

had left his home foolishness in doing so-why should in a quiet little she be around the depot if she was in Ohio town to seek the town?

those two years-lonesome two years tel. home and among strangers before.

passed away; and the loneliness settled toon him as he felt himself a stranger in a strange land.

For a time he attended church, as were such large places, and the congregation and young folks dressed and his town acquaintances, the compan- go to the circus. ionship of his sisters and brothers and the bright smile of Cousin Fan, who used to pop in so unexpectedly and with whom some of his fellow-clerks associated, and with whom they tried to make him at home, somehow failed entertaining and dropped them.

cupied by a modest-appearing little made-though he thought it strange woman, whose long lashes fringed the that she assigned no reason for her darkest of blue eyes and whose slight- sudden departure from Chicago. ly pouting lips and rounded cheeks glowed with the natural health which can never be duplicated by art, and which only country air can give. The came to look forward, unthinkingly, to

seeing the bright face of the unknown. Joe, with a sense of deep disappointment, knew why it was he looked for-She was not there and his heart sank. A minute later it bounded again as he she said: saw the well-known figure coming down the aisie. As she pulled back her chair preparatory to taking her seat, somehow or other, Joe never quite knew



"I'M ASHAMED OF YOU."

how it happened, the big blue eyes flashed for a moment into his and he was on his feet blushing and bowing. This was the beginning, and it became customary to bow, later to sit side by side and talk during lunch, and, if time permitted, to walk with her as far as the Monadnock building, where she was employed. He had vainly tried to discover her name, but when he had naively informed her that it was awkward to call her "Say," she had asked him to call her simply Miss Margaret, adding that this was what she was most generally called and was most accus-

This went on for several weeks and Joe had several times been on the verge of asking for her address that he might call, or asking her to accompany him to the theater, but he kept delaying. fearing that he might rupture the growing friendship and be left again to himself and the lonesomeness of feel-

One noontime (and Joe will always remember it) she was not in her ac- excitement of battle with the boys be- it was to be the beginning of an ex- 000,000 guesses founded upon the obcustomed place, although the day before she had been speculating what the To the eldest brother, who carried the "Pneumatic tubes between the New guesses mentioned in treaties given by as he could and spent his whole noon was exactly what his battle-ax at to way stations," he said, when asked and Turkey. left, the chair was still vacant. The he wielded it; so he swung it; so he lieve the department of seventy per next day the same experience. He re- laid his enemies low to right and left cent. of the wagon transportation. It line? Surely it was cruel to leave him | shoulders and ribs. in such uncertainty. He brooded over what might possibly have happened to her, till his health began to fail. He had never thought the daily walk of a few blocks could mean so much to him.

Several weeks passed by and the chair still continued vacant. On the vary day his two years was up Joe remembered that she had spoken of squirrel which his little boy killed that Oconomowoc one day in connection was quite a curiosity. It had only one with her family. He would ask for ear, and its lower teeth had grown a few days' respite from work and go upward into its upper jaw and the upup there. He had never asked for a per teeth grown downward through its boy? That beastly tailor sent me a bill vacation and they surely would not re- tongue into the lower jaw. It is a to-day, and it is a week yet before the fuse him. Besides, it was not far from mystery how it lived, as it was impos- first." Chicago and many Chicago men went sible for it to have opened its mouth. up Saturday nights to spend Sunday with their families who were stopping there. Anyhow, he would go for the rest of the week-possibly he might forest to supply crossties for the railsee her or learn of her and the change roads of the United States. It takes would do him good even if he didn't. 15,000,000 ties to supply the demand, for mile up a long hill under the impres-

started. He could only be spared for age 35 cents apiece, making in the ag- that they are taking the machine to be for the rest of the week, but what gregate \$5,250,000.

HIS ONLY ROMANCE. might not happen in four whole days? TUBES FOR THE MAIL: pretty little Wisconsin town he found T was two years himself anxiously looking around, since Joe Bentley though he condemned himself for his

his fortune in the After he had registered at a hotel he West, Fortwoyears wandered aimlessly about the towa, each working day admiring the handsome houses and the had found him at | beautiful twin lakes, and watching the his desk in a large launches, filled with happy campers, mercantile house darting to and fro. In the afternoon in Chicago. He had he hired a boat and tried to fish, but been fortunate in securing a position after a couple of hours' effort, when at once, through a brother of his town only a couple of sickly looking dog-postmaster, who was now chief clerk fish rewarded his efforts, he gave it in the office. Joe will never forget up in disgust and returned to the ho-

they were, the more lonesome, perhaps, At dinner that evening he was made because he had never been away from aware of the fact that a circus was in town by a couple sitting across the When he first came to Chicago the table from him, who had come in from World's Fair and other attractions the surrounding country and were gomade the city a wonderful place for the ing. In the barber-shop also there was tountry boy, but these soon paled or nothing talked of but the circus. It made him feel quite at home to see the enthusiasm created by the mere fact of a circus being in town. How different from Chicago, where nothing had been his habit at home, but they seemed to be able to command but passing interest.

Then he remembered that at home acted so differently from the church everybody went to the circus-why felk at home that he finally got in the shouldn't they do it here?-and perhabit of staying away. He sorely missed haps she might be there. He would

It was a little late when Joe reached the tent. He had not calculated on how many would be ahead of him for leave such a volume of sunshine behind | the single barber's chair nor how long her when her father would come to it would take the hotel bootblack to town to do his marketing. The girls put a satisfactory gloss on his shoes. As he entered the tent he went down the open space to the ropes and starting at one end glanced as critically at to fill the bill. Somehow it didn't seem each face as the flickering of the gasright for the fellows to greet them on oline lamps would allow. Of a sudden the street with a familiar slap on the he stopped, rubbed his eyes and looked shoulder and a "Hello, Kit, old girl, again. Yes, surely that was Margaret; how you is?" and in spite of himself looking fairer and more winsome than he felt too much of an aversion to ever, appearing quite out of place them to enjoy himself or make himself among the rustics who surrounded her -and, wonder of wonders, there was At last a change came-gradually, to an empty seat beside her. In a matter be sure, so slowly that Joe hardly knew of ten minutes Joe had forced his way there had been a change till it was to where she sat and found himself at the opposite end of the table in the him and Joe felt supremely happy as restaurant Joe ate lunch had been oc- explanations on both sides were being

All things must have an end and the entertainment came to a close. Joe's request to "see her home" had beenaccepted and he seemed to be treading next day she was in the same seat, and on air as he left the tent with the litthe next and the next, and Joe soon the hand resting lightly on his arm. As they were nearing a crossing and Joe was opening up a subject of car-One day the chair was vacant, and rying on a correspondence a woman's form came under the light across the way. Margaret half turned around ward so eagerly to the noonday meal. to go back with a "Gracious, there's The next noontime he took particular ma!" Joe looked more closely and pains with his toilet and was so im- saw a middle-aged woman with a dethe arm and drew her to one side as

"I've been hunting for you everywhere-what made you change your seat? We won't trouble this young man for his company any further"with a scathing look at Joe-"I'm ashamed of you, out with a young man and your wedding only three days off. I'll be glad when Frank has you to look after instead of me."

And as Margaret was being hurried away from across the street Joe caught the gleam of a ring on the little hand that was surrentitiously waved to him.

ITS LATTER-DAY DEGENERACY. The Umbrella Is No Longer a Portly, Respectable Instrument.

The real old family umbrella has

gone out. Call that slim, stuck-up, affected, attenuated thing a family umbrella? Go away, says a writer in London Queen. I remember the genuine family umbrella; it was kept in readiness behind every front door; it was a large, portly, heavy instrument. As an emblem of respectability it was highly esteemed in middle-class society; it was serviceable as a tent in rainy weather: it could be used as a meanon of offense and defense on occasion. I have seen a picture of an elderly gentleman keep-

umbreila. He made as if he would spear or prod the villain. Why, one prod would alone make a hole of six inches diameter in that murderous carcass. The nurse used to carry it, with difficulty managing the baby and the Philadelphia for four years, between interest and aid of Li Hung Chang. umbrella; it went out to tea with the young ladies: the maid who "fetched" them home took the umbrella with her. It succeeded the lantern and the club formerly carried by the 'prentice when the beginning of an extended system, than in China. Anything approximathe escorted his mistress to the card which is expected in the near future to ing the accurate census of the populaparty after dark. I remember it, I say. There were three brothers who came to stations, railways and steamer land- without doubt, an impossibility. In the same school where I was but a ings. tiny little boy. They lived at some dis-

respectability. Every morning brought appropriation for the Bridge system would get away alive. The population to these three brothers the delight and from the last Congress, and said that of the earth is now estimated at 1.700.longing to that inferior respectability. tended plant.

'Twas a famous family umbrellagreen, too, if I remember aright.

Life in the Georgia Mountains.

From the Ellijau Mountain Sentinel. -Mr. Henry Shepard was in town Monday, and showed us the head of a

Market for Railroad Ties. It takes each year 200,000 acres of The next morning, Wednesday, he which the contractors get on an aver- sion that it's going to a fire, only to find

LETTERS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

and-a-Half Minute Transfers.



struction of the

gave this information about it:

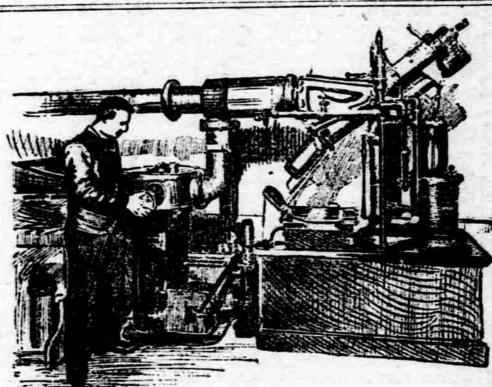
street to the Brooklyn office.

OBSTINACY OF THE LLAMA. The Mule Is Vacillating Compared with

lifting his finger as if to point them up the trail. Ordinarily, remarks a writer in St. Nicholand, remarks a writer The boy called "U-pa!" to the llamas, in St. Nicholas, the animals would have obeyed, but the aggressive manner of the pair of sparrows, says the obeyed, but the aggressive manner of London Spectator. That would give Barton had aroused their obstinacy and Bonesthing like 1,500,000 sparrows to they did not budge. The boy put his they did not budge. The boy put his shoulder to the ribs of one and heaved the area of greater London. But these shoulder to the ribs of one and neaved hard; but the brute stood its ground. The sparrow population is rigorously about his path gathering up very small topt down, not by want of fecundity struction of the pneumatic tubes which are to connect the New York and Brooklyn post-offices were completed last week, and the work of and the work of and the work of and wrinkled their disagreeable noses.

"Well, it is to wait!" said he; and ran about the pneumatic tubes and the said he; and ran about his path, gathering up very small pebbles until the shabby hat was full. Then he sat down on a bowlder that jutted from the bank, settling himself as if for a long rest. Then he threw a mild and measured pebble at each liama. They turned their heads a little and wrinkled their disagreeable noses. constructing the and wrinkled their disagreeable noses. apparatus begun. He waited for some time and then The plant will be pitched two more pebbles which had in without delay and be in opera- the same effect. So he sat, slowly and

York Herald. B. C. Batcheller, the siles upon the dense hair of his charges. engineer who is in charge of the work. Evidently he was in no hurry; and the two travelers, impatient as they were, "There will be two pneumatic tubes had too much wisdom or experience to laid from the basement of the New try to push him. They sat quietly in York postoffice, running under Park their saddles, watching the droll scene. row and upon the Bridge, where they It was very ridiculous to need deliverwill be extended alongside of the car ance from two stupid beasts and to get tracks, and then under Washington it from such an owlish little tatterdemalion. An hour crawled by, and the "These tubes will be of cast iron, in stones in Ramon's hat were running twelve-foot sections, bored to the ex- low. Suddenly the brown llama turned act diameter of eight and three-six- with a snort of disgust and stole off up teenths inches. They have to be most the trail The gray one hesitated a moaccurately bored and fitted together ment, snorted-and followed. "That with the utmost nicety, which is done | way they get tired, sirs," said the boy, by caulking the joints with lead and emptying his hat and pulling it down oakum, for they must be airtight and upon his thatch of black hair. "I'd be perfectly true inside, so as to insure take a good club to them!" growled the free passage of the carriers that Barton, who had great confidence in



DISPATCHING MAIL THROUGH THE TUBE.

brass tubes have to be used.

"In the basement of the two postoffices will be placed air compressors, together with the necessary receiving and despatching apparatus.

inches long, weighing twelve pounds, in the despatching tube, air from the compressor is let in behind it, and half minutes. The air pressure required to do this is only six pounds to the square inch. If necessary, the pressure and speed can be increased.

"As one tube is used for despatching and one for receiving, a regular stream of carriers can be kept going in both directions, with only ten seconds interval between them. As each carrier will ing off a footpad by means of this lethal offices."

No. 20, the distance of half a mile.

connect the general postoffice with sub- tion of the earth at the present time is.

the same cost as now."

Another Boycott. "Now,come right down to the meat of the matter, Shaver; what are you form-

ing this barbers' union for?" "To boycott the football players that are ruining the hair-cutting branch of the trade."-Detroit Free Press.

Pleads for Early Consideration. Cholly: "What do you think, dear

"I expect he was sending early to avoid the rush."-Pearson's Weekly. Oh, Don't You Remember!

There's nothing more disgusting to a the way they intended. boy than to follow a fire engine half a repaired.-New York Tribune.

patient that he was at the table five termined-looking face hurrying toward | hold the mail matter. Then, where the Saxon way of forcing things. "No, minutes before his accustomed time. them. She took Margaret sharply by there are short bends, as there must the boy is quite right. It is another be in making the necessary angles, case where you must not try to be smarter than nature. The llama is the stubbornest brute alive; a mule is vacillating compared to him. If you put a pound too much on his load he will lie down; and you might beat him to "A very important part of the plant | death, or build a fire beside him, but is the carrier, which is an accurately he would not get up. Nobody but a constructed steel cylinder, twenty-four | Peruvian Indian can do anything with a Peruvian camel and Ramon has just and made to fit in the tubes, so as shown us the proper tactics. Hurt the to move freely. When this carrier is animal and he only gro is more sullen: freighted with mail matter it is placed but the pebbles merely tease him until he can bear it no longer. And really he repays patience when he behaves away it goes, under street, over bridge | well, for he is the only animal that can and under street again, to the post- work effectively at these terrific altioffice on the other side of the river, tudes, where horses and mules are making the journey in three and one- practically useless. But adelante (forward!)," the professor concluded.

> CENSUS OF THE WORLD. Most Stupendous Undertaking That Was

Ever Devised. A ceasus of the world seems impossible, but it is going to be undertaken. says the London Mail. The unparalhold 600 ordinary letters, this means | leled labor is to be one of the gigantic that it is possible to despatch 216,000 projects to celebrate the advent of the letters per hour in each direction, and twentieth century, and it is safe to of the 63,000 occupants to waste, on that the tubes will carry all of the first- say that a more stupendous undertak- the average, three minutes. The total class and most of the lower classes of ing has never before been devised. The mail matter between the two post- scheme had its real inception at the The plant will cost about \$100,000, Statistical institute, recently held at \$785 per day, or nearly \$250,000 per and will be constructed and maintained | Berne, Switzerland, where a committee by a Philadelphia company. It is was appointed to consider ways and known as the Batcheller system and means. The first step in this imporis the same that has been in use in tant committee's labor was to enlist the the general postoffice and sub-station | They met him when he was in Berlin and secured the promise of his influ- wife, which one loves best.-Buckley. kind to animals and especially fond of The establishing of a pneumatic tube ence in China In no nation will the mail service over the East river is only work of census-taking be more difficult degree; love is a present for a mighty to a reckless degree at times. You will sicians. Charles Neilson, second assistant spots on the earth that have never been tance and had to pass on their way to postmaster general, who has charge of visited by the explorer and others from school through a stratum of inferior the mail transportation, obtained an which a census enumerator never

servation of travelers and upon other then confide till death.-Young.

Adventure with a Bengal Tiger. From Bengal comes an amusing, alproached himself for not finding out of him, before him and behind him; is estimated that tubes can be put in though exciting tale of two young Pope. more about her-perhaps she was sick while the other two, relying on the and maintained at the present rate paid army officers who tried to capture a or had met with an accident. At any | books tightly strapped, brought them | for wagon service in large cities. Then | tiger. Having gorged itself on a cow, rate, she knew his name and address to bear, with shrewd knocks and the tubes will expedite the delivery of the animal was asleep when these two why didn't she at least drop him a thwacks and poundings, on heads and the mail and make close connection at men caught sight of it. They might have shot it, but it occurred to them that there would be as much honor and a lot of money in taking it alive. So they made nooses in two long ropes, up our money, we make good our roofs rock above, managed to lasso the neck | who provided wisely that he shall not and one leg of the tiger. The beast, of be wanting in the best property of all course awoke, and for a time regarded -friends.-Emerson. the ropes indifferently; but when he attempted to walk away, and found is a friend, on whom we can always himself restrained, his rage knew no with safety depend. Our joys, when bounds. He gave two or three great intended, will always increase, and jumps, and the ropes snapped like griefs, when divided, are hushed into strings, and then he started for his peace.-Margaret Smith. would-be captors, and would have caught them had not he become en- first friends met. Friends, but friends tangled in the ropes. While he was on earth, and therefore dear; sought jumping around they poured bullets oft, and sought almost as oft in vain, into him, and finally hit a vital spot. So they got him after all, but not in heart; so much desired and coveted by

> Booker-Would you like these books bound in Russia? Smith-No. America will do.-New York Herald.

tiel Sucreys Have to Fight for If left to himself the London spar-

FOOD FOR THE CATS.

this case is the London cat. If any one will count up the number of houses in his or her knowledge which do not

come apparent. Poor people keep more cats than rich people, so the small houses abound in cats. Rich folks' cats, which have large houses, as a rule, only eatch the sparrows on their own estate, but poor cats have to poach at large, and their ravages among the young sparrows are prodigious. It has been observed that a sparrow-killing cat bags on an average two young birds a day. No amount of correction seems to prevent their indulgence in this form of sport. They know it is wrong, but it is too fascinating. One young cat of the writer's acquaintance went into a fit after a mild beating for killing young sparrows and as soon as he recovered went off to catch another. A cat in the same house which was surprised with two naked nestlings in its mouth slipped them underneath a mat on the stairs when it saw its mistress approaching. Nature is too strong for them, and the drawing-room pussy seems no more able to resist the taste for sport than the stable cat.

PROGRESS OF THE BICYCLE.

Lovers of the bicycle-and they are legion-are awaiting with interest the coming of the chainless wheel, says the Hartford Post. It is announced that it is coming soon and it is expected that it will be a considerable improvement over the wheel now in use, being easier to care for. Something new in wheels is reported from Switzerland. It is the invention of a Geneva man. The saddle of this bieycle is developed into a seat and it is dropped back almost immediately over the center of the rear wheel, the steering-bar being lengthened to enable the driver to control the wheel without bending forward. The inventor says that the principle of the machine is the utilization of the considerable amount of force, very little known, which is afforded by a point of support. Without this point of support the only force a man has is his own weight. On the other hand, if the back be well supported, he has in each leg a force more than treble his own weight and which is, in fact, equal to the weight he is capable of carrying combined with that of his own body. The construction of this bicycle is intended to make use of this considerable amount of wasted force. The point of

support in the new wheel is the back | stouter as you advance in years; you of the seat, by means of which the cyclist's body is thrown back and his a busy talker; you are inclined to inlegs lifted up, owing to the position of the pedals. The body is thus placed | terious forces in nature; you are a in a "normal" posture. The rider is seeker after truth no matter where you upright or leaning slightly backward. find it; you are naturally an advanced It has been tried in the streets of Geneva and made a favorable impression. The ease with which it ascends hills was particularly noticeable. The bi- things without ever having had to

Traffic in the Strand.

A statistician says 12,000 vehicles, including 3,000 omnibuses, pass through the Strand, London, in the day, and the narrowness of the street causes each waste of time equals 3,150 hours, the money value of which, at the very modbiennial meeting of the International erate rate of one shilling an hour, is

FRIENDLY HINTS.

For to cast away a virtuous friend, I call as bad as to cast away one's own Scorn no man's love though of mean a horse. You are very courageous even about 75,000,000, there are 120,000 phyking, much less make any man thy be looked up to by your neighbors; enemy.-Herbert.

The place where two friends first met is sacred to them all through their addition to the poles there are many friendship-all the more sacred as their gifted in that direction, but there will of Mr. Hegue. friendship deepens and grows old .-Phillips Brooks.

First on thy friend deliberate with thyself; pause, ponder, sift; not eager the obstacles that will be in your path, in thy choice, not jealous of the chos- yet you are otherwise quite fortunate. en: fixing, fix: judge before friendship,

bill of fare would be. He ate as slowly really important weapon, the untrella York postoffice and the various rail- such countries as China, Persia, Arabia dium knows, burns with one love, with will usually be promptly answered. In Bostoff. His daily diet is grainam bread, one resentment glows; one should our cases where there is an apparent de- milk, cheese and vegetables, and he interests and our passions be, my friend lay the astrologer should be notified at continues to maintain good health at must hate the man that injures me .-

> never thrives unless grafted upon a stock of known and reciprocal merit. Remember to make a difference between companions and friends,-Chesterfield. We take good care of our heaith, lay

Real friendship is a slow grower, and

and after some manoeuvering from a tight and our clothing sufficient, but How much to be prized and esteemed

Nor unremembered is the hour when

Kansas City has copied the "white wings" idea from New York. Its street cleaning force has recently been put into white duck uniforms.

all.-Pollock.

SIGNS OF THE STARS. EVOLUTION OF THE UMBRELLA

SOME TALES TOLD BY THE HEAVENLY BODIES.



1 HE Astrologer again insists that all persons writing him with a view of obtaining free readings in this column, must send full name and address. The name will not be published. The data

cant. It will therefore be seen that it is quite necessary to give name and post office address. These readings are free, and will be published in order as received. Persons wishing the same length reading by mail can obtain it by sending twelve two cent stamps. Write name and address, year of birth, day of month and hour of day, whether a. m. or p. m. Also state place of birth. These are important points and without them an accurate reading of the planetary indications cannot be given. Persons who are not sure as to data should write the Astrologer for special instructions by mail. In doing so send four cents in stamps for reply. Address: Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194 So. Clinton street, Chicago.

grow older. Your complexion, hair on the handle of the umbrella, by and eyes, medium; the eyes have rath- means of which the umbrella is spread er a sharp, piereing sight. You are -are so attached and adjusted to the Paid in Canital. very energetic and ambitious, do not spreaders that they shut into the chanlike opposition, and will display quite | nels when the umbrella is closed. a spirited temper at times; you are a leader, and have the ability to execute plans in a creditable manner; you are fond of soldiers, fireman, surgeons, all manner of military parades, news, etc. | bears an earlier date than 1879. If a war would come you would like to go and be right at the front of the battle; you would make a good surgeon. You have far better command of language than this sign usually denotes. Your husband is, or will be, a peculiar temperament, and rather hard to understand, and marriage will only be a trifle over average fortunate. You are under both a good transit of Jupiter and an evil transit of Satural.

F. B., Oceola, Ohio. cycle has not reached its full develop- study them, and if asked to explain could be made valuable to you. Saturn will make an evil transit for you soon.

Miss S. S. Marionville, Mo.

Note.-Those who have sent in their once and the mistake will be rectified. | a cost of 87 cents a week.

Inquiring Spectator-Which horse

win.-New York Weekly. Sometimes.

Bacon-I was reading to-day of a violin maker who made over 7,000 fiddles in his life. Egbert-It's a fact, then that the evil a man does lives after him -Yonkers Statesman.

Not Yet Known.

Nobody knows yet, my son; his estate hasn't been appraised.-Truth.

did Addresses Date, Place and Hour



price did bot, nor did the demand There are still some uses for which ble, and with constant demand and de-The following readings are for this

week: Miss Meg, Mendota, Mo-

According to the data furnished, the todiacal sign. Scorpio, which Mars rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Mars is your ruling planet or significator.

According to the data the zodiacal sign Aquarius, which Uranus rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Uranus is your ruling planet or significator. The sign Pisces, which Jupiter rules, was intercepted on ascendant, therefore Jupiter is co-significator. You are of medium height; medium to light complexion, hair and eyes; when young the lowest stages of animal life. your hair was flaxen; you will grow are reserved in your manners, yet quite envelope, through which the orb is vestigate any of the occult and mysthinker, and was born with a kind of knowledge which you never had to study to learn; you just know many how you knew this or that you could not tell where it came from; you feel and know things in advance. If you would thoroughly understand this it

According to the data furnished the Zodiacal sign Sagittarius, which Jupiter rules was rising at your birth, therefore Jupiter is your ruling planet or significator. You are tall, with slender, well formed figure; medium to light complexion and eyes; the hair, auburn; in general appearance you are commanding, you are jovial, cheerful, happy temperament, you are very ambitious and will be a leader in anything you are interested in; you are they will expect you to take the lead. and they will follow. You should be something to hinder you from getting a proper education in it unless you make special effort and overcome

What He Did Know.

was it that won? Speculative Speciator (gloomily)-I don't know the name of the horse that wen, but I know the name of most of the horses that didn't

Celestial Fashion. "When I married you," he said, "I thought you were an angel." "I inferred as much," she said. "From the very first," she went on, "you seemed to think I could get along without clothes."-Tit-Bits. yet always sought, so native to the

> Tommie Tompkins-Pa, was Senator Ducksworth, who died the other day, a politician or a statesman? Tompkins-

From the Old-Time Whalebone Spread

to the Bow Channel Steel. Forty years or so ago umbrellas were made with stretchers or bows of whalebone. These bows were rather bulky in themselves, and they were apt to get Pollow Instructions as to Full Names 2 little permanent bend from long use so that they bulged when the umbrella was rolled up; making the big, baggy umbrella, familiar to middle-aged and older people, and occasionally still seen, though on the stage oftener than in real life. With the introduction of petroleum oli into general use as an illuminating oil, and the consequent very general abandonment of the use of whale oil came the decline of the whaling industry. Fewer and fewer vessels went after whales, because there was less and less demand for the oil. Of course, the supply of whalebone decreased with the supply of oil, but the

creasing supply the price of whalebone steadily advanced, as it has continued to do. Whalebone soon became too costly to permit of its further use for umbrella stretchers. At first a slender, round, tempered steel rod. With these slenderer bows the umbrella could be more snugly rolled and the old baggy umbrella began to disappear, and the modern tight roller to take its place. Then came umbrella bows of light steel rolled in V shape, and then, in the quest for a still tighter roller, umbrella handles were made of metal. The first tubing handles were made of brass. Steel would have been cheaper, but there had been discovered no satisfactory method of brazing steel tubes such as are used in umbrella handles. There is such a method now, however, and umbrella handles of steel tubing are now made in great numbers. And nowadays many spreaders are made of steel, rolled channel-shaped. In cross section this spreader is shaped something like a capital letter E without a tongue, and the ribs of the umbrella-You are medium height, with a well the steel rods that run from the slidset figure, and will grow stouter as you ing ferrule, or runner, as it is called,

> Gold Coin Nearly All New. Of the gold coin now in circulation in England a small proportion only

Vermont's Legislature meets but once in two years, and the session this year lasted but seven weeks.

Happy Vermont.

BITS OF KNOWLEDGE. At the bottom of the deep seas the water is only a few degrees above the

freezing point.

Ships built of steel are said to be able to carry 20 per cent more freight than those of iron. The year of Mars is almost twice as ong as it is on our planet, being exact-

ly 687 days of terrestrial time. Microscopists say that the strongest microscopes do not, probably, reveal Sun spots are believed to be openings

There are more wrecks in the Baltic Sea than in any other place in the world. The average is one wreck a day

in the sun's photosphere, or luminous

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

throughout the year.

The largest standing army is possessed by Russia. Germany and France

come next. The West Point Academy has this year a class of 332 cadets, the largest in the history of the institution, Michael Faraday, the noted chemist

and philosopher, began his business

career, at the age of thirteen, as a London newsboy. In the Baltic Sea there are more wrecks than in any other place in the world. The average throughout the

year is one each day. The late Mrs. Hicks-Lord, of this city, so appreciated the faithfulness of her colored maid, Maria, that she bequeathed to her \$400 a month for life. Russia, with a population of 110,000,-000, has only 18,334 physicians. In the United States, with a population of

Paul Hogue, of St. Joseph, Mich., tried to kill a calf by striking it with the butt of his gun. The gun was dissecure an education in art for you are charged by the blow, causing the death The cultivation of sugar beets has proved so profitable this year on Grand

> sold their crops for sums double the value of the land on which they were The problem of cheap living has been

> Island, Nebraska, that farmers have

The eyesight of a San Francisco cat became defective, and the owner, Miss Thompson, induced an oculist of that city to make a pair of spectacles for the animal. Now the cat can see as well as ever with their aid.

Stout canes in large numbers have for some time been conveyed across the Prussian border into Russia. The czar's officials at last examined the canes, and found them stuffed with nihillstic literature, printed on tissue paper. Columbia college is to have a gymna-

sium which will cost \$500,000. There will be a running track one-ninth of a mile in circumference and 112 feet wide. The main room will measure 35 feet high, 100 feet wide and 160 feet in length. An uncommon accident befell the little daughter of Washington McKinny, of Sparta, Ohlo. She was coming from

when she stumbled and feil. The pencil penetrated her chest, touched the heart, and caused death. He-Well, your sister is married. Now it's your turn. She-Oh, George!

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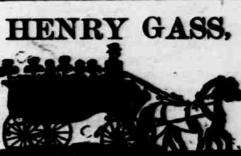
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