ARE THE CHILDR'S BEWITCHPD ?

The Strange Malady Which Afflicts

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Pennsylvania Family. A Reading, Pa., telegram says : A strange story of superstition and witchcraft, which is verified by some of the best-known pec-ple in the neighbornocd, comes from Wind-sor Cas le, a small village situated along the foot of the Blue Mountains. Fink, a farmer, has five children, who have become sflicted with a strange malady, and the entire neighborhood believes that they are bewitched. The sflicted children are: Caroline, aged 21 years; John, aged 16; Louisa, aged 14; Sallie, aged 11, and Millie, aged 2. Beredian near the Finks is an aged 7 Residing near the Finks is an elderly woman who has been looked upon with suspicion by her neighbors for some years, and she is believed to have bewitched the children. The latter say that the old woman manif sis herself in the form of a cat, though no one else 18 able to see it. They are frequently thrown into violent paroxyems and are seized with terrible spasms, which pass from one to the other. They frequently cry out beseeching God to release them from their terrible spell. They imagine that the cat is endeavoring to jump into their faces to scratch their eyes out. Then they tear at their throats and rush into the open air, as they say the imaginary old woman is trying to squeeze the life out of them. Next they weep and cry out that she is biting them. They become exhausted after these spells and their f inds fear that unless they are cured soon they will die. Dr. Hatfield, the family physician, says it is a case which he cannot solve. Dr. Hagenman, of this city, the recog ized witch doctor throughout E stern Pennsylvania, visited the children. He laid his hands on them, going through all the incantations. After his visit the children became worse. The house is continually surrounded by crowds of people, who drive to the place from miles sround.

WASTE PLACES OF THE WORLD. Some Popular Mistakes Set Forth-Lite | led me to believe.

Sustained in Places Believed to be Sterile.

The Russian explorer Prejevalsky said, after his recent journey in northern Thibet, that an enormous amount of animal life was supported by the scanty herbage growing on these bleak, half sterile plains that form the highest plateau in the world, some 13,000 feet above the sea. He said the wild vaks there must number millions. and that a full-grown yak weighs from 16 000 to 18 000 pounds. Nature's chemistry evolves these great masses of flesh from

the vast expanse of withered oases blossom plantations, crected convents, and now a population of 8,000 people live at Jarabub, where the soil has been restored to fertility Tokar is captured it will be the final blow where the soil has been restored to fertility by their labors. There are large areas in

tions in South Africa between the Orange and Zambesi Rivers, says that the rain that falls for a few weeks every year in the "Tamai Spring, noon.— Our forces tions in South Africa between the Orange

FRANCE AND CHINA. DOMINION PARLIAMENT. Result of the Recent Fighting-Pence

Proposal A last night's Paris cable says: It is stated that Gen. De l'Isle desires Col Herbinger to be punished for his burried retreat from Langson.

Gen. Boulanger, the French commander at Tunis, has been ordered to Tonquin to assume chief command. The bases of the treaty between France and China are that the Chinese shall evacu-ate Tonquin, that the French shall occupy Formosa until a treaty of peace has bee executed, and shall forego the indemnity from China, and that a treaty of commerce shall be concluded, giving trade advantages to France. M. Ferry considered the terms acceptable with few modifications. The French defeat at Langson occurred beforehand.

The following telegram has been received from Admiral Courbet: The French fleet, under Admiral Lange, attacked Paeug Hoo on Sunday morning, bom barding the forts defending the harbors of Pong Hou and Makunk. The forts and guns were dismantled in three hours, when two powder magazines exploded, setting fire to the village of Makung, which burned for twenty hours. The fleet was not injured. The hours. The heet was not injured. The marines landed and marched to Makung on Monday and occupied the village on Tues-day, after several battles, in which only five Frenchmen were killed. The Chinese garrison, numbering 1,500, suffered heavily. The French are in the best of spirits, and will several battles, and will occupy Litsitah on Wednesday. Gen. de l'Isle telegraphs from Hanoi on

Wednesday: Gen. Negrier is making favorable progress toward recovery. The evacuation of Langson seems to have been slightly hurried, especially after the success of our counter attack, which was made without serious loss. No further reason is given concerning the rapid evacuation of Dong Dong. The Chinese only appear desirous of re-occupying their former positions to the northward of Deoquan and Deovan. The situation is better than the overdrawn account; of the past four days

TAMAI CAPTURED AND BURNED

By the British Troops with a Loss of One Killed and Several Wounded-Grabam's Further Movements.

A last night's London cable says :

Since the unfortunate surprise of Gen. McNeill's command, Gen. Graham has shown extraordinary vigilance. He leaves nothing to be independently carried out by others that he can possibly superintend himself. He is everywhere, and i the poor herbage of a region so lofty that its lakes are frozen over until nearly Jane, little shaken by the disastrous occurrences though they are 600 miles nearer the qua-tor than we are. Explorers tell us that not only does animal life abound, but that man can live animal life abound, but that man can live great caution, being fully aware that he is in some of the most desolate parts of the dealing with a powerful and wily foe. His all some of the most desonate parts of the globe. It is a mistake to suppose that the Sahara desert is merely a useless sandy twaste. Much of it lacks not so much cul-tivable land as industrious hands to make and Tamanieb, and news of the result is the vast expanse of withered cases blosson and ramaned, a Senousians has for years been digging succeeds in defeating the Mahdi's lieuten-wells, irrigating the land and turning many ant he will make no attempt to follow him wells, irrigating the land and turning many hundreds of barren acres into gardens. to the hills, but will return to Summin. Twenty-four years ago it planted its head-free desert near the western after capturing Trinkitat. He will also

to Osman Digna, as that town is his storeby their labors. There are large areas in the Sahara that need only rain or irriga-tion to cover them with verdure. Through these regions pass the caravan routes, along which the 50,000 camels engaged in the Saharan commerce bear their burdens. Mr. Anderson, the civil engineer who last year completed sixteen years of explora-tions in South Africa between the Orange

that falls for a few weeks every year in the great region known as the Kalahara desert covers the blackened verdureless plain with slight opposition. We found very little water, and that little of a very bad quality. I shall return with the whole force to the first zareba. Four soldiers were wounded in occupying the village, two of them belonging to the Australian contingent." A deepatch filed at Tamai at 2 o'clock this afternoon says Tamai is in flames. The British loss in occupying the place was one killed and sixteen wounded. The advance to Tamai was made over broken ground and through deep ravines. Few rebels were about and they ratired after the exchange of a few shots. After burning Tamai, the British returned to McNeili's zareba. The cavalry will return here. The enemy's loss was slight. The men are in good health and spirits. Gen. Graham intends to push the railway as far as Handoub and to remove his camp thither. It is feared the scarcity of water at Tamai indicates a similar want at other A balloon used in taking observations yesterday burst during a gale.

veas.

The House went into Committee on the solutions respecting the Civil Service Act. Mr. Mulock referred to the method of holding Civil Service examinations. He huggested that there be one officer in Ottawa who would prepare questions and send them to the local examiners at various points throughout Canada. The local examiners would send the results to the examiners would prepare and publish the reports of the examinations at the earliest possible moment. Under the present system months had elapsed before the candidates knew whether they had the candidates knew whether they had passed the examination or not. He also spoke strongly in favor of appointing teachers as local examiners. He thought the examiners should be appointed for each examination, and opposed the idea of appointing permanent examiners, who would be appointed for

rould becom ; a regular charge on the Gov. rnment. Mr. Chapleau said he couid not see his way to adopting these suggestions, though that referring to the teachers was worthy

of consideration. Mr. Casey spoke strongly in favor of having all the appointments made by a Board which would be independent of political

influences. Mr. Foster advocated a non-political system of appointment. The Committee rose and reported the

resolutions. A Bill to give effect to the arrangement for

duced and read the first time. Mr. Pope, moving the second reading of the Bill respecting infectious or contagious diseases affecting animals, explained that it provided better and more ready means of colleging the agentication for the second second of the law.

be taken to day. Mr. Pope, moving that the House go into

Committee to consider the resolutions on the subject of the proposed Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held in London in the year 1886, under the Presidency of the Prince of Wales, explained that Canada had been asked to guarantee £10 000 toward meeting any deficit that might result from

olding this exhibition. India had guaranteed £20,000 for the same purpose. It was expected that the Exhibition would fully expected that the Exhibition would fully pay expenses, and that the Government would lose nothing. In the Amsterdam Exhibition, the Government had to pay \$5,000 for space. In this Exhibition

space cost nothing. The resolution was considered in Com-

mittee and reported. Sir John Macdonald, moving the second reading of the Bill from the Senate respecting explosive substances, explained that it was based on the Imperial statute, and was directed to those who caused explosions with the intention of causing loss of life or

injury to property. Mr. Blake said he noticed there were considerable changes in the form, if not in in favor of the amendment. the substance, as compared with the Hon. O. Mowat presented in Imperial statute, and asked that when the the provisions of the Imperial Act wer Sir John Macdonald-Certainly. The Bill was read the second time.

Sir H. Langevin, moving the second ing of the Bill to amend the law respe bridges, booms and other works consti over or in navigable waters, unde autherity of the Provincial Acts, expla that it was to remedy a defect in t which prevented the Dominion Go

ment from compelling the proprietor of a work built under the Provincial authority to make alterations without which navigation would be interfered with.

amend the Act respecting the Depart-ment of Secretary of State was read the second time and passed through Committee on the Whole.

tions Maintenance, and for salaries of the officers of Government and the Civil Service for the month of January, 1886 ... Hon. O. Mowat stated that the Government had decided to have an investigation On the order for the second reading of the Franchise Bill, Sir John Macdonald said he tral Prison. So far as the information of

ONTABIO LEGISLATURE. Just noca of a warm, bright day at Mr. Awrey moved concurrence in the

Block Island. On the broad, shady piazza of the great hotel there is an unbroken amendment made in committee to the Bill to incorporate the Niagara Falls Railway stillness. The roses, clambering over the railing, nod lazily in the breeze; the lace to and fro; the parlors beyond are silent and deserted. Uc at the basch the waves Company. Mr. Merrick moved in amendment that the Bill be referred back to committee with instructions to add the following clause: That the said company shall not while the bright-colored suits drying in long lines behind the bathing-houses are exercise any of the powers that this Act

exercise any of the powers that this Act contains until authorized by an Order in Council to that effect, which will first have received the sanction of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario. the only reminder of the merriment which existed less than half an hour ago. One or two ox-teams are slowly creeping along th road, loaded with trailing seaweed of varie-gated hues; here and there is a group of The amendment was lost by 35 nays to Mr. Ermatinger moved that the amend

bronz d shermen mending their nets. These are the only signs of life. Everybody is down on the pier. The ments be not now concurred in, and that the Bill be referred back to the committee Block Island is overdue more than twenty of the whole House with instructions minutes, and the rickety boards creak and add the following section: That the said company shall not exercise any of the powers in this Act contained until author-ized by an Order shall not issue until six tremble as the anxious crowd press to the very edge, each one eager to catch the first glimpse of the steamer as she rounds Clay Head. The excitement increases. The fishingmonths after the Board of Commission ppointed by an Act of this Legislature for

boats hud ile closer together behind the breakwater; the hackmen, growing impa-tient, vociferate loudly; the Marine band in the pavilion on the hill strikes up; and preservation of the natural scenery at Niagara Falls have reported to the Lieut .-Governor. Hon. O. Mowat said the policy of the 'Here comes Jo !" some one shouts.

DAD'S JO.

"Depend on't, the boat'll be in soon, now," says a grizzled, old fisherman stand-ing close by. "Jo's a sure sign. Nigh onto a year since she's watched that boat come in every day, and I never knew her to round the Head unless Jo was here." All eyes turned toward the road. An

antiquated specimen of a carriage is com-ing down the hill as rapidly as the lean and bony horse in front can drag it along. It draws up on the wharf beside the more pretenticus vehicles, a young girl jumps out, ties the horse, lays her arms lovingly

in the Province having a claim anything like Hamilton for a second member. He was around his neck a moment, then hurriedly pushes her way through the throng to the willing to take two members for the city at large, or the city to be divided East and West or North and South. end of the pier. A tall, angular girl, clad in a home-made

Mr. McMahon said he would join issue dress of the coarsest material, scant and patched, yet very clean, with a rough straw with the member for Hamilton. Hon. O. Mowat-I entirely agree with hat tied down over hair which is long, straight, and decidedly red. A girl with the views expressed that Hamilton has been well represented hitherto. During nothing pretty and attractive about her, but there is such a brave, pathetic look in the whole time this Government has been in office it has been well represented, and I her great, blue eyes, that one involuntarily turns and looks at her again and again. am sure its representation could not possibly be improved. I am sure that I Swiftly and silently she passes along to the farther end of the pier and, lifting one should like to have the support of two members from Hamilton, and I know that hand to shield her eyes from the sunlight, the present member for that place is congazes steadfastly at the distant horizon. fident that if an additional member were "I know he will come to day," she says. granted it would lead to two Reformers mingly unconscious that she is speaking being returned. We have been acting in aloud. Just a year ago to-day he went over these, Dad did. He went to get some aloud. fixin's for me, and he promised to come back soon, but it has been so long. Oh! he will surely come to-day, won't he?" she asks, turning to a weather beaten, old sailor, who is gazing at her with just a suspicion of moisture in his eyes.

Ave lass, that he will." he answers. " I've got extras for dinner to-day,'

goes on, brightening up, "'cause he'll have a mighty appetite after being at them furrin' places so long, and I've made a cushion for his chair that sets by the window. I brushed up the team, too, and old Bess seemed to know he was coming,

for she brought me over in no time." Quite like he'll come to-day," says the old skipper, "aud he'll bring you so many smart things that I'm afeared you won't be

Jo any longer." "Yes, I will," replied the girl. "I'll always be Jo to Dad anyway. Dear, old Dad. He's told me many a time, how he picked me up out of the water that dread-650 0 ful night; and when no one seemed to want me, he took me home with him ; me a helpiess baby with nothing in the world but a ring on my finer with 'Jo' scratched \$116,784 50

for him, so he would know." "Well, cheer up, lass; he's waiting for some good reason. P'raps he can't find what he wants for you just yet."

him die when she expects to see him so soon. Five pairs of hands are ready. Can Twas a day of storm, for the giant Atlantic they have one more? In another moment it will be too late. rolling in pride, prawn by the full moon, driven by the fierce wind tide upon tide, Flocded our poor little channel. A hundred anxions eyes; Were watching a breach new broken-when sud-denly sume one grise. But, see! Some one is hurriedly advanc-ing toward them through the darkness and mist; a slender figure, wrapped in a shawl, with pale face, and eyes that burn like coals Were watching a breach new broken --when suddenly some one cries:
"A boat coming in !"--and, rounding the pier head that hid her before
There, sure enough, was a stranger smack, head straight for the shore.
How will she land, where each wave is a moun tain? Too late for how !
Run up a flag there to show her the right place { She must land now !

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The Day of Storm.

prey, Toss, in some littered chamber, a child's toy light

And they say 'twas her bowsprit saved her, or she

PART OF A POLICEMAN.

"Honor to the brave! Part of a police-

Here was mystery, to say the best, writes

freedom.

in the blackness. It is Jo. She springs into the life-boat beside them. Her presence nerves them on, and they push off into the seething waters.

. The Largest and Cheapest Stock of Dress (1000s ever shown in Globoo is st. J. C.

They have come back, and have laid her She is close; with a rush on the gal oping wave top, a stand, As the water sinks from beneath her, her nose just Luches the land. And then, as rude hands, sacking a city, greed of unconscious on the damp sand. Some beam had struck her, and she had not spoken since. The blue eyes are closed, but there is a smile on the still, white face and the small hand is firmly clasped in the and the small hand is firmly clasped in the grasp of a trembling old man, who is stoop-ing over her, and smoothing back the thick masses of hair from her pale forehead. A hush falls upon them all. Tenderly they take her up, and, with her hand still olasped in his, sadly wind their way to the little cottage where she has waited for him

A hush fails upon them all. Tenderly they take her up, and, with her hand still clasped in his, sadly wind their way to the little cottage where she has waited for him so long.

must have gone over then; Her bowsprit it was that saved her; and little they think those men Of one weak woman that prayed, as she watched It all happened only last night. The storm had gone down soon after they had carried her home, and the sun is shiping brightly, lovingly, as though there is no sorrow, and never a storm or wreck.

them tempest driven! They say 'twas her bowsprit saved her! I say 'twas that prayer, and heaven! They had laid her on the little white bed in her chamber, from which the harbor could be plainly seen, and, save for one or two kind neighbors, had gone away and Queer Baffle in a London Public House, left them together; she, lying so still, with closed eyes—he, bending over her, silent and unmindful of the presence of others. Just before noon she slowly opens her man will be raffled for on Saturday evening at the Nine Acorns, ---- street, for the benefit of young Huggings, who has been eyes and gazes at him in silence. Then, with a little sigh, she says feebly : "I knew most unjustly doing integings, who has been most unjustly doing time for standing up in defence of his aged father, who is well known and respected by most of you. Tickets for the benefit concert suppence each. P.S.—As all expenses will be paid you'd come, Dad; I knew you'd come. 'Twas a hard voyage you had, Dad, and a pretty rough landing; but you didn't mind t' avreame little of the start the start. 'cause your little gal was there." by a friend, the whole of the proceeds will and be handed over to the young champion of

She is silent for a few moments, then raising her head, she asks : "The white dress? You didn't forget it?

The white dress with the gold stars on the the London Telegraph correspondent who received this card. Had the article to be httle gal?" "Ob, Jo!" The tears are streaming raffled for been merely a portion of a police

constable's accoutrements-his staff down the old man's cheeks. " I bought the rattle or his helmet even-the latter hav purtiest one for ye; all soft and white, with ing been knocked off in a street shindy and stars on 't, and a great, long same, "" rough" as a trophy—it would not not in-lost—it—in the wreck—Jo!" " rough" as a trophy—it would not not in-"And a great, long sash." This is very been so surprising. But part of a police-been so surprising. But part of a police-man! Which part? Supposing the grim man! Which part? Supposing the grim "And a great, long sash." Into its very slowly. "Oh, Dad, if I only could see it; but don't cry; I guess I won't want it; I'm going to leave you a little while, just a little while. I'm going up there, where they have lots and lots of white dresses, all shining and vertix, and see they have lots the state of the force that been foully murdered and his unfortu-nate body afterward divided. But it was

more on earth.

an instant. He is differing deal to their entreaties, and, kneeling by the bed, he preeses from time to time herice-cold hand to his jirs. All through the long night he keeps his silent watch, and when another morning breaks they find him still there. Machenically he watches them robe her

the inductor's assurance, uninstance, uninstance, for the last resting-place, in pure white garments that a kind-hearted neighbor bas brought; unmoved he sees them place a few snowy buds in her hands. Presently the door opens softly, a rough-leating the place a solution to be disposed of by cast of dice, and, that being so, personally, ouriosity apart, I regarded as a duty I owed to the British public to accept and avail myself

"The little gai was so happy yesteruay, he says, turning to the old man, who, even now, will not remove his gaze from her. "I'll never forget her standin' there an' in the muddy roadway while he pursued

what he wants for you just yet."
"Oh, I know now; that's it. He was going to get me a blue gown with a big

-I knew you'd come !" One last feeble pressure of his hand, one little smile, and Jo waits and watches no

of white dresses, all shining and pretty; and soon you'll come, too, won't did here, and there won't be—any storms —Dad—the vessel will sail—right in the blue water—an' I'll be looking for you. I'll have 'em give me—a dress—with a big, shining star on it—an' you'll know me sure —I knew yon'd come !''

A strange calm falls upon the old man. between the answer of a post of a pos They cannot persuade him to leave her for an instant. He is utterly deaf to their mages occasionally recorded in the police

still there. Mechanically he watches them robe her the landlord's assurance, unmistakably,

looking fisherman comes in, and, bending over the coffia, his tears fall like rain upon The facts as I gleaned them were briefly

on it. On, I wish I could do something big for him, so he would know." "The little gal was so happy yesterday,"

these: Old Huggings kept a street stall for retailing fish and rabbits, and, being

this measure on non-political grounds, and we have acted with respect to giving add tional members just as we have acted in respect to not interfering with county boundaries. After pointing out that Ham ilton would not be entitled to two members he concluded by remarking that he should be compelled to oppose the amendment.

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The amendment was lost on the same division as the last, with the exception that Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) and Mr. Awrey voted

Hon. O. Mowat presented a message from His Honor the Lieut. Governor transmit

Mr. Gibson (Eamilton) moved in amend

ment that Hamilton be given a second

member. There was no other constituency

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Expenses of Legislation, Public Insti On motion of Mr. Chapleau, the Bill to

Government was that the Bill shall not interfere with the park scheme. He said the Government could not shelter them selves under the report of the Commission-ers, and he reminded the House that the ompany could not constract the railway sale by the Public Works Department of the Dundas and Waterloo Road was introwithout an Order in Council. The question was put and the amend-ment lost by 26 yeas and 37 nays.

collecting the penalties for the infraction The Bill was read the second time on the

inderstanding that only this stage should

splendid vegetation. Game is abundant there, especially lions, leopards and water, cs:riches, and he has counted in this desert I shall twenty-two lions in a troop, and has seen 200 ostriches in one flock. Beasts and birds find sustenance in this region where only a few Bushmen hunters live. Far northeast of them on the semi-arid steppes of Kordofan and Darfur millions of sheep and camels exist on the scanty pasturage of that desert region. The earliest Arctic explorers found in the little Spitzbergen archipelsgo-where, it is believed, no human being had ever lived-herds of reindeer upturning the snow with their hoofs and noses to get at the lichens on which they fed. Many reindeer live as far north as Littleton Island, and several scores of them were killed by the Hayes and Polaris expeditions. Musk oxen, or their traces, have been found along the shores of the great frozen sea as far north as explorers have attained. Lockwood, far north of the supposed limits of animal life, found this wonderful quadruped, which traces o grows fat on the tender shoots of the Arctic willow and ploughs up the snow for moss and lichens.

Of all parts of the earth the Antarctic regious alone are comparatively destitute I life. Few species of living things in the vegetable or animal kingdom can endure he rigor of the South Polar region. No terrestrial quadruped inhabits the land within the Antarctic Circle, and whales and seals are the only mammals that enter its area. Summer in the Arctic regions, with its abundant life on land and in the air and sea, presents an animated and s cheerful scene compared with the utter desolation that reigns perpetually in Ant. arotic waters.

Grant's Reparter.

The Kentucky women are as enthusiastic about horses as the men. They unhesitatingly place the horses before themselves as the great attractions of the State. I remember hearing a conversation between General Grant and a Kentucky girl at the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange in 1875, when General (then President) Grant was visiting the St. Louis fair. A number of ladies were introduced to the President, whereupon he spoke in very high terms of St. Louis, the fair, etc. "You are mis taken. Mr. President : we are not from St. Louis," laughingly said one of the girls we are from Kentucky, a very fine State. you know, which promises three things all men of taste must appreciate." Smilingly, the President asked her what

they were. She answered. "We have the fastest horses, the prettiest women and the finest whiskey in the world." The Presi-dent replied, "Your horses are certainly justly renowned ; I have some on my farm | years of age. near here; yourself and party prove the correctness of your second observation, but whiskey is one of the things that requires age, and your men consume it so fast that it rarely has a fair chance to become good." The girls thought that if Gen. Grant could not make a long speech, he was apt at

San Francisco gets 900,000 bananas month from the Sandwich Islands. The number of bananas on a bunch average 110, and they bring in that city at wholesale \$4 per bunch. The sale is large but to the retailer the profit is small.

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The Mahdi began marrying when he was 16 years old, and has kept on doing it, till he has now accumulated a collection of thirteen wives, which looks as if the False Prophet found real profit in matrimony.

The Colon affair will probal ly put a period to the disturbances on the Isthmus, Glive Logan, who has resided in London Olive Logan, who has resided in London for many years, says she knows there are swans in the Biver Thames over 150 years old. The Boston Post doesn't doubt it, but did not think Olive could remember so far did not think Olive could remember so far

Strange Murder.

As a means of suicide the small venome serpents of Oriental countries have always been in vogue-the asp of Cleopatra re curring to every one's memory as a pro-minent example. In certain parts of Bengal there is said to be a race of gypsiee, one of whom for a fee will furnish a smal cobra to any applicant, " and no questions asked." A man who desires to commit murder procures one of these reptiles and places it within a bamboo just long enough to let the head protrude a trifle at one end, and the tail at the other. Armed with this deadly weapon the murderer creeps softly to his enemy's tent at dead of night, cuts a hole in the wall, and introduces the bamboo. The tortured reptile, careless

upon whom it wreaks its animosity, strikes its fangs into the sleeper, then is with-drawn, and the assars in steals silently away.-Gentleman's Magazine

Longevity in the Scotch Highlands.

In the Registrar's notes for the last quar ter of 1884 we find that in the parish of loy and Dalarossie one of the deaths scorded was that of a woman 100 years In Kirkhill one of the five dea recorded was that of a female 94 years of age-the oldest inhabitant of the parishand another, that of a male 86 years of age. In Glenelg only one death took place, that of a pauper, aged 92. In the southern district of Gairloch the death of a woman 7 years of age was registered in December. a Reay, Sutherlandshire, the last entry in the death register is that of a woman 104

Honesty the Best Policy.

"Yes," said the honest farmer, " I know there are people what always puts the big apples at the top of the bar'l, but I don't." That's right," exclaimed the deacon admiringly. "I have always tried to con-vince folks that that eort o' thing don't pay

while folks that that sore of thing don't put in the long run."
" If they'd go to the city once in awhile they'd learn something. I always put my big apples at the bottom of the bar'l."
" That's the way."
" Yes; you see people has got so suspisions that they 'most always open the bar'l

cicus that they 'most always open the bar' at the bottom nowadays."-Philadelphia Call.

It seems rather difficult to make any ne discovery in medicine which Frenchmen do not claim to have known all about for a

ould not hope to get it through before six with the obstruction offered. (Laughter.) Mr. Mills—The gentleman has been thirteen years getting the Bill thus far an hour. Several other unimportant measures were

advanced a stage. On the motion to adjourn, Sir Richard

Cartwright said: A telegram has just been put into my hand from an alderman of Kingston—"The officer commanding 'B' Battery declined issuing rations to the wives and children of the men gone West. Subscriptions are being taken up, and the City Council is intervening to prevent starvation." I have no doubt the officer acted according to the customary rules of extended to them, will be under very considerable distress without the allowance which is all that their hubands and fathers are entitled to receive, and I submit that under the girgumstances of the case there

these men from being compelled to depend upon the charity of the men of the city of Sir John Macdonald-The matter will be taken into immediate consideration. It involves the consideration of the cases of

mmediate consideration.

pian : At Merv, Yulatan and Sariyazi, Col Alikhanoff has 3,000 Russian troops, 1,000 Turcoman horse and sixteen guns. At Sarakhs there are 2,000 men, but a portion

of these have been moved to the Murgab. At Pul-i Khatun and Zulficar there are letachments of Cossacks, a body of 150 of trained Sarik Turcomans. The garrison of Ashkabad, which is normally only 4,000 men and twenty-four guns, will be increased c 8,000 when the reinforcements of 6,000 men sent from the Caucasus have arrived. These are at present only en route to their destination. At the same time it is be-

lieved that an attempt will be made to reinforce the Mery garrison from Khiva and Turkestan .- London Standard. Replacing Teeth.

A correspondent writes describing a sled accident by which a ten year old girl had two front upper teeth knocked out. She was taken to a dentist, who replaced the teeth and strapped up her jaw. For two days she could scarcely speak, no solid food was allowed, but the operation was success-ful, and the teeth are as firmly set as ever. They are a little chipped, but later on, when it is safe to work on them, they can be patched with gold and be about as goo

as ever. By means of a simple and conveniently

worked device of coiled spring, an English inventor has succeeded in dispensing with the need of driving sewing machines by hand or foot ; a few turns of a handle wind up sufficient power to keep a machine going at full speed over an hour. It is completely under control as to the rate of stitching and stopping, and can be applied to any existing machine at moderate cost. The great-grandnieces of President Madison are conducting a little private near Orange Court House, Va.

the Government goes there was no founda-tion for the rumors at all, but at the same time, as the rumors have been given cur rency to a large extent, they thought in before the House. He can hardly complain if he does not get it through all its stages in himself had expressed a great desire to have the investigation. Mr. Meredith hoped that the prisoners

and guards would be allowed to give their evidence without any restraint, and expressed himself as satisfied that an vestigation had been ordered.

Tricks of the Chewing Gum Trade.

This is a great gum year in Maine, e ecially on the Penobscot, and now that he sun is climbing up into the north a little and the lumbermen are coming out the air is fairly rendolent with the perfume service, but I would mention to the First Minister what I am sure he knows, that the wives and children of the men of "B" Battery, unless considerable indulgence is settended to the mill be under Veragent hacked from the crotches of old trees. There are two or three firms in Maine which buy large quantities of it from lum-bermen and gum nunters for the purpose of refining it, as they say. But as a general under the circumstances of the case there is no fear of any mischievous precedent arising if some reasonable indulgence is shown to these poor people. The First Minister, I am sure, will see that steps are taken to prevent the wives and children of Then, if the purpose to be to adulterate, some lard or grease and a lot of resin is added, and in some cases a little sugar. The mixture then becomes thicker, and,

after more stirring, is poured out on a slab where, while it is yet hot, it is rolled out in all the militiamen who have gone to the Northwest. However, it will be taken into pieces half an luch wide and three-quarters

of an inch long. These pieces are wrapped into tissue paper and packed into wooden According to the best available informa-tion, the following is the present distribu-tion of the Russian forces east of the Cas-pian : At Mery, Yulatap and Scripter Casbiggest trees. The loggers, in their many idle hours by the camp fire, whittle out miniature barrels from blocks of cedar or white pine, hollow them out, and fill them with the choicest gum the woods afford for gifts to their sweethearts, children or these horsemen at each place. At Pul.i. Knisht, on the Kushk, there are 500 spring. Others, who go into the woods for trained Sarik Turcomans. The garrison of gum alone, bring down big bags of gum and sell it to manufacturers of the improved article.-Portland (Me.) Press.

Usetal Society Girls

Society girls, says the New Orleans Picayune, are the most maligned oreatures in the world. They are accused of living on salads and ices and cakes; of lying in bed till 10 o'clock in the morning, like the

slothful John of nursery rhymes; of never mending their own clothes and never waiting on themselves. They are supposed to do nothing but make calls, dance, go to the theatre, to receptions, dinners and lunches. It is thought they do not know a chopping board from a stove ruler. Nevertheless, two of the best known young ladies in New Orleans society are at this moment con-ducting quite a large pickle business, and they are selling their delicious pickles everywhere from French Market to Car-reliton. These gills started into the sight rollton. These girls started into the pickle making business in a frolic, but succeeded so well that they have just ordered several

hundred dozen bottles with their "firm name," "B & T.," blown in the glass. B. and T. are the initials of their first names, which, if it were only permissible to tell, would doubtless subject the pretty pickle makers to an avalanche of proposals from orehanded young men.

Mrs. Nellie Grant-Sartoris passed her husband in mid-ocean as he was returning for her. She became alarmed over the t legrams concerning her father's health and did not wait but came alone.

corner, but I begged him to try and get : white one; white is so pretty like, and i never had a white dress in all my life, glancing ruefully down at the homespun cotton. "May like he had to go and go 'fore he could get it." For a few moments she gazed earnestly

over the water. Is it smoke-that long, thin line of gray? Yes! just around the head and something white is coming into view. A few more minutes and the great stearser, gaily bedecked with flags and pen nant, burst into sight. Slowly, too slowly for 30, the boat ploughs along through the blue water, until, all dripping with foam foam and sparkling in the sunshine, the huge wheels cease revolving and the Block Island is in at last. The ropes are fastened, the plank is thrown out and the passengers

Into every face Jo peers eagerly. He night have changed in a year so very much that she must watch closely. One

by one they come; friends are greeting friends; they are all off now, and-where is Dad? With one despairing ery she bounds down the plank and searches for him in the cabins. "Come, come, move along, my girl," says

the captain, roughly. "What do you want use, get a half yard of shaker flannel-cot-ton and wool flannel. The reason for this "Ob, I want Dad," she sobs ; " he was con in' to-day, I know. Tell me, haven't is, it will not stick together like linen, and there is more friction to it when wet

you seen him?" "How should I know him," he answers than linen has. Soap it well, and with it not dripping wet, go over the body : then wring it out and go over the body again ; and there is no gruffy. "Move along! We are late to-day, and can't be bothered."

Jo turns slowly away and mechanically passes up over the gangway. What does it matter to her that the sun is shining, that

master to her that the sun is shining, that the band is playing its sweetest music? All the brightness of the day has gone for her. Calmly she walks along, slowly unfastens Bess, and climbing in the waggon, silently drives away. But her face is very pale and there is such a strange, strange look in her great, blue eyes that more than one hopest-heir ted sailor draws his brown hand across in againg that the harder they rub them-bie avea and murmurs. is eyes and murmurs, "Poor little gal!

selves with a coarse towel the better for them, whereas so much the worse.-Illus. Christian Weekly. It is evening. A sudden and fearful storm is raging. The sea has arisen, and with a roaring sound rushes inland to dash itself the huge drops of rain dash against the windows, and the guests gathered together "This superstition about Friday being an unlucky day is all bosh," observed an in the splendid parlor, shudder and tremble at every returning flash and deafenin peal. Down on the beach the angry surf is rolling iv, mountains high, and the fishermen are anxiously gazing out upon the dark waters as if fearful of what such

storm might accomplish. Buddenly there comes a vivid flash terrible reverberating roll and in the awful stience that follows, the group of waiting in gaze with horror in each other's face Then comes another flash close by and on e outer edge of the breakwater-they see ship is going to pieces. There comes the a ship is going to pieces. There comes the s und of a signal gun, once, twice. All is confusion now. The life-boat is manned, pushed out and beaten back. Above the augry shricking of the wind can be heard the shouts of those on the beach, the faint, despairing cries of those on the doomed vussel, and the sobs of the women who are endeavoring to keep back their loved ones from seeking death in those terrible waters. om seeking death in those terrible waters. And it is death. Six stalwart forme, so And it is death. Six stalwart forme, so full of life only a few moments before, are suffering on the damp sand. It is of no use; no boat can live in such a storm, and hundreds of lives must periah while they stand there, unable and powerless to help. The storm redoubles its fury. One sharp shaft of lightning and a cry goes up from the terrified women. A figure can be e en near one of the dismantled masts; a figure with gray hair and beard flowing in ne wind. It is Jo's Dad. The storm redoubles its can be a storm of the star and beard flowing in ne wind. The storm redoubles its master to be converted into a college. A lady in Indianapolis potted by mistake a small morning-glory plant last fall, which soon afterward bloomed and has been in flower every morning during the winter. Make a memorandum of this for maxt frost-time.

They must try again. They cannot let Baxt frost-time.

Covering his face with his horny hands he last gave him a rough push, the effect of which was to send the venerable rabbit preaks into bitter weeping, and, turning, leaves the room.

monger reeling against his stall, which was The old man leaves the room. His whole capsized, and its contents spilled into the mire. Instantly the younger Huggings, who was officiating at a " pad " of mackerel face changes. The terrible calm has broken up, but no tears come. Only a look of unut a few yards distant, pluckily -his age was only 17-came to his parent's rescue, and

terable gladness and joy. "I know'd it, Jo; I know'd it. Somethin, big for Dad ! Dear little gal ! Wait just a floored the meddlesome constable off-hand-knocking out a front tooth of minute, Jo; I'm comin'!" His head falls forward upon the coffin. the officer's in the process. Six weeks, with hard labor, was the magisterial

Some one comes in presently and finds him there. He is quite dead. They bury them side by side, grave, close by the murmuring sea ; and at the head they place a simple, white wooden shaft, with just these two words roughly inscribed upon it-" Dad's Jo !"

Baths in Country Houses.

need of any Turkish towel for friction. Then plunge the feet in the bowl and hold

The Friday Superstition.

gem-like, in the centre of a large resette of parti colored ribbons, which was suspended Thousands of country houses cannot have, except at considerable expense, a to the gas-pipe in the centre of the room where the raffs took place; but, beyond that, the proceedings were distinguished by nothing that was particularly notebath-room, with the usual amount of fixtures. But in any country home persons may easily and thoroughly wash them-selves-which, I take it, is the one purworthy. The raffle was well patronized, the large room being as full as it would hold comfortably, and the winner proving to be pose of a bath-room-at almost no expense and no slopping. The bowl of soft water and good cestile soap, to begin with ; then, instead of the crash towel, which so many

barrowman of some eminence and means, he generously announced his intention of having the tooth mounted in a scarf pin and presenting it to the young Huggings to wear on Sundays.

sentence on the youthful champion, and, the tooth having been picked up and care-

fully preserved, the ingenious idea was to turn it to account in the manner already

mentioned. The violenty extracted incisor, which was white and sound, and,

left undisturbed, would probably have done

its owner many years of service, was set,

Ncientific and Usetul.

An enterprising French vineyardist has rescued his vines from the ravaging phyl-loxera by the simple expedient of keeping a flock of hens among them.

Let any one who has the care of horses these cold, frosty mornings, deliberately grasp in his hand a piece of iron; indeed, let him touch it to the tip of his tongue, and then let him thrust the cold bit into the mouth of the horse if he has the heart

to do it. The principal use of rosir in medicine is to form plasters and ointments ; in plasters, for its adhesive or sticking qualities and drawing, and in continents and salves, partly for the same, and also for the purpose of hardening or thickening them. It is seldom

nardening of thickening them. It is settled used internally. Deputy Surgeon General Tuson first used sulphur fires in India as a prophylac-tic measure against cholera. These fires were made at fifty yards spart, and kept alight during the whole time that the fair was at its height. Not a single case of cholera occurred ; a remarkable circum-stance, since cholera had generally broken out at previous fairs.

The Oldest Scotch Judge.

Lord Deas, the oldest judge on the Scottish Bench, who has just resigned office, was for a considerable time quite unfit for duty, so that his retirement has not come by any means unexpectedly. Lord Deas belonged to the old school of Scottish judges. In his conversations across the bench he would use the broadest northern dialect, and even in his set speeches words dialect, and even in his set speeches w that shocked the refined ears of the mo bar would occasionally slip out. A good, story is told of him in the Parliament House in connection with the matter. On one occasion an advocate they a judge himself) was endeavoring to prove an issue before him. Lord Deas, at last losing all patience with the argument, broke in ; "Mr., do ye ca that in 'ishy ?" my lord, I call it an isue." " No.

my lord, I call it an resue. Two Frenchmen, the brothers Forre, have invented a new kind of harp, made entirely of wood. Instead of strings the inventors use strips of American fit. The sound is produced, as in the ordinary harp, by the contact of the fingers, but the player many leather gloves covered with rosin. wears leather gloves covered with rosin. The tone of the instrument is said to be of remarkable purity.

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"This superstition about Friday being an unlucky day is all bosh," observed an elderly passenger to the middle-aged lady whose acquaintance he had formed. "I don't take no stock in these superstitions, anyway. Now, I know something about Friday from my own experience. It was on Thursday that my first wife died, and on Friday I married my present wife." "You wretch !" erclaimed the lady by his side. "How dare you sit down beside a respect-able woman and talk so shamelessly. It's disgraceful, and I wonder that your meigh-bors didn't tar and feather you. What a mean thing a man can be, anyhow. The ides of a wife dying on Thursday and the widower marrying again on Friday." "But, ji hold up, madam. You are excited. It—" "Now, don't try to smooth it over. Don't say a word about it. You'll make a bad matter worse. The old excuse about children to be taken care of, I sup pose. I think a man—" "But, madam, you are wild. True, my first wife died on Thursday, but three years intervened beiween the two events." "Oh !"

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