

## A NEW SALAD.

During a recent most instructive and delightful excursion through the great meat, vegetable and fruit markets of San Francisco, with John P. Irish as guide, interpreter and expounder, THE CONSERVATIVE saw for the first time a crate of "alligator pears" and received a lot of them as a donation to test as salad. The experiment was a success—the salad a satisfaction. A recent number of Harper's Weekly thus describes the salad fruit:

"Among the many valuable fruits which might be shipped to northern markets if rapid steam facilities were at hand is the aguacate (alligator or avocado pear, Lauraceae), which grows on a tree with laurel-like leaves, from thirty to seventy feet high. The fruit is like a huge pear, with smooth green skin, turning brown if allowed to hang too long. It has a soft buttery meat, half an inch thick, which melts in the mouth, and is eaten as a salad in combination with lime juice or vinegar and salt and pepper. While it is almost tasteless without condiments, it is so agreeable with them that the aguacate habit becomes a fixed one after a few months sojourn on the island. In the centre of the pear is a large hard kernel, an inch or more in diameter, which is not edible, but from which may be extracted a reddish-brown indelible dye, which needs no mordant to fix its color. This salad fruit is sometimes seen in New York in small quantities, where it sells for from 25 to 50 cents, though it may be purchased on the island for a copper piece. There is no reason why it should not be shipped to the United States in quantity, but it requires careful packing, and should be picked from the trees while firm and green."

## ANGLO-SAXON SUPERIORITY.

### To What Is It Due?

Among new books of profound study and careful investigation and study few excel the volume with the above title by Edmund Demolins. At a later day THE CONSERVATIVE will contain extracts from Mr. Demolins' great and valuable work. It is published by Charles Scribner's Sons, 157 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

## LOCAL HISTORY.

In Edward Everett Hale's book on "Kansas" and Nebraska, published in 1854, the following mention of our town occurs:

"Table Creek post-office is at old Fort Kearney, at the mouth of Table Creek, thirty miles below the mouth of the Nebraska. Here is Boulware's ferry, one of the principal ferries across the Missouri, and the site of Nebraska City, so called on paper."

The book, it will be seen, is by no means an old book; but "there is not,"

says Mr. Hale, "at this moment, a town or village of whites in Kansas or Nebraska." And Nebraska extended west to the Rockies and north to the British possessions.

The Nebraska River mentioned is the Platte. One was the Indian word, as the other was the French word, for *flat* or *shallow*, and Mr. Hale always uses the Indian name. There has always been an effort to retain the Indian geographical names, which certainly are to be preferred to the Onga and Ords that the Americans brought with them, but no one can object to the few pretty French titles that still cling to certain places. The French who once occupied this territory have passed away even more swiftly and surely than the Indians.

The editor of THE CONSERVATIVE takes pleasure in remembering the fact that he circulated the petition, and secured signers thereunto, which caused the change of the name of this county from Pierce to Otoe. The former had been given it by proclamation of Acting Governor T. B. Cuming in honor of the then president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, and its present name of Otoe was bestowed by an act of the first legislative assembly of the territory which convened January 16, 1855.

## THE NEW EGG.

It has long been the practice of people stopping at frowzy hotels, or who thought their relatives and friends were trying to poison them, to live largely on boiled eggs; they would break the shell themselves and count on finding the same old egg inside that they always had found there. But now that a Frenchman has found a way, by feeding hens on hardware, to produce eggs containing a medicinal percentage of iron, we may as well let the plain old-fashioned egg go by along with our other cherished beliefs, and resign ourselves to finding any sort of a doctored compound within the egg-shell. New Yorkers will now no doubt forsake the chocolate-drop and fall to poisoning each other with new-laid eggs, and the worried look on the old red rooster's face will only deepen, for who can tell what the chickens will look like which hatch from medicated eggs?

## COLORADO IRON AND STEEL.

The great Colorado iron and steel manufacturing plant which is eligibly located at the flourishing city of Pueblo is now turning out an immense tonnage of superior products. The geographical position of this vast manufactory of steel rails and dimension irons, for building purposes is very favorable and, taken together with its nearness to inexhaustible coal and iron-ore fields, it can command better than any of its Eastern or other competitors, the markets of the Pacific coast and the Orient. The managers and principal officers of

this corporation are men, who, like its president, Mr. Osgood, take a broad and optimistic view of the possibilities of the iron and steel trade of the United States with China and Japan.

THE CONSERVATIVE not long since met Mr. A. C. Cass, the agent of this prosperous Colorado company *en route* for the Orient, where he will no doubt establish a large and profitable trade in steel rails and other forms of Colorado's iron and steel output. Trade will follow the energy and far-sightedness of American manufacturers wherever they send their active and intelligent salesmen like Mr. Cass. This is legitimate expansion, logical annexation and benevolent assimilation. Goods of first quality and at reasonable prices will capture the markets of the world.

## A TIMELY WARNING.

The phenomenal success of the Warner Library (nearly a million volumes having been sold since the appearance of the first volume, less than two years ago) has called forth inferior works on literature, hastily compiled, which in some cases have been represented and sold as the Warner Library.

We want, therefore, to give due notice that, in spite of the claims of any so-called libraries of literature, the Warner Library is the *only one* which has the following features:

FIRST—Thirty royal octavo volumes, over 20,000 pages, with over 1,000 portraits of authors and illustrations in colors of the homes of the most famous authors.

SECOND—Over 1,000 original essays by three hundred of the foremost living authors of Europe and America.

THIRD—The history and examples of the different literatures of the world, as the Hindu, Chinese, Egyptian, Japanese, etc.

FOURTH—A special volume of famous Poems, Songs, Hymns, and Lyrics.

FIFTH—A volume of Synopses of the Famous Books of the World, giving the story, plot and characters of each.

SIXTH—A complete biographical Dictionary of the Authors of the World.

SEVENTH—A complete Analytical Index, rendering every page, author, work, subject, character and detail in the Library instantly accessible to the reader. Address

WARNER LIBRARY CLUB,  
Paxton Bldg. Omaha, Neb.

The people of Placeville, Mich., are exterminating the harmless necessary cat, who they claim is responsible for the spread of diphtheria among them. The mice must be at the bottom of this; the only charge that can be made good against cats is that they are responsible for the spread of kittens.

The man who has a million of dollars and good business sense is a benefit to any community. But the man whom a million dollars own, control and warp is a detriment. It is one thing to have a citizen who owns a million dollars and works them; and quite another to have one whom the million dollars own, control and work.