

drapped a curchy, an' turned as red as any bate."

"An aint that a new shtudy?" inquired the neighbor, cautiously forbearing any attempt to master the imposing word.

"I may say it's an *extdry*," replied Mrs. Flaherty, with condescension. "I axed Cely a few questions about it, but—it's the truth I'm tellin' yez—that choild couldn't tell me no more than I knew a' ready. Ye see, the teacher is instructin' her *unbeknownst* to hersilf, the way they do now. But some day we'll know all about it, an' it'll be a happy day fur me an' Tim whin we can sit on the platform in our best clothes, an' hear little Cely—grown a great girl—l'adin' the whole class in pro-cras-ti-na-tin?"—*The Youth's Companion*.

QUEENSLAND MEAT.—Sir James Garrick, Agent-General for Queensland, presided at a dinner given at the Whitehall rooms, Hotel Metropole, by the Queensland Meat Export and Agency Company (limited) to mark the commencement of a new development in the importation of meat from Australia. Up to a short time ago, it may be mentioned, the supplies of mutton reaching this country from Queensland were insignificant as compared with those from

New Zealand. But the pastoral system in Queensland has undergone considerable development of late, and the colonists propose to take advantage of their enormous stock of sheep estimated at 20 millions, together with their 6,000,000 of cattle, in order to contribute much more largely to the food supplies of Great Britain. It is further proposed that depôts and freezing stores should be opened at the Mediterranean ports, at Gibraltar, Aden, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, and other places for the supply of fresh Australian meat to British troops and British sailors stationed or calling there. Such a procedure, it is claimed, would confer a great boon on those who have to depend on the local supplies obtainable at the ports and places in question, would add to the defensive powers of the "Greater Britain beyond the seas," and would also open up a valuable trade for the Queenslanders themselves, who, in anticipation of such developments, are organizing the establishment of refrigerating and other appliances throughout their colony, so that the pastoralists' up country, instead of boiling down their mutton for tallow, may freeze it for the purposes of export as food. All the meat served at the dinner was from Queensland.

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES.

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There is probably no one possessing a telescope who does not take very great interest in observing Jupiter, now so favorably situated for study. Little more than a year ago and our knowledge of the giant planet seemed complete, but the discoveries made at Mount Hamilton and at Arequipa, have shown that we may commence anew the study of the Jovian sys-

tem with much profit. There are certainly features which are not easily reconciled with known physical laws; the axial motion of the satellites is in itself remarkable; while their constitution, according to Prof. Pickering, is quite unique in the solar system so far as yet known. Much credence has been given to his theory, that the satellites are globes composed of