## WESTERN GROWTH HALTING

Population Figures Show East Catching Up on Region Nearer Sinking Sun-

CENSUS BUREAU MAKES COMPARISONS

Immigration Seems Less Inclined to Enter Farming Country, Though South Fills Up Rapidly of Recent Years.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.-The census bureau has published as a builetin a discussion of the increase of population in the United States, as shown by the census

The principal results of the study of these figures are summarized as follows: The increase in the population of the continental United States-that is, the United States exclusive of Alaska and the recent insular accessions was 13,046,861, or 20.7 per cent. Only one country, Argentina, has shown by the most recent figures, a more rapid rate of growth. The present rate of growth in continental United States is estimated as double the average rate of Europe. It is nearly equal to that of Canada and exceeds by one-sixth that of Mexico and by one-tenth that of Australia.

'The rates of increase on the two sides of the North Atlantic differ much less than they did a generation ago. Among the five main divisions of continental United States the highest rate of increase is found In the western division, and the lowest in the north central. Among the eleven minor divisions the highest rate of growth is found in the Rocky mountain group of states, closely followed by the western south central; the lowest in the northern south Atlantic, closely followed by the western north central.

In the decade, 1890 to 1990, for the first time in our national history, the southers states increased faster than the northern East of the Mississippi, however, the northern states as a group, have grown in the last ten years somewhat more rapidly than the southern, but west of that river the mouthern states have increased almost two and one-half times as rapidly as the northern, and it is this fact which makes the growth of the south as a whole exceed that of the north. In the north Atlantic division the rate of increase has risen steadily since the civil war, a notable contrast to the trend in the country as

The region west of the Mississippi river is still increasing faster than east of it; but the difference between the rates of growth in the two regions from 1890 to 1900. was little more than one-fifth of what it was from 1880 to 1890. The region east of the Mississippi increased more rapidly from 1890 to 1900 than from 1880 to 1800, while that west of the Mississippi increased in the later decade not much more than half as fast as in the earlier.

The conclusion is drawn that the in creased growth of the east and the decreased growth of the west may both be connected with a probable decline in the current of westward migration. The rates of increase in the north and south during the last twenty years were practically the same. But in the character of this growth the two regions differ widely, there being a relatively uniform growth over the whole south, equalized by a balance in the north between a lower rate of rural growth and a higher rate of urban growth. Extensive but sparsely settled areas in the western parts of Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota show a decline of population in the last ten years, a fact which it is said may be connected with the increase of population in many agricultural counties of lows. Illinois and adjoining states.

tire discussion, it is stated, is the cumulative evidence of the rapid approach to equality in the rates of increase of various parts of the United States. This appears whether north be compared with south, east with city, or city with country.

Will Aid Papers, Not Railways,

The decision of the Postoffice department to allow baggagemasters to act as custodians of loose newspaper mail on certain trains has been misconstrued in some places as an intention to permit the indiscriminate swearing into the postal service of all railway employes, and the department has received a number of protests. A specimen of these protests came today from a postmaster of one of the large western cities and is as follows:

Some days ago some of the news apera announced that the Postoffice department was contemplating the issuance of orders the effect of which world to to make every train of cars a mall train, and all train employes, from conductors down, were to be awarn in as postoffice employes. Even freight trains and their crows were to be awarn in as postoffice employes. Even freight trains and their crows were to be included. The article stated that the principal effect of the proposed order was to protect the rallways in case of strikes.

Replying Second Postmarker inversal Replying, Second Postmaster General Shellenbarger stated the position of the

department as follows:

I have not seen the newspaper article to which the above refers and can only say that it was not justified by anything the department has it contemplation at present. The postal laws and regulations already provide that every resularly scheduled train may be used for tail purposes, if the company is willing to accept the compensation provided by law. All the department has in contemplation is to facilitate, if possible, the prompt delivery of newspaper parkages puritied for outside delivary.

Troops Ordered to Move.

beginning of the movement of troops to as good service over that road to the Paciand from the Philippines, which will con- fie from Chleago as from St. Louis to Porttinue during the autumn and winter. The land. Sleepers are to be run by way of the Fourteenth cavalry and the Second bat- Twin Cities so as to connect with the Great talion of the Seventh infantry will sail Northern and Northern Pacific and by way on Logan on September 5.

department as follows:

Colombia Taxes Steamers. The Department of State has received a dispatch from the consul at Colon stating that for the purpose of meeting an expense ernment of Panama has issued a decree Colombian silver, on every steam or sail- us. ing vessel of more than 100,000 tons burden Martha died on us; then the old man himarriving at the ports of Panama or Colon, to be expended for sanitary purposes.

Conling Treatles Ready. Minister Quesada of Cuba today announced to the State department that the

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## THE ILLUSTRATED

NLY THE BEST GETS IN That's another reason why The Illustrated Bee is so popuular. It never admits cheap things to its columns and never prints a picture without a good reason. Sensational or freak pictures, portraits of criminals and the like are never admitted to its columns. Its illustrations, like its contents, are always clean and deal with matters of general interest over its wide field of circulation. care and more expense is required to print a paper of this sort, but

The Bee has always found it better

in the long run. Its readers know that each week it will come with

something new and something that

is of value to them. HIGH COMPLIMENT WAS PAID JOHN B. BARNES this week when the re publicans of Nebraska unanimously chose him as their candidate for supreme judge. It is an honor rarely bestowed on an individual to be allowed to go before a state convention without opposition, but this honor was given Judge Barnes. In the next number of The Illustrated Bee a fine picture of Judge Barnes will be found on the front page, and a short account of his busy and successful life in Nebraska

VNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF IOWA spent A a week at Council Bluffs in attendance on the grand lodge of the state which was in session there several days. Four hundred knights of the Uniform Rank were in camp at the time, and engaged in a competitive drill. The Bee staff photographer made the camp a visit and found material for some spleudid pictures, a double page of which will be found in the paper on Sunday.

will accompany it.

WORK AND WAGES IN RUSSIA" is the topic of Frank G. Carpenter's letter, Mr. Carpenter dealing with an interesting and little known phase of Russian industrial activity in his well known style. imparts a great deal of information in a most entertaining manner. The article is illustrated from photographs made by Carpenter in

NEW SERIAL STORY BEGINS ON SUN-DAY-"The Weary Kings," a modern romance by Richard Voss. You must have this from the first number. Then there is the Woman's Department, "The City Beautiful," another of the municipal im-provement series; "A Street Car Conductor's Experience," a graphic account of the life of a man who handles the passengers on the trolley lines; a number of interesting and timely pictures; the usual crisp comment, chatty stories and gossipy anecdotes, with more than the usual amount of selected matter and a complete short story. If you are not now a subscriber, you should leave your order with your newsdealer today.

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changed today, but the State department GOSSIP OF COMMISSION ROW

Major Samuel Reber, signal corps general staff officer, has been detailed secretary of the Army War college. He is the son-inlaw of Lieutenant General Miles and was formerly his military secretary.

NEW COAST SLEEPER SERVICE Burlington Will Put On Through Cars from Chicago to

the Pacific. The Burlington, it is said, will soon put nto use a new through sleeper service from shipping of them from the Old Dominion Instructions have been given for the Chicago to the Pacific coast that will afford

of Omaha to make connections with B. & M. trains here. Something Saved, Anyway, Senator Henry Heitfeld of Idaho tells many a good story of the days when he incident to the maintainance of necessary was a "cow puncher" on the plains of quarantine and sanitary measures the gov- Kansus. One day he met a woman who, in temporarily establishing a tax of 100 pesos. Mr. Heitfeld, it has been a black year with

summing up her misfortunes, said: "Yes. First we lost our baby, and then self died, and then the cow died, too, poor this money to be kept as a separate fund huzzy! But her hide brought me \$6."-New

> Railroads Are Restrained. WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 21.—United States Circuit Judge Bradford today issued an order temporarily restraining the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington Railroad company, the Delaware Railroad company and the Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad company from interfering with the property of the Western Union Telegraph company on the right-of-way of these railroad companies. The order of Judge Bradford will remain in force until the question has been finally decided by the United States supreme court.

Change at the Presidio. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—A change in command is announced at the Presidio. Major Charles W. Hobbs of the Artillecy corps, commanding there, has been ordered to the Atlantic coast. The new permanent commander will be Colonel Charles Morris, now in command at Fore Moultrie, S. C.

Merchant Murdered in His Store. ARDMORE, I. T. Aug. 21—R. T. Lynch, aged 30 years, a merchant of Caddo, in the Choetaw Nation, was murdered in his store there last night by unknown persons, who escaped Eight shots took effect. There is no known motive for the crime, which has caused much excitement.

Buys Steel for Next Year. BALTIMORE, Md. Aug. 21.—The Baitimore & Ohlo signed contracts today for 50.000 fone of eighty-five-pound steel rails for 1904 delivery. The Carnegie company will furnish 28.000 tons. Cambria 12.000 and the Maryland Steel company 19,000 tons.

YANKEE TROOPS MOEILIZED

News Comes that Hostile Fleet Has Sailed for Portland, Maine.

ARMY PREPARES TO BATTLE IN MIMIC WAR

Navy Must Strike at Coast Town Which Hastily Summoned Soldiers Will Seek to Defend.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 21.-Theoretically, hostile fleet sailed from the tropics today to attack Portland, and secret service agents notified the United States government of the fact. In this way began the mimle war in which detachments of the United States army and the combined fleet of the North Atlantic squadron are to take part during the next ten days.

The fleet which is supposed to be sailing towards Portland is really at anchor off Rockland, where it will remain for the two days which would be consumed if it was actually approaching from the tropics. Then the vessels will appear in this harbor time, prompted by the imaginary news this forenoon of the advance of the enemy's ships, the army of defense will asemble and prepare itself for the protection of the harbor and the city.

The local batteries being the first, naturally, to hear the news of threatening danger, responded promptly and by noon Second regiments, which constitute the entire state militia, started as soon as notified for Portland and were in camp in good season. Before Sunday night additional forces from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York wil be here ready to assist in repulsing the enemy

Major General Chaffee is to command the land forces. The enemy will be under Rear Admiral Barker.

War Game a Puzzle.

Rear Admiral Barker has received sealed instructions relating to the attack. The contents are unknown to General Chaffee, in command of the army. According to the rules for the maneuvers, the Blues, two squadrons of battleships located at Guantanamo and Culebra, are covered by a superior allied fleet, or Red and Black. when the political situation in the United States is suddenly strained to rupture. A strong Red fleet, including torpedo boats, sails at 6 p. m. on August 23 from the port of "X," holding south with sealed orders. The Red fleet at "X" will proceed at once to Portland and seize and hold the same as a base of operations.

Information of the sailing of the fleet from "X" is received at Portland six hours after its departure. The time required for the Red fleet to reach Portland is fifty-four hours. It will be assumed that prior to the salling of the Red fleet from "X" no channels are mined or obstructed. Thereafter all enterprises sanctioned by international law will be permitted. It is deinclude all channels of approach to Portland, embrace a reconnaisance in force and attempt to destroy the mine fields. and, if feasible, the forcing of a passage. Preparations will be made to resist the

attacks by the forts. The period of hostilities lasts from midnight on August 25 to noon on August 29. midnight August 25 is to be known as the period of preparation.

Enemy is Reinforced.

ROCKLAND, Me., Aug. 21.-Rear Adiral Barker's fleet of warships was oined today by four of the torpedo boat destroyers. Truxon, Vorden, Whipple and Laurence. The gunboat Topeka, the collier Marcellus and the United States tug, Admiral.

A semi-official announcement today says the feet will leave here on Sunday to begin the war maneuvers.

Rhode Island Defended.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 21 .- Tomorrow is set for the time for the troops in the various forts in this district to go into camp on a war footing and from that time on for a week drills will be carried on as though a state of war existed.

This is in conjunction with the joint war games off the coast of Maine, and although it is not expected that any of the enemy's ships will make their appearance off Newport the troops will be ready to repel any attack on the land if one is made

Old-Fushioned Sweet Potatoes from Virginia and Melons from Mormon State.

Lovers of sweet potatoes, of the regular old-fashioned sweet potatoes, from where they have grown just because they want to ever since the days of Pocahontas and Captain John Smith, may satisfy their appetites next week. For unless it runs off the track, a car load of Virginia "sweets" will be on the market Monday morning, and three-bushel barrels will sell for \$3.75. The unusually high price of home-grown sweet potatoes makes the possible, something which has not been true at this season for several years.

A car of fine cantaloupes from Fayetteville. Utah, which arrived Thursday, has about been cleaned up at \$2.50 per crate. There are, however, plenty of other cantaloupes on the market, and also plenty of watermelons. The latter are fine and large, and about the best of them can be had at 20 cents. A car of California Bartlett pears which arrived Thursday morning was cleared up in twenty-four hours at and the prediction made a week ago that they would be below \$1 at this time proved erroneous. In fact, the Santa Clara qualty shows a tendency to advance above the \$1 mark, and it is now declared that those who intend putting up peaches this year may as well buy now, as they will not probably be any lower.

Of home-grown produce there was a big market all along the line, and a perfect flood of apples. Whether it is because they are not of a quality to stand packing or not is not known. But for some reason apples have been rushed to market the past week. They sold at all kinds of prices, one load going at 25 cents a bushet. Corn was 8 cents a dozen, an advance of 1 cent over Thursday. Other prices were: Tomatoes, 25 cents a basket; potatoes, 60 an to 75 cents a bushel; green peppers, 35 cents a basket; beans, 20 to 25 cents a basket; cabbage, 25 to 46 cents a dozen; onlons, 75 cents a bushel; grapes, 35 cents a basket. Bo many cucumbers were on the at any price offered.

STRUCK BY OMAHA THRIFT

General Beaver and John M. Dale of Pennsylvania Guests of Gate City.

General James A. Beaver, ex-governor and supreme court justice of Pennsylvania, other Pacific coast points and Colorado. He | we'd better put the chorus in black tights | have been charged with the murder, he

John M. Dale, of Bellfonte, Pa. General Beaver was somewhat indisposed upon reaching Omaha, from a change of water and climate, and has been confined to his

said of their visit: "We have had a most enjoyable time and were particularly delighted with the great

fruit regious of southern California. Yet I must admit that while the California fruits are unexceptional in appearance and beauty, the result of irrigation, yet they do not possess the delicious flavor of our eastern fruits, nor of the semi-tropical fruits produced in Florida, where irrigation is unnecessary.

"This is my first visit to Omaha, and you certainly have a very handsome and Consideration of the nature of circumstan-progressive looking city. I like eastern tial evidence and of the principles on which

more thrifty. President Roosevelt in 1904.

accomplished much as yet. There is a even in cases where common sense could manifest spirit of dissatisfaction among have no doubt. Where there exists the the miners and strikes are occurring there moral possibility that the criminal act may constantly. You folks out here have not have been committed by any person the the remotest idea of the troubles we en- safest course, according to his observations, dured during the prevalence of the big is to give the suspect the benefit of the and commence operations. In the mean- strike. We virtually suffered for want of doubt. coal and it could not be obtained under any conditions or terms.

"The oil production of Pennsylvania is reduced to the minimum now and it figures very little in oil production. A half barrel the rule in some of the wells now that a few years ago spouted hundreds of barrels. all the companies had gone into camp and The same is true of the exhaustion of the taken up active duties. The First and natural gas wells. Gas is used very little now in the manufactories. Some is used in private houses for heating purposes, but that supply is slowly and surely diminishing.

The iron industries are greater than ever and Pennsylvania will always hold its own as the greatest manufacturing commonwealth of the world. Our anthracite and bituminous cosi fields are practically inexhaustible."

MOUNTAINS TAKE THEIR TOLL Mountain Climbers in the Alps Pay the Penalty of Foolhardy Exploits.

The fact that 150 men and women have fallen to their death in the Alps already this season, with possibly three or four weeks and several mountains yet to hear from, will not deter, more's the pity, one human being from attempting the ascent of the master summits of Europe another year. When a man has once heard the great mountain top a-calling, "why, he won't 'eed nothing else." He must go. 'Over the mountain tops there is rest,' said the great German poet. But in the heart of the earthly collector of mountain tops there broods nothing but unrest until he has accomplished the particular feat of climbing which his soul craves-or until he

has broken his neck. A cause of great trouble and sorrow to the world is that many people are seized sirable that the operations of the fleet by the overmastering desire to climb great The lives of these people are the tax which the Alps take in toil. There stands Mont that had been attempted to be washed out There will be a day attack, night attack. Blanc, its "baid awful head" 15,779 feet but none of the color was discharged by it is a little steeper; but why should not an able-bodied man or woman be able The period from midnight August 23 to to walk it? Reasoning thus without reason, many merely able-bodied men and which resembles blood is not blood. women undertake to climb Mont Blanc or some other great mountain of the Alps. and 150 such have fallen off the steeps and paid with their lives the penalty of their

lly this very summer than an able body, rather more than an average able mind, to climb a great mountain. Two miles up in the air-one mile up in the air-may mean great ravines, cataracts, torrents, flerce rocks and awful chasms. One such mile may require the coolest nerve, the most resolute determination, the most intrepid bravery, as well as the solidest muscles. Indeed, lives have often been lost on little cliffs of 500 feet, and lost from the sheer bodily or nervous inability of the climber to stand the test of a nearly perpendicular rood of distance. When one gets the hunger for mountain tops upon him, it is useless for him to resist. Let him climb and be happy. But all means let him climb according to his strength. Let the average man try old Slide mountain in Ulster county, or breezy westward-looking front of Camel's Hump, and shun the ice-falls and blackened jagged rocks of the Alpine sovereign. That way lies death for all but the strongest and bravest.-New York Mail and Express.

BACHELORS ROAR MIGHTILY Hammond's High Lonesomes Resent Efforts to Drive Them Into Matrimony.

Bachelogs of Hammond, Ind., are up in arms because of Mayor Knott's proclamation that single men in the Indiana town might be attained. The Bachelors' club yes- museum and, the drawer being unlocked, result, and the mayor is now the butt for it had slipped. any number of cynical flings.

"Look back a few years," say the bachelors. "to the time when you were childless and wifeless and in no position to take upon yourself the burden of making and keeping This is only one of the caustic bits of ad-

vice offered the mayor. President Frank L. Susemill, at the meeting of the Bachelors' club recently appointed Dr. J. E. Davis, a young dentist, and Charles Cormany, an insurance agent, to draft resolutions. The result of their

labors follows: Whereas, Mayor Armanis F. Knotts of Hammond wishes the manufacturers of this city to discriminate against unmarried men in their employ in favor of the man with a The fall was of sufficient force to cause a Whereas, However willing we are at pres-

Whereas, However willing we are at present to marry we cannot get wives as we can now shoes or hats, for they are pearls without price that money cannot buy, and Whereas. We recognize that the married man does his share in the upbuilding of the community we look with favor upon the idea that we are to lose our jobs because of the prestige of the benedict, therefore be it Resolved. That we petition the manufacturers to carefully consider Mayor Knotts proposition before they take action upon it and dismiss us from their employ, and be it further

of Hammond to get a move on themselves and do all they can for the mayor, judges and justices of the peace in buying licenses and starting homes for themselves, and be and starting homes for themselves, and be it further

Resolved. That we ask his honor to go back a few years and remember the time when he was childless and wireless and in no position to take upon himself the burden of making and keeping up a home.

Resolved. That we implore the bachelors

In Chicago there was unanimity of opinmarket that they sold part of the time ion. In every case Mayor Knott's position was declared untenable.-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

> How to Do It. The proprietor of the theater had died

auddenly. "Of course we must do something to show our proper respect," remarked the treasurer. "Certainly," returned the manager,

"Shall we close the theater for a night Business is too good. I guess

TRUTHS ARE OFTEN FALSE

room at the Her Grand while here. Mr. Dale | Danger of Placing Too Much Beliance on Circumstantial Evidence.

HONEST WITNESSES SOMETIMES DECEIVED

Men Punished for Crimes of Which They Were Innocent-Cases Showing the Fallibility of Such Evidence.

Nebraska much the best of any country it is founded caused one of the most learned we have seen in our travels. It looks lawyers of Washington to express himself very plainly while speaking of a compara-"Oh, yes, you can be assured that Penn- tively recent mysterious murder. He said sylvania will give its electoral vote for that in all cases charitable feelings should keep alive all doubts of guilt until fully "Trouble still prevails in the anthracite proved. He contends that the fallibility of districts of our state. Arbitration has not circumstantial evidence has not been rare,

"Our people," said the attorney, "should be guarded in such matters. Every lover of law wishes the guilty to be punished, but none wishes the innocent to suffer. I can now recall a number of interesting cases in of oil from two or three hours pumping is which circumstantial evidence played an important part, and I want to say that while medical and scientific assistance have been evidently useful in getting down to facts, they are not always infallible. A man was stabbed by another in the face; a knife, with blade entire, was brought forward as evidence against the prisoner at the trial the surgeon swore that the wound must have been caused by the identical knife, and the prisoner was heavily fined. The wounded man recovered, but a year afterward a fistula fermed in the face, and the broken point of the real weapon was discharged from the sinus. This was proof positive that the wound was not made by the knife exhibited by the surgeon

> Blood Stains May Mislead. "Take the question of blood stain-a ques-

ion which always figures largely in trials now. These stains have often been taken as proof conclusive against the accused It is said that the science of chemistry can ascertain when stains are blood or vegetable, and human blood can be distinguished from that of animal. A man was accused of having murdered an uncle, to whom he was heir. The knife which was brought in evidence against him was stained with dark spots declared to be blood. Science showed that the blade had been used the day before for cutting a lemon, and as it had not been wiped the acid acting on the metal had caused the appearance of blood stain. Nothing is more common than stains held in her hand piercing her side, causing resembling blood, and there are many on whose person or instruments such have been found who would have met the fate of that he could not do so he kissed the fast murderers had they not been living in dying girl and left."-Washington Post. times of scientific discoveries. A few years since a man was arrested on suspicion of murder. The collar and upper part of his mountains who are unfit for the work. shirt were stained with large spots of deep pinkish color, which appeared like blood above Chamouni. Now 15,779 feet are less the application of water, and being turned than three miles—about the distance from of a light crimson by ammonia it was the Battery to Madison square. Of course, proved not to be blood. The stain was accounted for by its being shown that the accused had worn a red handkerchjef around his neck during a rain. Every stain

Might Have Been a Murder, "A very remarkable case was where two friends went out to Oregon on a hunting of the Venus. The owner, however, refused domain is Haji Butu, the prime minister. The fact is that it takes rather more at the home of a rettler near Portland. During the night one of the men was renewing his chase in his dreams and imagin- arm was hidden, and from that day to this ing himself present at the death of a stag cried out, 'I'll kill him! I'll kill him!' The other, awakened by the noise, sprang from the bed and by the light of the moon beheld if put on the market. It is the famous the sleeper give several deadly stabs on bronze bowl found in Egypt a century and the pillow from which his companion and a half ago, on which was engraved the anbosom friend had just taken his head. Suppose a death blow had been given in this from an Egyptian temple in 1739 and brought way and it had been shown that the two to Europe. From that time it miraculously men had been known to have quarreled be- disappeared, and forty years later the fore? Murder in the first degree? Well,

"Many years ago a gentleman visited the in all probability forever. British museum and requested the attendant who was with him to permit him to ex- disappearing, and lucky would be the indiamine a certain old and valuable coin. The The gentleman had scarcely reached the tendant, who demanded that he return the coin. The gentleman told him that he had declared that he would be forced to search Crewe and her son, who was painted as the him; that the coin was missing and he must have it. Vehemently the gentleman declared that he did not have the coin and that he would not be searched until a thorough examination was made of the drawer. should marry in order that industrial peace With the attendant he returned to the the sixteenth century for the pope, and enterday adopted sarcastic resolutions as a the coin was found in a crack into which

Another Runting Case.

"But another one about hunters: A field hand was found dead, with a fearful gash in his head. It was known that the man who worked with him was his enemy. It was short work making a conviction, and the poor fellow was jerked to eternity at the end of a rope. Many years afterward a rich planter confessed that while out hunting his hounds had run a rabbit through the field and the laborer had spoken roughly to him about trespassing on the grounds. The planter was on his horse and cut at the fractured skull, from which injuries the poor fellow died. When the planter discovered what had been the result of his anger in striking at the man he left the field, and it was not until on his deathbed that he made a confession. "A surgeon well known in society and in

the medical and surgical world was found guilty of murdering his kitchen maid. She was found dead in the dining room; a surgical instrument, blood-stained, was on the floor, and in a corner of the room was a shirt completely saturated with blood. The shirt was marked with the initals of the surgeon; the surgical instrument was his beyond question; his family was out of the city; there was no one home save himself and the maid, and, of course, everybody believed that he had killed her There was also a living witness; an elderly woman, residing just across the street, testifled at the coroner's inquest that she had been at her window all day and that she had seen the surgeon enter the house, pull down the shades of the windows in the dining room, and that he had not out before dark-it was morning when the dead body of the maid was discovered.

Hanged for Another's Accident. With such evidence there was nothing to do but hang the man, and he hanged. Years afterward a man confessed that he was present when the maid accidentally killed herself, and, believing that he would left the house and said nothing about it.

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Dr. John R. Page, Birmingham, Ala., formerly Professor of Zoology, Botany, etc., University of Virginia: "I am fully satisfied of its great value in the treatment of all affections due to a Gouty Diathesis. Indeed, I have experienced very decided benefit from its use in Gout in my own person."

Dr. Algernon S. Garnett, Surgeon (Retired) U. S. Navy, Resident Physician, Hot Springs, Ark.: "There had excellent results from this water in Gout, Rheumatism and that hybrid disease, Rheumatic Gout, both in my own person and in the treatment of patients for whom Thave prescribed it." Voluminous medical testimony sent on request. For sale by the general drug

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The man was the maid's sweetheart and museums would purchase the sword for the she had been in the habit of letting him sum mentioned, while it is not unlikely visit her, entering the house through the that in a public auction room the bidding rear yard. He said that on the night in | would rise even algher.-London Mail, question he had asked her for a kiss, and when she refused him he attempted to take it by force, she at the time being engaged in cleaning the instruments for her master. In the struggle she fell to the floor, the surgical instrument which she lean Officers. almost instant death. He tried to stop the flow of blood with the shirt, but finding

HOW BIG TREASURES VANISH Famous Sculptures, Paintings, Jewels and China that Have Mysteriously Disappeared.

The greatest treasure in sculpture the world has ever known is imperfect, and the piece missing-a right arm-would bring the finder in a king's ransom, so may be termed a treasure in itself. This arm, of course, belongs to the Venus de Milo, now in the Louvre at Paris, and twenty-eight years a man of great strength of character or ago it turned up in England, and was intelligence, but possesses craft and cun-Louvre at Paris, and twenty-eight years proved by experts to be the genuine arm ning. The greatest man in the sultan's o part with it, and concealed it somewhere lest it should be stolen by thieves. When he died he left no record as to where the its resting place has remained a mystery. Somewhere there is an old bronze drinking cup which would easily realize £20,000 clent history of the Pharaohs. It was stolen French government offered £2,800 for its

discovery, but the famous cup had vanished Great pictures have an unhappy knack o vidual who same across Sir Joshua Rey attendant opened the drawer of coins and nold's "Countess of Derby," for it would the romantic slopes of Lafayette, or the pointing to the coin said that it was the realize £30,000. This was acknowledged to only one of that stamp. The gentleman be Reynolds' greatest portrait, but not long asked if he was sure of that and was told after it was painted it disappeared from that he was. The visitor requested leave the earl of Derby's collection and has never to take it in his hand, and after examining since been heard of. There are also two it closely placed it back in the drawer. Vandykes and a Rembrandt missing for which the National gullery would willingly street before he was overtaken by the at- pay £40,000, and no doubt the earl of Crewe would give a four-figure reward to any one who restored the Cupid cut by some vandal replaced it in the drawer. The attendant from the picture of a former countess of

little sprite.
Ifalf a century ago the Italian gevernment offered £10,000 to any one who would rediscover the Florentine chalice. This is a gobiet of green Venetian glass, made in graved with a picture of the resurrection Its manufacture is said to have occupied two years, and the secret of the glass. which was thinner than paper, is lost. The cup was stolen from the Vatican, but no one came forward to claim the offered reward, and the probabilities are that the

cup has been smashed. A similar treasure, which vanished in an equally strange manner, was the Marsella vase of Dresden china. It is the only piece of china missing from the famous Marsella collection, the value of which is set down at £15,000, and It bears upon it the cross arrows and a lion's head. A few years ago the vase was said to be in the north of England, and it is safe to assert that if any one rediscovers it he can command a price running well into four figures. Probably in some lumber room in this country there is an old sword which, if the owner only knew it, is worth a couple

SULTAN OF SULU A SPORT Likes to Race His Pontes Against These Owned by Amer-

After three years of service as a surgeon of the United States army in the Philippines, Dr. E. R. Tenney of Kansas City,

Kan., has returned to his home. The sultan of Sulu, as described by Dr. Cenney, is hardly the sort of potentate pictured in comic opera. He is a very ordinary individual, who lives in a very ordinary way, and does about as all the

rest of the Sulus do. "The sultan of Sulu assumes control over all the Moros," Dr. Tenney said, "but in reality he has no control over any but those who choose to follow him. I met the sultan on several occasions and was treated very cordially by him. He is not

"I visited the sultan in his home at Miabon, directly across the island of Sulu from the town of Jolo. It is a very ordinary house-nothing like a great palace and only a little better than the average native home. He has four legal wives and a fine string of ponies.

"His chief sport is to bring down his ponies and race them against the army officers' ponies, with such side attractions as spear dances, accompanied by gongs, tomtoms and native drums. These the musical instruments of the Sulus, for the Sulus are not a musical people like the

Filipinos. "The sultan sometimes wears European clothes, and while he entertains his guests very nicely after his own fashion, he seldom gives a feast. The dates, or feudal lords, however, sometimes prepare feasts for their guests of sugars, fried bananas, rice cakes, heavy and fried in cocoanut oil, with native chocolate as a beverage. The Sulus are Mohammedans and they have no intoxicating beverages. They chew the betel nut, which blackens the teeth and takes the place of tobacco, and an important part of a Sulu's outfit is a betel nut box, borne by a slave. The women are permited to chew the betel nut after they are married, and they marry at from 14

to 18 years of age."-Kansas City Star. Woman and Rat in Battle.

Mrs. Irving Shultis of South Cansan. Conn., had a fight with a rat and was badly bitten on the foot and hand. The rat is dead. For some time past Mrs. Shultis' chicks have been disappearing with regularity, and investigation showed that they usually disappeared through a large rat hole in one corner of the coop. The woman set a trap, but in vain. Up to date the rat had disposed of sixty of the 130 chicks owned by Mrs. Shultis.

Mrs Shultis was conversing with Dea ton Morse when both heard a commotion in the coop. Mrs. Shuitis arrived in time to see a huge rat running toward a hole with his teeth in a chick's wing. The woman set her foot on the rat's tail, whereupon it turned and bit her foot, But she pounded the rat's head with her clenched fist. This made the rat let go the foot and bite her hand. Finally Mrs. Shultis loosened a stone in the wall and with it dispatched the rat.

Iowa Undertaker Picked. MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 21,-The National the owner only knew it, is worth a couple of thousand pounds. It was the state sword prescrited by the nation to Edward III, and at one time the hilt was studded with large rubles, but these disappeared iong before the weapon followed them into obscurity in weapon followed them into obscurity in the weapon followed them into obscurity is seven which some years ago. Any one of our fiational elected.

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