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depending on surrounding conditions as to which it will do-remain a liquid or turn into a gas. When, as in the case just mentioned, this balance is about equal, it takes very little to incline it toward a gaseous rm, so that even the sound of the voice will cause the change. A violent fit of would a heavy weight dropped on the floor. I wonther a manufacturing an artifi-

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would a heavy weight dropped on the floor. "Speaking of this explosive reminds me of how I got rid of some ministers who once insisted on boring me in my laboratory when I had some important experiments on hand. I treated them courteously as long as I could, but they grew more interested as the day wore on and seemed to have no intention of going home. Finally, as a last resort, I told them I was going to make some highly explosive material. This made them only the more interested, and they got in my way as much as they posthey got in my way as much as they pos- cause the necessary chemical union between they got in my way as much as they pos-sibly could. I do not suppose they knew much of the nature and appearance of high explosives, for when I placed a number of drops of the material in various parts of the room, so as to scatter any accidental the surplus water is run off, but the heat explosions, they seemed not to notice it. is continued, in order to remove molecure At last, when they got crowding almost from the molding boxes, for another fifteen between me and the workbench, I very hours. The boxes are then removed from the carelessly pushed a board off onto the converter and the stone within them is prac-Well, it was worse than I had in- tically ready for use.

tended it to be. It nearly shattered the Experiments are now in progress from window glass and jostled things around which it is hoped that other products of penerally. The ministers seemed scared nature's laboratory, such as slate and mar-half to death, and from the way they held ble, will presently be successfully initated.



NEW ARTIFICIAL STONE.

fully Used by a Scotch Firm.

Lime, Sand and Hot Water Success A Scotch firm is manufacturing an artifi-

tinguished from that of the other men by green braid. Probably everybody knows that the braid of the cavalry is yellow, of the artillery red and of the infantry light blue. Most of them were armed with their own rifles, perhaps used long before the

war, of many patterns, and not so well adapted to the manual of arms as the army musket, but much better for fine shooting. This was not a new arm of the service, but probably regiments of sharpshooters, as distinguished from squads and individuals, were rare before the American civil war. In the main they performed the same service as other infantry regiments, but they had the preference on the skirmish line. The confederates made more use of sharpshooters than the federals. Wherever it was possible in an engagement the enemy posted sharpbooters where they could command certain points, for the purpose of picking off gunners and conspicuous officers. Such a sharp-shooter killed General Sedgwick when in apparent safety he was examining the ground in front of his command. It was this service that was most often required of the confederate soldier whose aim was true

The federals, on the other hand, trusted to the ordinary pickets, most of whom were not marksmen, to prevent confederate generals from approaching too close to our lines in search of information. In the event of charge on a line of confederate works here was always a sharpshooter on duty to lick off anybody who appeared to lead and give dash to the enterprise.

An Effective Shot.

"It was in the battle of Corinth in Mis sissippi that I first saw an effective shot by one of the Illinois sharpshooters. It was just before the final desperate and unavailing assault on Battery Robinet. It was said that the confederates who made the charge were a forlorn hope-men who had volunseered for an almost hopeless undertaking which no officer would order his men to attempt. Unless the battery could be silenced Price and Van Dorn could never enter Corinth. The men knew where they were

going and why, and could have little doubt of their fate. They were all veterans, and the courage required of them was as reckless as that displayed by the Light Brigade at Balaklava. The most desperate of all was the chaplain of a Texas regiment, who

charged pistol in hand. The enemy had posted sharpshooters in the trees nearest the battery for the obvious purpose of picking off gunners when the assault should be made. We were lying, many infantry regiments, in the rear of the battery, to be used or not, according to the success or failure of the attack. While waiting for the move-

ment, a sharpshooter in our front amused himself by shooting at conspicuous mounted men, such as aides and orderlies, who came riding up the hill. He was a very uncommon marksman. The distance seemed too great for effective shooting, yet he had wounded two officers, shot the horse of an aide and sent his bullets whistling so close to the cars of two other officers that they dis-

mounted in haste, though they must have known they would be chaffed by the idle soldiers, as they were. "An infantry officer who sat on a cracker

box with his back against the earthworks, smoking his pipe, undertook to warn mounted officers who came that way. Soon he called one of his men and instructed him

the skirmish line to be hit, although the line was in advance of the line of battle. Only a sharpshooter who could hit an object no larger than a single man was a menace to the skirmisher."

THE OLD-TIMERS.

the men who fought in the Greek war of independence. The father of the French chamber, Henri of the chamber and appeared to be perfectly indifferent to the speeches and scenes which went on around.

Levi Bradshaw, a farmer living in the wilds of Maine, has forty living children, and, as far as he has been able to count them, 150 grandchildren also alive. He has been married three times, the first time being not quite 14 years old. He is now in his seventy-first year. His eldest son, now 14 is also a grandfather. 44, is also a grandfather.

Ninety-eight years old, but still hearty and self-reliant, John Beetle of Lancaster, N. H., who has already led to the altan six different women, is looking for a seventh helpmate. Mr. Beetle says a number of women are anxious to have him, but de-clares that before making a selection will carefully "look them over."

Miss Blanche Sully, who has just died in Philedalphia at the age of 84 years, was a daughter of Thomas Sully, the famous portrait painter, and had the distinction posing in royal robes and jewels worn by Queen Victoria at her coronation, for her father's portrait of that monarch, now owned by the Society of the Sons of St. George, in Philadelphia.

The French composer, Theodore Gouvy, has just died at Leipziz, where he lived the greater part of his life. He was 76 years old. His studies were begun in Paris, but were finished in Beriti, and the German influence was paramount in his productions. He wrote much chamber and planforte music and also savard larger works for or music and also several larger works for orchestra and chorus.

THE DANGER OF BEAUTY.

Brooklyn Lafe. never read the papers without feeling so

That both my eyes are twisted and my nose is slightly bent: I'm glad my mouth in out of line and that my teeth are few. And if I had a "wealth of hair" I don't know what I'd do.

strange as it may seem. The girl who gets the worst of it is "lovely as a dream."

The papers never tell about a woman being Or mangled by a trolley car, or married to Or forced, at point of pistol, her last fifty cents to lose, But that her eyes are "limpid" and her boots are number twos.

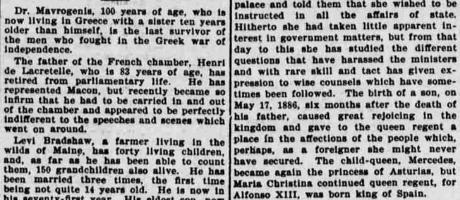
So I can live in sweet content, without the

slightest fear That trouble or calamity will ever hover power.

near-And when I see my misfit face it's some relief to know That I'll outlive the beauties by a hundred years or so!

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itance were not surprised. The Austrian widow and her two little girls could hardly be acceptable to the people and yet there was no special expression of Espanolismo at the time of the death of Alfonso XII. It is said that the day after the burial of the king Maria Christina called the ministers of the government to the palace and told them that she wished to be



Devotion of the Queen. As he inherited a somewhat delicate constitution, the mother has cared for him with .nost tender, self-denying devotion. The nursery and playroom have been under her immediate supervision, and highly educated covernesses have been provided, that the children might be carefully trained, and the young king be especially prepared for the responsible position he was to occupy. There was some restlessness at first at the thought of the years that must pass before he could sit upon the throne. Spanish chivalry, however, came to the rescue; and Emilio Castelar, the great orator, voiced the feelings of the majority when he said: "We cannot make war against a woman and a child." The court of Maria Christina is said to be one of the most moral that Spain has ever known. The queen regent is generous to her friends and charitable to the poor, and has shown a strong religious nature.

In San Sebastian, her summer home in the north, Queen Christina throws off all court etiquet and lives simply without display in dress or equipage. The family goes to the seashore in the morning; then the queen receives the minister of the day and signs such papers as may be presented. In the afternoon a drive is usually taken over some of the hills to enjoy the fine views, or in the valley through which winds the beautiful Urumea; or the family gather in the A "tiny foot" or "lily hand" would fill me with dismay. And if I had a slender whist I'd sicken in a day: For I have noticed from the first, as strange as it may seem. rooms of the palace to listen to music. when he was a few months old, is carried by his nurse and placed at the right hand of the queen regent on all state occasions. Today the sympathies of the civilized world must be with the woman who has endeavored so bravely to hold an unbroken kingdom for the son of Alfonso XII. Being an Austrian, a foreigner, she must out-Spanish the Spanish in expressions of loyalty and, therefore, she cannot yield one inch of Spanish territory at the demand of a foreign

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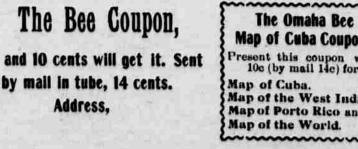
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