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more frequently come in contact with raduates whose only claim to recognition is a parrotlike ability to

repeat what has been told them and a knack of gauging the idiosyncrasies of the examiner. The older I get the less I believe in the university

degrees as a test of capacity.

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stead of eleemosynary support given ro the necessitous and the deserving youth has also contributed to the de-basement of the scientific spirit, for it has early implanted in the young

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The distinguished novelist, Henry The distinguished novelist, Henry James, who is now on a visit to the United States, has resided abroad since 1869, alternating between England and Italy. When he landed in New York a few days ago one of the first things he did was to go to the postoffice and call for a three cent stamp, one of the old-fashioned kind that was used before people could send their ordinary letpeople could send their ordinary let-ters at an expenditure of only two cents. Mr. James' sensations on learning that the stamp in question had not been in use in the memory of many now grown almost to manhood and womanhood were akin to those experienced by Rip Van Winkle



HENRY JAMES.

visited the village of Falling Water after his twenty ing Water after his twenty years's sleep and witnessed the changes time

by any means during his residence abroad. The years since 1869 have been filled with arduous literary la-bor, which has advanced the author to a foremost place among romance writers in the English language. Indeed, he has been very profific both as novelist and essayist. Mr. James is credited with originating the in-ternational novel. It is interesting to observe how the circumstances of his boyhood influenced the work of his later career. Born in New York, in 1843, he was educated under his father's supervision in New York, Geneva, Paris and Boulogne-sur-Mer. His family went abroad in 1885 and stayed there until 1888. He remained a year more. In 1862 he entered the Harvard Law School. In 1865 he began to contribute sketches to maga-zines, but during the first ten years of his literary career he produced no extensive and ambitious work of no extensive and ambitious work of fiction. Familiarity with the old world furnished the young author with suggestions and material for a kind of social study that has characterized most of his writing. He has delighted in contrasting Americans and Europeans in his stories dealing with Americans abroad.

Iron Turned Into Copper.

A curious find was recently made in one of the copper mines at El Cobre, Cuba. These mines, once among the richest in the world, have been abandoned for over thirty years, because during the Cuban insurrection of 1868 the coal supply was cut off by the insurgents, and consequently pumping became impossible, so that the mines filled with water. After the Spanish war an American company bought the mines and procompany bought the mines and proceeded to pump out the water. In one of the shafts thus made accessible was found what once represented an iron pickaxe as well as some crowbars. The metal in these implements had, however, turned to cop-

Wonderful as this may appear, there is a simple scientific explanation. The water filtering through the rocks and the copper ore veins dissolved some of the copper, the solution containing sulphate of copper. solved some of the copper, the solution containing sulphate of copper. As soon as the sulphuric acid has a greater affinity for iron it at once dissolved that metal and deposited copper in its place, for sulphuric acid has a greater affinity for iron than for copper. In the process certain impurities which had existed in the iron were left behind undisturbed. The wooden handle of the axe was in good condition. The metal was porous and irregualr in shape, but in the general outlines preserved the form of the axe somewhat enlarged in size. larged in size.

Wonderful Echoes.

One of the finest echoes of which we have record is mentioned Barthius, in his notes on the The

Barthius, in his notes on the Thebais of Statius. This was on the banks of the Naha, between Coblenz and Bingen, where an original sound was repeated seventeen times.

At Milan is an echo which reiterates the report of a pistol from fifty to sixty times. In a cave of the Pantheon it is said that the guide, by flapping his coat, makes a noise equal to the report of a twelve-pounder. Pliny speaks of a cave in Dalmatia where a stone tossed in would raise a perfect storm.

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The sweetest echo in all the world answers a call at the side of the tomb of Nur-Mahal dud Jehanhgir, at Agra. The guide raises the cry: "Great is God, and Mohammed is his Prophet-Allah!" At first three distinct musical notes are heard in the echo, which reverberate round the dome, and ascend until they reach the smaller dome, where they re-unite, and escape from the temple as one tone.

Sinkiewigz at Mome

Henri Sinkiewicz, the Polish novelist, spent a year in wandering and hunting after his student life at Warsaw. His house is filled with trophies of the chase, and he is a collector of all kinds of curiosities. The most striking object in all his study is a huge carved chest, with silver mannings which is filled with priceless historical relics, including amongst other things, rings and jewels of famous royal personages.

"FATHER OF BASEBALL"

GRAND OLD MAN OF BASEBALL PAYS A VISIT TO CANADA.

Pather Chadwick Telts the History of Ball -Easeball Master Gives An Interesting Sketch of How the Modern Came Developed From Rounders-A Writer of Books and a Veteran Journalist -Congratulations on Soth Birthday.

On the 1904 anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, Toronto was honored with the presence of the Grand Old Man of baseball, Mr. Henry Chadwick, of the New York Press Club. Mr. Chadwick has had more Club. Mr. Chadwick has had more to do with the evolution of baseball from the old English game of rounders than any other man, living or dead. He is practically the organizer of the game as it is played to-day and though not working alone along these lines still he was always the guiding spirit and the man who kneaded the sport into its present highly scientific state.

To-day Mr. Chadwick is the one connecting link between the past and the present. Not that he has with-

connecting link between the past and the present. Not that he has withdrawn from sports and baseball yet, for he is still a very active member of the press and the compiler of Spalding's baseball guide that rules the bat and ball world. But he is the one man who has seen the game evolve from chaos to art and was largely instrumental in that evolution.

mr. Chadwick is now an old man— In his eighties—and his influence for good in the game is inestimable. In appearance he is tall and straight, with white beard and hair. As a acwspaper man he is kind and af-



Places of rest and refreshment are fable and easily approached. Also as commonly to be found at the halting stations on the highways in the interior, or at the villages on the banks of the great rivers of China. They frequently take the form of a small suit here. in his honor on the noted night of his visit to the Queen City. But. as They frequently take the form of a small mud hut, having a dark interior filled with smoke, tea tables, forms, and an oven, where a cook is kept busy baking tea bread and frying puddings for the entertainment of the entertainment the papers the next day reported, he was more modest in his estimate of his speaking ability than he had occasion to be. But 'twas ever thus; modest worth would always hide its light under a bushel.

Henry Chadwick is the youngest
son of the late James Chadwick, for-

frying puddings for the entertainment of the customers, whose favorite beverage is tea, although when times are good and the weather cold they indulge in something stronger, which often inebriates, and that at a very cheap rate. In the darkest corner there are a row of glazed earthenware jars, containing a kind of Chinese whiskey, of which a thirsty carter may have a skinful for something considerably under a penny; when he will go quietly to sleep on the shaft of his cart, and his pony or mule, being used to it, will take him home.

It was born in Jessamine Cottage, St. Thomas, Exeter, England, October 5, 1824. The members of the Chadwick family arrived in New York, September 21, 1837, and the next day took up their residence in Brooklyn, in which city Henry Chadwick has resided ever since, and consequently is now an "Old Brooklyn of mule, being used to it, will take him home. him home.

In addition to these conveniences there is an ingenious little furnace in front, having a long flue, through which the flame is driven by an air victoria in 1842 for his great services.

pump, and a row of hot water ket-tles, gradually increasing in size to suit the heat of the tongue of flame that passes up the flue beneath, so that they may be all kept boiling. that they may be all kept boiling. The hot water is sold passers-by, who usually carry with them their teapot and tea, so that they may have a cup at every station. This custom of carrying one's own tea is so common that it is difficult to procure a cup of tea in any of the restaurants, as they do not keep it, and do not care to go out of their way to buy it for you. Although the plant may be growing all round, and at one's very feet, it is next to impossible to get a cup that a foreigner would consider warth drinking; and as to using milk and sugar the Chinese look upon the practice as a barbarous device of the "foreign dev-lar" Beside his excellent in 180, and he has been editor of Spalding's League Guide for twenty-large.

New York Herald, in 1862, and was a writer on sports on The New York World of old for thirteen years and on The New York Sun for six years.

As a writer of hand-books on sports he began with "Beadle's Dime Book on Baseball," in 1860, and edited DeWitt's Guide from 1860 to the '80's, and he has been editor of Spalding's League Guide for twenty-three years. Beside his work on books, he edited The Baseball Chronicle in the '60's, The Metropolitan in the '80's and Waldron's Monthly in the '90's, and was on the editorial staff of Outing in the '80's. In 1894 Mr. Chadwick was subjected to a severe attack of grip, followed by inflammatory rheumatism, which obliged him to retire from active journalistic work for over two years, he ed him to retire from active journalistic work for over two years, he then residing at his son-in-law's home, near Sag Harbor. When the National League voted him a pension for life, as the "Father of Baseball," in 1896, he returned to Brooklyn and resumed his journalistic work as a veteran writer on sports.

Mr. Chadwick is one of the oldest members of the New York Press Club and of the Society of Old Club and of the Society of Old

Brooklynites.
On, the occasion of his eightieth birthday Mr. Chadwick received telebirthday Mr. Chadwick received tele-grams from President Roosevelt, Whitelaw Reid, Stewart L. Wood-word, and many other men of note, congratulating him on the annivers-ary and commending his work in the interest of decent sport. In an interesting chat on the evo-lution of baseball from its primitive state of rounders, imported from England, Mr. Chadwick gave the fol-lowing new facts:

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In 1833 the Olympic Club of Philadelphia was the first organized club to play the game of rounders, though it had been the sport of the town at least as early as 1831. The game was also in vogue in New England and in New York this early, with some difference in rules.

The Knickerbockers of New York were the first regular baseball team. They organized in 1848, and in 1848.

Mr. Cha wick himself took part in a weeks older, but sometimes a commentation of the sometimes weeks older, but sometimes a comment of the sometimes weeks older, but sometimes a comment of the sometimes of the so

game at Staten Island, playing short-stop.

In rounders the pitcher stood in front of a square, with the batsman standing guard over a hele in the ground, into which it was the pitcher's duty to put the ball and the batsman's to keep it out.

Soon the square was turned about angle-wise, as it is at present, and the pitcher placed in the centre. The old hole was replaced by a base, and the progress toward the modern game of baseball was fast and easy from that point on. To quote Mr

rom that point on. To quote M:

"It is now over fifty years ag that the old Knickerbocker, Gothan Eagle and Empire Clebs of Ner York began playing together on the old Elysian Fields at Hoboken, M J., then a suburban resort opposit the upper part of the city. That wain 1854. Prior to that year the in 1854. Prior to that year the Knickerbocker Club had played their games on a field in the city, locate near what is now the site of the Madison Square Garden; the paren club of baseball having been organized as far back as 1845. A decartater the game had become a favour ite sport in the metropolis. In 1855 the old Gotham Club was organized the Eagle and Empire Clubs follows. the old Gotham Club was organics:
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and Brooklyn half a century ago.
"It may be truly said that theyear of 1856 was the birth year of the evolution of baseball, for it was in that year that a movement made to improve the crude code of playing rules which had previously governed the clubs of the period. "It was in that year that we first "It was in that year that we first saw a regular match game of baseball, the occasion being a contest between the old Knickerbocker and Gotham Clubs—the two strongest clubs of the city that year. It was then that we took note of the possibilities of the game; and saw in it lever which could be advantageously used to lift up athletic sports into a desired normalizing. With this Into a desired popularity. With this great object in view, we became interested in the first National Association of Baseball Players, which was organized in 1858; and in 1859, being elected one of the delegates to the convention of that year, we were made a member of the Committee of Pules of the National Association in 1860, and from that time we began our work of evolution in building up our present grand national game."

Officer in Command of Russian Port Arthu

situation of the Russian quadron at beleaguered Port Arthur s attracting especial interest. The Russian ships to escape from Port Arthur showed that the position of the fleet is not unlike that of the Spanish Admiral Cervera's ships when they were penned up in the harbor of Santiago, with the Ameri-



REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM WITHOFT

can battleships watching outside Rear Admiral William Withoft, comnander of the squadron, is an officer who comes from Russia's German provinces on the Baltic and since 1865 has been in the Russian marine service. In 1884 he was promoted to the rank of commander and in 1899 became a rear admiral and was made chief of the marine section in the Kwangtung d strict. During the Boxer insurrection the admiral rendred valuable service

Monster Bowl of Punch.

In 1694 Admiral Edward Russell, commander of the English Mediter-ranean fleet, entertained six thousand ranean fleet, entertained six thousand people in a large garden in Alicante, where he served the largest bowl of punch ever brewed. It contained twenty gallons of lime juice, four hogsheads of brandy, one pipe of Malaga wine, twenty-live hundred lemons, thirteen hundredweight of fine white sugar, three packages toasted biscuits, fifty-one pounds of grated nutmegs and eight hogsheads of water.

The whole was prevented from dilution in case of rain by a large canopy, which spread over a marble fountain bowl which held the punch. The punch was served by a boy, who rowed about the basin of the fountain in a boat built for the purpose

tain in a boat built for the purpose and refilled the empty cups.

Age to Wean Figs.

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