# A LONG FAST.

Fourteen Years of Abstinence from Food.

### THE PHYSICIANS PUZZLED.

The Bottom Knocked Out of all Exist ing Medical Theses.

In the city of Brooklyn there lives a lady, afflicted with paralysis, who, it is claimed, has lived for a period of nearly fourteen no one knew. This might be from inference wears absolutely without food or nourishmen or analogy, but I rather think that her fact to the sick chamber I have never detected evidence of the patient having eaten a morsel." Dr. Spier, who seems to have been her personal medical attendant, says: "Her case is a most remarkable one. She became as patient of mine in 1864. I can safely say that in all these years she has eaten nothing. I do not believe any food—that is, solids—them, and other equally wonderful perceptions." I do not believe any food—that is, solids—tack of paralysis. As for an occasional teaspoonful of water or milk I sometimes force her to take it by using an instrument to pry open her mouth. but that is painful to her. As early as 1865 I endeavored to sustain life in this way, for I feared that, in obedience the property of the prope strangely, but it is so. I have taken every pre- pernatural visitations. caution against deception, sometimes going into the house at eleven and twelve o'clock at night, without being announced, but have always found her the same and lying in the same position occupied by her for the entire period of her invalidity. The springs of her bedstead are actually worn out with the con-

tion of restoratives no change was brought about in the patient's condition until the tenth week, when the strange suspension of life ceased and breath was once more inhaled and breathed forth from her lungs.

To their dismay the doctors then found that Mollie had lost her sight and the power of deglutition, the latter affliction rendering it impossible for her to swallow food or even articulate by the use of tongue or lip. Previous to her trance a moderate quantity of food had been given her each day, but since then she has not taken a mouthful of life-sustaining food. Spasms and trances alternated with alarming frequency since Miss Fansher was first attacked. First her limbs only became rigid and disturbed at the caprice of her strange malady, but as time passed, her whole frame would writhe as if in great pain, requiring to be held by main force in order to remain in the bed. She could swallow nothing and lay utterly helpless until

moved.

An intimate lady acquaintance of Miss Fansker, speaking in reference to her personal appearance and her extraordinary fast, says: "Mollie, I can safely say, is one of the most beautiful women I ever saw. Even now, in spite of her long years of pain, her face is striking. It is what artists term all through the wither light entry hair clear comparitively with light entry hair clear comparitively with light entry hair clear comparitively with light entry hair clear comparitively. spirituelle, with light curly hair, clear comfailure, and are selling dearer in our local plexion, dark (though sightless) eves and market then wheel Besides are selling dearer in our local curly hair how can I describe it? It cannot a blight struck them about the middle be more than four inches in length, yet it July. At first it was supposed to be the old curls close to her head, is parted slightly on Irish potato rot which made such distress in face in the most charming and jaunty showing similar symptoms as far as the manner possible. She is a woman sudden decay of the tops, yet the stenchy rot manner possible. She is a woman who, under ordinary circumstances, would weigh about one hundred and thirty pounds. Her cheeks are full, her mouth and nose delicately moulded and her teeth white, ging are not found to be affected with the small and even. She has lain to my knowledge for fourteen years in the same room rotted badly, both by dry and wet rot. The rotted badly, both by dry and wet rot. The and in very nearly the same position, and disease is more particularly noticeable in the has not eaten any nutritious food since 1866.

Doctors have tried to force down a little wine peachblows. The new varieties did not appear

Among some of the peculiarities of this extraordinary case, it is mentioned that although one of the most important of the senses, was thus cut off it was soon discovered that by some phenomenal means Miss Fansher made up the deficiency by what may be called "second sight."

Though unable to see, yet she can work, night well as day, upon her wax flowers and embroidery, requiring great nicety and taste in the selection of colors.

When questioned in regard to the matter she will say, in writing, 'I can see, but not with my poor old eyes.' Sometimes, indeed, her mouth will lose its rigidity and she will mumble out some half forgotten sentence; but even on these accasions she will not taste of food, so accustomed is she to do without it. A maryelous intuition is said to be anof food, so accustomed is she to do without it. A maryelous intuition is said to be another peculiarity of this interesting invalid. In conversation with a number of thresher physician, Dr. Spier, received a note from her (through her aunt) some years since informing him that she (Miss Fansher) had a presentiment of a robbery which would happen to the doctor. Sure enough, Dr. Spier lost a case of instruments the next day; they were stolen out of his house. When she revives from a state of trance she can tell the time of day without looking at the timepiec or by simply moving her finger tip across the crystal of a watch. Says Dr. Ormiston, referring to the subject: "She has told melots of things about myself that I supposed

# ALVINSTON NEWS.

ALVINSTON, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30, 1878.

has lived for a period of nearly fourteen years absolutely without food or nourishmen of any kind. The lady's name is Mary's Fansher, or, as she is known to her friends, "Mollie" Fansher. Her case has puzzled the genius and baffled the skill of all physicians who have investigated it; they all pronounce it inexplicable. Says Dr. Ormisten, of No. 74 Hanson place, who has attended her: "It seems incredible, but from everything I can learn Mollie Fansher never eats. "During a dozen visits to the sick chamber I have never detected gridence of the natient having eaten a more assional errors, however): working embroiaffected the corn in Ontario but it is similar ly injured in all parts of America. The cause of this parasitical fungus is being dis

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to the universal law of nature, she would die infirmity; but why the nervous system should be gradual inanition or exhaustion, which I of gradual inantion or exhaustion, which I thought would sooner or later ensue; but I was mistaken. The case knocks the bottom out of all existing medical theses, and is, in a word, miraculous. Several times I have given her emetics on purpose to discover the suity of life for fourteen years, utterly without truth; but the result always confirmed the sustemance enough to feed a halv for a week truth; but the result always confirmed the sustenance enough to feed a baby for a week, statement that she had taken no food. It sounds appeals strongly to my unwilling belief in su-

# AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

The Wheat Crop. period of her invalidity. The springs of her bedstead are actually worn out with the constant pressure. My brethren in the medical profession at first were inclined to laugh at me and call me a fool and spiritualist when I told them of the long abstinence and keen mental powers of my interesting patient. But such as have been admitted to see her are convinced. These are Dr. Ormiston, Dr. Elliott and Dr. Hutchison, some of the best talent in the city, who have seen and best leved."

The fine weather has given the farmers ample opportunity to get through with their ample opportunity to get through with the in each some in excellent the growth. There has been a large acreage sown.—In fact the farming have may say that this canadian thistle is an important factor in Ontario farming. North, south, east and w The fine weather has given the farmer It appears Miss Fansher's long abstinence is the result of paralysis occasioned by injuries received by an accident. Mary was her parent's favorite daughter. She was sent to Professor West high school at an early age, and there developed many brilliant qualities of mind and heart which augured well for her future. At seventeen she was pretty, petite and well-cultivated. As a member of the Washington avenue Baptist Sunday school she met and learned to love a classmate she met and learned to love a classmate to do is to give her a lift in the way of better either be conquered by farmers or they will she met and learned to love a classmate named John Taylor. An engagement folcultivation and more plant-food manure. It lowed the intimacy of the Sunday school class, and the young people looked forward with buoyant spirits to the bright life so soon to dawn upon them.

But fate decreed differently. While getting off a Fulton street car one day in 1864, on her return from school the young lady slipped and fell backward. Her skirt caught on the stem unseen by the conductor, who started states the skirt caught on the stem unseen by the conductor, who started states to do is to give her a lift in the way of better dither be conquered by farmers or they will conquer them. And we have no hesitation in saying that these noxious weeds have more to do in connection with bad farming, to depress the country, than any of the prosperity of Ontario will depend to a large extent upon her agriculture, and he ce we would advise our farmers are fairly prosperity of Ontario will depend to a large will be proportionate to the amount of plant food manure. It may not be out of place to mention here that these noxious weeds have more to do in connection with bad farming, to depress the country, than any of the prosperity of Ontario will depend to a large extent upon her agriculture, and he ce we would advise our farmers are fairly prosperity of Ontario will depend to a large extent upon her agriculture, and he ce we seem to do in connection with bad farming, to depress the country, than any other cause. The prosperity of Ontario will depend to a large extent upon her agriculture, and he ce we would advise our farmers are fairly prosperity of Ontario will depend to a large prosperi and fell backward. Her skirt caught on the step unseen by the conductor, who started the car on its way again. The poor girl was dragged some ten or fifteen yards before her cries were heard and the brake applied. When picked up she was insensible and was carried, suffering intense agony from an injured spine, to her home near by. Forty-eight hours afterward she was seized with an intense spann, which lasted for over two days. There is a disposition am ngst the farmers in good crops in succession. There is a disposition am ngst the farmers in good crops in succession. There is a disposition am ngst the farmers in good crops in succession. There is a disposition am ngst the farmers in good crops in succession. There is a disposition am ngst the farmers in good crops in succession. There is a disposition am ngst the farmer wheat your plant, or stems of wheat will receive support from the atmosphere, 19-20, wheat would grow as well on a gravel road as their wheat, but this is always a bad practice. When the rattage, shrinkage, and interest on money is taken into consideration, the farmer is best off who sells early. There is a general disposition to hold back, but we can assure our farmers might imagine with such the farmers in good crops in succession. There is a disposition am ngst the farmers in good crops in succession. There is a disposition the farmer in good crops in succession. There is a disposition am ngst the farmers in good crops in the farmer in good circumstances to hoard their wheat, but this is always a bad practice. When the rattage, shrinkage, and interest on money is taken into consideration, the farmer is best off whose sells early. There is a disposition to hold back, but we can assure our farmers might imagine with such the farmers in good crops in the farmer in good circumstances to hoard their wheat, but this is always a bad practice. When the rattage, shrinkage, and interest on man near the large farmer in good circumstances to hoard their wheat, but this is always a bad practice. When the spasm, which lasted for over two days. Then came a trance, when the sufferer became cold and rigid, with no evidence of life beyond a warm spot under the left breast, where feeble pulsations of her heart were detected by Dr. Speir. Only this gentlemen belived she was alive, and it was due to his constant assertion of the girl's ultimate recovery that Miss Fancher was not buried. Despite the best medical help and the application of restoratives no change was brought about in the patient's condition until the

low nothing and lay utterly helpless until moved.

This tendency of our farmers to go in

tion, dark (though sightless) eyes and markets than wheat. Besides a small acreage ughtful, intelligent features. Her blonde, being planted, owing to the price last spring, side and is combed back from her Ireland during the famine. Although be held firmly during the operation. This will happen at long intervals, but it is her doctor's opinion that she is better without the driblets of feed (or rather drink) thus same ground. The early rose for instance has been such a favorite and has been so

OTHER ROOT CROPS

PEAS. Peas are a complete failure, both in yield and quality. Five bushels per acre is all they have in some of the western counties of Essex, Kent, Middlesex, etc. Besides the ougs and a small worm.

OATS. Oats will not average more than 25 bushels per acre, and there is likely to be an upward endency in price.

ussed in scientific circles at the present time

and from their deliberations as yet, they have arrived at no definite conclusion. The point of dispute is whether the spores are generated in the seed, or remain in the ground during the year, and are thus transmitted to the ovaries of the corn may arise, it is a question worthy of careful consideration especially in the southern lati-tudes of Ontario on the borders of our lakes where the soil is admirably adapted to the rowth of this cerial. Corn should be alter nated with peas; it is an excellent crop in every light you look at it. It is the best feed we have for any kind of stock, containing chemically more of the elements of animal food than any grain with the exception of wheat. Besides this, a crop of this grain doubly blesses, by giving a large yield and at the same time improving the physical condition of the land, A crop of corn cannot be beaten for killing off a field of Canadian thistles; besides the cultivation by hoeing and cultivating, the high stalks of the corn prevents farmaers aregoing to raise grain or weeds. We are not exaggerating in saying that inneteen farms out of twenty, from Gaspe to Sandwich, have more or less of this bane. Really in a field between Clandeboye and Centralia, on the London, Huron & Bruce

# FASHIONABLE SLANG.

Much Like the American

Charles Mackay in "Social Notes." That the dirty cesspools of slang should mpty themselves into the clear river of assical English is a result of our modern manner which is to be much deplored, and gainst which the leaders of society should set themselves, as rosolutely as they do against other breaches of decorum and good nanners. The vulgar among the mildle and upper classes affect exaggeration in their expletives. "Very good," and "very bad" are phrases that are very seldom heard, havare phrases that are very seldom heard, having been superseded by such words as "dreadful" and "awful." A very pretty girl is an awfully pretty girl, or a dreadfully fine woman. Our golden youth, male and female, as well as the lower grade of people who ape their manners and language, are at some times "avfully jolly," at other times "dreadfully bored." I was at an awfully nice dinner party last night," one. "You should see the new farce," another, "it is screamingly funny." "I'n going down to Brighton next week," says going down to Brighton "it is so jolly to be by the briny. While a young lady accepting a bouquet from an admirer graciously acknowledges the git with the words, "Oh, thank you so much! Ia! awfully ta!" It is another characteristic of the present time that young people-at least in company or in the ordinary cu rent of conversation—never talk of "friendship" or "love." These honest old words are antiquated, and it is almost as contrary to good manners to mention them as it would be to speak of the commonest functions of nature. Fashion often disguises what it has to say in this respect under synonyms derived from the gutter. " am a awfully bored in general society," said lady of title, "but I enjoy myself immensely among my pals." "He is a great ally of mine," said one member of Parliament to another, as if he were afraid of believing

frendship and loth to utter its name. Love fares still worse than friendship in the year 1878. "Smith is awful spoony upon Miss Jones," says one. "Well," replies his com-Jones," says one. "Well," replies his companion, "she is an immensely fine girl, but she has no tin." "I can't understand," says Snob the first to Snob the second, "how a fellow can go spooning about a girthat hasn't got a penny to bless herself with," and Snob the second replies, "Nor I, either. Neither can I understand how that awful ass (Jones or Robinson, as the case may be) can spoon about his own wife as he does after being married two years!" . Two words derived from the stable are constantly heard from the mouths of men who have studied at Oxford or Cambridge, who may hold commissions in the army or the navy, or be high in the civil service of the crown, or who may otherwise rank honorably in the estimation of the world and of society. The words are "groom" and "form." A fashionable newspaper, noted for its excellent caricatures of the notables of the day, writes of a lady, whose name shall not be repeated:—" She is fair and splendid. not be repeated :—" Sne is tair and spiendid, and has a profusion of hair, which she grooms in the plainest way, without fringe." " Look at that little filly," says a vulgar man in a ball-room, "how nicely she is groomed." "Form," in the stable, signifies a state of health and general condition of a horse. The word is of such modern acceptance as the health and general condition of a horse. The word is of such modern acceptance as to be unknown not only to Captain Grose in the last century, but to the compilers of Hotten's slang dictionary, published as late as the year 1864. It is no longer coufined to the race-course, to Tattersall's or the stables where it originated, but it is constantly employed to convey the idea of fashion, manners, customs, and polite observances. It is not good "form," to arrive too late to dinner, to dance with animation,

is good "form," however to call a hat a tile, a child a kid, money dibs, a father a relieving officer, a mother or wife an old woman, a cigar a weed, clothes togs, a pockethandkerchief a wipe, a cravat a choker, a shilling a bob, £25 a pony, etc., etc. That man of superior culture, by frequenting low society, should pick up the words of their associates is intelligible. but that when out associates is intelligible; but that when out of such society they thould repeat and be proud of the the vulgarity which they have caught as they would catch fever, is no more to be understood than that gentlemen shi like to be considered a costermonger Corn is a good crop all over, but has been adly injured by smut. It not only has

# RULES AND REASONS.

ething That "Occasional" Correspo dents Should Rend and Heed.

1. Write upon one side of the leaf only.

Why? Because it is often necessary to cut
the pages into "takes" for the compositors
and this cannot be done when both sides are

written upon.

2. Write clearly and distinctly, being pa 2. Write clearly and distinctly, being particularly careful in the matter of proper names and words from foreign languages. Why? Because you have no right to ask either editor or compositor to waste his time puzzling out the results of selfish carelessness. 3. Don't write in a microscope hand. Why Because the compositor has to read it across his case at a distance of nearly two feet. Also cause the editor often wants to make additions and other changes.

4. Don't begin at the very top of the first page. Why? Because, if you have written a head for your article the editor will probably want to change it, and if you have not-which is the better way—he must write one. Besides, he wants room in which to write his instructions to the printer as to the type to be used, where and when the proof is to be sent, etc. 5. Never roll your manuscript. Why? Be

cause it maddens and exasperates every one who touches it—editor, compositor and proof-6. Be brief. Why? Because people don't read long stories. The number of readers which any two articles have is inversely pro-portioned to the square of their respective lengths. That is, a half-column article is

read by four times as many people as one of double that length.

7. Have the fear of the waste basket constantly and steadily before your eyes. Why?
Because it will save you a vast amount of useless labor, to say nothing of paper and

dress plainly at the end of your letter. Why Because it will often happen that the editor will want to communicate with you, and because he needs to known the writer's name a a guarantee of good faith. If you use a pseudonym or initials, write your ewn name and address below it. It will never be di-

9. "These precepts in thy memory keep and, for fear you might forget them, cut them out and put them where you can readily get through them when tempted to spill inne

# ROMANCE OF A LONDON POLICE

A pretty girl of eighteen applied for a summons for assault against a barrister living in New Inn. Her parents, she said, were hard-working and respectable people, but not rich enough to keep her, and so she had accepted an engagement in the chorus at He Majesty's Opera-House last season. One One spoke to her and asked her to go with him and have a glass of wine. She refused, but he waited for her several other evenings, and at last induced her to have seme champagne out after that she knew nothing of wha happened until the following morning, when she woke up and found herself in a strange room. The gentleman she had had supper with was with her, and it turned out that they were in his chambers in New Inn. She was very frightened, and went home and tried to make her parents believe that she had been stopping with one of her compan ions in the chorus, but the girl would not supporther in the statement and she was sent away from home. She went to the man who had ruined her and asked him for some money, but he turned her away roughly and would not assist her. She afterwards met him on the Strand, and she spoke to him again, stated that she was in great nd asked him for some money. He ther old her he did not know anything about her and afterwards struck her. After the sum-mons had been issued the barrister settled the case privately.

### THE USE OF ALCOHOL IN THE ROYAL INFIRMARY

The following resolutions have been passe

by the committee of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, approved by the General Board, and forwarded to the Medical Board for consideration and report:— That, considering the tendency to excess in the use of alcoholic liquor by large num-bers of persons, and of the danger of foster-ing the appetite, the attention of the medical committee be asked to the administration of selection with regard to the following particulars:—1. As to the desirability of removing the prescription of alcohol from the diet side to the medical side of the bed ticket. 2. As to the desirability of adopting some uniform shape in which to prescribe its use, such as spirits of wine or brandy, with the view of insuring its more definite and scientific exhi-bition. 3. The restriction of alcohol to the narrowest possible limit, and the substitution for it where possible of some other contents or it where possible of some other contents

A DRILL WHICH BOBES SQUARE HOLES .-One of the novelties of the Paris Exposition is a drill which drills which drills square holes he invention of Mr. Julius Hall, of London The work is done, too. says a correspond of the Scientific News, in a way so sim so easy that any one may prove the fact for himself. The invention has excited genuine astonishment among the mechanics gathered at the Exposition. There is a constant crowd surrounding the inventor, watching him bore hole after hole, and puzzling over the provokingly simple solution of the prob-lem. All that is required is an ordinary hand drill stock. A stationery one with a chucle below for holding the work is used by will answer, anything in fact, will do that will properly hold the drill—so that no special apparatus is required. Clamp or chuck this drill in its holder so that it will wobble, that is the whole secret. Instead of making a round hole as it will if tightly grasped, when loose it produces a square one and, according to the inaentor, it is immaterial whether the drill wobbles in the work or the work under the drill.

—The Roman Emperor wrote "I have lost a day," when twenty-four hours passed without his doing a good action. Edison when he don't invent anything in that time takes a piece of chalk and writes on a board "another day busted"—the word "busted" being a Greek term signifying in this connection "inappropriately expended." servances. It is not good "form," to arrive day busted"-too late to dinner, to dance with animation, Greek term si er to applaud heartily at the opera, etc. It appropriately

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

Strangeiftrne" is the author of mar -It is almost time to begin practice

-The large Alsatian bow is still used for -A company has been formed to grow pium in Mozambique.

—A fishery question agitates Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The purchasers desire to know if it is right for the dealer in fish to balast —Tropical and humming birds are much used for hat trimmings. the salmon with sand in order to make it weigh more. These frugat toilers of the sea have evidently being copying the example of the man who filled the jumping frog with —No turkey was ever heard to complain a lack of slaying on Thanksgiving.

—Osman Pasha, the hero of Plevna, is i ommand of 150,000 Turkish troops. landlord of nearly all Sheffield, the home o cutlery, and has a place called Sheffield farm in the neighborhood. In honor of his mar--The widow of Hahnemann, the found f homosopathy, died lately, aged 98. -Brocade ribbons for strings have only appeared on a few of the imported hats.

—The most hideous bugs and reptiles so be the popular ornaments for bonnets. -Stockings and hankerchiefs are suppos match in color the trimmings of a dress. -Janzon, an engineer of Stockholm, has

-The Chicago school census shows a popu ation of 125,000 between the ages of 6 and

—" A poor clergyman, with eleven children solicits clothing and other aid" through the London Times. -A professor of palmistry says that long thin fingers indicate a love for song. Bank ashiers in Chicago must love song.

—Adelaide, Australia, carried off the prize or wheat at the first World's fair in 1851 and has won the prize at Paris also. -As the cold weather comes on, letarn our agricultural friends against sticking heir fingers into a cornsheller to warm

-It is a sad truth that the average boy the period is so weak that he is unable to carry a whole stick of candy the distance of a

-The Jewish papers of Paris pro Fambetta to be an orthordox Jew and Lord Seaconfield a heretic, though born in the

-The tyranny of tailous is commented o by the young men of the day. The tyrants octually demand pay for new overcoats on delivery.

-No wonder a ship is called " she." has shifts, stays, an apron, hooks and eyes, pins, caps and ribbons, hoods, poppets and a

-Worshippers who disagree with their lergymen in Windom, Minn., can walk up he pulpit stairs and knock him down, but -It is hard times with the butternut tree

in New England. Last year the yield of nuts was large, but this season it barely pays for -Edison has taken out 150 patents, but only 20 are considered by him to be of much

mportance. The rest were obtained so give added security to them. -Twenty cases of yellow fever, imported

by soldiers returning from Cubs, occurred in Madrid last month; the scourge never reached that capital before. -They make up furs without sewing no by applying a solution of India rubber and benzine with a stiff brush and passing the naterial between rollers.

-Two million tickets for the national ottery in cornection with the Paris Exposiaillion is being rapidly taken up.

—Salad-dressing, according to a Spanish proverb: "A spendthrift to put in the oil, a miser to put in the vinegar, a wise man pepper and salt a, madman to stir. -In a paper-mill in Manchester, Con-

use an improved machine, in building hich the maker says that he followed direct ions given by the spirit of his dead brother. "One minute in the penitentiary," was the unishment fixed by a Dallas (Tex.) jury for he tramp who, having been discharged weak and hungry from the hospital, stole a citizen's

-At a recent sitting of a medical congr n Pisa, one of the doctors present, Parini, ommitted suicide immediately after the sub-

—A livery stable keeper of Springfield, Mass., recently drank all the milk given by a cow he thought of buying, and refused to take r, as she could not give as much milk as he

-" What do you mean by a handful?" she asked. "It is my firm and deliberate conviction," he replied, "that a hand full is a hired man intoxicated." She said he was a nice dictionary.

-" O, woman, woman ?" said Bailie Tor rens, of Glasgow, when, on asking a prisoner why she had stolen a package of candy, she said, "It was like the forbidden fruit—it ras tempting."

"preserving autumn leaves" put up some, but afterward told a neighbor that they were not fit to eat, and she might as well have hrown her sugar away. -Zurich (Switzerland) has a magnific

hemical laboratory, presided over by Prof. Victor Meyer, who although but 30, attracts students of all nations, and is reckoned one f the very ablest men of his craft. -In the Court of Chancery at London

cently a hotel-keeper sought an injunction to restrain the cat of his neighbor from mewing, his dog from barking, his child from crying and his bell and fog-horn from being rung

linguistic science, "do not the lower animals speak?" We never gave the subject very close thought, but we suppose it is to avoid being called on to make addresses of welcome ad after dinner speeches.

—A male bear in a Belgian zoological ga

— a mase pear in a begian zoological gar-denies of the female com-panion in his cage, tore her to peices, and was on the point of becoming a cannibal, when the corpse was snatched out of the cage. The quarrel occurred at their dinner table. Suicide is an hereditary disease in many

families in Germany, its frequency is in parts attributed to the vicious system of intermariage among near relations, many uncles and neces, aunts and nephews marrying merely to keep property or titles in the family. —Some young men in Dundas organized a ring band last week. They have only had

meeting, a debating club, three whist parties and a beer saloon. The defenceless villagers ere now talking about an injunction. -The English language is sadly in want of

his foot to plant it on another step, and sud-denly discovers that there is no other step. —Sir T. Acland, a Scottish M. P., has had teacher from the Edinburgh School of Cookery visit his estate and give practical in-structions, with demonstration lessons, to his tenants, using the appliances in actual

with its thaw-no cash on hand from which —Probobly no men ever stood closer against a wall than did the four miners who, working in the shaft of a Nevada mine, heard the hoisting car break from its fastenings far above their heads. They knew that there would be just a foot of space between the falling car and the wall, but they were not so sure about their own thickness, and there was no time for calculation. They made themselves as flat as possible, and escaped injury, although the shirt of one was torn off.

off.

The Italian newspapers call attention to the prevalence of pellegra, a mahaly which, beginning with the skin, impairs the digestion and nervous system, and becomes fatal. In Lombardy, in 1830, there were 20,000 peasants attacked by it; in 1856 there were 38,000: and, though no statistics have since the published there are believed to be now. use in their cottages, wood fires, crocks and contracted stoves.

—Dusty pedestrian: "I should like a glass missis. please—" Landlady: been published, there are believed to be now 40,000. The disease is produced by the habitual consumption of the flour of damaged maize, but also by overwork, uncleanliness, and unhealthy dwellings. "No, I've been walking urteen miles."
Landlady: "Na, na, nae nk will ony yin get here wha's been ple Sawbath day!"—Punch.

-John Conquest married Mrs. Scott in Vienna, Mich. She believed that she was a widow, her husband having never returned from the war. The couple lived together several years with average happiness. Lately Scott disclosed himself in the neighborhood but did not claim his wife, and it was supposed that he was not much grieved by her -The young Duke of Norfolk is ground marriage to Conquest. One night the Conquest house was burned, and the remains of the couple were found in the ruins, with murderous cuts not obliterated by the fire. Scott riage he gave last week a magnificent ball there to 600 guests. When the leases fall in, his income from Sheffield will exceed \$1,500,was arrested, but there seems little except surmise against him.

-The Phare du Littoral records the arrival at Nice of two English collegians who left London on the velocipedes on August 28, and made for New Haven, on the Sussex resumed possession of the farm from which they had been ejected by the late Lord Leitrim, have been arrested. They made a desperate resistance, but Capt. Cropping and coast, whence they went to Dieppe. Then they made a tour right across France and reached Nice on Sept. 10. They met with a very kind reception everywhere and were put to small expense. No accident befel them, out a frightened horse nearly knocked one of —Last harvest's tea at Amoy, China, has een adulterated to an extent beyond precethem down. Whether they caused accidents is not recorded. They carried lanterns, but dent with willow leaves. The consuls have i plained to the government which has rarely used them, as they generally got into

med a proclamation censuring the practice quarters before nightfall. and offering rewards for the detection of THE INCENDIARY PIN .- A young lady of Chicopee, Mass., met with a very curious accident the other day, while out walking in the auction, in London, "a promissory note for £1,000, payable after the decease of the surhot sun. She wore a pin in the shape of a lobe, that lay in such a position as to convivor of two noblemen now aged respectively eighty-one and seventy-nine years." It is said £10 has been offered privately for it. It entrate the sun's rays upon her clothing. The result was the burning of a hole two or three inches across in her dress, the first in-timation she had that anything was out of the way being her lace collar burning off.

-Augustus drives a great deal these lovely riginal abode of the gods and favourite resort of the dainty Venus, leprosy must now be added. There is a village of these afflicted wretches near Niscosia, and last year there out the Grimsby road, "do you know some vere five cases among the Turkish troops mes-er-when these-these soft-kind of soft—softning influences—you know, these hazy soft of soft—soft—ur—ah—these kind -Professor Faraday tested the purity soft-" Presses his hand despairing upon s brow and looks unutterable

'What claim hast thou to enter here?

Enough!" the hoary guardian said,

-An educated Chinaman, Kwang Chang

machinery and methods are adopted the people will not be able to support themselves;

uous that the examiners were reported at the

name, conspicuous and alone, at the head of the first class. Yet this man never got be-

ond a curacy—he did not take the priest's ders—and for 31 years his life was passed

seclusion, devoted to preparing works in the classics, and latterly to the study of as-

-In the late fight at Stolan between the

Austrians and Bosnians, the combatants came to close quarters, the bayonet and vataghan

the Neue Pester Journal that as his regiment

erved in its ranks, firing with great rapid

In subsequently fighting hand to hand

ne showed great skill with her yataghan, istributing blows right and left, and parry-

She at last fell, severely wounded,

ing bayonets with surprising quickness an

and at the close of the struggle, as the am-

bulances arrived to collect the sufferers, she was found pale, blood stained, and apparently

opened her eyes, and as ho spoke, withdrew

ly clutching. It was quickly snatched from

her, as she cried: "Get out, you Christian dogs. I don't want your help. You killed my husband; let me die." She soon after

-Antoine Aurelie Tournens, the Perigeun

expired. She was a very handsome woman of about 23 years.

pproached the enemy, a Turkish wor

time to have considered whether

And the gate wide open threw. That is the age when every ma Is girl and angel too!"

water publicly by throwing into it a portion of a visiting card, which, if the water was im-pure was soon lost to sight, whereas in good hings. water it would have been visible as fishes As Peter sat at Heaven's gate, A maiden sought permission And begged of him, if not too late, To give her free admission

-The rage for exhibitions has now spread ven to Central Asia. The latest news from Tashkend states that an agricultural and industrial exhibition is about to be held Great preparations are being made for it at Samarcand, and the government has promised gold and silver medals to the exromised gold and silver me ibitors as well as honorary kaftans.

of beer, missis, please—" Landlady "Hae ye been travelin' by \?" Pedestrian

-The widow Algoe and her sons, who had

is bailiffs broke in the door with crowbars

-There is shortly to be offered for sale by

bas reference to certain landed estates in Ire-

-A parent, who claimed the right to edu Ling, is writing letters to California journals, in which he contradicts many current ideas eate his own children, sent the following nmunication to a school board in England recently: "Jentlemen: I am at a loss to know why the chool Bord oficer is so desirous to have my childer educated. It is my only wish to make them cholars. There is plenty of street Arabes to look after without annoying me so much. Yours, and so forth, The Jentleman Chool Bord." the population and prosperity have been decreasing since 1761; that unless improved

-Mr. Robert Brown, a rich Limerick grocer, left by his will £60 to be expended that the wealth of the empire is in the hands on his funeral. Sixteen married men, who were not to go to their homes between his death and burial but to remain at his house, being fed and cared for at his expense, were to carry his coffin, and his body placed upon —England has lately lost a prodigy of a bier, to the grave, but the parish cross, and a would not sanction the procession, and a large crowd of sight-seers dispersed in disaplane.

Linwood, aged 61, whom Dr. Keineuy, and master of Shrewsbury School, himself a famous scholar, dubbed the best scholar of his famous scholar, dubbed the best scholar of his best in

withstanding, borrowing, at a time when prostration of trade prevails. The expendicional classics at Oxford, on being asked what books ture after the war was so lavish as to absorb a large proportion of the French money. The estimates of the imperial budget for 1871 ature," and his pre-eminence was so conspicreached \$130,000,000. Germany now stands ninth on the roll of national indebtedness, France taking the lead, and England and the United States following.

-The latest novelty is a 'barometer hand kerchief." The design out it represents a man with an umbrella. In fine weather the umbrella is blue, in changeable weather gray and in rainy weather white. The secret lies in printing this design in cholride of cobalt; out the first washing removes this sensitive hemical, and destroys the barometric proper

-A Paris paper tells a story of a barber' apprentice in Hungary who cut his throat cause a girl would not marry him. He as taken to the hospital at Ratisbon and cured. It subsequently proved that the operation his larynx had undergone had given him a fine tenor voice, which he improved by practice, and he has lately been engaged at the Opera House in Vienna

-A sleight-of-hand performer, named Wy man (not the original Wyman), astonished the people of Waco by his clever feats. He did many wonderful things, making thing appear and disappear in mysterious ways out his greatest trick was not known unti he had departed. It was found that he had ubstituted the village landlord's daughter or his wife and assistant, eloping with the former and leaving the latter be

The London Brief says that it is a mistake to suppose that India is as tranquil as she appears on the surface. Those residents who are uninfluenced by petty bias are almost universally of the opinion that it is merely the opportunity that is wanting for us to see a repetition of the scenes enacted in 1857. The Mussulman populating are awaiting their leaders, and the leaders are biding is notary, whose strange fate it was to be for us some years King of the warlike Araucanians their time. A Mussulman never forgets, and

-A thorough canvass of Chicago industrie hows that there is labor there for every man actory superintendent says there are some dle grumblers who would not work if they were offered \$10 a day. This leads to the in quiry:—Have the hard times produced lass of idle men who hereafter and in prowork that habit will preserve them as vaga -Algernon, under her window in the cold

"Tis the la-hastrose o-hof summer Le-heft bloo-hooming alo-hone; All its lo-huv-lee! companions Ah-har fa-deh-hed and go-hone—'

Voice of Pa, from the next window, straine and cracked like, as though the old gentle nan didn't have time to look for his store teeth: "All right, young man, all right; just pin a newspaper over it to save it from the frost, and we'll take it in with the rest of

the plants in the morning."

—Thirty days hath September, if we the almanack remember. Then comes October, brown and sere, the month we chills and fever lear .- Erratic Enrique. And then Novem ber, month of rains, when one is full of aches and pains.—Meriden Recorder. You are all wrong, although 'tis true November maketh the nose quite blue. December comes, with frosts and snows, and gives us chilbiains on our toes.—Brantford Breeze. And January, women, sir."

of South America, died a few weeks ago in a French hospital. He landed in Araucania utterly ignormant of the language, and must have had some very extraordinary method in his madness if, as the Chilian government averred, he was a lunatic, to have obtained the influence that he undoubtedly did obtain found them fighting among themselves, and persuaded them to relinquish intertribal con This led to his being captured by the Chilians in 1862. The Government of Chili let him return to France, where the validity of his kingship was recognized in a law court. returned to Araucania in 1869-70, but was back in France in 1871, and subsequently fell into such poverty that he sought a place as a lamplighter. "Perhaps," the poor fellow said, in his last hours, "I was mad. Yet what fine colonies France has refused." His idea was to annexAraucania to France and be himself viceroy.

catechism. A grave school inspector, with a face which resembled the lengthened line of misery, was trying to impress some infant minds with awful facts. Sternly looking into their happy faces he asked with a voice from the tombs, "Children, do you know who loves all men ?" oppressive for a minute; but the conun-drum must be answered, and one little bit of humanity in the far-off corner timidly lifted her head. "Well, child, you will tell the whole school who loves all men?" She rose,