Wilmington, Del.-Although poultry raisers all over the country, after long years of experimenting in the breeding of poultry for increased egg production, have failed to produce a hen that will lay more than one egg a day, yet Lilbourne Martin of this city, is the proud possessor of a hen which not only occasionally lays two eggs a day, but sometimes turns out three eggs within 24 hours.

Persons who have had long experisuce in poultry raising who heard of wonderful performances of the hen were at first inclined to doubt that the hen had actually laid two eggs a day, as they had never heard of such a case or read of any reports of cases of this kind in the poultry journals. While selected thoroughbred hens, bred for egg production, have made great records in egg laying contests, held at different times, especially in one held in Australia some years ago, no hen in any of the contests ever laid two eggs a day.

The hen owned by young Martin is the only one kept by him, and it is confined in the yard in the rear of the house by itself, so that the eggs could not have been laid by any other hen The truthfulness of the family has never been doubted by the residents of the western side of the city.

The hen is a little more than a year old and was brought from Bynum, Hartford county, Md., by young Martin last summer, having been given to him by a relative. The hen was quite small at the time, and he first thought it was a bantam, but it kept growing until when full grown it resembled a black minorca in both size and color. It is quite a pet and answers to the name of Snowball.

Young Martin used no special method of feeding in forcing the hen to lay. Persons experienced in poultry raising say that by breeding this hen along with heavy laying fowls a new strain might eventually be developed which would break all previous egg records.

Common hens often lay less than one hundred eggs in a year; 200 egg hens are scarce; some breeders have hens that lay 240 eggs a year. A strain of fowls that would occasional ly lay two eggs a day, and sometimes three in 24 hours during the periods of a year that they were laying, might go as far above these figures.

HIS HAPPY THOUGHT.

Without an Accident.

An operator for a western railroad who had served his company long and well was called into the office one day and asked if he thought he could hold down the job of night dispatcher. He promptly replied that he could and was told to report for duty that night, and his chief instructed him in what he was to do. Just after the chief left the office it began to blow and snow, and the trains commenced to run late. The new night dispatcher soon had developed a bad case of "rattles" and almost cried. He did not want an accident, and he could not handle the trains. So a happy thought struck him. As fast as a report caute in he replied, directing the conductor to take a siding and wait for orders, and it was not a great while until he had every train on the division sidefracked. Then he took a book, lighted his pipe and sat down to wait for daylight. In the morning the chief appeared, with anxiety written all over his face. "Any accidents, Johnny?" asked the

"Not an accident. I've got 'em all on the sidetrack, snowed in and waiting for orders, and you will have to get 'em out. I am going to blow this job." It took the chief and his force nearly all day to get the trains straightened out and traffic resumed on the read.

CAT AND FOX MEET.

And Reynard Retires the Worse For the Meeting. In a recent number of a German

sporting paper a forester describes a

scene which he witnessed in a clearing

He came one afternoon upon a big black cat occupied apparently in the pursuit of mice, and from the shelter

of a tree he watched its movements through a fieldglass. After a few minutes an old fox made its appearance Slinking slowly forward toward the cat, it lay down within a few steps of it, ready to spring. The cat had observed its enemy, but beyond keeping a sharp lookout on its

movements it made no sign. Shortly a young fox joined the old one and almost immediately bounded at the cat, which sprang aside and struck its assailant so efficaciously across its face with its sharp claws that it retired as quickly as it came. After an interval the old fox, advancing slowly and carefully, made its attack, but the re sult was the same. The cat, spitting and hissing, struck out hard, and the fox retired discomfited.

A minute afterward it again sprang forward, but this time the cat got much the best of it and was left in peace.-London Globe.

St. Elmo's Fire. St. Elmo's fire is a name popularly given to a luminous appearance sometimes seen on dark and stormy nights at the masthead and yardarms of vessels and also on land at the top of church spires and trees and even on horses' manes and about human heads. generally at elevated points, where it accumulates more rapidly than it can be discharged and is named after St. Elmo, the patron saint of sailors.

Two Faced Babies. "Not that deceit is a born instinct, but some babies must be two faced in the cradle."

"Oh, that's not possible." "I don't know. I know a child that looks like its rich aunt when she comes on a visit and is the exact image of its rich uncle when he happens to be there."

And Mother Officiates. Eddie-Do you have morning prayers at your house? Freddie-We have some kind of a service when father gets in.-New York Press.

A Queer Ornament.

Some years ago we found in a secret drawer of a pearl embroidered workbox three locks of hair fastened to small enamel heart shaped mounts. with silver eyelets. Two were inscribed "R. C. obt. 16th April, 1664," "R. C. 1664." The third had no inscription at all. In this box I now keep an engraving of a portrait of Elizabeth, queen of Bohemia, which plainly shows the curl of hair in her left ear, attached to a pearl earring. The painting, by Gerard Honthorst, was engraved by G.

When I showed these hair earrings to a gentleman of some considerable learning he informed me that an uncle of Anne, wife of King James I., was afflicted by a malady, still prevalent in Poland and some parts of Russia. which consists of a growth of hair and flesh pendent from the ear, on which it is dangerous to operate owing to the profuse hemorrhage which ensues. He added that in consequence of this royal infirmity a fashion arose in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries of wearing locks of hair pendent from the left ears. I believe there is a portrait of a Stuart lady still at Ham House so adorned.-London Notes and Queries.

The Pilot Fish.

A little fish about which many interesting fancies cluster is the pllot fish Aelian tells us that pilot fishes were supposed to be kindly disposed toward sailors and therefore liked to approach ships, which they continued with and guided until they reached land. They were deemed sacred to Neptune, the god of the ocean, who protected them from designed injury; consequently a man who had ventured to eat one soon afterward lost his son by drowning. Apollo was said to have changed a fisherman named Pompilus, who had crossed him in his loves, into a pilot fish and condemned him for all eternity to the task of gratuitous pilotage. He is also said to be a pilot of sharks and is said to warn the latter away from baited hooks and other dangers and lead them to food. There really does exist a strange bond of friendship between the huge shark and this little member of the mackerel family, which are often to be seen traveling together. although the pilot fish's supposed care to warn its companion of impending. danger and to provide food for it is a fallacy pure and simple.

An English Election Trick. Corruption at elections in England took many curious forms in olden days. but there have been few more ingenious plans for securing the election of the desired candidate than that practiced at Seaford in 1790. It was doubtful which way the polling would go John Zakrzewski, Columbus...... unless a receiving officer could be Katherine Kojpus, Platte Center,.... 18 found willing to pass some twenty-six persons who still wanted seventeen days to complete the six months' residence required by law. Accordingly it was arranged that the candidate should insist on all the six oaths demanded by statute being administered to each voter individually, and this. together with the time spent in dealing with every frivolous objection raised by counsel, made it impossible to poll more than four votes a day, so that the twenty-six where duly qualified by the time their turn came to

The Tramp's Reason. The late Joseph Dorsey of San Jose, the famous detective whose best feat was the capture of Canon Bernard after a chase from Alaska to Cape Horn, used to impute his success to his knowledge of men.

"A detective," he would say, "should know the habits of every class. Then no disguise can deceive him. All men, even the most unmethodical, have their habits. Even the tramp has his. "'You great big lazy loafer,' I said to a tramp one December day, 'you

ought to be in jail!" "'Yes, Algie,' the tramp replied as he pretended to fix a monocle in his eye. 'Yes; I know it's the correct thing for our set at this season, Algie: but, deuce take it, it's such a mild winter, don't you know."-Kansas

City Star. Artful Legal Tactics. of judge or jury, was easily upset by anything which touched his amour propre. Vanity was his foible, and he had all the susceptibility which attaches to it. One artful attorney, knowing this, used to plant a man in court in full view of Erskine to yawn hideously at his most eloquent appeals or to titter at his most tragic tones.

Once when Garrow, the well known counsel, lost in thought, had fixed his eyes vacantly upon him Erskine was him?" The same sensitiveness of criticism followed him into the house of commons.-Law Times.

An Indirect Hit. A patient who was suffering from a scalp wound was recently admitted to a hospital. "How did this happen?"

asked the resident surgeon. "The wife hit me on the head with a stone," was the answer.

"It's the first time I ever heard of a woman hitting anything she aimed at," the doctor observed jokingly. "Oh, she didn't aim it at me! She

What a Change! "He used to kiss me every time we Jonas Welcu, Directors. passed through a tunnel before our A.D. BECKER,
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th

marriage," said the little sad reflections. "And does he do so now?" asked the bosom friend.

"No; he takes a drink."-Brooklyn Eagle.

Reduced. "Old Juggleworth died at an advanced age, didn't he?" "On the contrary, he died at a greatly reduced age. He was really twenty years older than he said he was."-

Chicago News. The Penalty. Jinks-How much do you think a minister ought to get for marrying a couple? Filkins-Well, if wholly unac- 13th and M Streets quainted with them, perhaps he might be let off with six months.

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The Original and Only Company Twenty-four Year of Uninterrupted Success

Case of twenty-five people—Beautiful New Scenery and Effects—The **Famous Double Quartet**

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Route No. 5.

The carrier had the misfortune to break through the ice while crossing the river at the bridge, and caused him coneiderable grief.

Additional men have been put at work on the reconstruction of the Platte river bridge, and they are pushing the work as fast as possible.

Water in the Platte river has risen over two feet during the last few days. and is now runging over the ice at a depth of from one to four inches. This greatly interferes with crossing, as it is a very heavy pull now.

Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of unclaimed mail matter remaining in the post office at Columbus, Nebraska, for the period ending February 9, 1910:

Letters Herman Doerck, Miss Hettie Draper. John Neff, Mrs Eliza Pierce, C E Stemmer, H C Staner, Christ Sakellazopulo, R E Wiseman.

Cards-Miss Gladye Cook, Miss Lillie Ernst, Edith McMahon, Charles Marfice, J Weston, Mrs Anton Salata.

Parties calling for any of the above will please say advertised.

CARL KRAMER, P. M. Marriage Licenses. Arlington LeRoy Moran, Oreston.... 2 Sarah R. A. Summers, Humphrey ... 20 Jacob Kohant, Schuyler..... 27 Anna Krnzik, Schuyler...... 18 John Bornen, Columbus.......... 36 Anna M. Armatzis, Columbus. 20 APPLES! APPLES!

We have a limited number of Ben Davis and Genetins, all resorted, for sale cheap. Second door north of First National bank. Easton & Bennett. Effective.

A Chicago judge recently rebuked a person who was sitting in the courtroom with his feet placed upon the table by sending him, through a bailiff. a piece of paper on which he had written the following query: "What size boots do you wear?" The feet were at once withdrawn.

Torture. A cowboy stopped a stage full of passengers and made them all wait while he read a poem of thirty-two verses dedicated to his Mary Jane. There are some things as bad as shooting.-Argonaut.

The best excuses are never given .-French Proverb.

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State of Nebraska, was throwing the stone at our neighbor's fowls, and I was standing behind her!"—London Graphic.

County of Platte, I, Daniel Schram, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. DANIEL SCHRAM, Cashier. [Correct-Attest:]

W. M. CORNELIUS, Notary Public. Commission expires January 21, 1911.

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Columbus, Nebraska

A Big Baby Farm. What has been called the biggest

baby farm in the world is situated at Moscow, and it is claimed that this institution shows an annual crop of some 14,000 bables, not to speak of that put out by a branch at St. Petersburg, which numbers 8,000. The Moscow Foundling asylum was founded by Empress Catherine II., and it is maintained, oddly enough, by a tax on playing cards. Servants in the red livery of the royal family guard its doors, and its accounts are carefully audited by the Russian treasury department. The buildings comprising this institution stand in a hollow square round a garden with trim lawn and trees, which forms a playground for the children. Youngsters of all sorts and sizes, from tender nurslings. who in the incubating rooms are just struggling into life, are tended by careful nurses and are as sure of good attention and wholesome food as any baby can need. About fifty babies are received every day, and after four weeks the nurses take them to their own homes in the villages.-New York Tribune.

Opulence.

They numbered four. They absolutely exuded prosperity. The things which they ordered were such as to fill with envy the breast of the man at the next table engaged in consuming the most modest dish disclosed by the bill of fare.

The four were conversing-languid. plutocratic conversation. After awhile it turned to the question of money. Evidently they wanted to do something. How much money had they? One of the four took out his pocketbook and counted up a roll of bills. "Oh, I have a hundred and forty," he

said carelessly. The second and third members of the party went through their pockets.

"I have two bundred and fifteen," remarked one. "And I have three hundred." said the

other. The fourth waved his hand grandly. "Never mind, you fellows," he said. "I'll lend you all you want."

Tenderly waiters bore the man at the next table out into the cold air. He will recover.-Philadelphia Ledger.

A Thrilling Sport. At Waikiki, the home of surfboating for pleasure, there is no dangerous reef, but in the south Pacific often the reef is two miles from shore and is exposed at low tide. The waves form almost on the edge of the reef and drop down upon the hard coral perpendicularly, covering the reef for the time being with about two feet of rushing water. The canoe that must jump this reef places itself before a wave, every one pad-Joseph Micek, Osceola...... 52 dles for dear life, and if the boat does not touch coral, but is held suspended until a cushion of water rushes onward to receive it, the jump is successfully negotiated, the reef is crossed, and there is but a two mile paddle across the quiet lagoon to the sandy beach. If the bow of the canoe does touch the coral on the down leap there is a shattering of the dugout, and its occupants are sent flying in every direction. One might laugh at this at Walkiki, where there are no sharks, but not in the south seas .-

Recreation.

Tons of Pins. Nothing better shows the bigness of little things than the manufacture of pins. In England there are made each week between fifteen and sixteen tons of the small necessaries, the materials being iron, steel and brass. The yearly production would amount to about 190 tons. The number of pins included in this great weight would make any ordinary figures seem insignificant -would, in fact, defy realization or comprehension. Germany also makes great quantities of pins, her production totaling about 144 tons a year. The United States makes great quantities of pins and imports many from England. Most of the latter country's output is manufactured in Birmingham by two firms, one of which has been in existence nearly a century and the other over a century.-Philadelphia

North American. He Didn't Complain. Young Wife-This talk about men being so impatient when a woman is getting ready to go anywhere is all

Friend-Doesn't your husband complain at all? Young Wife-No, indeed. Why, last evening I couldn't find my gloves and had a long hunt for half a dozen other things, and yet when I was finally dressed and went downstairs to my husband there he was reading and smoking as calmly as if I wasn't half an hour late.

Friend-Well, I declare! Where were you going? Young Wife-To prayer meeting. Method.

Method goes far to prevent trouble in business, for it makes the task easy. hinders confusion, saves abundance of time and instructs those that have business depending what to do and what to hope.

Blissful Ignorance. "Shall I tell you a secret, Mr. Black?" asked a little boy. "My sister Louisa is to be engaged to your brother. Even your brother hasn't been told

The Alternative. A tramp went into a farmhouse recently, and, seeing no one but an old woman, he said in very fierce tones. "Give me a drink of milk or else"-But a man came behind him suddenly and, catching him by the neck, said, "Else what?"

Govern Yourself. He who is his own monarch contentedly sways the scepter over himself, not envying the glory to the crowned heads of the earth.-Sir Thomas Browne.

How to Do It.

borrow money, don't lend money.

If you value your friendships, don't

"Else water," said the tramp hum-

bly.-London Tatler.

don't advise others how to invest their money.—Albany Journal. The darker the cloud the brighter the sun when he breaks through the rift.

CLOTHES AND THE MAN.

Good Appearance Waits Upon the Way Garments Are Worn.

"You can talk all you please about clothes making a man," said a Walnut street tailor, "but I want to say right now that the smartest clothes in the world can't make a man 'natty' if he is not naturally so. There is an old, stoop shouldered doctor uptown that I have been tailoring for seven years. He buys four and sometimes five suits a year, and yet, except for a few days after he has broken in each new suit. he never looks nice. The trousers bag at the knees, the coat falls away in front, and the shoulders begin to look sloppy. The man's drooping figure and the poor care he takes of his clothes furnish, of course, the explana-

"Did you ever notice the average college man's clothes? Almost invariably he looks neat and correct despite the easy swing with which he walks. But you'll notice that he carries his head high, his shoulders fairly erect, and his trousers never 'break' at the shoes, so that the crease is always preserved. All classes of men go to college-rich and poor. Few college men take more than fair care of their clothes. It's all the way they wear their clothes, I think. Notice the young lawyers and doctors around town too. Few of them can afford the very best in tailor made clothes. That they usually look nice is due to the fact that they have picked up the distinguished way to wear clothes, I might call it. Clothes make the man. but only when the man is willing to help."-Philadelphia Record.

A TRUE STORY.

It Was Vouched For by the Gentleman Who Related It.

Some years ago in a certain town in the north a gentleman possessed of more money than education was asked to address the scholars attending one of the local schools some Sunday after-

"Well, childwen," said he, "I's not used to public speyking, but I remember when I was a lad I was very fond of hearing a story. Shall I tell ye a

story? "Once upon a time many years ago there was a lad, a very good lad, who went regularly to Sunday school and nivver missed. But one Sunday afternoon as he was gawin' to school two bad boys met him and persuaded him to gan bird nesting wiv 'em. So they went alang by the riverside, and by and by they came to a tree, and in the tree on a branch which overhung the watter was a nest. The two bad tree and fetch the eggs. Up he went and got on the branch, farther and farther, and just as he was reaching out his hand to tak' the nest the branch brok', and he fell into the river and was drooned."

After waiting a few moments to allow his hearers to thoroughly grasp the full extent of the catastrophe he resumed with:

"Children, the story is true, for the lad that was drooned was me."-London Tit-Bits.

The Act of Dying. The common phrase "death agony" is not warranted by what occurs in natural death, which is a complete relief from all pain. When death is owing to heart failure or syncope it is sudden and painless, perhaps pleasant. Death by hanging, there is reason to believe, is attended by a voluptuous spasm. Death by decapitation or electricity is only a momentary shock, hardly felt. Death by poisoning varies in painfulness according to the poison employed. Opium and other narcotics probably give a painless, perhaps a pleasant, dreamful death. Hemlock, as we know from the account of the death of Socrates, causes gradual insensibility from below upward. On the other hand, arsenic, strychnine, carbolic and mineral acids, corrosive sublimate, tartar emetic and other metallic poisons inflict slow and torturing death. Prussie acid and cyanide of potassium cause quick death.-Exchange.

Glasses to Fit Four Eyes. For several months a man had been roing to various oculists, getting a pair of glasses, trying them for a few days and then taking them back. Two weeks ago one of his friends suggested an optician that he thought could do the trick and persuaded the troubled man to give him a trial. The result was the same as before, however, and the glasses were returned. Curious about the nature of the difficulty, the friend went to the optician and asked him what was the matter. "Why," replied the latter, "that fellow wants a pair of glasses that will suit both himself and his wife."-Philadelphia Times.

Knew Them.

"I am looking for a quiet place to rest," said the tired looking man. "I think we can safely promise you all the comforts of home," assured the

"Not on your life!" exclaimed the tired looking man. "I've been married nine years and have seven children."-Philadelphia Record.

hotel clerk.

Prejudiced Opinion. "What did the poet mean when he called his country 'the land of the free and the home of the brave?" "He was probably referring to bachelors and married men," said old Mr. Smithers sadly.-Stray Stories.

-Logic, my son, is your line of argument in a controversy. Little Willie-And what is sophistry? Pa-The other fellow's.-Exchange. Maid Worth Having. The Mistress (entering the kitchen)-

Logic and Sophistry.

Jane, didn't I bear a dish break a minute ago. The Maid-I bope you did, mem. It made noise enough. if you hadn't heard it I should have thought you were getting deaf, and that, you know, would be awful.-Boston Transcript.

Cause and Effect.

The Earl of Ennui (dreamily)-Wisht I just had er million and ten years ahead of me. Baron Beating It-Well. you grab the million and you'll get the ten years all right, all right.-Puck.

Millions of Microbes

lurk with the dust in every yard of your carpets and rugs and they fill the air every time you

You are actually living with and breathing this live dirt unless your house is gone over regularly by a vacum cleaner.

It is utterly impossible to have anything like sanitary conditions without an Automatic. The "Automatic" Vacum

Cleaner positively gets all the dust and microbes.

Everything cleaned by

the Automatic treated to

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Wanted His Money Back. It is an old saying that "you cannot eat your cake and have it too." But a seasick person usually cares little for

captain of one of the steamships plying between this country and Italy. which arrived at New York with over 600 immigrants, tells a rather amusing story of a heated interview held between himself and one of them on the voyage across.

either side of the proposition. The

The vessel had been out a few days and had encountered some heavy seas. The first morning that calmer weather prevailed one of the steerage passengers appeared for the first time above deck and with a face as white as a sheet approached the captain.

"This has got to stop!" he said angrily. "What has?" asked the captain, in

surprise. "This feeling of death. When bought my ticket I was told it included meals, but I can't keep my food down. Now, it has got to stop, captain, or else I want my passage money back. You cannot break your contract

in this fashion with me." It took all the captain's ingenuity to pacify him during the rest of the trip. -Youth's Companion.

No Chance For the Truth. "Be truthful," said the teacher. "Always?" asked the boy. "Always," answered the teacher. "Never."

"Not even a white lie?" "Not even a white lie." "Huh," ejaculated the lad scornfully, "it's a mighty good thing for you you ain't a boy with my dad for a father!"

"Why?" asked the teacher. "Because," replied the boy, "if you was my dad's little boy, and you'd heard what he said about Aunt Eliza comin' to visit us with her children. and Aunt Eliza had asked you if you weren't all glad to see her, and you'd told the truth, like I did, you'd think there was a place where your trousers was mighty thin after dad had fin-

ished with you." He went back to his desk, and as he sat down with great care there was an expression on his face that showed the great lesson of truth had been, at least in a measure, lost on him.-London Tit-Bits.

When Curates Were Wanted. When one learns that curates are increasing so much more rapidly than benefices, wonder is excited as to the condition of affairs in the eighteenth century, when enterprising ladies offered livings to clergymen willing to marry them. An advertisement to this effect appeared in the London Chronicle in March, 1758. The lady was rather particular too. The curate was to be young, have a small fortune, be well recommended as to morals and good temper "and be firmly attached to the present happy establishment." The living was not rich-below £100 per annum-but the fair one was young and agreeable. There seems a touch swers "may be left at the bar of the Union Coffee House, Strand, directed to Z. Z." Confidence was created by the assurance that "the utmost secrecy and honor may be depended

upon."-London Chronicle. Punishment For Perjury. Perjury is a crime more severely punished in Germany than in any other country in the world. Even an apparently trivial misstatement under few crimes that carry as beavy a penalty as perjury. The German theory is that the entire system of jurisprucases. Germany stands at one extreme and the United States at the other. Fewer people are punished in the United States for false swearing in the witness box than in any other country.-London Telegraph.

Hard Hit. Lord Fitzfoodle, casting himself on nis knees before Araminta, gave utterance to the following: "Oh, that I could snatch a pine from some primeval forest! I would sharpen the end with my penknife, dip it in the molten azure wall of heaven in letters of living fire, 'Araminta, I love thee!""

family government. He says every home should be a little republic, where universal toleration prevails and every one has a voice in the government." "Yes; his family is managed on that plan. But he and Mrs. Dinglebat have the same old wrangle every day as to

Theory and Practice.

"Dinglebat has original ideas about

who shall be president."

The Foolish Man. "I see," said the landlady, "that a man in Ohio has got himself into trouble by marrying two women." "Huh!" growled the bachelor boardGot the Train Stopped.

When the late Robert Bonner purchased Maud S. he sent her to Charter Oak park to be trained. One day a friend of Mr. Bonner left New York to visit him at the park, but found that the train did not stop at that station. The conductor was polite, but said that he could not go against orders. At New Haven a bait was made, and Mr. Bonner's friend tried to bribe the engineer with a ten dollar bill, but in vain. He was then told that Charles P. Clark, the president of the road, was on the

train, and he went to him. "Why don't you see the conductor?"

asked Mr. Clark. "I have, but he will not disobest

"Why not then go forward and bribe the engineer?" "I tried bribery at New Haven, but

it would not work." The absence of evasion was the best policy. Mr. Clark not only gave orders to have the train stopped at Charter Oak, but promised some day to see Maud S. He had witnessed the attempt at bribery, and the frank confession of the offense seemed to please

Preparing For a Journey. Jerome K. Jerome recalled with reverence a habit of his methodical uncle, who, before packing for a journey, atways "made a list." This was the stem which he followed. from his uncle's own lips:

Take a piece of paper and put down on it everything you can possibly require. Then go over it and see that it contains nothing you can possibly do without.

Imagine yourself in bed. What have you got on? Very well; put it down. together with a change. You get up. What do you do? Wash yourself. What do you wash yourself with? Soap. Put down soap. Go on till you have finished. Then take your clothes. Begin at your feet. What do you went on your feet? Boots, shoes, socks. Put them down. Work up till you get to your head. What do you want besides clothes? Put down everything.

This is the plan the old gentleman always pursued. The list made, he would go over it carefully to see that he had forgotten nothing. Then he would go over it again and strike out everything it was possible to dispense with. Then he would lose the list.

Chicago the Danger Line.

"Speaking of fishballs," remarked an ardent New England admirer of that form of food who was eating in a Dearborn street restaurant the other day. "I will tell you a sad, sad truth

about them. "If you order them in Boston they are practically all fish. Yes, sir-solul, bona fide fish. Move west a bit-to-Albany, say. What happens? The amount of fish in each fishball has dwindled. Proceed to Buffalo. A certain self assertiveness begins to be apparent with the fish. On to Cleveland: Fishballs there are half potato, half fish, with the accent on potato. On to of humility in the direction that an- Chicago! There potato has the upper hand!"

> He groaned. He leaned forward.

-Chicago Tribune.

"How is it in the far west?" "I've never dared travel farther west than Chicago!" he whispered hoarsely.

Golf In the Old Days.

Centuries back golf was a pastime of the royal family, though then usuoath carries a sentence of ten years in ally played in Scotland. The Stuart prison. Excepting murder, there are family was very fond of the game. and the first English club was established at Blackbeath in 1608 by James I. His eldest son, Henry, frequently dence rests on the respect for an oath played and on one occasion nearly administered under the forms of law struck by accident his tutor with a and that this must be strictly guarded club, whereupon he coolly remarked. in order to secure the punishment of "Had I done so I had but paid myother crimes and insure justice in civil debts." Charles I. was playing golf . when he received the news of the Irish rebellion. James, duke of York. afterward James II., was another ardent player. Golf is frequently mentioned in ancient Scottish records and in the fifteenth century was prohibited because it interfered with the practice of archery. Strutt considered it the most ancient game at ball requiring a bat.-London Standard.

Vegetable Chat. "I see that some college professor has been saying that he believes that crater of Vesuvius and write upon the vegetables can see and hear while growing in the garden."

> "Yes; not only that, but he believes that ages hence they will be able to converse with one another."

"Is that so?"

"Oh, that's old!" "What's old?" "Vegetables conversing. I've often beard 'Jack and the Beans-talk!' "

Then What? Mrs. Hoyle-My husband doesn't care for money. Mrs. Doyle-That adds to the mystery as to the motive

Sure Thing. Bill-When all the fools are dead ! don't want to be alive. Jill-Well,

for his marriage.—New York Press

er. "Just as though one wife couldn't don't worry; you won't be .- Youkers make trouble enough!"-Chicago News | Statesman.

