A HAPPY FAMILY ON SHIPBOARD.

4 VISIT TO THE FATHERLAND

in His Trip to Germany.

Pleasant Relations of Fellow Passen gers During the Passage Over-Hamburg and Its Attrac-

tions-Beautiful Berlin.

Kesinden, Germany, July 27,- [Special to THE BEE. | - Persons traveling for the sake of pleasure and recreation, even while in the midst of all that tends to further those ends, feel at times a peculiarly strong longing for the home they left. To be able to converse with friends from their own city, even though It be only for a few moments, would be happiness to them which would make all enjoyment previously derived from their trip dwindle, for the time being at least, into insignificance.

When under the influence of such a sensation one is almost involuntarily led to blame the inventive genius of man for not having as yet produced the wonderful mechanism which Jules Verne in the February of last year's Forum prophesied as being in existence a thousand years hence, whereby man will be able to be transported from one place to another, seroes occaus and continents, in as short a duration of time as it takes him to express that wish. Thus one now in the French metropolis, feasting his eyes with Parisian elegance and splender, could the next hour be some piace in the United States. regaling his own ears with local news and the ears of others with accounts of himself. But since such contrivance performing such miraculous work has not yet been made, nor may ever make its appearance, man is and will for centuries yet be obliged to substitute, or rather, to adhere to the old but very reliable means of correspondence if he desires to talk to his friends from long dis-

I, too, while sailing on steamship, riding on railway car or sitting in hotel have often felt as though I would like to interrupt my journey, embark into some sort electric apparatus, be conveyed to Omaha. and give my friends a description of the nature of my trip, of the places I visited and of the points of interest I have so far seen. But since I was aware of the impossibility of the fulfillment of my wish, I decided to wait until I had settled down for a few days of genuine rest and then write to Tue Bar and make it the vehicle of information to

It was June 17, at 4:15 p. m., a bright and beautiful day, which now seems to me to have been a prophecy of my pleasant journey, that I left Omaha bound for Europe. We, I say we because an old and sincere friend, a former college chum, accompanied me, did not g direct to Hoboken, N. J., when we were to take the boat that was to carry us across the briny deep but spent a little more than a weel in visiting several cities in the United States Chicago, enterprising and prosperous; Cin-cinnati, refined and classical; Niagara Falis, gorgeous and awe-inspiring, and many other places of less note but yet very prominent, and finally New York city, metropolitan and cosmopolitan, were those which we thought worthy of a visit along the route. Greatly indeed were we rewarded by our short visits at these cities, for we found that wonderful improvements had been made since last we had been there. Where formerly had been empty lots there massive structures towere giant-like into the heavens; where formerly acres of land lay barren and waste, there most luxuri int parks added beauty to the scene; all powerful testimonies of the progressive spirit of the American people.

June 28 at 2 p m. was the hour set for the departure of the steamer Gellert of the Hambarg-American packet company. Long be burg-American packet company. Long before the anchor was drawn in by the robust
deck-hands, passengers were promenading to
and fro upon the upper decks. Friends were
there to see off friends, spouse foully embraced spouse, parent affectionately bade
good-bye to child. There was a strange union
of joy and grief, of smiles and tears—joy
and smiles because of the anticipation of a wholesome and instructive trip, grief and tears because of the thought of separation from those near and dear

The bell rang loud, the whistle blew shrill the command was given, and with the saflors usual discordant song the vessel was loosened from its moorings on the dock, which had held it stationary for almost a week past. Slowly the Geilert glided out of New York larbor. For almost two miles could be seen ladies waving their handkerchiefs and gen tlemen their bats, all acquaintances of the tourists, as if desirous of continuing their wishes for a pleasant journey and a safe re turn until the vessel was entirely out of

The day was grand and a grander one i could not have been. The horizon was a clear blue, the sea was calm, and a refreshing breeze added to our speed. Brooklysbridge, the world-renowned masterpiece of engineering was gradually disappearing from before our view. Bediee island with its Bartholdi statue of liberty grew more and more indistinct. Coney Island, the popular bathing resort of the east, with its many pleasure-seekers, was cleanly seen. Sandy Hook the extreme clearly seen. Sandy Hook, the extreme point of Long Island, was passed; the usual salutation was given, and we soon found our selves glidling along upon regions strange to many a one, with

Water, water everywhere. And not only were the regions strange, but also the people themselves; for they con-sisted of inhabitants from all parts of the western continent. But just as soon as the eye became accustomed to the surroundings so soon the passengers became acquainted

with one another.

Many an acquaintance developed into a sincere friendship, so that already on the second day it appeared as though there was only one family on board. It was impossible to remember all by their proper names, even after an introduction. In this dilemma our power of imagination came to our assistance and we soon began to designate persons by nicknames which were bestowed because of some prominent personal characteristic. Thus, for instance to a young man who had been abominably burned by the sun we applied the name of "Redsnapper," because of the redness of his face, and to an old gentleman of seventy-six, who was exceptionally hale and hearty and wonderfully well preserved for his age, we gave the name of "Ironsides."

One peculiarity with regard to the passengers might be mentioned: It is the fact that they consisted mostly of professional men and women. There were countless physicians and medical students, who were bound for Berlin to attend the great medical conferen to be held in August; there were countless musicians and artists, eager to see European lands; there were countless preacher and professors seeking solid recreation and and professors seeking solid recreation and rest. The very first question that no doubt suggested itself to our fellow passengers as it did to my friend and myself, and as it also no doubt suggests itself to those who have never taken an ocean trip, was: "How is one to spend the ten or eleven days that he will be imprisoned, as it were, on board vessel?"

Soon, however, this puzzle was solved, and happily to the gratification of all. The morn-

soon, however, this puzzle was solved, and happily to the gratification of all. The morning was usually spent in chatting to some neighbor or reading some interesting book, which could be secured at the library on board; the afternoon in playing the now universally known game of high five or the analysis of the high interesting control of the secure of the second cient but highly interesting game of casino and almost all evenings in the safoon below. where some entertainment both musical and literary was arranged by a few of those good souls who are always happy when they see others enjoy themselves.

The second day was Sunday and everybody seemed to feel his dependence on a higher power and consequently showed himself or herself prepared to attend divine services in which the absolute of the services in the consequently showed by the consequence of the services in the consequence of the conseq which thanksgiving and prayer were to be uttered. But, sorry to say, those who took it upon themselves to officiate, made the service strictly sectarian in character, seeming to forget that advocates of all faiths were in attendance. It appears as though the time is yet fur distant when mankind will come to recognize the sublime doctrine preached by the lilustrious prophet of old: "Have we not all one father! Has not one God created us!" The following Sunday the same mistake was repeated. One day, however, when

mistake was happily omitted. The occasion to which I refer was the Fourth of July Americans are Americans no matter where they are, whether it be on land or on the deep blue sea; whether in their own free country or in some foreign monarchy. Their p Their patriotism and national pride are always displayed. The glorious anniversary of the Independence of the United States was greeted by all already at the early bour of sunrise. Cannons were fired from both sides of the vessel and chilwith torpedoes amused themselves in frightening their older follow passengers due. frightening their elder fellow passengers dur-ing the entire day. For the evening, how-ever, was left the main portion of the celebra-tion. From 8 until 2 grand illuminations took place under the direction of Captaia Kaempf, On the extreme top of both masts and on the ends of their cross-beams sat suliors, who, upon the signal from the bridge, consisting of ne firing of a revolver, shot off rockets, dis-laying in regular order our national colors, ed, white and blue. The spectacle was a grand one and the people manifested their appreciation of it by cheers that must have been heard for miles and miles upon the surbetook themselves to the salon, where a paster from New Jersey delivered an oration, the passengers sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and "The Star Spangled Banner," and celebrated musicians from New York and Boston rendered some beautiful plane, violin

When you, dear friends, read the descripon of so pleasant a time, you must not imag-er that all on board enjoyed themselves their heart's content. leed, many for whom the ocean had lost all anticipated charms. Sea-sick iess played sad havoc with them, and had bey had command of the ship, they would they had command of the ship, they would have aridombtedly have ordered the same to return to its starting point, already after the first day's journey. On July 7th, we were told that we would see England the following day. This report made the healthy feel clated and the sick convalescent. At 4 the next morning all were on deel, and for the first time we had the opportunity of witnessing the grand spectacle of the break of dawn upon the ocean. The sun stole slowly from its he ocean. The sun stole slowly from its system hiding place and with its crimson ays of light made England's shores so beauiful with the richest colors that it became a fit subject for the artist's brush and poet's en. At Southampton, that afternoon ost a great number of passengers. For two tays more we were on water, salling through the English Channel, the North Sea and the iver Eibe. The imposing sight we beheld on the English coast presented itself again with qual grandeur along the coasts of the river intering Hamburg, at which point we arrived n Thursday, July 10th, at 10 a. m., after rip of eleven days and twelve hours. Wi onsiderable reluctance we left the boat. where we had the good fortune of having able and congenial captain at our head, in the person of Herr Keampf, and a most courtcone and gallant crew, that took all imaginable pains in adding to the comfort and enjoyment of the passengers. And, however, re-luctantly we left, we, nevertheless, were in-describably happy in being able to stand once more on "terra firma," where man feels most

Immediately after landing we were conveyed to the custom house and had our baggage examined. Then we engaged a back, as it is always best for strangers and foreigners to do, and asked the driver to take through the main thoroughfares of the city and stop at the most important places of in-terest. He took us to where we could get the best view of the harbor and told us, as our limited experience and guide we had purchased corrojorated, that Hamburg could beast not of finer waters than our own New York city, but of a greater amount of transceanic traffic. Steamslips and sail boats depart from there to all points of the inhabited globe, and to the eye of the beholder they appear to form a bewildering network of musts and rigging. From there we went to the zoological garden, a description of which I shall forego, as there is hardly anyone, who has not arready visited such an in that it justly enjoys the reputation of being second in rank to the one in London, known as the largest and most complete in existence. Hamburg, it was told us, has a population of nearly half a million, and is a city which, despite its antiquity, can be termed very beautiful. Its streets are wider than those of many more celebrated European towns. Its more recent buildings are of supurb and costly construction, its parks are large and attractive, and its suburbs many and charming. That same afternoon at 4:30, well impressed with our first stopping place we betook ourselves to the depot to start for Berlin, Germany's metropolis and capital. On purchasing our tickets we were asked which class we desired to travel, something rather new for an American. Trains in Germany carry first, second, third and fourth class coaches, and afford an amount of comfort proportionate to the class. We requested the ticket agent to permit us to look at a time table. A book almost two pounds in weight was handed to is and when after politics. was handed to us, and when after politely thanking him, we started to walk to the train thanking him, we started to walk to the train with it, he informed us that the charges would be 2 marks. We told him to keep it, thinking that we might perhaps get a folder like that of the Burlington on the Union Pacilic, but for all that, we might have keptthat at the very start, for we were compelled to purchase such a book anyhow later on, inasmuch as we learned that time tables in this country are not given away, but are only on sale. In a few memeats we were seated in the train in a second class apartment, about ten feet high. few mements we were scated in the train in a second class apartment, about ten feet high, tweive feet long and ten feet wide. The scats were beautifully upholstered, somewhat like our Pullman coaches in America. The difference between this and flist class, we were informed, is only in the color of the covering of the scats. Few people travel first class in Germany. Those that do are either of the nobility or some Americans the bility or some Americans who, unacquainted with the class system, think that because they travel first class at home, must also do so in other countries. Finally we pulled out of the depot, and raced along at the rate of forty English miles as home. Our tickets were English miles an hour. Our tickets were collected by the conductor, so called "Schaffer, who by his rich uniform, his commanding tone of voice, and his short answers to questions asked, impresses one with his great authority. The first place we stopped was Friedricksruhe, interesting because Prince Bismarck has a castle there, in which he is pending his summer this year. To Berlin

ve got at 2 p. m. It might justly be said of Berlin, that it is one of the most beautiful cities on the conti-ment. Every section of it, with the exception of what is known asold Berlin, because of its ancient structures, possesses an elegance and grandeur that is at once pleasing and attrac-tive. Not only are the dwellings of kings and princes palatial, but even the business houses and private residences. No matter where one looks he beholds the most costly finish, which cannot help but refine the tastes of people and make them lovers of the highest art. On housetops and above entrances one meets with the most perfect statuary and in the halls of all edifices with the most beautiful values. ful paintings. And not only the eye does Berlin educate but also the car. No matter where the place or what the time, one can ear the most sublime music discoursed rusicians, everyone of whom is an artist on his particular instrument. Among the monu-ments that deserve special mention is that of the goddess representing "Germania," which is situated in the so-called "Thiergarten," and among the statues that of General Wrangle on the "Leipziger Platz." This deceased control was a great layorite, among the peoon the "Leipziger Platz." This deceased general was a great favorite among the people of Germany, because of his great generosity. It is related of him that he would give

ple of Germany, because of his great generosity. It is related of him that he would give a three "pfennig" piece to every one that would bid him the day. That many of the old as well as the young were exceedingly courteous to him is needless to say.

Under-den-linden, a beautiful premenade, the well known sights of Berlin are to be seen and here it is whither the tourist is first attracted. There stands the celebrated aquarian that reveals the hidden wonder of the deep-namely, its mineral, plant and animal life, the pulaces of the late emperors, William and Frederick, and that of the present monarch. William II.; the Royal opera house, the celebrated Berlin university, with the statue of the great Humbold in its court, and the "Zenghaus," where weapons used for centuries and centuries have been deposited for safe keeping; old war-beaten flags are preserved, and fortified cities and famous battles are laid out in clay. Other places of interest in the city itself that are worthy of mention are the National gallery and the so-called Panoptiann, the former being somewhat on the style of our American art galleries but on a much larger scale, and the latter somewhat like the Eden Musee of Chicago and New York, presenting a magnificent array of wax figures. The suburb Charlottenburg also, as a rule, attracts the attention of strangers. It is an hour's drive from the heart of Berlin. On the main road leading to it are the great polytechnical institute, the insane asylum, and the flora or botanical institute, consisting of an

all were again assembled to praise God, that mistake was happily omitted. The occasion to which I refer was the Fourth Frederick's castleand the famous mausoleum, where the remains of the following rest: Frederick William III. and his wife, Queen Louise, parents of Emperor William I; Emperor William I, thresef and his wife, Queen Augusta; Prince Albrecht, youngest brother of Emperor William I, and the heart of Emperor Frenerick William IV, who lies buried in Pottsdam, a small town a few miles from Berlin. The mausoleum is a striking structure of white stone, whose interior consists entirely of markle. In the main hall sists entirely of marble. In the main hall, which is thrown open to visitors, are marble figures of Frederick William III, and Queen Louise, as they were once seen lying in state, While in Berlin we also attended theater. While in Berlia we also attended thester.
The performance we witnessed was that entitled "The Poor Jonathan," an opera by the well-known and popular composer, Carl Willocker. The part was light, the music planning, the actors good, the scenery enaborate. The scene was laid in America. This the actors seemed to forget and if not manifested a sad ignorance as to American customs and manners. The German and American theatres can learn a great deal from one another. The former the free distribution of programmes among the patrons and the latter the enforcement of the removal of ladies' bonnets during the play. It was such comfort not to have a tower like Eiffel or a bird's en-tire plumage obstructing the view. We are in great hope that the day is not far distant when American theatres, to be in harmony with their laudable spirit of ready accommodation, will also introduce this inn with the promise on our lips and the resolu-tion in our heart that if ever we stead again come to Europe we shall not forget to devote several days to Berlin, the metropolis and capital of Germany. In my next I shall continue the description of my trip.

WILLIAM ROSENAU.

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VACATIONS AND PASTIMES.

Some of the People of Omaha Who

Enjoyed Both. Hon. John A. McShane returned from his Carl Bohmanson his returned from a three recks' ramble in Salt Lake City. Miss Emma Manzingo left Tuesday for a short visit to her old home in Coin, In

or a five weeks' visit in San Francisco. Mr. A. Max Holzheimer was married to Miss Jeanette Halloon Thursday evening. Mrs. S. Adamsky left last Sunday for a two conths' visit with her parents in New York

Mrs. William M. Bushman left last week

Mrs. Maud Shaw, who has been visiting friends in Salt Lake City, Utah, returned last week. Mrs. William Stephens of Omaha and her sister, Mrs. M. H. Wilcox of Boston, have

Dr. C. W. Hayes left Wednesday on a pleasure trip to Portland, Ore., and other vestern cities

E. D. Kenfield and wife of Chicago are the iests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Weller, at 2103 Virt street. Mr. and Mrs. C. Will Hamilton are to be

congratulated upon the birth of a son Tuesday morning. Charley Orchard returned last Saturday rom a tour of the St. Lawrence and a subse

quent visit in New York. Mrs. David Bennison and children are spending a few weeks in Manitou, Col. Mr. Bennison will join them later,

Mrs. H. C. Smith and daughter Heien have returned from a two menths' through New York and Conneticut. Mrs. P. A. Lauman has returned to her

home, 2005 Seward street, from a three months' trip in Salt Lake and Colorado. Miss Margaret Williams who returned re cently from Alaska, left last week for Nan-asket beach to join Miss Belle Dewey.

Miss Gertie Furham and Miss Maggie Kress returned Monday from a two weeks or through Colorado and the mountains. Mrs. General Wheaton is a late arrival at Hotel Orleans. Spirit Lake, and will remain for two weeks at that very popular watering

Captain Simpson of the United States army and family left for Kearsage, N. H., last Friday, where they will remain until the heated

Carroll M. Carter, son of O. M. Carter eft Monday for Boston, and will enter Harvard college at the opening of the fall

Mrs. William Alstadt left Monday even ing on a visit of several months to her daughters, Mrs. Koster and Mrs. McNaulty in Ogden Utah, and Butte, Mont., respect-

Miss Ruth Kimball, of St. Paul, who has been visiting Miss Jessie Parsell, has re-turned home. Miss Kimball, with brightness and vivacity, made many friends while in this city. Mr. S. N. Mealie has gone to New York to

spend a vacation among friends. She will visit Niagara Falls and all the principal pleasure resorts, stopping for several weeks at Chicago on her return.

Mr. Charles E. Abbott, one of the best known members of the Apollo club, has gone east on a month's vacation, and will return a benedict. The honeymoon will be passed at Old Orchard Beach, Maine. Mrs. W. J. O'Donnell of St. Paul, Minn.,

after a visit of three months to her brothers, Thomas F. and Edward J. Breenan, at 4909 Blaney street, has returned to Washington, where she will meet her husband, who has

Miss Sadie Lyman and Miss Doris McMasters, accompanied by Mrs. Lyman, started for Oberlin, Ohio, yesterday. The young ladies are graduates from Omaha's high school and intend to enter the historic old college for the completion of an education so well begun. Among the arrivals here last week from

Among the arrivals here last week from Omahn beach, Lake Okoboji, Ia., were Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Miner, Mrs. E. M. Andreesen and daughter Alice, Mrs. Frank Colpetzer and her twochildren Master Mozier and Miss Susie, Herbert Morse, Dick and Bert Gray and N. B. Falconer and wife. Miss Angie Boyce catertained a number of

Aliss Alige Boyce catertained a number of her friends with a nice country ride Thurs-day evening. The party returned at 10 o'clock to the residence of her uncle, George A. Joslyn, where refreshments were served and a general good time indulged in. The guests were Misses Sadie Lyman, Doris McMasters, Messes, Grant Beebe, Harry Kinney and Frank Beach. Frank Beach. A very delightful hay ride was given Thursday by a party of young people. Those par-ticipating were Miss Doane, Miss Curtis, Emily Wakeley, Miss Barnay, Miss Tonza-lin, Miss Hughes; Messrs, Driscoll, Cook, Cleuver, Morris, Redick, Chat Redick, and

Date. Chaperosing the party were Mr and Mrs. C. S. Whithey. The party repaired to Judge Doane's when the ride was over, where delightful refreshments and dancing occupied the remainder of a charge of the remainder of the the remainder of a charming evening. Mr. Larimore Denise entertained a few of

Mr. Larimore Denise entertained a few of his former school friends at his home, corner of Nineteenth and Dodge streets, Friday evening, as a farewell gathering before leaving for college. Those present were: Misses Harriett Brown, Margaret McKill, Mary Buck, Ella Allen, and Messrs. Joseph and Ed Morseman, Brower and George McCague, Scott Brown, Charles Rosewater, Paul Ludington, Henry Allen and Arthur Montmorency, Mr. Denise leaves for the east tomorrow, where after visiting friends, he will enter Princeton college in September, for Princeton college in September, for which he has already passed most satisfactory admission examinations.

The Starlight Club.

The elegant lawn at the residence of Mr. Charles Dutton, sr., 115 South Twenty-fourth street, was brilliantly illuminated Thursday evening with 125 Chinese lanterns and two locometive headlights. The occasion was the first anniversary of the Starlight club's existence. Five nundred invitations had been issued and over four hundred accepted About 0:30 a well prepared programme was rendered. Miss Pearl Reese gave a fine rendition of the popular minuet, "Paderovsky."
Mr. Ed Dutton was prominent in a pleasing
solo, Miss Grace Williams playing the accounsolo, Miss Grace Williams playing the accom-paniment. Miss Pearl Page rendered a plano solo, which consisted of a number of the popular melodies of the day. Mr. Henry Blath gave a history of the club from its organization. It was organized August 14, 1889, and now has a membership of over fifty. He closed by announcing the officers for the ensuing year.

easting year:

President—Mr. Charles Dutton.
Vice President—Casey Westerdahi.
Secretary—Julius Epeneter.
Treasurer—Car IPorterfield. Financial secretary—Chris Butler.
The exercises closed with a vocal sole by
Mr. Charles Dutton entitled "Monarch of the

Woods," and a finely executed piano solo by Miss Grace Williams. The guests then repaired to the lawn, where refreshments were servek. The double parlors of the Dutton house were thrown open and the guests skipped the light fantastic toe until the "wee sma" hours." The Starlight club made a big social hit on its first anniversary.

Picasant Hours. Miss Ida Powell of the lows institute at Glenwood, Iowa, gave a brilliant lawn social and reception to some Omaha society people last Thursday evening, assisted by Miss Hattie McShane and Miss Annie P. Truland, The happy party boarded a special car at the B. & M. depot and arrived at Glenwood at about 8:30. Carriages were in waiting and corveyed the guests to the institute. Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Powell and their daughter, Miss Ida, extended a very hearty welcome to the Omahans. The grounds were pro-fusely lighted and from the many shade trees there were numerous hammocks, for the pleasure of the party. The interior of the institute was handsomely decorated for the occasion, and an Omaha orehestra supplied music for the dances. At eleven o'clock a bounteous repast was served.

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Among those present were the Misses Annie P. Truiand, Hattle McShane, Rena Strang, Alice Parker, Ada Parker, Carrie House, Lillian House, Pearl Hartman, Lillie Durnell, Margaret Williams, Margaret Willis, Gussie Price, Grace Godso, Angle Belee Carrie Heinsheimer, Bertie Halas of Bushnell, Ill. Jessie Farusworth of Council Buffs, Birdie Kelly, and Messrs. Charles R. Sherman, J. McDonald, J. H. Ward, W. J. Foye, Victor White, Louden Charleton, George Strang, George S. Gaertin, Walter Miner, W. J. Hughes, Charles Stone, George Zimmerman, Arthur McMahon, P. Q. Records, Gould Deitz and D. E. Morrison.

The guests remained at the institute Thursday night, returning to Omaha on Friday morning with the bappiest remembrance day morning with the happiest remembrance of the hospitality shown them by the genial host and hostesses.

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The Bohemian Smelting Works Men Not Ready to Strike.

OMARA, August 16 .- To the Editor of THE

BEE: There has been a great deal written and said in the past few weeks about reductions of hours and a possible strike for that purpose at the smelting works. There have also been several meetings

ralled and several reports of such meetings, particularly those of the workmen of Bohemian nationality, published. Allow me to throw some light on this subject and inform you what the feeling among us is.

When the Bohemians employed at the works were invited to a meeting, we were all curious to know where the move came from. Some of us, having some ex-perience at the works, wondered what the talk about a possible strike meant, at this time of the year, when the hot season, which is most trying on us, is drawing to a close. Some of us thought if the object was to better our condition it might be at this The winter season, when the work, even if unhealthy, is not unbearable on account of heat and when it is easier for the company to fill all the places at the works

Others went even further and felt that it was a selfish scheme to get us all out of work after we had borne the rigor of summer heat so as to make room for other workmen when cooler

weather will render the work bearable. There is not one of us, whether he can speak English or not, but is ready and willing to lend his hand for the betterment of his ewn condition and that of his fellowworkmen; there is not one who is not will workmen; there is not one who is not willing to take a common stand in a common fight; there is not one who would desert the cause of labor. But we are not ready and willing to go on a fool's errand. We are not willing to attempt something which seems to us, under the circumstances and conditions, unattainable; and before all, we are not ready to lead, although willing to follow.

Now, sir, the meetings that have been held have, in a large measure, confirmed our suspicions that the movement for the shortening of the hours of labor, as much as the same might be desirable, is not a general demand of our fellow workmen, whom we would be willing to follow, but rather an effort of a few individuals, hence the meeting of last Tuestay has not turned out as the originators connot willing to do what was asked of us and put ourselves in the lead of this move that we are not alive to our own interests and are cowardly in protecting them. No, sir. On the contrary, we are ready and willing to protect them, but it must be at an opportune time and with some prespect of getting our

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IMMAMUEL HOSPITAL.

Several Thousand Yet Required to Complete It. MONMOUTH PARK, August 15 .- To the Edi-

or of THE BEE: The general condition of things in this community, the last few months, has been very unfavorable for the work of completing this institution, but in spite of everything the work has slowly but steadily gone on. The contract for completing the present hospital was let in June. About one month hence the building will be finished, except the plumbing and heating, the contract for which has not yet been le for the only reason that we have not the money. When the public-spirited citizens of Omaha consider that the sisters trained to do Omana consider that the sisters trained to do the work of charity in this hospital, are now ready and that a general practical institu-tion of this kind is so very much needed, would it not be a great deal better for everybody to help us to finish this hospitulat once, instead of talking so much about building other hospitals? When the Immanual hospital is so near completion, should this work now be allowed to stop for the want of a few thousand dollars? Could not want of a few thousand dollars? Could not some good Omaha laddes form an hospital aid society and in that way help us to get ready for practical work? Do not let politics absorb everything in this four great and good city of Omaha, but give some attention to a general and much neeled charity. If we get the assistance needed the Immanuel hospital will be ready to receive the sick about the first of October.

first of October.

Money to help the cause can be sent either to the treasurer, Mr. William L. McCague, American National bank, or to the undersigned. What has been secured so far this

year is acknowledged below.

E. A. Folketstrom, Manager.

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A letter from Dover, Del., to the Bal-timore American says: "A drive through what ought to be the center of the peach belt-lower Kent and upper Sussex counties-will convince any that the much abused peach liar of this peninsula will have no chance this season for the reason that there are no peaches to be about." There are miles and miles of thrifty looking peach orchards wholly destitute of sruit. The buds were killed by cold, sleety rains in the spring.

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ON TENTH STREET CROSSING

Where the Commerce of the World Rolled

in Other Days.

THE LAY OF THE LAST FLAGMAM.

How Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand Escaped with Their Lives While Elsewhere Hundreds Died Beneath the Wheels.

The demolition of the old Union Pacific cowshed and the erection of a new depot, together with the building of the Touth street. vinduct, have combined to obliterate one of the notable places in the city-the old Tenth street crossing. Aside from having been for years the busi-

ness spot of Omaha, it was also the scene of many an exciting incident and many a bairbreadth escape. It is a place with a history, but to report that history minutely and accurately would require volumes. With the completion of the viaduet, for

the erection of which preparation is now being made, almost the last trace of the old crossing will be swept away. Even now, the removal of the track, the tearing up of the cable line, and the general overhauling that is going on, have so changed the appearance of the place that its friend of former years might well have doubts as to its identity. It is not, therefore, strange that the old crossing flagman feels lost and lonesome as he clambers through holes and ove piles of dirt that mark the old bed of the tracks that for years he so realously watched and dodges about among the workmen who are seemingly intent on destroying every trace of the old and memorable crossing.

It is there that for the last five years Flagman Johnson may be said to have lived and had

his being. He had become as much of a fixture as the tracks and electric gongs, and will now of necessity be transferred with them to some other field of usefulness. The old man do not take kindly to the impending change. is far too radical and sweeping to suit him and he is far from being satisfied that it will prove entirely successful.

The old man was in a reminiscent mood the

other day when a reporter happened along, and as there are now only two or three tracks to watch instead of a score or more as form-erly, he found plenty of time to recount some ais experiences of the days gone by 'No." he said, as he looked regretfully and, "It aint like it used to be. It seems

kind of strange, too, to have it as quiet as this after the dreadful rush that used to pour along here all day and night long. "I almost get to wondering as I sit here if I haven't passed into another world. It

seems more like going into a graveyard and going to sleep there than anything else that I can think of. These workmen make noise enough and those fellows over there taking down the old 'shed' would almost set an or-dinary man crazy with their everlasting hammering, but I don't notice it. The rumble of the trains and the crowd hurrying to get out of the way is what I miss, and I can't make it seem natural without it," and the old man lapsed into silence for a few mo-

"Yes, it was dangerous, too, as well as 'ely," he presently resumed. "I have often thought that it was the most dangerous place in the country. There were eighteen tracks laid along here just as thick as they could stick, and over there to the west the switches were thicker'n scabs on a mangy dog. Another thing, those tracks weren't there

for looks nor just to fill up the open space, for the trains were passing over them all the time. You must remember that this don't include what the B. & M. folks were doing half way up the hill. Now that the bank has been cut out, their tracks are down here on a level and look like a few extra ones added to the original pile, but when the crossing was open, they were up on the second floor. We had trains passing all the time. Besides. all the regular passenger and freight trains on the main line, there were the dummy trains going each way every half-hour, the freights coming up on the hill from the lower yards, besides all the switching. I wouldn't have minded it very much if it hadn't been for the switching, but this was right in the yards, and we caught the whole of it. "It strange that lots of people weren't

killed here, but dangerous as the place was, the traveling public was always lucky in get ting across alive. I have seen plenty of old railroad men come mighty near getting caught here, and scores of accidents have happened on both sides of it. children have been killed up there in the yards while picking up coal, and many a switchman and brakeman has relied under the wheels within sight of this very spot, but, somehow or other, the crossing seemed to be a charmed spot. I have seen sights here, though, that made me think that some people lead charmed lives.

had charmed lives.

I have seen them deliberately take chances without the slightest excuse for it—chances that I would not have taken if they had filled the old depot there full of \$20 gold pieces and offered them to me.

"Sometimes, I have yanked them off the track at the risk of my life, and sometimes they have gone right on through just on the strength of their fool luck.

"It was a good place to study human nature, although there was very little time to put in on individual cases. There were always plenty of reckiess dare-devils who would rather take their lives in their hands than carry an insurance policy. The more trains there were passing the better they liked it. If they had to climb through a moving freight train and jump across two or three tracks in front of an engine they were satis fled. A flagman never can stop that class of people. About all he can do is to keep close watch and see how it happens, so as to give reliable testimony when subprensed as a wit-

reliable testimony when subprensed as a witness at the coroner's inquest.

"Of course there are some people who are
just about as bad the other way. They would
stand and watch all day for a safe opening,
and somebody has to pick them up and throw
them across to get them out of the way.

"There are a great many who seem to
travel with the idea that somebody is always
looking out for them." They continued they

looking out for them. They go thundering along and you have to handle them just like machines. When there is a train coming the flagman has to tell them to wait, and when it has passed they must be ordered to proceed. They obey implicitly and none of them are ever burt if the flagman is attending to his busi-

ness.

"I always found it difficult to stop the women. They don't seem to pay any attention to what is going on—I mean the general run of them. Many a time I have had to pull them back and they would invariably say that they didn't hear me and hadn't noticed the train.
"The electric gongs were a great help to

me, and the majority of people pa'd strict attention to them even when they disregarded my flag. "There were some folks who didn't know

what to make of it when the gongs began to ring. It was surprising how many people from the country would take them for fire bells. I particularly remember one man who bells. I particularly remember one man who was right in the middle of the track when the gong rang. The train was coming in very fast, but he just got up on his tiptoes and tried to take in the whole surrounding country from Papillion to the Bluffs and between Florence and South Omaha. I yelled to him and the engineer whistled, but he wouldn't have heard Gabriel's trumpet at that time and I had barely time to reach him and pull him to one side as the train whizzed by. He paid no attention to it but kept staring around paid no attention to it but kept staring around as he asked: "'Where's the fire!'

"I had almost the same experience with a yoman, only she said that she thought that it was the dinner bell.

"It wasn't so bad here after the motors be-gan running to the Bluffs and South Omaha, as that cut off all the dummy train patronage, and that was a great deal of travel. Before that time it was surprising to see what a crowd there was, and it never was very small at any time. I have noticed repeatedly when a train stepped on the crossing for only a couple of minutes, it would seem as if people and carriages had dropped from the clouds, such a crowd would be piled up on either side. Fifty carriages and wagons could get together here in less time than in any other cloud. any other place I ever saw. I forget now how many people crossed here in a day. They counted once, and it was several thousands. They put a man on each side of the crossing, and they counted just as fast as they know how to keep up with the procession.

"Oh, I know they're going to have a big depot here, and folks will go right into the second story of it from the viaduet. They will have to go up and down stairs in the depot instead of climbing the hill

to the crossing as they used to do, I don't know what they will do with me, but I suppose I will sandwich in somewhere. Some folks think I have had a soft place here, but I didn't find it so, it kept a man on a close watch, and I can say that no life was lost because I was negligent. If there had been I could never have gotten over it.

"I hated to see them begin to pull down the old shed. I was in it a course of times when old slied. I was in it a couple of times when I thought it was going to collapse. The first was the time that a couple of spans of the old bridge were blown out, and the other was when the roof was covered with a heavy snow and a rain set in. The roof kept snap-ping and evacating, and I thought sure it was coming in. That was an awful heavy snow, and aster it had rained for a while the snow siid off in a bunch. It came awful near smashing in the depot roof on the south side, and on the north side it completely covered a train of freight cars. It kept a big gaing of men from sunrise until late in the afternoon to dig out the cars so that an engine could

"There won't be any freight cars standing around the new depot, and there's lots mere of us in the same fix."

And the old man sighed. Dr. Birney cures catarrh, Bee bldg.

SINGULARITIES. According to the Wilmington Every Even-ing a nail was found in the heart of a cow that died near there recently.

A newly discovered cave in Josephine county, Oregen, is said to be three miles long and to contain several mineral springs, A boy in Pecksville, N. Y., is said to have ooked in succession two cels whose combines length was seventeen feet.

A planter at Alphacetta, Ga., has an acre of cotton every stalk of which is of a deep red color, leal, boll and bloom. This novel crop is the product of seed derived three years ago from two stalks of red cotton found in a cotton field. The grapple plant of the Kalahart desert is

is said to be a real vegetable curiosity. In its general appearance it looks more like a star-fish than a plant, and each ray or arm is tipped with barbs, which, when fastened to the wool of sheep, have to be cut out, that being the only way of removing them. A Coon Rapids telegram says: "Dan Hen

dricks, living near Viola, 11., killed a two-legged rattlesnake the other day. It was three feet long and had two legs two inches long placed about six inches below the head. When first seen it was walking on the legs,

J. C. Reese, 731 Alsquith street, has at his farm at Carroll's Manor, Howard county, Md., a three-legged calf just four weeks old. The two hind legs are perfectly natural, but there is only one foreleg. The front leg is placed very nearly in the center of the body and there are no indications of a jourth. The three-legged everyings is the property of the property three-legged curiosity manages to get along very well by hopping.

A family by the name of Moore, living six miles west of Columbus, O. has a peculiar and distinguished family mark running through three generations. At a reunion held on Thursday of last week it was learned that out of twenty-seven persons, which represented the three generations, nineteen had six toes on each foot.

A flower has been discovered in South America which is only visible when the wind blows. The shrub belongs to the cactus fam-ily and is about three feet high. The stem is covered with dead, warry-tooking lumps in calm weather; these lumps, however, need but a slight breeze to make them unfold large flowers of a creamy white, which close and appear as dead as soon as the wind sub-At Bristol, England, are two young artis-

ans who are the prize twins of the world. They are of the same height and weight: have eyes, hair and complexion of the same color; waik, speak, sing, laugh exactly alike; religious persuasion and likes and dislikes;

die, while his caudal appendage was orna-mented with fourteen ratties and a button. The hideous object was allied in a hedge field on the Hagronian plantation by Afred Fields, a colored laboror, who, after a lively fight of several infinites, knocked him in the head with a fence rail. Mr. Bolton had the snake's hide stuffed and hung up in front of his store.

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It is estimated that 250,000 women are married yearly in England.

Before marriage she believes everything he says; after marriage she wants him to be-lieve everything she says.

Binghampton Republican: The working ring still rules, and it is the only aind of ring rule that is not objectionable. "And where is your little brother, Flossiel"
Oh, we's been divorced." "Divorced?" Yes; mamma's got him and papa's got me,"

A Hungarian of Duquesne, Pa, has just sold his wife to a country man of his for \$100, \$25 down, and \$6 a month afterward till paid. E Nearly one thousand heads of families in the province of Quebec alone have made ap-plication for the state bounty of 100 seres of advoted te Canadians who are the fathers of twelve children or more, Thomas Beach and Charles Core, cowboys

were married respectively to Manrie Meadow and Julia Hall, at Phonaix, A. T., the other day. All the parties to the ceremony, includ-ing the justice who performed it, were en It is seldom the case that elepement is made as much of a family affair as was the case at Wilkesbarre, Pa, the other day. When four

women of one family, representing three generations, clope at the same time it seems time to call a bait. to call a bait.

It isn't every man who has a wife able and willing to go out and whip the editor who ventures to refer to him in uncomplimentary terms. Street Commissioner Hyland, of Kawkawna, Wis., however, has such a speuse and so thoroughly did she do the job that the bystanders had finally to interfere and drag because from the victim of her wrath.

her away from the victim of her wrath. Ah Wing, a Chinese cook on a whaler, recently arrived at San Francisco, from Sitka with his Indian wife, The Chinaman was shipwrecked on the Alaska coast, and was captured by Indian cannibals who proceeded to fatten him for a barbecue. When Ah

Wing learned what they were up to be made love to the chief's daughter, with such success that he was released and married her. The other day at Chattanooga, Tenn., a happy couple spent the first day of a honeymoon following a most romantic marriage.
They met for the first time an hour before
the ceremony, the courting having been done
by letters in answer to an advertisement.
The bride, Mrs. H. S. Holt, of Altoona, Ga., went to Bridgeport, Ala., where she met her afflanced. The bride belonged to marriage association, which she had joined at her pas-

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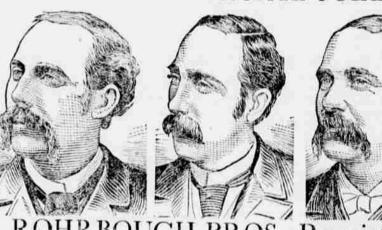
tor's advice. Her new husband was one of

nine correspondents.

The following somewhat remarkable statement is vouched for by Harper's Bazar: "Although Mr. Edwin Both has so dentified humself in the popular mind with the part of Hamiet that all other Hamlets stand or fall by comparison with his personation, and al-thousa he has himself played it thousands of times, he has never yet seen the play as &

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