walnut and roll around it never forgive herself if her infant rest of the blue jackets had the handthe parsnip pulp until you have a good- should perish without a necklace. It ling of the yards and sails for exercise dummy mouth, the snake providing for sized nut. Roll in egg and cracker would be interesting to know what the once or twice a week, but at sea the his living at the other head, which is dust and fry a light brown in deep fat great doctor thought of a certain ad- use of sails for propulsion grew less yet several millions of acres of public

Progressive Ideas in Australia. An agitation in favor of increased political rights is in progress on the western Australian gold fields. An as-Owing to a peculiarity in the snake's sociation, termed the Gold Fields' Namethod of coming to the surface of the tional league, has been formed, and a platform adopted demanding facilities thought that this second head pos- for political registration, parliamentary sessed some respiratory powers. In representation on the basis of populaswimming near the surface of the water tion, a reduction of railway rates and of

Caused by Low Wages. A farm laborer died recently in Lysaved no less than \$1,000. On this he

Curried Sardines for a Late Lunch. For a bite after the theater try curried sardines, cooked in a chafing-dish. Make a paste, with butter, made mussardines and carefully wash the oil off. Spread them thickly with the mixture powder, and minced parsley, or on fingers of hot buttered toast.

Silver in the Arts. The amount of silver used in the arts that of gold. The director of the mint gives the amount of silver thus used in 1894 at \$10,883,048 and the amount of gold at \$10,658,604. In the same year mand.

Every City Should Do This. The city of San Leandro, Cal., is

LIFE IN NICARAGUA. Dr. Mary Walker, the Ploneer, Has Many

> WHERE PEOPLE AND THEIR HOMES PRIMITIVE.

dressed in men's clothing, says a writer in Hygienic Gazette. She was a little ence the Delights of Shopping-Serwoman, very slender, with a youngvants Fotch the Merchandise from mannish expression of face, writes Willis Barnes. I was favorably impressed the Shops for Their Inspection. with her dress and thought it quite be-

pantaloons and long-skirted coat, not much different from the ordinary male attire. I also remember with what derision the bloomer costume of women was received not many years since and how it was finally laughed out of use. But what a change has come! Public sentiment is a queer autocrat. Today simpler, and the fashions are not variaon almost any of the streets and grand ble. The children of the lower class avenues of the city of New York and in wear no clothing until 12 or 14 years guffaw. other cities of this country and Europe old, and in the upper class one garment, may be seen hundreds of women in male a sort of shirt, is enough for home wear. attire. Baggy pantaloons, short jack- and children sometimes go on the street ets and hats or caps are now the ac- in this simple garb. What marketing cepted fashion for bicycle riders.

there is much diversity of opinion. Is this costume modest? There seems to be but one opinion on this point. Women and men of all grades

WOMEN IN PANTALOONS.

Imitators.

I very well remember when I was

quite a youth seeing Dr. Mary Walker

to the discipline of the law.

only method of grace that can be adopt But the eyes of this second head are into unpleasant sight the anatomical

coming, but some of our municipal guardians of the welfare of the people were not so favorably impressed and Dr. Mary was more than once subjected Her dress was a full-length pair of

much simpler than in colder climates: there are no carpets to gather dust there is very little furniture and few nictures and brice a-brac to be dusted and cleaned. The

clothing of the children is also much is not brought to the door is done by the Is this costume becoming? Well, master of the house, and so the women are free to loll in their hammocks and nurse their babies.

The delight of going shopping is entirely unknown. If anything in the dry goods line is wanted a servant is Why is this? I think it all turns upon sent to the shop, who brings home an the one anatomical fact that women armful of whole pieces of the desired were not intended by nature to wear goods. If none of these suit, or if the pantaloons. The great majority of senora desires to look at others, these ing it somewhat the appearance of a women are differently constructed from are carried back, and another and ancommon garter snake. It is usually men about the pelvis; the bones and other armful is brought. This same from one to three feet long. When muscular formation of females are servant can be trusted to pay for whatgliding along it might be mistaken for broader and larger in every way, and ever is bought, for they are very honest a large eel, but when caught the re- as women grow older there is a natural in money matters, only indulging in tendency toward the piling up of fatty small pilferings. One of the servants tissue over the pelvic bones and lum- at the college was accustomed to go to cussion of subjects drawn out in the body. The two heads are almost pre- of the body into unenviable promi- salary of the teachers, and she used to

While the women are very affectionate, if death invades their homes, you do not see the despair and gloom that so often reign with us in like affliction; they seem to thoroughly take in their religious belief that their dear ones are translated to happier scenes, and that the separation is only temporary. The women of the family do not go to the cemetery with their dead: only the male members and friends. There are no hearses, and the coffin is borne on their shoulders, and they are relieved by different relays every little way. Colored coffins are used for young people, blue being a favorite color. The coffin is usually rented by the lower class, just for the funeral, and the body is removed at the grave and interred in the ground, with nothing to preserve it from contact with the earth. The but these are only rented, and it is nothing unusual to read an advertiseof such and such a one do not pay the rent of the vault the body will be removed by such a date.

After a death in a house the piano, if the family is rich enough to own one, is disproportion and therefore the mod- removed from the sala, or parlor, to the ern woman bicyclist who shows herself back of the house, and, though it may in public in what she is pleased to call be moved in a room or two nearer its baggy pantaloons, is not a pleasing former station during the year, it is not sight to men or her sisters of the more opened for that length of time.

Former Quack Medicines.

Johnson bestows ironical commendapepper, and two tablespoonfuls of milk. he also admires the zeal for the ease memory or forgetfullness, enabling less of a necessity. those whose memory was before almost totally lost to remember the minutest circumstances of their affairs to a wonder. Price, two and six-pence a pot."

-Cornhill Magazine.

Club for Widows and Spinsters. Not a little heartburning in fair boscustoms duties, especially on the neces- circles" at Warsaw, Poland, owing to battle of the Lord God Almighty.saries of life, improved railway com- an exclusive rule adopted by the newly | Elder W. H. Ebert, Seventh Day Admunication and full consideration for established Ladies' Club in that city. a near-by boat he might think two the interests of the gold fields as This aristocratic social association of snakes were resting lovingly side by against seaboard and agricultural dis- Polish ladies has had the temerity, it seems, to cut out its married sisters. only spinsters and widows being eligible for membership. There are noble in baited baskets or nets as they would minister, near Arundel, England, whose who are content to believe that the eels, or after the style of the small bey wages while he could work were \$3.60 attractions of the club will serve the who goes crabbing. However, they are a week, as he never rose above a worknot thought very highly of as food ing bailiff and cowman. He was able designing young widows out of mischief. The new club premises are commodious and elegantly arranged, and in addition to their other attractions and comforts public readings, lectures, and music will form conspicuous features of the erdinary entertainments.

> Bud Literature. Exciting and impure literature floods the land, which the young people read and are fascinated. The voluptuous life is made the ideal, religion is scoffed at and vice enthroned. The sensational papers of the day make too much of the salacious details of an unsavory case and the sin is too often made light of. even made the occasion of efforts at humor.-Rev. E. L. Miller, Episcopal-

ian, Scranton, Pa.

Swimming and Diving Sparrow. Adrian Hickman of Bath, Me., owns a swimming and diving sparrow. The in this country has at last exceeded little creature takes to water as naturally as a duckling and swims rapidly after bread crumbs. It will dive beneath the surface at the word of com-

Arthur Rook, a 6-year-old bicycle rider of Brighton, New Jersey, while riding across East Lake pond recently broke through the ice. The boy retained his seat in the saddle and the inflated tires of the machine kept him affoat until help arrived.

TOO MUCH LAUGHTER.

Curious Case of a Nogro Which Is Now A case of insanity of a curious sert

account of himself because of severe fits of laughter which convulsed his HE routine of daily life in Nicaragua is workhouse and ever since then has done

nothing but laugh. He has not uttered a word in the interval, and what is his name or where he came from is unknown. He laughs continuously from morning till night and at meal times he swallows his food like lightning in order, apparently, that he may continue his fit of mirth with as little interruption as possible. When he goes to sleep his sides shake with laughter, and in the morning the cious mouth opens, too, with a loud

At first it was thought he had adopted this means to escape from being tried on the charge of attempted burglary. but the physicians who have examined him unite in pronouncing him insane, and say that his cure is doubtful. The chances are, it seems, that he will literally laugh himself to death.

This form of insanity, though rare, s not unknown to medical science, ows that fall into it, if it can only though the mania is generally of a be supreme at this critical point. The transitory nature. There are several cases on record of grave personages, who had rarely been seen to smile, suddenly breaking into a habit of uncontrollable and contagious laughter. Dr. Clouston tells of a solid, prudent business man who one day startled his family by a fit of laughter which lasted so long and was so hilarious that every | you think it is over and that as you one in the room had to join in.

From time to time after that he would be seized in the church, in the Valley. Never were you more misfession of faith and that in the dismetrical head at each end of its long bar muscles which brings that portion the treasurer every month to draw the train or in the streets, and whenever he taken; and if you look you will see two started all who heard him would have puffing little giants pulling the train have each one's money wrapped up in to follow. It was the first symptoms for several hours yet. At length, howtremely orthodox on all questions re- appearance; one of them is very slight- This being true, the skirt dress is the a different part of her dress, and she of mania. Very soon delusions and the most outrageous conduct supervened and then—the asylum.

> JACK TARS OF OTHER DAYS. track is as straight as an arrow, and the When Ships Were Full-Rigged and Sallors

Were Athletes. A proportion of the blue jackets of any full-rigged ship were necessarily athletes, says a writer in the North American Review. The "upper yardmen" in a line-of-battle ship or a fri- tain and the Sangre de Cristo range gate were exceptional men in this way, on the east are a ring and that Blanco and much more so, perhaps, just about is the setting. These mountains afford the time that sail power was receiving its death warrant than ever before. These young men had to race aloft to Sand Hill Cranes, Brants, Geese and nearly the highest points, at top speed, Curlew. These are in the valley. If eight or ten times a week, when the big game is desired you must go back ship was in harbor, to keep their heads into the mountains, where Elk, Bear, and maintain their breath while "holding on by their eyelids," as the phrase went, and manipulating with a careful and measured order of action the vari- valley, if you want an outing. If you wealthy have vaults, or niches in the ous and intricate arrangements for wish to meet the gay social parties, brick wall surrounding the cemetery, "crossing" or "sending down" the royal that make the mountains their home in and topgallant yards. It was all done summer, go to Colorado Springs, Manment in the paper that if the relatives | held that the upper yardmen gave a character to the whole ship, and that one which was foremost in the exercise | heath, than may be gained by a sojourn in the fleet." The upper yardmen were always the coming men. They had the most opportunities for distinguishing themselves, were the best known and taxed mind than any other opportunity were most under the eye of the authori- within reach. The Denver & Rio Grande ties. They developed great muscular Company looks after the comfort of its power in chest, shoulders and arms. Their lower extremities suffered and

But in the modern steam line-of-battle ship and frigate these extremely athletic specimens formed a very small minority of the "ship company," and none of them could lose his turn at be-Mix well over the fire, and when smok- and safety of teething infants shown ing upper-yardmen so long as the ship's scratching his head for a moment or ing hot add a thoroughly beaten and by the inventor of the anodyne neck- reputation depended upon the speed two replied, "Ay, I'm wulling, but I'd very fresh egg. Spread the mixture lace, and the affecting terms in which with which the upper yards were rather hae her sister."-London Televertisement in the Spectator of "grate- and less important, and most of the ful electuary for the cure of loss of work aloft was more of an exercise and

one always knew the men who had

Tottering Thrones. The kingdoms of the world are trembling and tottering upon their foundations. They realize that the end is upon them and they dare not move for fear of precipitating the conflict. But they are compelled to move, and oms has been caused among "society will soon be gathered together to the ventist, Elmwood, Ind. RAM'S HORN.

Good, as God sees it, is the good of

well doing. Faith in Christ makes the coffin a If we could see better the world

A blind man's world can be measured with a cane. Whatever God does, is for the good of the Christian

Love can be misunderstood, but never over-estimated. We can only do our best when we are sure we are right. Putting out the eyes cannot blind the

man who has a seeing soul. Some men seem to have been made out of dust with gravel in it. Sin always takes the defensive when the sword of the Spirit is drawn. It is hard to get a dyspeptic to believe

that the millenium will ever come. Men worthy to serve God for gain are willing to serve the devil for nothing. In the moment that a sinner knows readily susceptible to changes and vathat Christ is Christ, he loses his guilt. riations. Selfishness is self robbery, no matter whether & dwells in a hut or a palace. The conviction of sinners is sure to e deep when the church is hearing God

ing lion, he is most careful to hide his loving. teeth. Knock down a hypocrite, and you will upset a bigger one who is hiding be-

When the devil is most like a roar-

An American tourist recently sent his bicycle from London to Paris by parcel tinge of gold in it, usually have fits of post. The cost was only a few pence, despondency, but cheerfuiness predomand he received it in perfect order. inates in such a temperament.

A SUMMER OUTING.

The days are here, when one begins to make plans for his summer outing, is just now exciting considerable inter- and studies railway maps and questions est among the medical fraternity of friends to learn of the best spots, and ondon, says an exchange. A negro was where the most varied amusements found the other day in a gentleman's may be had for the least outlay. To house at Willesden and could give no Kansas people the Rocky mountains are the most convenient and afford opportunity for the enjoyment of tastes of all shades. Twenty-four hours places frame. He was taken to the nearest the most eastern dweller of the state right in the heart of the great divide and he has enjoyed such scenes enroute, as wealthy tourists go across the ocean to find. The Denver & Rio Grande road, the Great Scenic Route of the world, takes you at Pueblo or Denver, and whirls you through canons where there must have been an enchantment and where giant arms have dashed the boulders into their present resting places. The ride through the Royal Gorge displays the great in

genuity of its engineers, and the obstinate determination of its builders moment he opens his eyes his capa- The rails are placed in almost inaccess ble places, along the edge of the stream or torrent, which with wonderful skill has been forced out of the way to make room for the rock road bed and the iron rails. At certain points the torrent maintains its supremacy, but the difficulty is met and surmounted, a set of hangers being made into the cliffs overhead, to support the bridge work and track. The stream is still jubilant of its power over man, and laughs, booms and dashes by as the train passes, not caring for the queer shad-

> canon is one of the grandest in the world, barely wide enough, in certain parts, to admit of the stream and the tracks, the granite walls of giant mountains towering above and over all, and giving a still more impressive object lesson of the great force of Nature which has caused it all. The climb is a long one, and after leaving Salida enter upon a slight down grade, or a smiling valley, that you are now going to slide down into the great San Luis ever, when you have begun to wish for

there is a rapid stride down the west ern slope, and into the beautiful valley. For more than fifty miles th train speeds along bringing you into Alamosa for breakfast, right under the shadow of Blanco, the highest mountain in this country. All around are smiling fields as far as the eye can reach, until vision is interrupted by the mountains which encircle the valley. Some one has said the West Mounevery variety of amusement and entertainment. There is fine trout fishing: in season there are plenty of ducks and Mountain Sheep and Lions, Glouse, etc. are still to be found. Outfit at one of the pleasant little hamlets and spend a month in these mountains and in this itou, or some other of the delightful re-

sorts on the line of the Denver & Rio Grande road. We know of no greater advantage to was ever considered "the smartest ship away from the cares of business and daily duties of the routine of living. Here there is no routine but a continued change, of pleasure resulting more profitable to a tired body or overpatrons with scrupulous care, and provides the best facilities for observation and enjoyment of the ride. If you have never yet visited these precincts, de been upper-yardmen by their tadpolecide now to do so this year, and get the like appearance when they were bath- rest and health you have been looking

> At a village wedding in Worcester shire recently the clergyman asked the bridegroom the usual question whether he was willing to take the woman to be his wedded wife, and, the rustic,

Public Lands in Oklahoma. A careful investigation of the public records discloses the fact that there are lands in Oklahoma yet subject to homestead entry and settlement.

It has generally been understood that all the lands in Oklahoma fit for agricultural purposes are already occupied, but such is not the fact. Owing to the method adopted for the opening of these lands to settlement, in many cases as high as five or six persons would settle on a single track on the day of the race, and rather than stand the expense of a contest, or run the risk of other trouble, would, unknown to each other. abandon the land. Again, the main race for lands at those openings was for tracts near the cities or proposed town sites and along the lines of railroads, and thus many hundreds of almost equally as good farms as are in Okla-Much doing is not so important as home were passed over in the mad rush

> purposes; yet there are still hundreds of good homes awaiting the taking in that country and undoubtedly a large number of eastern people will take advantage of the same the coming season.

Household Marketing. In the matter of purchasing food, the housekeeper must use good judgment, going to market and not trusting the selection of her meats and vegetables to an ignorant order boy. A little experience will enable one to learn to know the best cuts of meats, and if the marketman sees that his customer knows what she wants, and that she will not be satisfied with inferior meats, he will serve her with the best. It is generally economical to buy the highest grades of groceries and meats. as the test goes further and is more

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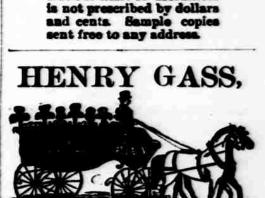
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