Half Minute Store Talk

When we sell you any kind

of wearing apparel, we assume

all the risk. If our judgment

was bad in selling and your

judgment was bad in buying-

you don't have to pay for both

our errors. Bring it back-we

are more than ready to stand

the loss. We would feel you

had done us an injustice if you

didn't give us chance to make

good our guarantee of absolute

gatisfaction.

Morgues Piled to Ceiling with Unidentified Corpses.

Sufferers Often Left for Hours Writh-'ng in Streets Uncared For-One Village is Wholly Wiped Out.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. M - (Special )-To the happier inhabitants of lands where hand, the orgies of death which that terrible epidemic is holding in some of the smaller Russian towns would be incredible. There, thanks to the lack of organization and grossly unhealthy conditions, victims have been lying III in the streets, neglected in the hospitals and unburied in the cemateries. I have had reports of mortuaries so overcrowded that the corpses are stacked up from floor to celling. Those coming to claim relatives who died of him," etc. other diseases have been obliged, in some cases, to spend hours in the pestilential air, till they could find the bodies they search and could pull them from amongst

the cholera stricken.

When the cholera was first declared in other provinces a commission was appointed in St. Petersburg by M. Rezcow. the president of the town. But the chairman, M. Oppenheimer, left for Carlshad before any arrangements were made to combat the epidemic and practically noth-St. Petersburg worthy the name. All the the footsteps of father." sewage is thrown into the canals, which are never cleaned more than once a year. and send up a most terrible stench as soon victims of the epidemic were workingmen, cab drivers and porters, who drink the is about. Now, the police have put up placards at the street corners to forbid hem, under a threat of paying \$5 penalty, to drink this water, and the magistracy streets. The sale of fruit has been strictly prohibited, and it, therefore, goes to other towns from the cholera infected districts.

Half Cases Prove Fatal.

Considering these things, it is, therefore, not surprising to find that 300 and 400 cases occur daily, of which at least 50 per cent dreaded disease has now found its way into the well-to-do houses and into the Cadets' college. The hospital and town ambulances are quite unable to cope with the work, for people fall down ill who felt perfectly well a few minutes before. It is hard to believe that most of them are sent in cabs and public conveyances to the hospitals; but such is the case, and, what is more, these vehicles are not even cleaned afterwards, to say nothing of being disinfected. As the poor cabbies are often not paid for taking a sick man to the hospital, because nobody has any time to bother about them, they whip up their horses and get away as goors as they see a man or sees him. When taken to the hospital the all the faculties. patient cannot receive proper care because Mrs. Jones fell ill and after a few weeks' ground.

Red Tape Follows Death.

There is in Petersburg a hospital reguladies within twenty hours of admittance must be dissected. It is characteristic of Russian red tape that this regulation was it is impossible to dissect 400 corpses daily wife. and the regulation was abolished.

so before and two or three passenger wife, in sore distress, calling upon him she is covered over with a blanket. The basket The conjurer really swallows the sugars friends and relatives. Such a train started yesterday by the Mikolajewska railway, she cried. carrying 150 coffins. On arriving at the plied up for the night in the cometery, the her who had thrice called him by name. mourners waiting there till daylight, afraid that, if they went away, others would arrive in the morning and get their dead buried first. These scenes are repeated alive; she is calling me!" fally and many wait for a couple of days before they see their dead relatives and scriptions are put on them, very few people know which box really contains the remains of their dearest ones. The result is that the most terrible scenes of despair and prolestation occur whilst the wallings of women and children fill the

In the provinces things are no better, and disinfection is almost unheard of insmall towns. In one village called Karnki, In the government of Ever, 470 out of the 500 died. It was decided to burn everything, corpses, houses and barns together. The police came and, giving the thirty survivors time to get away, threw firebrands into the place. This drastic measure seemed to be the only way of preventing the epidemic spreading all over

### LORD MAYOR WELL QUALIFIED

New Head of City Has Proved His Ability to Undergo Year of Feasting.

LONDON, Oct. 24.-(Special.)-London has another lord mayor. This time it is Sir George Wyatt Truncott, who has been inaugurated with all the ceremony, parapherperennial function that has remained pracically unaltered for about 500 years.

One of the oblet recommendations of the honored and honorable gentleman is his extreme youthfulness-for London-just 51 years. Another recommendation for which highest praises have been sounded through. out the British press consists in the fact that during the year that he was sheriff he "attended 186 public dinners without in the least endangering his digestion, and." says the glowing account of his gastronomic

achievements, "Sir George is quite prepared WONDERS OF HINDU MAGIC CHOLERA SCOURGE IN RUSSIA | achievements, "Sir George is quite prepared to undergo the ordeal cheerfully again." When it is remembered that the city con sanies of London are compelled-whether \$100,000 a year in feasting, the task before the new lord mayor will not be regarded as an easy one. It goes without saying DISINFECTION NOT PRACTICED that Sir George is neither a vegetarian nor nut eater, neither teetotaller nor tea fiend. He likes the "cup that cheers" and

the dinner that satisfies. Therefore, he is considered by everyone to be one of the most promising incumbents who has ever had the honor of sitting in the chair once occupied by Dick Whittington and his cat. All the London papers recently gave columns of space to details of how the lord mayor was elected by a show of hands cholera is either unknown or kept well in of the aldermen, and how the latter went been accustomed to regard his powers as to the voting place after it had been marvelous beyond compare-as performing sprinkled with "sweet smelling herbs"-in marvels that no mere Occidental can equal. London back somewhere in the dark ages. the ground or the deck of a boat; he can Though the farce of electing a man whom throw a rope into the air and, causing it to everybody knew a year before was sure be suspended without visible support, have to be "it" was duly gone through with, Sir his assistants climb up that rope, and his George responded by a rousing speech ex- head and arms and legs falling to the pressing his "surprise and gratitude," etc., ground, join themselves together, and

grandfather was a "corporator"-which has far they are the result of trickery. We will late father, Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, the correct explanation of this trick has mayor in 1879. So, Sir George, in occupying ing was done. There is no drainage in his present post, is literally "following in

'something in the city" for many years, done anywhere, on the earth, on the deck but has really been nearly everything it is of a ship, etc. The fakir usually wears as the ice thaws in the spring. The first possible to be in the city throughout his next to no clothes, apparently making this life, from member of the court of common trick-if it is a trick-all the more difficult council to sheriff, magistrate and other When the mound of earth is complete, the water out of these canals, which is poison dignified things. He is a member of variat the best of times, let alone when cholera ous city companies, including the Haberdashers', Stationers', Musicians' and Vintners'. He is also a distinguished Mason.

As a business man, he has long been known as a hustler, with a capital "H." He has made arrangements for hot ten to be has interests in no end of successful firms. makes passes over the cloth, outside it. A distributed gratis in all the principal and is the principal of James Truscott & wait; then the conjurer removes the cloth, Sons, printers and manufacturing station- and the seed is seen to have sprouted. Two ers. He is a director of the City of London tiny shoots appear above the surface of the Brewery company-we said he wasn't a ground. More passes are made, and when teetotaller--Chubb's Safe and Lock company, big life insurance company and other tall mango tree is seen sprouting above the commercial enterprises. Naturally enough he is a millionaire, and the \$50,000 he will prove mortal. Everybody who can afford be expected to spend while in office will fakir performs. It is accomplished in the to do so has fied from the city. The not give him neuralgia of the pocket nerve. Personally he is a handsome man-lord mayors always are-and speaks French fluently, for which, by the way, he was decorated by Loubet in 1903. He also possesses an order conferred upon him by King Leo- are specially adapted for the trick, and pold. The lord mayor has two sons and they are easily compressed into a small two daughters.

## SAVED FROM THE GRAVE when the conjurer places his hands un-

a Terrible Death After Burial.

ical students, though offered good pay by on her with a constancy not often seen, gigantic proportions—into a regular tree. To prove its dryness he takes up a handful the town, refuse to help. One doctor has she died. That is, she appeared to be dead. bearing fruit, in fact! It is probable that and, blowing sharply upon it, scatters it is are almost unknown; there is nobedy to tor's mind. A certificate was issued and simple, but there is a manner of working handful and drops it into the water. We give the patients medicine or try their tem- an undertaker called in. But for the for- the trick, or rather extending it, so that centage of deaths. As one harassed, opposed to embalming there would be no conclusion. It is this: The conjurer has hands empty, he places one in the pail, worked-to-death doctor said: "If they get story to tell, unless it were of another per- the large tree concealed beneath a thick and brings out a handful of the sand. well they do-and if they don't, it's not son apparently dead who was revived for cloth-a duplicate of the cloth he uses to Blowing upon it, it still scatters in all directions.

have as bad a time of it as anybody-not laid out in her burial robe, placed in a only do they get no attention now, but coifin and on the third day was buried gazing at the plant wonderingly the cononly do they get no attention now, but coifin and on the third day was buried gasing at the plant wonderingly, the conmany of them have been sent away be- in a cemetery some distance away.

This is a very ciever that the plant wonderingly, the connected unless its secret were never be discovered unless its secret were fold. It is performed in the following many of the connected unless its secret were never be discovered unless its secret were never be discovered unless its secret were never because the connected unless its secret were never because the connecte

tion to the effect that every patient who proved, of an event so astounding as to be almost beyond belief.

For an hour or two that evening they talked chiefly about the dead and then it contains nothing. They therefore as-dropped into the water the sand is imperadhered to for several days after the his pillow for a long time, fell into a went to bed. Mr. Jones, after tossing upon sume that it contained nothing the last vious to the water (owing to its coat) and cholera broke out, so that the operating troubled sleep. In the middle of the night which nobody had any time to dissect. At George!" The tones were not familiar to last it struck one of the inspectors that nim; they did not recall the voice of his

The victime are buried outside the town, dream, he again went to sleep. It was day-Still conceiving himself the victim of a so that the coffins must go by train, break before the voice was heard again, Thirty or forty trucks are filled with the and this time it could not be ignored. He coffins of those who have died a day or recognized it at last as the voice of his He is placed in the busket and the opening in turn.

"George! Save me! Save me! George!

cemetery it was found that thirty-four That despairing cry still rang in his ears. He sprang out of bed, trembling all over. coffins, bought the day before, were still So real was it that, though he was awake awaiting burial. Though the grave dig-and remembered perfectly the death, the and apparently showing that the boy has in various positions around the mouth-in gers had worked hard till nightfall it was funeral and all that happened in the pre- disappeared and is no longer in the basket. a certain order, which the conjurer knows.

into his uncle's room, crying: "Get up! ge: directions. No sound issues from the bas- breaks it with his teeth, and immediately

The uncle, skeptical as he was by nature, friends buried. As all the coffins are Both men threw on some clothing, and, is seen in a neighboring tree. He descends, empty, and then filled with water. gallop. The sun rose as they leaped out at the grave and began to dig.

Mrs. Jones had been buried the previous earth in a frenzy of energy. It was firmly fixed in his mind that she had been buried alive and that he might yet be in time to save her. Inspired by his nephew's excitement the uncle dug with a vigor almost as

great as Jones's. Begrimed and disheveled, they at last reached the coffin and wrenched off the lid. Jones shricked. His wife was moving. She was trying feebly to turn over in her narrow bed. She gazed at him with eyes that saw not; she was unconscious of her situa-

He passed his arms about her and lifted her out. The two men removed her from the grave, placed her in the buggy and drove home. Physicians were called in. Under close medical care she slowly recovered. Every precaution was taken to guard her from the knowledge of what had happened, and all who were in the secret pledged themselves to silence lest the shock of that revelation of her burial and resurnalis and film-flam which attends this rection might prove fatal to her, but the story leaked out later, when Mrs. Jones

### got about again.-Baltimore Sun. A Bachelor's Reflections.

nair is going to be curly when it grows up is it is: t now.

A here is a man who can pull out a handerchief with a hole in it in a street car and not thrust it back in his pocket as if it were a smallpox flag.— New York

they want to or not, of course-to spend Skill and Trickery Used to Perform Their Marvelous Feats.

METHOD OF MAKING TREES GROW

Interesting and Instructive Explanation of Fakir Feats Which Astonish the Unwary Traveler,

Doubtless we have all heard of the tricks or feats of the Indian Hindu fakir, we have memory of the plague which occurred in He can, we are told, make trees grow from "for the honor which had been forced upon finally form the original body and come up whole as at first! He can cause a stone Despite the fact that Sir George Wyatt to sink or swim at will, a boy to vanish Truscott has been compelled to go through from a basket, and a hundred other things, the perennial puppet show and in spite of too marvelous to conceive. Let us examine his mastery of the prandial art, he is a some of these powers of the Indian fakir good man with the best of records. His and see how far they are genuine and how nothing to do with hoaconstrictors-but in- first consider the famous mango tree dicates his connection with the ancient city trick. This has been the marvel of all Orcompanies in an honorable way; while his iental travelers from time immemorial, and was alderman in 1871, and became lord never been made public, to my knowledge.

The Mango Tree. The performer comes forward and proceeds to make a little mound of earth out The new lord mayor has not only been of the soil and some water. This can be fakir inserts his seed of the mango tree. and waters it to make it grow. He then covers it with a cloth, and, placing his hands beneath the cloth, proceeds to manipulate the seed for some time. In a few moments he withdraws his hands, and the cloth is removed for the second time a earth. This trick has probably mystified more people than any one that the Hindu following manner:

The seed that is placed in the earth is hollow, and within it is placed a branch of the mango tree, previously prepared and folded up. The leaves of the plant compass. The seed containing the mange shoot is placed beneath the earth, and neath the cloth he works out a part of How a Dream Rescued a Woman from this folded-up branch, and leaves it sticking out above the surface of the mold. This is repeated several times until all the branch is showing above the mold. Mr. Jones was a popular young business when quite a respectable sized tree is seen man in the city of B. His wife was a to be sprouting. If the seed is examined woman lying on the pavement in contor- woman of strong emotion and most dell- before the trick is exhibited the conjurer tions, and the victim is left alone till one cate perceptions. Between them there ex- has previously exchanged the one examof the sanitary inspectors or a policeman isted a rare sympathy which extended to ined for the trick seed at some convenient moment before placing it in the

they are not half enough doctors; and med- agony, during which her husband waited Sometimes the seed is seen to grow into then shows some ordinary sand, quite dry. Patients suffering from other complaints | balmer's knife. | the seed several times and showing it is repeated several times, until all the sand grown more and more, he uncovers it for is again extracted. have often seen beneath it and know ing of grease, so that when this sand is time the mold was covered over.

Famous Basket Trick.

up! You must go to the cemetery! She is ket. There is an ominous silence. Evi-blows out the sand. This is repeated until dently the boy has disappeared. But the all the capsules are broken in turn.

> result. How is it done? Now it will be seen that it is possible for |-Scientific American. the conjurer to leap into the opening, stamp on the ground, etc., since the open space in which he treads is unoccupied by the boy's body. He steps in the middle of the circle of flesh. And when he runs the

is not concealed. So much of the trick is plain; how about locking up from the task then in hand the disappearance and reappearance in the tree? There are two boys, dressed exactly alike. The first one never leaves the basket. He simply remains quiet until he receives the signal to show signs of life again. The second boy climbs up a neighboring tree at some convenient moment and shouts when he sees it is the proper time to make his presence known. So the famous basket trick!

In the intring.

"Yes."

"Well, then," concluded the exhausted owner with a sigh of rollef, "let me have my supper. I'm goin' t' turn in. Parmin's beginning t' tell on me."—St. Louis Republic.

sword through the basket, he only runs it-

through those places where the boy's body

Dry Sand and Colored Sand. A very clever trick often seen is the folTHE STORE THAT EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT



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400 patients to look after in a day. Nurses There was no question about it in the doc- much of this is exaggeration pure and all directions. He then takes up another was issued and related to the King of bushels; South Dakota, 1,500,000 acres, 20, of the total production is used in the man.

can all see it lying in the my fault, for I've only one pair of hands a moment under the lunge of the em-

cloth for the one containing the big tree told. It is performed in the following man cases. Several large barracks are also full much that his relatives feared an attack underneath it. Now, he quickly covers ner: Fine, clean sand is selected, washed of them-but what is that when hundreds of melancholia. His uncle, wishing to over the plant with this cloth, and when carefully in hot water several times and arouse his spirits and divert his attention, it is removed there is the tree, full grown, dried in the sun. Some of this sand is remained in the house the night after the It may be several feet in height. It was then placed in a frying pan with a lump of funeral and was a valuable witness, as it compressed beneath the covering cloth, fresh lard and is cooked until all the lard People do not think of asking to look un- is burned away. The result is that every der the cloth the last time, because they particle of sand is covered with a thin coar-

> so remains as dry as ever. Another trick that Indian fakirs perforn Now we come to the famous basket is known as the "colored sands trick." trick, which has also mystified thousands, The conjurer eats several colored sands of and yet is simplicity itself. A large eval sugar-blue, red, yellow, etc.-and swaiiows basket is shown, something the same them. Nevertheless he can, at the request shape as an egg, laid on its side, and of any of the speciators, immediately blow an opening cut in the upper surface or out of his mouth any one of the colored top. It is first shown empty. Then a small sugars desired or called for. This is reboy is shown, wearing a jacket and turban. peated until all the colors are blown out

is so small that the boy apparently fills in the first case-to his detriment, be it the whole of the basket. What is the sur- said. But he has concealed in his mouth, prise of the spectators, then, to see the several little capsules, each containing one fakir suddenly leap into the opening of the of the sugars of the same color as that basket and proceed to stamp about as vig- caten. These are concealed within the impossible to bury all, and the rest were ceding four days, he searched the room for To make assurance doubly sure, however, No., when any color is called for, the he snatches up a sword and proceeds to conjurer simply works the capsule contain-Finding that he was alone, he rushed run the basket through and through in all ing this color to the front of the mouth

> conjurer turns around and shouts, and the A little trick sometimes shown is known was carried away by Jones' impetuosity, boy, wearing the same jacket and turban, as the "diving duck.". A bowl is shown A tom-tom is beaten and after a few in- the water is now placed a small artificial buggy, the other procured spades. Thus cantations the basket is seen to silr and duck. Upon command of the faker it equipped, they drove to the cemetery at a soon the blanket heaves up and is thrown dives quite naturally of its own accord; aside and the boy is seen standing before then it rises to the surface, and this is us as sound as ever. This trick, like the repeated several times. At the conclusion last, can be performed in any locality, on of the performances the duck it taken out afternoon. Her husband shoveled away the the deck of a ship, etc., thus showing that and handed to the spectators, who can extrap doors have nothing to do with the amine it. No amount of examination will reveal the secret, however. It is this: First, as to the basket. It will be seen. A fine silk thread passes up through a when we think it over, that the poculiar small hole in the bottom of the bowl, and shape of the basket renders it capable of when the conjurer places the duck in the being employed in the following manner: water he manages to slip this thread The small boy, as soon as he is placed in around the duck. Now, he has only to the basket, curls up and wriggles his body pull this thread, when the bowl is filled, eclwise around the edges of the basket and the duck dives. At the end of the ner-That is, he coils around the inner surface, formance the thread is broken and the just as a snake might coil up within it duck may be examined as much as desired.

### Working Too Hard.

The owner of the farm had been enjoying himself at the county fair while his hard-working wife stayed at lone to see that the farm suffered no loss in his absence. "Well, Saran, said the owner upon return, "I'm about all tired out, is cow in the barn?"

hosses unharmessed an fed? ickens tocked up?"

god chopped for mornin'?" Wagon-wheel mended an' ready t' start

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has come into prominence as a corn state lact with it. of late years, but its supply is all needed at home to feed its great number of cattle,

### Distributing Centers.

ributing center. The cities next in order of importance are Kansus City, St. Louis and Omaha. These are known to the corn plostves now are being made. growers as primary points, and the ship- Of course you are reminded of corn and water to all parts of the country and the tables of America. the world. The Great Lakes furnish a very | And what is called to mind when you

The annual production of corn in Illinois from dextrine, another corn product. ic." replied his wife, barely is nearly 400,000,000 bushels from nearly 10,-600,000 acres devoted to corn raising. Iowa production of about 530,000,000 bushels and Nebraska, with 7.411,000 acres, yielding about 250,007,000 bushels a year; Missouri, 6,500,000 acres, yielding about 240,000,630 busis els; Kansas, 7,700,000 acres, yielding 250,000,-000 bushels; Indiana, 4,500,000 acres, 178,000;-000 bushels: Ohio, 4,000,000 acres, 150,000,000 bushels: Kentucky, 3,500,000 acres, 88,000,000 bushels; Texas, 5,000,000 acres, 80,000,000 bushels; Tennessee, 3,500,000 acres, 78,000,000 bushels; Oklahoma, 2,000,000 acres, 52,000,000 bush. of live stock that cattle and hogs are re- forth, back and forth.-St. Louis Times.

els; Michigan, 1,570,000 acres, 47,000,000 bushels; Minnesota, 1,700,000 acres, 46,500,0 bushels; Pennsylvania, 1.477,000 acres. 45,000,000 the United States. An enormous proportion 000,000 bushels; West Virginia, 770,000 acres, ufacture of many kinds of alcoholic bever-19 000 000 bushels: New York, 670 000 acres, ages, principally bourbon whisky 16,000,006 bushels: California, 56,000 acres

bushels, and Washington, 10,000 acres, producing 250,000 bushels. Illinois leads all other states in the yield | ply .- October What to Eat. per acre, as well as in the amount of acreage and production.

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If America has no other claim to great- wheat and more and more is it gaining in ness, still its record in the production of popularity as a breadstuff. Corn flour maize or Indian corn would cause it to mixed with wheat flour has proved a bless-Good to a larger portion of the human race | which many, even among the wealthy, de- 1733 Odell avenue, mother of five children. han any other grain except rice. America clare to be superior in flavor and more people of other nations how to make it into | But this is only one of the more than a

America produces 75 per cent of the world's extensively does it enter into our daily life, sgain. total supply. In America the grain is our commerce and into the affairs of our known simply as corn. By botanists it is nation generally that no person can let a the undeing of Mus. Mathias. Her hardday go by without encountering many Corn is the most valuable crop grown things to remind him of the importance on American soil. It amounts to about of this regal American gruin. When you that he earned, and she did not need to 2,500,600,000 bushels a year, worth more than wash your face and hands in the morning steal, but when she came down town and \$1,250,000,000. In quantity and value it is with soap the chances are that the soap saw things that struck her fancy she could greater than all the other cereal crops com- you use, if it is very excellent, was made not keep from stealing them. bined. Here are some comparative figures from corn oil. When you put on your relating to last year's production of the clothes in the morning what are you re- on the verge of tears. Mrs. Mathias, who minded of in the gloss of the shirt and says she is 38 but looks much older, her collar? "Corn," for from it the starch was marred hands and bent form telling a tale

24,656.250 rend of the cruise of our battleship fleet again. \$29,300,200 around the world and of the superiority "I can't understand why I did it." .. 1.557,000,000 \$1,278,300,000 of our navy you may ask what is the one faltered. "I had no need to steal. My America's corn exports average about point that makes our ships superior to all husband gave me his earnings. My tastes 200,000,000 bushels a year; but are much others. And what will the answer be? were simple. I had never cared much for smaller in years, following a domestic crop "Corn," for of the pith in the curnstalk is fine clothing. I had all that I needed and, compressed the corn cellulose which forms indeed, all that I cared for, I was down The seven great corn states of America the filling between the inner and outer town shopping. In one of the stores I saw Illinois Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Mis- skins of all the American battleships con- a black brilliantine skirt lying on a connsourt, Indians and Ohio. These comprise structed within the past ten years. This ter. I wanted to take it. I could not unthe territory familiarly known as the corn cellulose made fireproof and submitted to derstand the impulse. I had never taken belt. Not only do they grow enough corn powerful hydraulic pressure has almost anything that did not belong to me and for their home use, but export enormous made the American battleship invulnerable had never had an inclination to do so. quantities each year. The sell of the Ohlo to the ordinary shell, for it has the magic. But the temptation to take the skirt was valley and the Mississippi basin, seems es- like property of closing the hole within two stronger than I could resist. I could not pecially adapted to corn growing, and from minutes after the shell has entered. This keep my fingers off it. I took it. here the great preponderance of the is caused by the rapid expansion of the world's supply of corn is obtained. Texas cellulose whenever water comes in con- | went I was caught at it and arrested. I

In future when deadly explosives are hurled from our forts and battleships into the forces of the enemy, we may be reminded that it is the great chief product of our soil that is fighting for us, for from corn the smokeless powder and other ex-

ment of the corn to these points is the you eat your corncakes for breakfast, and first step in its marketing. At these points when you pour the syrup on them the rethe corn is graded, temporarily stored in minder is strengthened, for corn syrup comwarehouses and thence reshipped by land prises four-fifths of the syrup served on

cheap and convenient means of distributing reach the office and write a letter? corn to important markets, and to them "Corn," for mayhap the paper on which Chicago is largely indebted for the pre- you write was made from mill starch, a corn product, and very likely the gum on the envelope and the stamp was made

When you buy candy for your girl or for your children, you may know that the great preponderance of all candy contains corn syrup as its basis. The coloring in an acreage of 9.755,000 Next in order are the clothes worn by the housewife in her thing that I ever stole and will never come household dulies is probably effected down town again as long as I live." through the use of dextrine made from

textiles. and hogs are fattened for the market. So the shadow that fell on the glazed glass els; Arkansas, 2,500,000 acres, 53,000,000 bush- conspicuously does corn enter into the diet was that of a woman walking back and

els; Wisconsin, 1,700,000 acres, 50,000,000 bush- | ferred to by a noted writer on the subject as "corn on the hoof. Corn is the principal grain distilled in

1,500,000 bushels; Oregon, 20,600 acres, 460,000 state furnished a large part of the raw material for the starch industry, but now the corn crop furnishes most of the world's sup-

### FATAL LURE OF SHOPPING

St. Louis Woman Could Not Resist Stealing When She Didn't Have the Money.

That she just couldn't keep her fingers. off things is the mouning explanation, locked up in the detention room of police headquarters on the charge of shoplifting. "If they will let me go," she mids, "I

It was coming down town that worked workin, honest husband was a good provider, she says, and gave her the money

Nervously wringing her hands, constantly of toll, related how she first fell under 27,500,000 When we pick up the morning paper and temptation's spell and a year later fell

"I took other things that I did not really paid for what I had taken and they let me go. To this day my husband does not know of it.

"I never took anything else until two weeks ago. I was down town again and in one of the stores I saw a black waist. I could not keep my fingers off of it. I took other things and was not detected. I took them home. My husband supposed I had bought them and asked no questions. I wore them, but I did not feel right with them on and was glad to get back home

"I went down town on other days and took more things that I did not need. I did not start on any of these trips with the intention of stealing. I hoped that the temptaiton to steal would not come over me. But as soon as I got down town I just had to go to the stores and when I was there and naw the profusion of articles about me I could not keep my fingers off of them-

"It was coming down town that caused all the trouble. If they will let me go I will borrow the money and pay for every-

Mrs. Mathias' greatest anxiety was to corn, which is used for stamping figures keep her husband from knowing of her on gingham, calluoes and numerous other arrest. She begged that she might be released so that she could go home before We can scarcely eat meat without being he came from his daily work. "He will reminded of corn, for it is principally never forgive me," she mouned. As the brough feed of corn products that cattle door of the cell room closed behind her