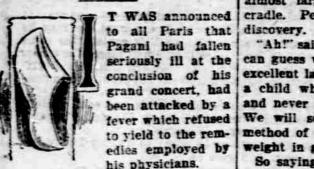
A-WOODEN SHOE.



edies employed by weight in gold." his physicians.

Pagani, whose form was almost spec- apartment, carrying with him the case tral, seemed to have his frail existence and its contents. suspended by a thread, which the slightest shock might sever. The physi- in the drawing-room. Vicette informed cians ordered solitude and absolute re- the company that he worked from pose, therefore he removed to the Villa morning till night with the tools of the Lutetanea in the Faubourg Poisson- carpenter. In fact, the musician, niere. It was an excellent establish- whose hands were wondrously flexible ment and stood in a large park-like and dextrous in other things besides garden, where the patient could enjoy violin playing, had fashioned a pereither solitude or society at choice. A fect and sonorous instrument out of the great charm of the place was that every clumsy wooden shoe. Having enriched one lived as he pleased; in the evening, it with one silver string, his week was either retiring to the solitude of his apartment, or joining in the games, music and conversation held in the drawing-room. Pagani preferred pass- of the Villa Lutetanea. The great masabout him in the drawing-room and wooden shoe. The price of the tickets three or four censorious old women fell was placed at twenty france each. Of on him tooth and nail.

"Ladies," began one, "have you seen this great musician? He salutes no one his bowl of soup in an arbor in the must be!"

"That's part of his malady," said another. "People say that there is some love story, I imagine."

"Not at all!" added a third. "Pagani is a miser; there's no mystery about improvisation which captivated the that. Do you remember the concert souls of his hearers. It represented which was organized in favor of the first the departure of a conscript, the families who suffered from the inun- tears, the wailing of his betrothed. dation of St. Etienne? The great vio- then his stormy life in the camp and linist refused to take part in it be- on the field of battle, and finally his cause he would have to play gratui- return, accompanied by triumph and tously. Depend upon it, he fears that rejoicing. A merry peal of wedding might be asked for similar favors."

served his meals, amused him. One morning Vicette presented her-

self with a sad, drooping countenance, and served breakfast without uttering heart. a word. The musician noticed this change in the young girl and questioned her about it. "What's the matter, my child? You

misfortune has befallen you, Vicette? "C, yes, sir."

"Would it be indiscreet to ask you what it was?" Pagani fixed his great black eyes or the girl's troubled countenance.

"Come," he said. "I see how it is After having made you a thousand promises he has quitted you, and you no longer have any tidings of him." "Ah! poor fellow! He has quitted me certainly, but it was not his fault." "How is that?"

"Because in the conscription be drew a bad number, and he has been sent away with a long gun on his shoulder and I shall never see him again." sobbed poor Vicette as she buried her face in her white apron.

"But, Vicette, could you not purchase a substitute for him?"

The girl, withdrawing her apron. smiled sadly through her tears. 'Monsieur is jesting," she said. "How could I ever buy a substitute? This year men are tremendously expensive on account of the report that



dred francs is the lowest price." The musician pressed Vicette's little plump hand between his long, sallow fingers as he said:

"If that's ali, my girl, don't cry; we'll see what can be done." Then taking out his pocketbook he wrote on a blank leaf: ."Mem.: To see about giving a con-

cert for the benefit of Vicette." A month passed on, the snow came and Pagani's physician said to him: "My dear sir, you must not venture out of doors again until after the winter."

At Christmas eve, on the anniversary of the birth of the Lord, a cus- Place the straight edges of the court tom exists in France very dear to the plaster to the flesh on either side of children. A wooden shoe is placed at the wound, bringing the strips across the corner of the hearth and a benefi- the wound. Moisten them, and taking their heads. The trough is partly filled cent fairy is supposed to come down the a strip from each side, draw them to- with flour and shortening or lard is bility is?" chimney laden with various presents gether gently, closing the cut, and stick worked into it by the white workmen.

"It will be for the evening," said do it. one. "Yes, for this evening; that is settled," replied the others. After dinner Pagani was, according

to his custom, seated on the drawing- man, well known as "Sheeny Dan," foom sofa, sipping his eau sucree, when died in New York from the habit, it an unusual noise was heard in the cor- is thought, of holding greenbacks in ridor. Presently Vicette entered and his mouth when he was counting money announced that a porter had arrived or trying to make bets on the race with a case, directed to Signor Pagani. track. A short time ago he bit his lip "I do not expect any case," said he, accidentally and the result was blood "but I suppose he had better wring it poisoning.

Accordingly a stout porter entered, bearing a good-sized wooden box, on which, besides the address, were the words, "Fragile, with care." Pagani examined it with some curiosity, and, having paid the messenger, proceeded to open the lid. His long, tain, but extremely muscular fingers, accomplished the task without difficulty and the company, whose curiosity caused them somewhat to transgress the bounds of good manners, crowded around in order to see the contents of the box.

The musician drew out a large packet secured with several seals. Having the memory of Mohammed. The dia-

carlous eyes of twenty persons were almost large enough to serve for a T WAS announced cradle. Peals of laughter hailed this

Pagani had fallen "Ah!" said Pagani, "a wooden shoe. I seriously ill at the can guess who sent it. Some of these conclusion of his excellent ladies wish to compare me to grand concert, had a child who lways expects presents been attacked by a and never gives any. Well, be it so. fever which refused We will see if we cannot find some to yield to the rem- method of making this shoe worth its

So saving, and scarcely saluting the Some days later, | company, Pagani withdrew to his own

During three days he did not appear

complete. Next day a public notice appeared that on New Year's eve Pagani would give a concert in the large hall were immediately purchased.

The evening arrived and Pagani apand never speaks a word. He takes peared, smiling, with every appearance of renewed health, and on his favorite garden, and then hastens away if any- violin played some of those marvelous one approaches. What an oddity he strains which never failed to transport ms auditors to the seventh heaven of delight. Then he seized the shoe, which in its new guise of violin still terrible mystery about his life; some preserved somewhat of its pristine form, and his whole being lighted up with enthusiasm, he began a wondrous

were he to mingle in our society, he bells completed the musical drama. Long and loud were the thunders of exchanged a word with anyone except liked Pagani could not refrain from Vicette, the housemaid who attended clapping their palms, and bouquets him. She was a cheerful, innocent thrown by fair and jeweled hands fell country girl, whose prattle, when she at the feet of the musician. In a cotner of the hall next the door. Vicette was weeping bitterly. The sympathy of the conscript had gone straight to her

At the conclusion of the concert the receipts were counted and they amounted to two thousand francs. "Here, Vicette," said Pagani. "You look sad. Your eyes are red: some have five hundred francs over the sum required to purchase a substitute. They will pay your bridegroom's traveling expenses."

Then after a pause he continued. "But you will want something whereshoe violin, and sell it for your dowry." Vicette received from a rich amateur wooden shoe.

This violin is to-day in the possession of the Marquis of Dufferin and

A Prince of Guides. Grindelwald had just celebrated the seventieth birthday of Almer, the doyen of Swiss guides. Almer has been the pioneer of all modern mountain-stormers, to use the picturesque German word. In the Bernese Oberland alone he has made the ascent of the Jungfrau, Moench, Eiger, Wetherhorn and Schreckhorn no less than 100 times and, with the exception of the Jungfrau. he has been the first to set foot on their snowy crests. He is also the only living mountaineer who has made the descent from the Moench on to the Wengenalp and it is said there is not mountain peak in the Valois, Grisons. Savoy and Dauphine on which he has not bivouacked. He has five sons, all of them trained from childhood to be guides, and some have carried on their father's work with English mountaineers in the Caucasus and the Himalayas. Almer affirms that none of his climbers has ever had an accident, but he himself has his scars of battle. On the Grindenwald glacier a falling block of ice broke several of his ribs and in to the welfare of the aforesaid pie that a winter ascent of the Jungfrau in 1885 the meat required be of a superior his toes were all frozen and had to be kind. This obtained, it is consigned amputated. Since then he has retired to an immense steam-jacketed copper from work and now enjoys a green old kettle that has the capacity of a meage in his chalet at Grindelwald .- dium-sized barrel. In this way it is Journal des Debats.

How to Use Court-Plaster. Did you ever notice the way a physician prepares the court plaster for a wound? First, he holds the piece lengthwise directly through the middle. The plaster should be considerably larger than the wound, to keep well over the edges; then slash the plaster "To hear is to obey," replied the lengthwise nearly to the edge, Straighten the court plaster out flat and cut the slashed pieces at opposite ends.

> Chewing Money Killed Him. Alexander Waltzfelder, a betting

Best with Blazing Sticks. Their latest victims is Jack Keel, an field, Ill. They tied him to a bed and beat him with blazing sticks, in a vain effort to make him divulge the hiding place of his money. Keel is in a precarious condition.

The Most Costly Tomb. The most costly tomb in existence is said to be that which was erected to



upon the ground.

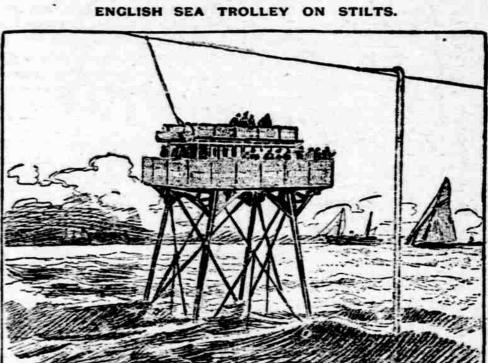
regaled with a gigantic wooden shoe, IN A PIE FACTORY, pies always remain horisontal. One of the platforms is always over the egening of the oven. The attendants cover !

mouth water if you have a taste for the sweets and, in addition, it will give you an insight into a business that has reached immense proportions within the last ten years."

Down this street and up the next, and up a long flight of stairs to an office where the lucky number of thirteen with the lucky number of thirteen in Stockholm and branch established where the lucky number of thirteen in Stockholm and branch established.

Friend of the Workingman.

Swedish lady, has attracted much attention in her native land by her efforts to ameliorate the condition, and the fall of the us from the earliest ages of man, and was off the supremisely lead to the sevents? The land up the next, and workingman's Institute of Sweden, which now owns a handsome building in Stockholm and branch established. where the lucky number of thirteen in Stockholm and branch establish- 1830, gave 12,000; Lyell's estimate of United States. The most enlightefied misses was at work. This was the in- ments in all provincial towns. It has 35,000 was accepted for many years afitial bow to the largest pie factory in courses of lectures by the most dister 1841, but recent writers, using the special study, and its popularity is in the evening in quietness and retire- ter announced that he would play ten the whole of Gotham-and, for that tinguished literary and scientific au- mean rates of recession during fortyment. There was plenty of gossip pieces, five on a violin and five on a matter, the entire country. Here it is thorities of the country of historical, eight years as determined by suryeys, that an average of 18,000 pies is turned philosophical, scientific and literary make the value 5,000 years. Dr. Spenout every day of the week except Fri- subjects, adapted to the comprehension | cer has made a new and careful comthese only 100 were issued and they day, when the figures go over the 20,- of laboring men, who attend in large putation of the age of Niagara River 000 mark because of the demand for numbers. Swedish literature is the and falls. He shows that the recent Sunday. Pies little and big and in all topic treated by Miss Key, who, in ad- estimates have not taken into accounconditions of preparation, are to be dition to her philanthropic labors, has the various changes that have occurred seen here, and the average office boy done literary work, publishing books, in the fall and volume of the river. or downtown "clark" would imagine chiefly on sociological themes. One is His calculations result in a value nearhimself in pie heaven were he to get a biography of Anne Charlotte Loef- ly that of Lyell's. fler, Duchess of Caianello, who is wide-Ask the most experienced housewife ly known through her sketch of the River was formed 32,000 years ago, and and she will readily testify to the state- life of Sophie Kovalevsky. Miss Key that 1,000 years later the falls were in every letter. Also date, hour and place ment that it is no easy matter to make is a sort of lay confessor of the work-



this arrangement makes the electric over an hour. car in a manner amphibious, able to The possession of this curious line terrestrial elevation.

tric current is conveyed to the car by engine operating an endless chain.

The strangest of all electric rail- a trolley pole to an overhead wire the waters of the upper lakes into the ways is that at Brighton, England, con- same at is in use on the trolley elec- Mississippi drainage by way of Chicawith to begin housekeeping. Take this necting that famous seaside resort with tric roads in this country. This queer go. An elevation of sixty feet at the Rottingdean several miles away on the little electric line was opened to the outlet of Lake Erie would bring the shore. The peculiarity of this railway public on Saturday, Nov. 28, and is rocky floor of the channel as high as six thousand francs for Pagani's is that its car is mounted on four steel now in regular operation. It makes the the Chicago divide, and an elevation of stilts twenty-four feet high. As part of distance from Brighton to Rottingdean seventy feet would completely divert the railway is submerged at high tide, and back to Brighton in a few minutes the drainage. This would require 5,000

run through water that is many feet gives Brighton the distinction of having something in the way of a railroad Each one of the stilts on which the that is absolutely unique. There is passage through the water. The elec- stance is simply a stationary steam phia Press.

and experience with them rather than enfranchisement of women. personal pleasure. To make a pie correctly, as well as digestively, it is necessary to resort to four processes.

Take, for instance, a mince pie. The work of preparing the filling is the first undertaken, and then in regular order come the task of making the crust, filling the pie and baking it. Contrary to some ideas, it is essential cooked and then intrusted to the beneficial graces of an enormous chopping machine, that does the work as finely as a projectile from a twelve-inch gun might do with a wooden fence. Next come for attention the beef suet, apple, citron, currants, spices and, finally the brandy, and these are mixed with the mincemeat by another machine and are sent to the filler. While the mincemeat is being mixed with the other mixture, another force of men is engaged in preparing the crust. This force of men works before an immense trough and is rigged out in clothes of immaculate white, with bare arms as powdered with flour as the hair on the plaster in place. Continue with all- Water that has been specially iced !

ing, and as well as any doctor could quite a doughlike appearance. This dough is taken to another force of men, who roll it out into thin slices and place it on tin plates. This operation is perhaps the quickest of any of the processes. The men go through the mountain of dough like wind through a sand hill. Quicker than it takes to tell, the white covered tins are aken to the fillers-in, and no army of old topers ever filled in as rapidly as The baby is a girl. Her head will per, which has a capacity just sufficient her hand will not cover a silver 25e hand and the dough-covered tin plate The "fire robbers" are busy again in the other, the filler-in dips the dipold German storekeeper near Spring- of him, raises it in the air and, with a graceful movement of the wrist, turns riding and bounces about ten inches at it into the waiting plate. This ac- every step)-Ah, howdy do, Blinks? I oven. The latter is a gigantic thing health, don't you? operated much on the style of the Fer- Blinks-Yes, indeed. All who see ris wheel. Suspended by its axle above you will be benefited. Laugh and grow a red-hot fire is a wheel about twelve fat, you know.- New York Weekly. feet long and sixteen inches in diameter. Eight iron platforms are hung

from the rims of this-wheel and upon

a first-class pie. Piemaking is easy ing classes, who come in crowds every with the young bride only. Still, in this | Sunday to her modest lodging to conbig factory spoken of, it really does sult her on every possible question. seem a simple affair-the putting to- from family tiffs to controversies about gether of fruit and dough-because the wages. She is a believer in socialism workmen go through the performance for Sweden, but only as a transitional in "apple-pie order," but it is practice means to larger ends. She desires the Cuts.

Where Quixote Was Knighted.

The ruins were of an important venta, such a caravanserai as was found "Short engagements with plenty of every few leagues when all traveling them is my motto."-New York and traffic between Madrid and Seville | World. passed on the royal highway, says Scribner's. Should the ingenious surmises of the learned, who have industriously erected the ponderous commentaries around Cervantes' romance, be true, this venta had the rare good Maine. fortune of being visited by Don Quixote in the beginning of his wanderings. He kept his night vigil-at-arms in its courtyard and on the morning following was by the rowdy, canny innkeeper made a knight. To me let it he only what it surely is, and that is enough: One of the rare pages of the days of old-the mute witness of the comedies and tragedies of the pleasures and troubles of some of our predecessors in the human procession.

"So Mr. Skinner has failed!" exclaimed the man who always makes himself at home. "Yes, sah," replied the colored man who was employed around the store. "Do you know what his principal lia- bushels a day.

On the morning of Dec. 24, four of the strips, and the cut will be dressed worked into the mixture in the trough ter buy hisse'f er railroad ticket an' served as it is. Pagani's feminine critics were in con- in a manner to insure a perfect heal- and the whole thing soon takes on let 'em settle up de business de bes' The Canadian government is conway de kin."-Washington Star.

> The tiniest baby, perhaps, in the world has been added to the family of Samuel Donaldson, a barber, who lives in Camden, N. J. It weighed only 71/2 ounces when it came into the world. but Dr. Frederick Pfeiffer says it is easily go into an ordinary teacup, while

Good for the Health. Jenks (who has taken to horseback

manner of suspension is such that the New York.

HOW OLD IS NIAGARA?

TURNS OUT AN AVERAGE OF the platform with pies and the wheel is then turned until the next platform the platform which in like minimer to the strait joining Lake Erie to the Men at Work on a Mountain of Dough

The Over Is a Rig Wheel with Iron

Platforms Hung from Its Rim—Not a

Fleasing Sight.

Fyou want to see something interesting," he said to the New York Mail and Express man, "come with me. It will make your mouth water if you have a tests for the platform and must be seen to be appreciated.

Comes into view, which is like mainers is filled until the calling guif, gradually became a sight platforms have been covered. The next turn brings into view the first lot put in, all baked to a nicety. They are then removed and the platform filled again. Again the wheel turns and another army of baked pies is presented to 420 feet, says Knowledge. By the river was soon greatly enabled to 420 feet, says Knowledge. By the river was soon greatly enable of Ontario as well, and ultimately the could be seen to be appreciated.

Friend of the Worklammen.

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Dr. Spencer believes that Niagara existence. For 17,200 years their height was about 200 feet; thereafter the water fell 420 feet. Seven thousand eight hundred years ago the drainage of Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron first flowed through the Niagara gorge, and 3,000 years ago the waters reached that of today. The falls, then, are 31,000 years old. This estimate, 194 South Clinton street, Chicago. calculated from the rate of erosion, is confirmed by another made from the week: past, the other concerning the future. The lakes came into existence after the glacial epoch and Niagara after the lakes and calculations based on the mean rate of rise of the beaches in the earlier period of the lakes' history show that the close of the ice age may safely be placed at 50,000 years ago As to the future: With the present rate of calculated terrestial uplift in the Niagara district, and the rate of recession of the falls continued, or even doubled, before the cataract shall have reached the Devonian escarpment at Buffalo, that limestone barrier shall have been raised so high as to turn the to 6,000 years at the estimated rate of

German Business Women. The registration of business in Gercar is supported rests upon a truck hav- nothing like it anywhere else in the many has had the effect of showing are above medium height, with a slending four wheels, the four trucks being world. The nearest approach to it is at how large is the number of women enbraced together by steel tubular struts. St. Malo, where a tall structure is gaged in trade. In Chemnitz alone 6,- proportion to the rest of the body; you The trucks have the appearance of pulled through the water for a distance | 000 retail businesses and workshops | are medium to light complexion, hair inverted canoes, thus affording easy of 110 yards. The motor in this in-

> Dumb in All the Seven. Wife-You do not tell me that Prof. A- has been struck dumb? Husband-Yes, last night. He was master of seven languages. Wife-Is it possible? And he was struck dumb in all seven?-Comic

Her Invariable Rule. "I don't believe in long engagements," said Miss Smatter. You are very fond of the occult and "Neither do I," replied Miss Kittish

MISCELLANY.

The movement for amending or revising city charters is spreading in

Victoria has been a total abstainer for three years.

Mark Hanna. shaking dice for cigars is not gambling and considerably inclined towards the but shaking them for money is.

About 600,000 trees are annually scientofic; you are kind to animals, planted by Swedish school children un- and very foud of horses, you have an der the guidance of their teachers. But three old soldiers have thus far in the management of subordinates. availed themselves of the privileges of Your house of money is afflicted, denot-

James, Mo. An unmarried woman has made a for it. reputation in Gage county, Nebraska. as a corn-husker, doing seventy-five

nes 'roun' pesterin' him he's liable ish nation on condition that it be pre-

sidering the advisability of deepening the St. Lawrence and the canals from Montreal to Lake Erie. Japan's steamship line to the Russian ports of the Black sea will begin running in the spring. The fleet will consist of sixteen steamers.

The Pottawatomie Indians of Ath

ens, Mich., are about to devote a distribution of delayed annuities to the construction of a church. The work of the new Episcopal Church Army has commenced in Boston. Fifty posts have already been organized throughout the country.

A certain farmer of Gilmanton, N. H., netted just 2 cents on five bushels of apples sent to Boston. Last year the same quantity brought him \$13.75. An Arizona editor has been found complished, everything is ready for the think norseback riding is good for the who is sincere and honest. He hangs you were merely suffering with a skin this sign on his office door: "Gone out disease of some kind.-Cleveland to take a drink. Will be back to-mor- Leader.

"How do you like this style of cuff?" asked the detective, snapping a pair of Chicago Tribune.

ASTROLOGICAL LORE. SIGNS OF THE PLANETS AT

TIMES OF BIRTH. Life, but Indicate Events Likely to Occur Comes from the Egyp-



HE planets de not exert an influence ever life. Their position at the time of a person's birth only indicate what that life is likely to

again in the ascendant.

The free readings in these columns should not be confounded with fortunetelling. The most cultured in the land study astrology. No sensible person takes notice of fortune-tellers or fortune-telling. The popularity of our free readings attest the esteem in which the science is held. Letters come from physicians, lawyers, bankers and merchants. Applicants for readings are again reminded that full name and address of sender must accompany of birth. If the applicant does not know the hour of birth he or she should send for special instruction by mail.

Persons not wishing their readings | chairs, conducting their retreat as from published in regular order can have them forwarded by mail. Mail readings are sent on receipt of twelve rose in Lake Ontario until the level two-cent postage stamps. Address Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, Fellowing are the readings for this

W. S., Marionville, Md. According to data furnished you are a mixture of indications of both Leo, which the Sun rules, and Virgo, which Mercury rules, therefore the Sun and Mercury are your ruling planets or significators. You are medium height or above; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; there is a notch formed in the hair above the temples. You are ambitious, industrious and energetic, rather reserved in manners, and when a boy quite bashful; you take great interest in animals, especially a fine horse; you are quite studious and like to read up on scientific subjects. Your house of money is afflicted by Mars: this is warning that you should at all times be extra careful of finances and avoid hazardous speculation. Marriage more fortunate than average, and

your wife was from an excellent family,

yet in some way not so fortunate cor-

respondingly as her ancestors. Hazel S., Mechanicsville, Iowa. According to the data the zodiacal sign Leo, which the Sun rules, was rising at your birth, therefore the Sun is your ruling planet or significator. You expressive. You have a sunny, cheerful disposition, and are recognized as a leader; you will always hold a good position in life and can make money in that way if no other, but you will, with ordinary care of finances, always have money, even if you do generously give lots of it away. You are proud and ambitious, and no small kind of business will gratify your ambition. You have splendid command of language and would make a good orator. You are gifted in one or more of the fine arts, and in this you would be quite original.

mysterious. C. A. R., Panama, Iowa-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, the moon is on the ascendant and is cosinificator.

You are above medium height; slen-An English journal says that Queen | der, but well formed, and you will become stouter from this time on; you have dark complexion, hair and eyes; A peddler arraigned in Suncook N. the eyes are very expressive and have H., last week, bore the famous name of a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight. You are cheerful, bappy, jovial, kind A Belfast (Me.) judge has ruled that and obliging; you are very humane, scientific: you are kind to animals. intellect that denotes a special ability becoming inmates of the home at St. ing that your money gets away very easily, and you have little left to show

Note.-Those who have sent in their stamps (26 cents) for readings by mail. Lord Leighton's house in London has | will usually be promptly answered. In "Yes, sah. Et many more folks been offered by his sisters to the Brit- cases where there is an apparent deonce and the mistake will be rectified.

> Hobbs (to friend in restaurant)-I say, Nobbs, how's business. Nobbs-Great; never saw such a rush. No time to sleep and even behind in meals That was day before yesterday's lunch I just finished.-Tit-Bits.

"Give me my writing material," said Weyler to his secretary. "Red or black ink, sir?" "Red, you fool! I'm going to fight a battle"-Atlanta Constitution

Weyler's Warfare.

Rarber (after the hair cut)-Shave? Brooks-No; I shave myself. Barber (sarcastically)-Oh, I thought perhaps

Smith-You told me your friend sang slender steel bracelets on the wrists of like a bird. I think he has a horrible opened this, a second, and then a third monds and rubles used in the decora these platforms the pies are placed. The trol of the stonecutting industries of taken with it." responded the other.— | bird's? Jones—Well, the bird I meant the confidence man. "I am a good deal voice. How can you say it is like a I was a crow.-Judy.

NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT.

A wealthy St. Louisan living in the ricinity of Lafavette park provided a novel form of entertainment for his guests one evening last week, says the St. Louis Republic.

The hostess was extremely anxious

to provide something original for the sdiffication of a score of guests whom she intended to call together for an IN MERI O THE COL informal evening. Her husband promised to provide such nevelty and took a boon companion into his confidence to that end. They had not exchanged ideas thirty consecutive seconds before they hit upon the device of converting the elegant parlors into a gambling house pro tem. A fare bank, a realette whele and poker and kene "lay-outs" were easily procurable, as the conferrees well knew, and that part of the programme was soon settled. The trivid suggested as a protty optiogno the initiation of a pair of balldogs, guaranteed to reduce each other to mincement in three rounds. This rather staggered the ambitious host, but his friend is a ward politician, and, with the eloquence he always keeps on draught, soon convinced the other that the evening would be a failure without

those bulldogs. The evening arrived and with it came the guests. The ladies were prettily shocked at sight of the gambling paraphernalia, but became accustomed to it in an astonishingly short time and shared in the games with becoming vim. It was when the yellow bulldogs made their unexpected entrance that the herror of the fair guests proved genuine. The beasts yelped and growled and showed other peculiarly canine symptoms of "spoiling for a fight." Thereupon the ladies sought refuge on the piano and card tables and

Notwithstanding excited feminine protestations, the friend who had been consulted as to a novelty in entertainment unleashed the dogs. It was an exciting climax to an "original" evening. The dogs feasted for five minutes on choice bits of each other's friend who was consulted exulted in the success of his novelty. When he Paid in Canital. - was quite convinced-and it took a considerable time to convince him-that the ladies' desire for gore had been fully gratified he doused the dogs into a convenient tub of water and separated

A Walking Flok. A queer fish called the "walking goby" or the "hopping fish," is found in the Indian ocean, as well as along the shores of West Africa. Crowds of these curious creatures, resembling tadpoles in their outlines, bask in the sun on a muddy shore and scamper off on being disturbed. Many of them keep the ends of their long tails dipped into water, while they lie on the sun-heated mud, or sit on the Mangrove roots, and Prof. Haddon has suggested that there may be an organ of respiration in the end of the tail, additional to the similar organ in the gills. A more recent investigator. Dr. Forbes of Liverpool, thinks the fish are able to store a suf-Scient quantity of water in their gills to maintain aquatic respiration during their prolonged absences on the shore.

Duke of Hesse's Estate. By a decision of the family council, the estate of the late grand duke of Hesse, including the two million marks given by Queen Victoria to her daughter Princess Alice, will be divided between the reigning grand duke of Hesse, Princess Ludwig of Battenberg and Princess Henry of Prussia.

A Needed Reform. With only seven dissenting votes, the House of Representatives passed a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor ir the national Capitol.

MISSING LINKS.

Good butter has been selling at 10 cents a pound at Oakdale, Neb. In Brown county, Kansas, a family named Bryan have had a new baby

christened McKinley. Eleven times has Emile Zola been a candidate for election to the French Academy, and eleven times has be been defeated.

Two churches of Jasper county, Mis souri, have been visited by thieves who stole even the carpets of the aisles and pulpit platform. An American robin was recently

found near Manchester, England. British naturalists are wondering how i crossed the ocean. Eighty-five hundred dollars, the whole profit for last season of the

house of commons kitchen, has been invested by the committee in claret. Mother-Oh, John, you should hear baby talk. He can talk just as plain as can be. Father-You mean as plain as you talk to him.-Boston Transcript. Horse racing on the ice has already become a fad in a number of Maine towns among the younger men, who are "developing" prospective trotters. Hartshorne, I. T., was the body of an laf old man named Johnson, who, it is said, was once lieutenant-governor of Florida. He was brought low by drink.

enworth, Kas., to a year's imprisonment, has confessed that within the last thirteen years he has been in forty-one jails. Mother-My dear, there can be no domestic happiness unless there are mutual concessions. Married Daughter -Nonsense, mother. We could get

To his cell mate, John Riley, recent-

ly sentenced by Justice Bond, of Leav-

along very well if Charles would make concessions.-Puck. A resident of Amesbury, Mass., consigned seventy-five barrels of No. 1 apples to Boston parties, and after some delay received word that he was in debt to them \$5, they having paid

freight and cartage. Boys, in trying to climb over a seven-foot fence, thirty feet long, after their football, at Cakland, Cal., knocked the fence down upon an elderly woman who was passing, and the injuries she received were so severe that little hope was entertained of her re-

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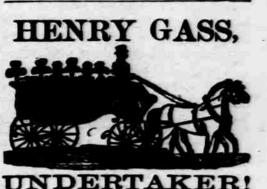
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