sive.

GROWING IN POPULATION

itish Isles Show a Steady Increase, with the Exception of Ireland. total increase in the population of the isles in the four years since the of 1891 is somewhat over nine hun-bousand. The population in 1891 was 64; now it is 38,936,270. Inasmuch as more of inhabitants of Ireland has deby nearly 200,000 in the period, the of for England, Scotland and Wales and table then appears on the puriod. e for England, Scotland and Wales a notable than appears on the surface, three kingdoms, which had 33,303,414 four years ago, are returned now as 34,423,288-1,119,874 more. At this increase the population of Great Britoper grows, proportionately, as rapid-hat of Canada, which is a remarkable articularly remarkable in view of the the mother country through emigration the gain of Canada by immigration did country is not dead yet. The ng are the detailed figures:

1891. 1895.

and Wales ... 33,303,414 34,423,288 ... 4,025,647 4,142,471 ... 4,704,750 4,522,982 nd's people evidently still continue to heir native soil in numbers which are set by the natural birth increase. The ensus seems likely to show Scotland bland much on a par as regards popu-whereas less than fifty years ago the whereas less than nrry years ago the olon of Ireland was considerably more ouble of that Scotland. In 1851 the isle contained 6,552,385 people, and d but 2,888,742. Sixty years ago Ire-ad over three times the population of tmeal kingdom. The decrease of the r of inhabitants in Erin remains still rument, that something is not right

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Annual Meeting of the County Sunday School Convention.

The Returns Show a Slight Decrease as Compared With the Previous Year.

Thomas A. Clarke Elected Pres dent-Addresses by Rev. A. Lucas, Mrs. Simon Mc-Leod, Rev. Joseph McCoy, Dr. A. L. Browne and Others.

Newcastle, July 31.—This convention met in the Methodist church on met in the Methodist church on mony Thereon." Bibles were used and the 29th, at 2 p. m., Miss Shirreff, the a profitable service was held. president, in the chair. There were over thirty delegates at the afternoon ession, and at the evening session there were sixty or seventy present. The devotions of the afternoon session were led by Rev. Neil McKay, and proved most interesting. He referred to the very profitable county conven-tion just held in Gloucester.

ing committees.

deatials Mrs. Thos. Clarke and fins Maggie McNaught. -Revs. J. D. Murray. las. Crisp and N. McKay.

Nominating-Revs. N. McKay, Geo. Questions-Rev. A. Lucas. Reports were received from the par-ish vice-presidents respecting the Sun-

is in their parishes. After this Rev. A. Lucas gave a good address to parish workers. It outlined the qualities needed for good workers, and was discussed afterward by Revs.

J. McCoy, G. Steel and others.

value of the Evangel and its claims ittes for work. The speaker finished a upon Sunday school workers. After most admiral address by saying, there collection, the session closed with is only one way of winning souls for

The evening session commenced at Rev. A. Lucas sang. 8 o'clock. The devotions were led by Rev. James Crisp. The chief feature of this session was an address, with black-board elaborations, by Rev. A. Lucas, on The Teachers' Study of the Bible. The leading thoughts were the necessity of study, and under this head Mr. Lucas called attention to thinking, questioning and looking up of references.

The next thought was, the Bible is to be studied. Under this head came the origin and purpose for which the Bible was given. Then the separate books were spoken of. Teachers ought to be familiar with these. The lesson ought to be studied. This would include the text of the lesson and the context and the intervening history or portion. Mr. Lucas suggested that the review might be conducted on the system of the five w's. These were: When? where? who? what? and why? The third head was the teachers' study of the Bible. The points touched upon were begin early and have the class in view, and the needs of the scholars. And underneath all this a teacher should ask: Why am I doing this work? This subject was very intersting. It was discussed by Revs. J. D. Murray. Geo. Steel and James Crisp. At the conclusion of this the Rev. Geo. Steel brought the financial claims of the association before the convention. He urged that schools should make their

subscriptions at an early date.

After this the field scretary spoke on the Claims of Our Provincial Work. Mrs. Simon McLeod gave an excelthe Sunday schools. The point dealt upon was that temperance could be D'Armenonville, a famous restaurant taught in the Sunday schools, because it is taught in the Bible. Mrs. Mc-Leod's address made a good impression upon the audience. The session

closed with the benedictie Wednesday morning. Devotions were led by Rev. Mr. Watson. Miss Shir-

nominating committee. Report was adopted as below: President, Thos. A. Clarke; secretary, D. W. McLaughlin: vice-presidents, Chatham, Rev. Geo. Steel; Newcastle, Simon McLeod; Nelson, Mrs. Thomas W. Flett: Derby. R. N. Weeks: Blackville, W. H. Grindssfield, M. A. Kelly; Northesk. Miss D. Armond; South Esk, Beni. Hubbard; Glenelg, Miss Sweezey; Alnwick, Miss Simpson; Ludlow, Rev. R. W. Clements; Hardwicke, Miss Eliza

Executive committee-President and secretary, S. McLeod, W. Robinson, Rev. N. McKay, Miss Shirreff and S.

After this report was adopted the president-elect was conducted to the

On motion of Rev. Geo. Steel, the convention thanked the retiring president and the secretary for their efficent services for the past year.

Rev. A. Lucas gave a normal lesson on the superintendent. The points spoken of were duties to the church, duties to the Sunday school and duties to the home. This was discussed by Miss Shirriff, Revs. J. Crisp, Geo.

Steel and N. McKay.

D. McLaughlin, the secretary, gave the report of the county. In all there are 13 parishes, 11 Sunday schools and 5 parishes are organized. There are 46 schools, 278 teachers and officers, 2,118 scholars. These figures show a slight decrease on the previous year a signt decrease on the previous year. The average attendance is 1,549. The total enrollment is 2,396. For school purposes there have been raised \$651.92; for missions, \$160.75; for Sunday school association work, \$64.77.

The fourth session began at 2.30 on the 30th inst. Rev. Joseph McCoy led the devotions. The subject chosen for devotion was "The promise of God." It was a profitable half hour. president, Thos. A. Clarke, took the

hair at 3 p. m. The secretary's report, which was before a previous session, was considered.
Discussion was participated in by the field secretary, Rev. N. McKay, Rev. J. D. Murray, Rev. Geo. Steel, Rev. James Crisp and the president. Repor

The secretary-treasurer reported that the total expenses had been \$8, leav-

treasurer of 95 cents. Report adopted. Rev. Joseph McCoy gave an address on "The Teacher's Privileges." He explained the meaning of the word privllege. One of the meanings was oppor-tunity for work. The Sunday school worker has the best of masters. He is working in the best of fields. The re-

sults are due according to the work done. The address was discussed by Rev. James Crisp, Rev. A. Luca and His eye is on the crowd, and he beckon Rev. N. McKay.

Rev. George Steel gave a normal lesson on the regular order of a Sunday school session. He used the blackboard, and all the members of the convention took part. Questions were answered by Reva George Steel, N. McKay and A. Lucas. After announcements the Rev. J. D. Murray pronounced the

ing a balance against the secretary-

The fifth and closing session was held at 8 o'clock. Devotional exercises wer led by Rev. Geo. Steel, subject— "Consecration: Scripture and Testi-

At the close of this part of the ex-eroises the president took the chair. Rev. J. D. Murray, from the committee on resolutions, presented a record for the minutes respecting the late James Henderson. The speakers were Revs. N. McKay, J. Crisp, G. Steel and A. Lucas. They mentioned his ability and fidelity and the loss that the county had sustained by his death.

Mr. Kelly reported that he had secured ten subscribers to the Internat-

Rev. James Crisp was called on for an address on "The Influence of Perbused himself from giving the same. Dr. A. L. Brown gave an address or Soul Winning by Sunday S Work." Teachers must lift up Christ. It is Christ's business to save, but the teacher's business to win. This winning must be done by work. The work must be continuous. The teacher has a week to work and an hour to win. The three qualifications for a Sunday school teacher are prepara-McCoy, G. Steel and others. tion, prayer and praise. Fraise God Mr. Lucas called attention to the for the probabilities and the oportun-

> Christ, that is by lifting up Christ Mrs. Thos. A. Clarke reported that at the sessions there had been eight pastors, 15 superintendents, 40 teach ers and officers and 38 visitors. Total number present had been 102. These had made a total of 230 attendances. Rev. A. Lucas gave an address on "Spiritual Power as Our Need and Privilege." Spiritual power was de-clared to be the need of Sunday school workers. He spoke of the office and work of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. N. McKay spoke some closing words. As an encouraging feature the distinctly evangelical character of the Sunday school movement, the speaker was glad that so much stress had been laid upon the necessity of the conver-

The following were appointed as members of the provincial association: Miss Shirreff, Mrs. S. McLeod, Dr. Brown, M. A. Kelly and S. McLoon. The place of next meeting was left over to be settled by the executive On motion of Rev. N. McKay a vote

of thanks was passed to the provincial executive for sending Rev. A. Lucas to the convention. After singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and the benediction by Rev. N. McKay, the convention ad-

A REMARKABLE DINNER.

of Philadelphia

Paris. July 29.—The Paris newspap lent address on Temperance Work in ers are making much of a dinner giv en Thursday night at the Pavilion in the Bois de Boulogne, by Rodman Wannamaker, the son of the merchant and ex-politician of Philadelphia. Each of the twenty-two guests was losed with the benediction.

The third session opened at 10 on drive him from his residence to the staurant. Each guest had set before him a whole salmon, a whole fowl, and eff occupied the chair. so on through the menu, and to each Simon McLeod reported from the a double magnum of champagne, or

nearly a gallon was assigned. The list of guests included Count Bryas, Count de Chazelles, Count La Rochefoucauld, Baron Van Zuylen, and the artist. Roland Knodler of Nev

The dining hall was decorated from one end to the other with the mos costly flowers, and lit with vari-colored electric lamps. At each end of the hall played a luminous fountain. The water, falling upon enormous 'locks of ice, kept the air cool. After the deser had been served a water brought round a black silk bag, into which each guest thrust his hand and drew out a souvenir. The souvenirs were pearl and emerald pins, ruby links, gold cigarette cases inlaid with diamor and other trifles of substantial value. One newspaper remarks: "It is quite American; it is enormous, but in my

udgment it offends propriety." Another calculates that the expense the function would have kept half a dozen families in comfort for a year. Mr. Wannamaker was the purchase of Munkaczy's "Christ Before Pilate for, it is said, \$100,000.

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THE WRESTLER.

When God sends out His company to travel through the stars.
There is every kind of wonder in the show;
There is every kind of animal behind its prison bars;
With riders in a many-colored row.
The master showman, Time, has a strange trick of rhyme,
And the clown's most ribald jest is a tear;
But the best drawing card is the Wrestler huge and hard,
Who can fill the tent at any time of year.

With authoritative finger, and they come.
The rules of the game they do not und Stand,
But they go as in a dream, and are dumb.
They would fain say him nay, and they look
the other way.
Till at last to the ropes they cling.
But he throws them one by one till the
show for them is done.
In the blood-red dust of the ring.

There's none to shun his challenge, they must meet him soon or late, must meet him soon or late,
And he knows a cunning trick for all heels
The king's haughty crown drops in jeers
from his pate
As the hold closes on him, and he reels,
The burly and the proud, the braggarts of
the crowd,
Every one of them he topples down in His grip grows mild for the dotard and the But alike they must all go under.

Oh, many a mighty foeman would try a fall Oh, many a mighty toemsa would with himPersonolis and Babylon, and Rome.
Assyria and Sardis, they see their fame grow
And he shall have his will upon the sun,
Ere we know what he's about the stars will
be put out,
And the wonder of the show will be undone.
And the wonder of the show will be undone.

TO FEED HUNGRY FRIENDS.

The St. John Record is authority for the report that Provincial Secre-tary Mitchell is to assume the duties of queen's printer under the new act, in addition to the onerous duties of the secretaryship; that hereafter the Royal Gazette will be printed in the office of the Herald, Mr. Blair's Fredoffice of the Herald, Mr. Blair's Fred-ericton organ, and that George Bar-rett, the foreman of the Royal Gazette office, will take charge of the publica-tion of the official organ.

The scheme is practically the one foreshadowed by the Gleaner some months ago; and the object is to place

the government in a position to bet-ter feed their hungry supporters. In-stead of decreasing the cost of public printing the new deal will add to the cost. The printing of the Gazette, and the profits from some other work which cannot well be sent from Fred-ericton to do, will be expected to satisfy the Herald, which cannot exist on its commercial and country patronage. Without the government support it would collapse in less than two months. The new arrangement will supply an important addition to its receipts, and ought to enable the organ to pull through as long as the govern-ment lasts. Under this arrangement the administration will also be enabled to give two annual reports, the aud tor general's and the agricultural, and some other work, to other organs, so that altogether the new deal should

satisfy the hungry. The government led the legislature to believe that the new queen's printer would be a practical printer, and his salary would be a moderate one; that he would have supervision of all the public printing, which would be put up at competition by public tender, but no doubt the necessities of the Herald and the importunities of the other organs were too great for a weak and boodling government to resist. So far as the public are concerned the change will be a costly one.—Gleaner.

WIGGINS ON LOW WATER. Given in Paris by John Wannamaker Airs Some Theories With Reference

To the Great Lakes

Ottawa, July 29.-Prof. E. Stone Wiggins says: The great lakes of North America are decreasing every year, and the time is near at when Niagara falls will cease to be. The lakes were all one since man came upon the earth, he says. Then the states east of the Mississippi were ar island, and an ocean stretched through North America from the mouth of th Mackenzie river to the Gulf of Mexico. Then the latter was part of the Pacific One of the causes of this constant decrease in the volume of the great lakes is that the rivers that drain them are

constantly wearing away the banks and lessesing the depth. The great lake region and the prov-inces of Ontario and Quebec received the largest share of their rain from the great air current that runs up from the Gulf of Mexico to the lake region, and then turns eastward down valley of the St. Lawrence. Till within the last twenty-five years this was loaded with vapor and abundantly watered these provinces. Twenty-five years ago this great east moving current was highly charged with electricity from the time it left the mouth of the Mississippi till it reached the mouth of the St. Lawrence. Now the telegraph and telephone wires that form a wire netting across the path over the Wes tern States conduct off its electric en-ergy, and not only is the vapor it contains precipitated in those regions, but it is unable to reload itself with vapor on reaching the great lakes. There is no electricity in the air, and without it the humidity will not rise.

> TIMBER TRIDE BETWEEN FRANCE AND CANADA.

In the correspondence which the writer has had with the editor of a eading timber trades journal in France a strong desire was expressed by the French writer for the estabishment of closer trade relations, so far as timber was concerned, between France and Canada, and I have always found such gentlemen from France as I have met with particularly well disposed with respect to Canada. In fact I am satisfied that France has a more kindly feeling towards Canada than the United States has, and in view of the fact, and in view of the treaty just entered into between France and the dominion, would it not be well that the proper authorities should send a person to France for the pur-pose of investigating the character, sizes and descriptions of Canadian timber which would suit the French market? As bearing upon this subject I translate from L'Echo Forestier (published in Paris) of the 14th of this

month, as follows: "Among the events of the last year there is one which particularly interests the wood trade, that is to say the

sonclusion of the France-Canadian treaty. By virtue of this convention Canadian woods will be subjected on their entry into France to the minimum tariff, and can in consequence compete more readily with the woods of the north. This treaty has not yet been put in effect, but according to in-formation received Canadian woods

have already been offered in the market. Taking into account the difference n the duties, which in certain cases will be equivalent to a reduction of about 13 per cent. in value, we of coinion that if the woods of Canda could be submitted to a more careful classification their introduction into France would be far more exter

EDWARD JACK.

APPLES GROW ON A PEAR TREE. Remarkable Freak of Nature to be Seen Near Sailor Springs.

Sailor Springs, Ill., July 12 .- A pear tree loaded with apples is a freak of nature that can be witnessed on the old Dunklinson farm, two miles north of this place. The farm is occupied by Capt. George Elliott, who discovere the tree loaded with green apples a few days ago. The tree has borne pears of a fine quality for eight years in succession. People are coming f the surrounding country and towns to view the phenomenen. Captain George Elliott and Police Judge Frank Van Houten of this town vouch for the

EDUCATED FOR THE BUSINESS.

Nearly all the croupiers employed at the Monte Carlo public gambling stablishment come from Alsace, and there is in the capital of the principality of Monaco a regular school maintained by the reigning prince and his partners in the Casino company, where they are taught the ins tricks playing, as well as the mean ity in cletring the boards, paying the stakes, dealing and shuffling the cards,

FARMER JONES' WHISKY SPRING.

The discovery of an alleged spring of pure rye whiskey on the farm of Silas Jones, near Smithton, Westmorland county, has created intense excitement among the people of that place. Several days ago Farmer Jones, while digging a ditch, came upon an old well. He struck a ledge of soft sandstone, and from a crevice in its side came drops of whisky. To make sure of it the farmer tasted the liquid and pronounced it a fair quality of barlycorn. After arranging to run the drippings into a cask he closed up the well in order to keep the discovery secret. Many think the whisky comes from a storage vault of an old distillery that probably stood where Jones began digging. The oldest inhabitant does not remember such a distillery. Barrels of whisky were probably buried in the hillside and forgotten. Now that the casks are decaying, the contents are at the casks are decaying, the contents are zing out through the hill.—Philadelphia

MONTREAT A QUEER CITY.

Referring to the case of a pickpocket who, after being caught by a citizen and handed over to the police for stealing a lady's purse, was subsequently acquitted "for want of proof," the Patrie remarks that the citizen will be lucky if he is not himself arrested for having disturbed the pickpocket in carrying on his trade, and the lady will also be lucky if not condemned to pay him an indemnity for having dared to complain of being robbed. The Patrie adds: "Montreal is a queer city and citizens are strangely protected. The above mentioned inc dent is immensely stupid and disgust-ing. Let the fault rest with Tom, Dick or Harry, we do not care, but we are certainly living under a stupid system. When such disregard of justice can be perpetrated in a civilized country we must admit that our civilization is not much to be envied."

TEALOUSY PUNISHED

Threw a Skunk at His Rival With Bad Consequences to Himself.

Greenup, Ky., July 29.-A big dance on Bushy Fork of Tygart Creek on Wednesday night, which was attended by a majority of the people of that and adjoining neighborhoods, ended with a sensational incident. George Daniels and Jack Spencer were rivals for the hand of Miss Lotta West, and Daniels accompanied her to the dance, a proceeding which so enraged Spence that he did not attend the dance, but secured a companion and went hunting. About ten o'clock their dogs caught a skunk, which they intended to take home.

On their way home they were compelled to pass the house where the dance was in progress, and, upon looking in at the window, Spencer saw Daniels and Miss Wset standing a little closer together than he thought they should. This further enraged encer so much that he took the pole cat ty the tail and threw it at Daniels His aim was not good, and the animal struck Miss Wset squarely in the face, nearly knocking her down. Daniels lost no time in getting out side to see the author of the unplea

santness, and, seeing Spencer getting away, started in pursuit, overtaking him in a few minutes, and brought him back to where the crowd had gathered outside the house. Several modes of punishment were suggested. but the one that met the heartiest approval was the following, which was suggested by Miss West, and carried out immediately, Spencer's hands were tied securely behind his back and the skunk fastened to his breast in such a manner as to make it impossible to scape the foul odor arising from it The fellow was then told to go home, a mile distant, followed by several to see that he did not get the anima loose. The proceeding broke up the dance and also won the young woman for Daniels, as he and Miss West ar to be married next Sunday.

COOPERATE WITH CANADA.

Wellington, New Zealand. July 30.-In the house of representatives today the colonial treasurer stated that the government had decided to subsidize a line of steamships to run between this island and Vancouver. B. C. The amount of the subsidy proposed is £20,000. A bill has been introduced proposing co-operation with the Dominion of Canada in the matter of the construction of a Pacific sub-ma-

WEARING BLOOMERS

WOMEN BICYCLISTS DESCRIBE THAT TRYING ORDEAL.

The Emancipation From Skirts the Result of a Process of Evolution-First the Gradual Shortening of the Skirt, Then the Divided Skirt. Then the

The bicycle mania continues to spread in every direction among women. It is affecting all alike, without regard to age, station or profession, and, instead of the number of devotees decreasing as the dog days advance, it is rapidly increasing. While those who have be come experts discuss improvements in tires, chains and other parts of their wheels, the beginners are wasy settling the question of costume.

"My skirts are in my way, even if they are short, and yet I cannot make up my mind to wear bloomers," remarked a young married woman, as she dismounted after her fourth lesson in one of the academies yesterday. All of the women, except one, who heard remark wore skirts, as they were also beginners.

"Oh, I can never wear bloomers." 'Nor I." "Nor I." exclaimed half

The lone girl in bloomers looked at them with great, sympathetic eyes, and then said: "I used to think that, too, but you see I'm wearing them."
"How does it feel?" asked a stout woman, who has taken nine lessons and

is still afraid of the fence.

It feels very comfortable; but must admit that I was astonished at myself the first few times I went out in them. First of all, I thought I could never wear a short skirt, but when I came to take my mounting lesson found that it would take me days to learn in a long one, so I had it cut of I told the dressmaker to let it come to the top of the boot, but she made a mistake, and it came very little below the knee. I actually cried when I tried it on, and vowed that I could neve go out in it. Every night for a week put that skirt on and walked around my room, and by-and-bye I got used to it, and finally wore it to the school though I wore a long skirt over it through the street. I'll never forget my feelings when I went into the circle for the first time in that rig. Why, I felt as if every person in the academ; was not only looking but laughing at me. For two weeks I continued always to wear the long skirt over the shor in going to and from my lessons, but at the end of that time I felt that it was nonsense to punish myself by wear ing two heavy skirts, so I dropped the long one. I felt very conspicuous whe I boarded a Broadway car, and two women and a man giggled so that l almost wished the car would get into a collision. Three days later some people in a car laughed at my costume which was a swell one, and I felt sorry for them, because I knew how narrow minded they must be. Still, I felt that I could never wear bloomers, and really and truly become one of the 'straddling sisterhood,' for I had never numbered

myself among the strong-minded wo men, as I fancied all who wore bloom ers were. " Tust as I was beginning to feel thor oughly at home everywhere in my short skirt, a friend of mine returned from Europe. She came at once to see me and, throwing a parcel at me, said: 'Old girl. I've brought you the latest thing out in Paris in the way of a bicycle suit.' I almost cried with joy, and couldn't get the package open fast enough. When I shook the suit out it was these," and the speaker pointed to other tastes. As Addison says, it is the perfectly-fitting garment that she wore, made of very fine lady's cloth of

a rich mahogany color. "Well, they are just lovely, but couldn't wear them," remarked a girl with a bloomer figure.

"Yes, you could," insisted the bloom erite, "if you would only let common sense prevail over the conventional deas regarding dress that you've been brought up to believe in. But to go on about how it feels to wear bloomers. When I beheld these my eyes almost propped out of my head, and my jaw dropped. 'Where's the skirt?' I asked, in a trembling voice. 'Skirt!' my friend said, with a shrick of laughter; 'surely you didn't expect a Parisian cycling costume to have a skirt! Why, I didn't see a skirt on a wheel the whole time I was there, and I saw old, dried-up looking women, who must have been on the shady side of 60, out by the score. The women there not only ride in rationals, as I call them, but walk about the streets and shops in the most showy bloomers and knickers that I ever beheld. I'll venture to say that half of them don't own wheels, but they are simply mad over this freeand-easy costume, and what sensible person can blame them when one remembers that for years woman has been in the bondage of puffed sleeves and heavy trailing skirts?'

"After her little sermon on dress re form, I thought perhaps I could go out in the suit after dark, and really the dainty white linen waist, the well-cut coat, the heavy silk stockings and patent-leather low shoes looked very tempting; but oh, those bloomers! My friend suggested that we go out that afternoon, but I pleaded a headache. Well, to-morrow morning.' she persisted, and I told a deliberate story, saying that I had an engagement. She saw through it then, and went off into peals of laughter. This made me angry, and I said I will go this afternoon, and so I did. My friend wore knickerbockers, and that was a little consola tion to me, because I felt that she would attract the most attention. At first I felt six feet tall, and my feet looked immense as I went to mount Naturally I made a movement to adjust my skirt, and when there was none there to adjust I actually felt sick to think that I was in the streets of New York without a skirt. We took to Central Park, and my companion reassured me, and soon I forgot all about my knicks. My only sensation was one of lightness and freedom, and when we came down the Boulevard on our return and I had to dismount like lightning to keep from being run into by a cabl car I owned up that I would never ride in anything else again, and I never shall. You will all come to it, and I advise you to jump right into ration-

als. It is like plunging into the surf when the water is cold. The shock is trying at first, but you jump up and down, and throw your limbs around, and very soon you forget all about it." "How perfectly true that is," re-marked another bloomerite, who had joined the party. "I attended an ex-perience meeting held by a dozen girls who have recently adopted bloomers, and each one felt very much as you did when appearing in them for the

first time. That's one of the greatest reforms that bieycling has wrought this matter of dress."
"And a much-needed one," added a woman doctor who rides 20 miles every day.-New York Sun.

THE BABY GIRL ELEPHANT.

She is Only a Few Days Old, but Tips the Scales at 68 Pounds. A baby girl has just arrived in the little town of Southwest City, Mo., who will be the biggest woman on earth if

she lives.

The very day she made her appearance in the world the mammoth young-



ster tipped the scales at 63 pounds She is now, says the New York Recorder, more than 68 pounds in weight and measures 30 inches aroung the waist. Her arms and her hands and

THE BIGGEST BABY. feet are as large as a man's. This champion fat baby is the daughter of T. J. Matthews, a farmer, who lives in the Cherokee Nation. He is a small man; so is the little girl's mother. If the fat girl keeps on growing as rapidly as she has since her birth she will soon weigh more than the combined weight of her papa and mamma. Just the same, she is as happy as she

FOR AND ABOUT THE FAIR.

is big.

Salzac's Knowledge of Feminine Nature

solve Personal Bits. A very charming woman once complimented Balzac upon his knowledge of feminine human nature. "Yes." he answered, "I know women, and by just looking at them can tell the story of their lives from the day they were born. Shall I tell yours, madame?" "Oh, not out loud, pray," said the lady in a vast hurry, and then wondered

Any woman who has not some love of dress, some delight in the combi-nation of colors, is deficient in a sense of the beautiful. Anne Boleyn never wore the same dress two days in suc cession, and in doing so only exercised the natural right and instinct of every woman to "make the best of herself only a coquette's heart that is "stuffed with a flame-colored hood."

Seventy-Five Years Young. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe is the oldest living poetess. She is 75 years old, but scarcely looks 50, and has written verses for 60 years. On her 70th birthday Oliver Wendell Holmes said of her, "She is 70 years young to-day."

Gay Eulalia. The Infanta Eulalia is in Paris at present, and is, as usual, having a gav time. At a dinner given in her honor by M. de Hitroff the decorations were red and yellow roses, the Spanish col-

Cleverness Shown in Clothes. Mrs. Earnest Leverson, who writes so often and so amusingly in Punch, the Yellow Book and other papers and magazines, is a very pretty woman, quite young and always beautifully dressed. She does not consider that you must be dowdy because you are brilliant, and believes that you can show

your cleverness in your clothes as well as in your epigrams.

The Prettlest Garter. The prettiest garter we know of, says the New York Recorder, is made as a part of a dainty pair of drawers, called the Pantalon Chiquita. The sketch will show you just how the garment



the embroidered band of open work and run the ribbon through it. If elastic s used, baste it inside the band, so that it can be removed when the article is sent to the laundry, and sew the rib-

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