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Sister Colony. Some irrigation experiments of a remarkable character are at present eing conducted in New South Wales. As' is generally known, there is an nense inland region, used exclusvely for pastural pur, oses, embrac ing an area of several thousand square miles, and graphically described as a waterless country, the rain-fall being slight, and the water supply extremely precarious. Yet it was not until within the last few ears that it was definitely known hat abundance of water could be obained not only from the cretaceous mation, but also from other rocks derlying the soil in this part of he colony. Artesian boring in New outh Wales commenced in 1879, in hich year operations were begun at station lying between Bourke and Wilcannia. was tapped at a depth of 140 feet, eight of 26 feet. In 1884 the Colorial Department of Mines put down its first bore in search of water, small supply of which was reached at 89 feet. Since then much work has been done, both by the Govern ment and by private enterprise. On the 30th of November, 1899, there were 73 completed Government bores while 12 were in progress, and contracts had been let for others. Of hose completed there were 49 flowng, yielding a supply approximate ly 29,000,000 gallons per diem, and 16 from which a supply of 750,000 gallons per diem can be pumped; But emaining eight bores the n the search for water suitable for drinkng purposes has been unsuccessful The deepest bore sunk in the colony is that at Dolgelly, on the road rom Maree to Boggabilla, which is down 4,086 feet, yielding a flow of

745,200 gallons per diem The next in depth is the Bancanya bore on the Silverton-Cotham road, being 3,615 feet deep. The largest flow has been obtained at the Toolora bore, on the road from Walgett to Coonamble, which yields approximately 3,000,000 gallons a day. The water from the Government over and above that required for traveling stock and domestic use, is being used for irrigation purposes and much has already been accom-plished in this direction. At the Pera bore, 8 miles from Bourke, on the Wanaaring road, an area of 68% acre has been reserved for an experimenta farm. The remainder of the land ha been cut up into 20-acre blocks, all of which have been let under the home stead selection provisions of Crown Lands Act of 1895. Sh future results realize the anticipa tions formed by those carefully studied the question - it is possible that the vast expanse of treeless, waterless country at present given up to sheep, and which is a source of heavy loss to pastoralists during prolonged periods of drought become studded with richly fertile spots. The system of soil aeration now adopted is said to have proved successful in every respect, and where only a few years ago there was nothing but dry burnt up coun try, may now be found beautifu gardens, filled with the choicest flowers growing in luxuriant profusion, and orchards filled with healthy and orchards filled with healthy trees giving the promise of future abundant crops. But there have been varying results on the irrigation Several have been successful and others only partially so. however, has been occasioned largely by the character of the tenants. Those possessing real agricultural exper-ience and willing to turn it to the

best account, have found irrigation farming a remunerative enterprise.

Strippings Rich in Fat. The Farmer's Advocate says: That there is a marked difference in the quality of milk first drawn from the cow, as compared with that which comes away towards the finish, was clearly shown by an experiment carried out some time ago by a wellknown dairy expert. This gentleman found that while the average per cent. of butter fat in the first half pint of milk withdrawn from a cow worked out to only 1.32 per cent. the butter fat in the strippings, or the last half pint, amounted to over nine per cent. There was hardly any difference in the percentage of the other solids present in the last drawn

When Drying Off a Cow.

In drying off a cow, the animal hould be put upon rather dry food and the quantity of milk withdrawn at each meal should be gradually ssened-in other words, a little milk should always be left behind in the udder. After a few days only as much should be withdrawn as is ound necessary in order to relieve he animal of an uncomfortable pres ere of the milk glands. In addiout half an ounce of powdered a un in drinking water twice daily, and the udder should be rubbed with an ointment consisting of one drachm of Belladonna extract, to an ownce of

Dangers of "High" Game. The eating of "high" game is un doubtedly attended with risks, and the poisonous effects are probably due to the toxins produced in the earler stages of the putrefactive process. The advantage, of course, of hanging game is that the flesh be omes tender and decidedly more di gestible than when it is quite fresh. The ripening process, however, may mean the elaboration of toxins. It is a curious fact that game can made to look 'ripe' and green by injecting into the fresh flesh potassium sulphide — London Lancet.

New Belgian State Railroad. The Belgian State Railroad man agement will build an entirely new line between Brussels and Chent, 31 miles, at a cost of 15,000,000 francs This will be built to be worked by steam, but with reference transportation ultimately into an

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HOW KWANG HSU LOOKS.

Chinese Emperor Holds His Audi ences From Midnight Till Dawn, "The Chinese emperor is now about 30 years of age. He is under the medium height, sallow and apparently of a weak constitution. He has received a good training in Chinese and in Mantchoo. He knows some English. He has a wife, a dozen concubines and no children. He is unable to control his explosive temper. It is doubtful whether he can exert a rule of author ity over others. He has a kind of fem inine energy to push ahead, but lacks clear vision of surrounding conditions His reform edicts are unique in the history of the empire. It is impossible to say, however, what part of them is due to him and what part to Kang Yu-Wei, the greatest leader of the re-

form party. "The emperor, as is customary in China, transacts all state affairs between 12 at midnight and the rise of the sun," writes Professor I. T. Head land in Ainslee's Magazine for October. "Some sharp tongue has said that the Chinese love darkness because their deeds are evil. What is good however, is done at the same time. It is during these hours that Kwang Hsu formulates his edicts, which are all published in the Peking Gazette. Two officials shadow the emperor without ceasing. These are the imperial re-corders. They note and transcribe his every act, his every word. Their memoranda are not opened until the history of the dynasty is written, long after the rotting bones of Kwang Hsu have become sacred beside those of his ancestors."

Implied. The sultan hasn't said that he cannot pay, says the Sioux City Journal, but he admits that it costs him \$7,000,000

The summer by us Softly crept; First thing we thought of It was Sept.

Full soon the streets will All be blocked With freezing rains, a Sign of Oct. Then we will hug the

A sure and certain-Sign of Nov. Then will come Christmas Time of peace,
All in the crowning
Month of Dec.

What then? Ah, mercy Another century Comes with Jan! -St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

the ladder, when the man slipped, and the hodful of mortar fell right down on the top of me. She—How, absurd you must have He-No; on the contrary, I was sub-

He-You see I was walking unde



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IMAGINATION.

the girls had been lunching together in the big storeroom at the top of the warehouse, and they had been regaling them-selves and each other by telling love sto-ries, real and imaginary. It had been particularly stipulated by the brown eyed maiden that all proposals mentioned should be wholly imaginary and such as could never possibly have come to pass. And now that it was her turn to tell a story she began in a way which promised a close adherence to this stipu-lation.

"Once upon a time," she commenced "so long ago that all the men were so better than plain Phil"

"Now, in the village where this chivalrous knight had been born and where he went back on a visit once in awhile, there lived a young woman who loved him dearly and whom he loved just as much, although they neither of them knew it for a long, long time. A grim and ugly ogre, the ogre of dire necessity, had forced him away from the village to the great seething city when he was little more than a boy, long, long before he had proved his right to his knightly plume and spurs. The first time he went back on a visit—the ugly ogre wouldn't allow him to do this for ever so long, and he only let him stay just a week and a day when he did get back—the young woman found out that she loved him, although she wouldn't admit this even to herself for nearly seven years afterwardnot until she was getting to be a sedate, middle aged woman of 30 and the chival-rous, lovely knight was nearly 35.

more of the handsome knight-you see, the knight had gone to school with her in her childhood and had been her own special and particular knight and protector in those days—and by and by the ugly ogre, without in the least meaning it, served her a good turn. He turned her out of the village and sent her hurrying off to the great city alone and lonely and with her own bread and butter to earn or go hungry. It was some time be-fore the chivalrous knight found her, but after that the great city, which had seemed so dreary and gloomy and lonesome to her at first, didn't seem half so bad with ous knight, in it."

The other girls exchanged glances stealthily at this point, but the happy faced girl with the brown eyes never noticed it. With her eyes still fixed upon the dusty roof, she was intent upon her story. And the little smile which crept from these eyes to the happy mouth and back again was so sweet with happiness that it made her beautiful. One or two of the more imaginative girls were beginning to wonder if the chivalrous knight's fair maiden had looked like that. The brown eyed girl sighed a little, as happy children sigh in their play and their sleep, before

"So the young woman was happy in the friendship, and she never thought of any-thing else," she said, the soft voice a lit-tle tremulous now. "And then all sud-denly the chivalrous knight sought her

"'I have longed to say this to you for months and months; darling,' he said, but I have not dared and for two reasons. But now that I have been promot ed and am to have money enough to make a home for you if you will only say yes I

"And so they were married and lived happily ever after!" they cried in chorus, rushing upon and covering her with ca-resses. "And we're all ever so glad for you both!"
"Why-why," exclaimed the girl with

why—wny," exclaimed the girl with brown eyes amazedly, "what's the matter with you all? Oh"—and she broke off to blush so divinely that if Philip, the chivalrons knight, had only been present ne would surely have insisted upon her marrying him then and there instead of waiting they would be not been present that they would surely have marrying him then and there instead of waiting they would be not surely a way. said about not telling things that had actually happened! Well," laughing as all. I'm going to leave the firm on Sat-urday, go I should have told you all this week anyway. And as I didn't quite know how to do it gracefully I'm not going to say anything cross about my little slip of the imagination."-Chicago Trib-

"How to Manage a Wife," The above was the title of the follow ing prize essay by the late Dr. C. F. Deems of New York: "Manage? What is that? Does it mean to control? We manage a horse.

we use our superior numan interiect to control and guide his superior physical strength so as to obtain the best results. But a wife is not a horse. When two persons are well married, the wife is as superior to the hasband in many respects as he is superior to her in others. If happiness is to be the result of the union, the first business of the husband it to manage himself so as to keep himself always his wife's respectable friend, al-ways her tender lover, always her equal partner, always her superior protector. This will necessarily stimulate the wife to be his admiring friend, always his af-fectionate sweetheart, always his confiding ward. And this will so react upon the husband that his love for his wife will grow so as to make it easy for him with all his faults, to bear with all the in firmities of his one and only wife.'

Choice of Tailors, Chollie-Youah tailah doesn't seem give you a vewy good fit.

Fweddie—No, deah boy, but he gives
me cwedit, and that is bettah.—Ex-

The girl with the brown eyes and the happy face looked up slowly. A lot of the girls had been lunching together in

gallant and all the women so lovely and so charming that girls never had to stand up in street cars and were always paid just as much money for doing the sam work as men were, there lived a young man. He was so brave and so knightly that everybody admired and loved him-pecause they couldn't help it—and I don't suppose he was called by his formal title more than once in a year or two 'Sir Galahad' seemed to suit him so much

She stopped hurriedly, her cheeks red, and the other girls exchanged amused glances. But they were kind and considerate enough—and also wise enough—not to do so until after she had turned her happy eyes from their impassive faces up to the dingy old roof again, and so she went on innocently:

"But she couldn't help owning up to herself that she wished she might see a friend, and such a friend as the chivat-

out one evening and asked her to be his wife."

have plucked up courage to ask—nay, implore—you to say it.

"And so"— But the brown eyed girl's face was so full of blissful joy and glory now that the other girls could be silent no

ing three weeks longer—"I've given my self away, haven't I? And after all only happy creatures can laugh, "no spe cial harm has been done, I suppose, afte



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