Work of the New York Public Schools

public schools the total register is 331,800. with an average attendance of more 500,000. Aside from these there are 20,000 high school pupils in Manhattan and the Bronx and 4,000 in Brooklyn. Then there are the pupils in parochial schools, 65,000 in all, as well as those receiving instruction in colleges, universities, night schools, or from private teachers. A decidedly pleasing feature is found in the fact that as the percentage of school attendance increases, the number of those without instruction, either through truancy or any other cause, steadily declines, the point now being very nearly reached at which there is universal education within the official school ages in New York.

Proportion of Murder Convictions. With the Thaw trial looming close ahead, the ubiquitous person who backs his assertions with figures as proof positive of their accuracy has been very busy with his pencil. As a result he has discovered that, reckoned by the law af averages based on the records of the criminal courts of the country, and without reference to the merits of the case, the chances that Thaw will be convicted of murder in the first degree are only 6 out of 100. In other words, out of every 100 persons against whom a murder indictment is returned by the grand jury, only six receive the severest punishment of the law, while 94 per cent manage to wriggle out of the clutches of the district attorney's office to a greater or less extent. Of the fifty-five persons indicted for murder in the first degree since January 1 only three convictions have been secured out of the forty-nine cases tried, a showing over the court room, but in vain. On the duy which New York cannot enthuse to any great extent, especially since in Chicago during the same period sixty out of the 112 to everyone, was in court early, but his celebrated for his cunning went into the persons indicted were found guilty as name was not called all morning. When tavern at Brookfield and told the landlord, charged, a record for convictions of better than 50 per cent. Of course New York finally asked to take the witness stand ing, had killed a fine, fat deer, and if Haw- glasses on takes a grain of comfort in the fact that its indictments were only half as many as wore a placid smile. Chicago's, but there the matter stops. The figures would seem to show that while twice as many murders are committed in amazement. "What is your name?" the "Well." said the Indian, "You know Chicago as here, about nine times as many repetition came a bit sharply, convictions are secured in the western city.

Expensive New Flower. Fifteen thousand dollars for a new flower, tell it to the court," waving his hand "Yes." that is the record over which New York, toward the judge. "Well, always after the biggest or the most ex- "Why, the judge knows me as well as The Indian went his way, and Captain blackboard." - Indianapolis Star. pensive in any line, is proudly palpitating you do." at present. According to report, a local fancier in the line of floral beauty has just "will you kindly direct the witness to being neither a deer nor any appearance acquired a brand new carnation at the answer the question?" triffing cost of \$15,000. This price, it is "The witness will answer the question," said, gives New York the record for such came back sternly,

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New Rapid Transit Idea.

York, the father of District At-

torney William Travers Jerome,

was noted in his day as a wit

to save him the bother of hanging around

set for the trial "Larry," as he was known

"Why, you know my name," replied Mr.

to offer. He tried to persuade the lawyer New York Tribune.

"Yes, I know I do, but I want you to maple tree be?"

in the middle of the afternoon he was Captain Hawley, that he had been hunt-

he was in no pleasant humor, but his face ley would give him a quart of rum he him:

"Yes.

"What is your name?" asked the lawyer, ately measured out the rum and inquired

"Your honor," turning toward the bench, found the Indian had chested him there

The witness looked at him in apparent where he was to look for the deer.

standing army equals in numbers claimed that it cost him \$30,000, but those which gives power and acts as guide, being Curiosity does the rest, for the fish coming the army made up of those who on the inside who were acquainted with elevated some distance above the ground, to investigate the light takes the balt and attend institutions of learning in New York. the deal say the price was really not one- with the cars hung from it. The center are pulled out. So easy is it to catch fish Not six cities in the United States have a third of this amount. Previous to New of gravity is thus so placed as to make an in this way, even on the most unpropition population equal to it, for the latest fig. York's record breaking purchase, the high- upset or derailment impossible. Curiously night, according to those that have tried ures show that no less than \$50,000 pupils not price ever paid for a carnation was enough, one, of the most interesting tacks it that lame muscles from pulling in so are enrolled at the various schools of the probably the \$10,000 given up by a Chicago brought up during the present discussion many fish are almost certain to result if city. This total is roughly equal to the firm for the new famous Plances variety. is the origin of the mono rail idea. Uncere is not exercised. Fish have been planpresent population of St. Louis, Baltimore Despite the big price paid for it, however, doubtedly it was inspired by camels, French tirul and over hungry this fall, which may or Boston. It exceeds by more than 50,000 the Flances was almost a complete fall- army engineers doing construction work in account in part for the success of the new the peace army of Germany and is two ure, as was the McKinley, which created the African desert found that their narrow built. Meanwhile charitable institutions and one-half times as large as that of a furore a few years ago. While little is gauge railroad was continually disappear- profit by the good fishing, since their rep-Great Britain. The total for surpasses the yet known concerning the new \$15,00 ing under the drifting sand. The difficulty resentatives are given free of cost all the school attendance for any other city in Winons, it is believed that its value will seemed unsurmountable, until one day one fish they can carry away from the heap the world. Not even London can compete be found in its size rather than in its of the engineers noticed a load of food that accumulates on the pier. with New York in this respect. At the color, since previous attempts to create awang from a transverse pole be ween two popularity through the latter have not camels, hanging, as it were, from a single been particularly successful. The princi- rafi. The idea occurred to him that the pal efforts of carnation hybridists at same principle might be applied to a balances was established by the clearing present is for increased size, and rext to steam or electric road and the first mono house this week. More than \$15,000,000 in the chrysanthemum the carnation is un- rail was the result. So if New York gets checks were cleared by one New York bank doubtedly the most wonderfully developed this form of really rapid transit, it will at an actual cash payment to the clearing owe a debt of gratitude to the camel.

> New Coney Island Fish Batt. territory the road runs will be given some- attached them to one of the many sockets in the history of the clearing house.

Humorous Incidents That Are Briefly Told

on to testify in a suit in which he be- meekly directed the stenographer to enter and con. Then, sending the workman from

Is Very Good for Indian.

should have it. Captain Hawley immedi-

Hawley went to look for the deer, but

Some time afterward the landlord met

the Indian and accused him of deception.

After being denounced for some time, the

together at recess?"

lieved that he had no evidence of any value the witness' name as Lawrence Jerome -- the court room, he said:

where Broad Meadow be?"

of there having been one.

son of the forest inquired:

"And big maple?"

"And deer, too?"

"You find Broad Meadow?"

"Well, there lies the deer,"

AWRENCE JEROME of New tively, "you know my name as well as Mr. man's eye had been injured, but the phy-

and a joker. He was once called which arose all over the court room and "The judge heard all the evidence, pro

The judge rapped down the audible smiles utterly destroyed.

"Why, judge," said Mr. Jerome plain- and there was no doubt that the work-

— does. Didn't we three have a drink sloians claimed that he could see out of it,

Some fifty or sixty years ago an Indian left eye and with red glass for the right."

sternly:

"Well, you know where the big marked imposter. You must have read that sen-

"Very good! Two truth to one lie; that "Yes, senator," replied the boy, "I found very good for poor Indian!"-Boston Heritius a little while after you had left.

Here it is, sir."

gle exception of Russia, there is famous Lawson pink rose became the is only made possible by the character or two above the surface of the water and no nation in the world whose property of Thomas W. Lawson, it was of the road construction, the single rail, a regularly baited book thrown close to it.

Record for Bank Balances. A new and surprising record for bank house of 12 cents. Probably no more striking example has ever been offered to the layman of wonderful convenience of the Unless present indications are all wrong. Coney Island has a new fish story. Like clearing house system. On the day in questhis city in the near future will have the most others of its kind, it sounds a bit im- tion the clearing house sheets showed that mono rall high speed road in the probable at first, but fortunately it can be \$5.00.255.40 in checks of the depositors of a United States. The Hapid Transit com- verified any night. The story really is not certain national bank had been turned in mission is at present considering this pro- so much about fish as it is about the new by other institutions. Against these the ject, and for once the object of its con-bait which fishermen on the long pleasure bank had to show \$9.049,25.28 in checks of sideration does not belie the first part of piers are using with such startling success. other banks belonging to the clearing its title. Rapid transit, such as this coun- This new bait is nothing less than an elec- house. By the simple process of paying try has never seen, will be the result if tric light. The wily fishermen who perch over 12 cents the bank cleared its account. road is authorized, for the mono rail on the piers day and night have discovered which, except for the clearing house sysis capable of a speed of 120 miles an hour, that the brilliant bulb has a great attrac- tem, could have been accomplished only by and for the new project a speed of sixty- tion for the fish. Several fishermen imme- the actual transfer of something more than five miles an hour, including stops, is pro- diately secured electric light bulbs, plugs \$18,000,000. This 12-cent payment is the posed, so that Brooklynites through whose and wires, and when no one was looking smallest percentage of balance to exchanges

while he stoutly declared that the sight was

" 'Get a blackboard and write a sentence

on it with green chalk. Also get a pair of

spectacles with ordinary clear glass for the

"This, in the course of an hour or so,

was done. Then the workman was brought

back, and he was ordered to put the queer

"He put them on and the judge said to

"Turn the blackboard round and see if

The man read the sentence without heri-

'Your case is dismissed. You are at

tation, whereupon the judge said to him

over the right one turned the green writing

black and made it quite invisible on the

A Narrow Escape.

Shortly before the adjournment of con

gress last spring Senator Patterson of Colo

rado entered the senate chamber at an un

usually early hour one morning. After rum-

he called one of the pages.

maging through some papers on his desk

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seen anything of a \$5 bill lying on my desk?

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ttha I had forgotten to do so, and instead

had left the money on my deak."
"Yes, senator," replied the boy, "I found

"Thank you, my boy," said the senator

"Oh, that's all rgiht," returned the page

you can read what is written."



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Has Yankee Thrift. A Massachusetts man tells a story of "Old John" Langley, a veteran Worcester horseman, that is illustrative of Yankee matuteness.

One day Langley sought his tailor and in somewhat profane terms demanded "a pair of breeches of the best stuff in the shop." Of the many samples submitted "Old John" hit upon a beautiful silky broadcloth, the most costly piece of goods the tailor had, and, although this was most unsultable for the purpose, Langley insisted that it was just what he wanted. Furthermore, he deciared that he desired it "made up wrong side out." The tailor expostulated in vain, but the

trousers were made as per specifications, and delivered.

A day or so thereafter a friend, calling on Langley, remarked on the trousers in uncomplimentary language. Langley said he was satisfied. More guying resulted in an offer from "Old John" to bet \$50 that the cloth cost more per yard than that in his friend's trousers. The bet was taken and the tailor was to decide it. He named the price. The friend would not believe that the rough goods could be so costly until he was shown the shiny silky side. Then he paid, as other men had on similar bets, so that "Old John" reaped quite a harvest on his original idea.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Deciding a Case. A negro justice of the peace was about to open court in a small country town in Alabama. The first case on the docket concerned two negroes, one of whom charged the other with having stolen a hoe. The judge called up the plaintiff and

maid: "Mr. Jones, how many witnesses has you got dat Mr. Jenks stole dat hee?" "Iwo, sah." "Mr. Jenks, how many witnesses has you

got dat you neber took dat hoe?"

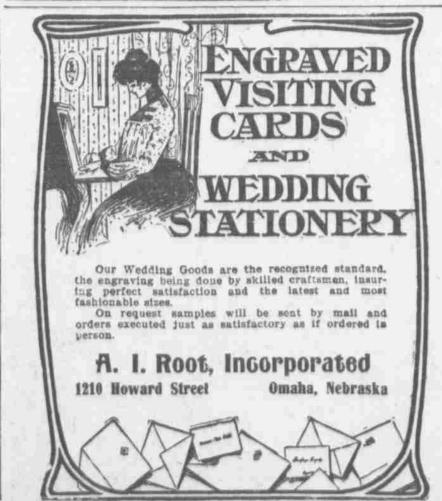
"Fo. suh." "Den I shall dismiss de case. Everybody knows dat fo' witnsesses can sw'ar harder dan two witnesses, an' it am no use to take up de waluable time of dis court. Next time. Mr. Jones, you is gwine ter sue a man you wants mo' witnesses dan he's got or you are gwine to be left."-Philadelphia

Ledger. A Modern Solomon. Joseph Choate, the famous lawyer, reated at a dinner party at Lenox some in eresting reminiscences of the bar and

"A striking case," said Mr. Choate,

'transpired in the '60s. It was a case of a workman who claimed to have lost the sight of his left eye in an explosion. "There was no doubt about the explosion





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