Best Kind - Psd.

Shall it be feashers, hair, wool, cotton or excelsior? Shall we have one mattress or two? W. all want a soft bed, and at the same time a healthy bed, as Good House-keeping. Every one's preference for a foundation as a good sire woven spring. A medium thick, best quality curled hair mattress is the latest, made in two parts, one square in shape, the other to fill the remaining space. Once a week the square may be turned around, turned over the next week, the lower part turned over every other week and occasionally exchanged with the upper part so that the mattress wears evenly.

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In a Girl's Room.

Somebody once said, "Show me a woman's bedroom and I will tell you what she is like." It is natural for every girl to want her own little nest to look as pretty as possible, says a writer in the Ladies Home Journal, and I wish I could ensuring her in this. Let her learn to have around her the books that are really hers, the photographe of her special friends, the little bits of bric-a-brae which she has picked up aere and there and were given her at thristmastide or on her birthday. Put all these where they will show at their best, and do not be afrail of furnishing, even your sedroom with too many books or pictures. Remember, though, that it is your bedroom and that you must leave sufficient space to move around, to dress and undress; and shat you must not lumber your dressing table with trifles of no moment, when you want the room for your brushes and the aumerous boxes and bottles that hold your billet belongings. An overcrowded bedroom is a horror and an inconvenience. Have one or two big easy chairs, with a view not only of the crimfort of to-day, but of the time when it is possible you may be a bit of an invalic, and want a comfortable chair to sushrine you. These chairs need not be richly upholstered ones, but instead of rattan or wood made delightful with great big, soft exchines, luxuries, by they, that when be only a the subject of the chin to that of the armother though it is not the subject of the chin to that of the armother through it is the subject of the chin to that of the armother through it is the subject of the chin to that of the armother through it is the subject of the chin to that of the armother through it is the subject of the chin to that of the chin to

make your nest as pretty as a girl's bedroom should be. Spend a reasonable amount of time on its fürnishings, and you will not

### Care of Feet.

To relieve perspiration and remove unpleas nt smell from the feet, bath in ammoria and water at night; changestockings often, and always when changing rub the feet dry with a clean towel. For chilbhains, assestrong salt water baths. For ingrowing toe nail, out the end square and close and scrape, with a sharp knife or piece of glass a line in the center of the top of the nail so thin that only the inner lining of the nail is left. If this is kept up, the edges will raise instead of growing down. Corns may be relieved by applying a mixture of olive oil, laudaum and oil of wormwood, equal parts, and entirely removed if you add the wearing of light, pliable, perfect-fitting shoes. Don't be afraid of the size Nature intended you to wear.

## Why The Hair Falls Out-

Why The Hair Falls OutDyspepsia is one of the most common causes of baldness. Nature is a great economizer, and when the nutrient elements for its support the whole body she cuts off the supply to parts the least vital, like the hair and nails, that the heart lungs and other vital organs may be the better noarshed. In cases of severe fevers this economy is particularly noticeable. A single hair is a cort of history of the physical condition of an individual during the time it has been growing if one could read closely enough. Take a hair from the beard or from the hea i and scrutinize it and you will see that its hows some attenuated places, indicating that at some period of its growth the blood supply was deficient from over work, anxiety or underfeeding. The hair falls out when the strength of its roots is insufficient to sustain its weight any longer, and a new hair will take its place unless the root is

but any pretty chints, such as covers the lounge and chairs, can be stretched wit gilt nails on a small clothes-horse, like those used fon the airing of linen in a laundry and will prove to be all that is desired while the screen itself will add considerably to the beauty and se

For the rest, this room is so entirely personal and individual thing that it shoul be allowed to represent individual taster and should be sacred to one's self and one closest friends.

### A Perfect Figure.

Notes of Note.

Chillis the woman's Utopia. It is the control of the world in which women are possessed of full political rights. Every woman over 21 can vote on all questions. The street cars are all conducted by women, too. The native women have not good operations of the native women have not good operations of the street cars are all conducted by women, and the street cars are all conducted by women and to be possessed of fair mental ability, and boast of one native woman doctor. In manner they are modest and dignified, in person small and delicate.

Tollowing the example of India and Japan the Siamese are about to establish a school for the native girls of high rank under the management of English ladies. Another interesting educational experiment is that of a college for girls in connection with the University of Sydney.

Dress reform has invaded the stronghold of fashion, Paris, the frivolous city. At a meeting of the "Federated Fernales of France," it was resolved by fifty women delegates from the different branches of the association to organize a campaign against modern costume. They are pledged to wear short skirts, to discard stays, broad hats, boots with high heels, and gowns with low necks.

Boston has duly licensed her first woman

Boston has duly licensed her first woman undertaker, Mrs. Julia Brown, who has been qualified by the Board of Health to carry on the business left by her lately deceased hus-

qualified by the Board of Health to carry on the business left by her lately deceased husband.

A Frenchwoman—Mme. Lacroix—has been elected a member of the Academy of Madrid, an honor never before extended to a woman. The honor is due but the admirable mural paintings executed by her for the Madrid Athenaum.

It will interest the ladies to learn from the statistics of the hair industry, whose centre is in Paris, that the bulk of hair handled by the dealers is not supplied by the coiffers who travel about the Continent purchasing the flowing looks of peasant girls. It is estimated that in Paris alone ladies fomb out daily and throw away fity kilos of hair among the refuse. This the ragpickers, who carry on agreat trade in combines, collect from the dust bins and sell them to the Chiffoniers. The hair is then rolled in sawdust, cleaned from mud, dust, and grease, carded, separated, arranged according to length and color, who sells it to the hair dealer. The most expensive shades are white, chestnut and blond, then brown the claim for woman's suffrage by stating that there are 38,000 women land owners in England and Wales, and that of these 20,000 are engaged in farming on their own account.

The Baroness von Zuyllan of Paris has the

helicate texture rather than thick and heavy ones and should be so hung that they can easily be run along on rings and shaken rather than gathered in close folds to catch and kcepthe dust.

Often, where there are flowing draperies it the wirdow, the toilet table also and its glass are draped in lace or some sort of emproidered muslin, which gives a dressy effect to the room, and helps to keep the dust to iome extent from the various little china loxes and toilet articles there. In old colonial houses it was once the ustom when there was a death in the family to draw the urtains across the mirror, as if shutting out in the face of such solemnity, the vanities and frivolities of life.

There should be a lounge in every sleeping-room, that the bed may be let intact for the night if one wishes to rest in the lay; and there should be easy-chairs and a sewing-chair, a writing-table, or a davenor ort; while the little prie-dicu which torms a part of the furnishing of every French ady's bed-room or boudoir is a comfortable fining to have for Bible or Prayer-book or levotions.

The pictures on the walls of this room should always be cheerful light prints and water-colors, and things suggestive of pure and gracious and lovely thoughts; and the books should be those which are personal and treasured and like friends.

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

There are sixty miles of snow-sheds on the Central Pacific Railroad

It is estimated that 1800 pounds of gold are annually used in the United States. A coal famine is imminent in Nebraska and western Iowa because of the scarcity of box cars on the railroads.

The alien laws of Texas forbidding for-eigners to hold land in that State have been declared unconstitutional.

In Japan, it is said, there are apple trees growing four inches in height, which bear fruit freely about the size of currants. During the heavy gales the waves of the Atlantic are from twenty-four to thirty-six feet in neight—half above and half below the mean level of the sea.

There is a boom in Government land sales in the Northwest. The Canadian Pacific Railway, is selling blocks of land very ranidly.

A Californian has invented a long-distance telephone of simple construction with which he is confident he can hold communication across the continent or under the ocean.

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According to Swedish papers the expedition of Dr. Nanson to the North Pole has been postponed until 1893. The delay is caused by the impossibility of sooner finishing the ship to be used.

There are now twenty-one law firms in the United States composed of husbands and wives, and there are about 200 American ladies who practise law in the courts or manage-legal publications.

The German merchant marine stands next to that of England. In 1889, the latest year for which figures have been published, German vessels made 66,834 voyagescarrying 21,398,522 tons of cargo.

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returned to Switzerland with options on land in three counties in California, the intention being to establish a colony for the purpose of developing the dairy industry.

It is altogether shameful, the way some of the Chicago judges in the divorce, court "rattle off" their so called "hearings" and decisions. It looks like the worst kind of judical trifling. Twenty or more cases are adjudicated at a single session of two or three hours.

Mrs. Fannie Washington Finch, a grand-daughter of the first President's half-brother cherishes a nong her most precious possessions a little silver hatchet made from a spoon once owned and used by "torge Washington. She is said to resemble her great uncle in features, and to be of a tall and imposing figure.

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Dr. C. G. Truesdell, who for twenty year has been superintendent of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, in his last report cattions the public against indiscriminate giving to street-beggars, and denounces the "Multiplication of free lodging and soup houses which furnish inducements for the unscrupulous to practice imposition and live in idleness."

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In Galveston in sinking an artesian well, which is now 2,040 feet in depth, gray and green clay mixed with wood, lime concretions and pebbles were found at a depth of 1,510 feet. The age of the wood is estimated at 200,000 years by Professor Singley, and in the stratum, which is 106 feet in thickness, he found seeds resembling apple and hackberry seeds.

The New York Recorder says that in New York city about ten thousand subscribers are connected by twenty-five thous and miles of wire, and they use the telephone over a hundred thousand times a day. A careful calculation shows that during the year over four hundred and fifty million conversations were carried on by telephone in the United States.

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the United States.

Mr. Aichibald Forbes, the great war correspondent, holds himself at the command of his editor-in-chief at all hours. He has two entire equipments, one for cold countries, the other for the torrid zone. Firearms, clothing, saddles, are all ready, even to a purse full of gold and passports for every country on the globe. An order by telephone, and instantly he departs for Zanzibar or Moscow.

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Place the tips of the fingers firmly upon the scalp, and then vibrate or move the scalp while holding the pressure steadily. This will stimulate the blood vessels undered to the hair.

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# Prepared for the Gup.

A local doctor says: "I have a young woman patient who has made all arrangements whereby she will know when she reaches the grip, or when it reaches her. She has been studying up the symptons and these she has written out and hung in her room. The list is in paragraphs, as follows:

ws:
"Headache as if you had been out all

night.
"All the hones ache.

You can't see.
You can't smell anything.
You can't hear anything.

"You can't hear anything.
"You eyes run water.
"So does your nose.
"Ditto your month.
"Didn't care for anybody on earth.
"Nobody seems to care for you.
"You are glad of it.
"All these are the grip.
"Every day that young woman exam.

"Every day that young woman examines herself and if she has any of the symptoms set down in the foregoing list she checks off the same and then her mother sends for

The statesman that wants to feather hi nest has got to take care of the geese that furnish the feathers.

### THE EARTH'S DARK DAYS.

Times When the People Thought that th

The earliest mention of the phenomena known as the dark days appears to be in the year 44 B. C. about the time of the death of Julius Casar, when we read in Plutarch and Dio Cassius that the sun was paler than usual for a whole year. The great darkness which lasted two whole days over all Enrope appears to have preceded the great earthquake of Nicomedia, which occurred Aug 22. A. D. 358. Two years later in all the eastern provinces of the Roman empire there was a "dark day," which was so dark as to make stars visible at noonday.

From further descriptions one might consider this the result of a total eclipse, but astronomers say that neither the eclipse, of March 4, 350, nor that of Aug. 28 of the same year was visible in the countries mentioned. During Aire's seige of Rome, 409 and 410 A. D., there were several days "as dark as the night which preceded and followed them." In 536, £67, £26 we find mention of long periods of diminished sunlight. According to Schnurrur, "the sun darkened in an alarming manner on Aug. 19, 739, without there being the least possibility of an eclipse being the cause."

The Portuguese historians record several months of diminished sunlight in the year 934, which terminated by an apparant opening in the sky." from which loud sounds issued, the noise noice sounding not unlike two giants quarrelling." In 1091, on Sept. 29, (not 21, as given in some translations of Humbolt's "Cosmos"), the sun turned auddenly black and remained so for three hours. For days after the blackness had disappeared the sun gave out a peculiar greenish light, which occasioned great alarm.

Schnurrer next mentions a dark day in June, 1191, but astronomers attribute it to the total eclipse which was visible in the greater part of Europe on June 21 of the year mentioned. Several dark days are recorded as having occurred in February, 1106, the darkest being the 4th, 5th, and 12th. On the 5th a bright star was seen shining "only a foot and a half from the blackneed remains of the sun."

"On the last day of February,

with blood to that degree that stars were visible at noonday."

America has experienced several dark days during her short historical life, the most memorable being that of May 19, 1780, when the darknesss was so great that all the people of New England, with the exception of a sturdy few, were terrified almost to the verge of distraction.

### BEHRING SEA.

A Hitch in the Proceeding: Difficulty is Selecting the Arbitrators.

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Washington, Jan.—The Behring Sea negotiations are not proceeding with that smoothness which would encourage the belief that before the next season opens the rights of the United States in the northern ocean will be clearly defined. No real obstacles have recently been interposed, but this Government is struggling with poor success to disturb the inertia of the British Government and secure some forward movement on it-part towards a beginning of the long-expected arbitration.

It is two months now since the last definite proposals on this subject were exchanged. Secretary Blame has so far yielded to Lord Salisbury's request as to consent to the reference of the questions under contention to a tribunal composed of seven persons. One of these arbitrators was to represent Canada, one Great Britain, two the United States, and the remairing three were to be selected from other nations. Up to this point everything had progressed smoothly and uninterruptedly, but when it came to an agreement upon the neutral arbitrators there was a hitch. Great Britain could not be induce. to submit any names of persons who would be acceptable to lee, and has not up to this time. Unless Lord Salisbury speedily gives his attention to the negotiations the prospects are favourable for a renewal of the modus vivendi, with all its harassing features, whion was in force last season; for it is not probable that a rupture will occur between Great Britain and the United States on a matter so unimportant as the personality of the arbitrators.

# The Decline of the Conductor.

"The leveling tendencies of our day," re marked the general manager with a sigh, 'are breaking down all our old idols. In my "are breaking down all our old idols. In my day the conductor was the great man on the railroad. When I was first raised to be superintendant every passenger conductor on the road looked down upon me because I had only been a master mechanic before. The way that some of these conductors would walk out of the office, glance at the train and signal the engineer was a sight to behold. All the small boys looked upon the conductor as one having reached the height of human greatness, and the ladies brought him bouquets of the finest flowers, while the engineer had to be satisfied with a bottle of whisky put in his wood ticket box on the quiet.

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"We had a conductor named William Ford, who was the most pompous and img posing man I ever saw, He was no good, and the boys called him Windy Bill on the ly, but the hardiest of them dared not say anything less than Mr. Ford to his face. He id was a big man, and dressed in the best broadel-th and walked about as if the earth belonged to him. One day he walked into the office at a station where my wife and little boy were sitting in the waiting room, As he passed through everyone made room for him or tried to show him attention. My little boy watched him quietly till he disappeared and then he whispered to his mother, "Ma, was that God?" —[Locomotive Engineer.

# The Outlook in France.

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France is in for a year of serious work in various countries. She is evidently bound to have a row with the Sultan of Morocco for the possession of the oasis of Tuat. In Madagaecar the people are ready for an upsising. The trouble on the Niger is not settled, and M. de Brazza is on an expedition of conquest from the Franch Congo northward. The Bulgarian squabble about the expelled journalist, Chadourne, may be looked upon as settled, but the differences between the Government and the Vatican are exceepingly serious.

## BATTLE WITH BATS.

A Munter's Experience in a Cave Along Rockcastle River, Kentuky.

Eight miles east of Mount Vernon, Ky, near Rockcastle River, is a famous group of wild, rocky, pine-covered hills, locally known as Round Stone knobs. A couple of days ago Dr. J. J. Kite, a prominent young dentist of this place, went with dog and gun into that locality to shoot quail, and for a time he had excellent sport. After noon, however, a thunderstorm came up and he entered a deep, rocky gorge with the hope of finding shelter from the menacing elements. Seeing an aperture in the cliff on his left, he entered it, and was surprised to find himself in a large winding gallery with steep and craggy walls on either side, and with a roof that rapidly ascended to a considerable height. About twenty-five feet from the entrance was an object which arrested his attention. It was a gigantic bowller, oblong in shape, and weighing hundred of tons, lying in an oblique position on a high, jutting ledge, with its huge crest upreared awfully into a gap in the cavern's roof. It looked as though a slight shock or the touch of a meddlescme hand might displace it and cause it to come crashing down. Indeed, it was one of those

## FRIGHTFUL DEATH-TRAPS

of nature, grim and sinister, sometimes found in subterranean passages or upon jagged precipices.

It is well known that Dr. Kite is of an adventurous disposition, also that he is a naturalist and geologist of no small repute. The novelty and excitement felt in penetrating the unexplored, so fascinating to daring spirits, allured and emboldened him. Believing that he should make some interesting discoveries, he advanced resolutely into the cavern. As he did so his faithful dog suddenly curled its tail between its legs and made a speedy exit. At the same instant the doctor saw two fiery eyes glancing from a dark corner. Hastily raising his gun, he took deliberate aim and let go both barrels simultaneously. He never knew what the animal was or what became of it, for the infernal din that bellowed and rebellowed through the cavern was followed by an awful crash, suffocating columns of dust and dense darkness, and he was thrown violently forward and almost buried beneath masses of falling sand.

He scrambled to his feet again, bleeding and gasping for breath. Terror-struck and appalled he realized that the huge bowlder above had been precipitated into the passage, completely blocking the corridor and shutting him, like the doors of a ponderous tomb, forever from the light. He saw no way to escape.

a PLUTONIAN DARKNESS
enveloped him. Moreover, a vast tribe of bats, disturbed by the detonation of his gun and the shifting sound, began to swarm along the passage, numbers of them alighting on his person. They were of rémarkable size and fierceness, and seemed disposed to to attack him. So vicious did they become that he was forced to fight them off by swift movement of his hands. They swept forward in enormous flocks as if to escape, and that quarter of the cavern was quickly alive with them. Stunned and only partly aroused from their stupor, thousands precipitated themselves against the jutting rocks and fell upon the floor dead and flapping awkwardly about in their wounded against his face and clung to his clothes, his hair, and his beard, and their whirring wings, bellows-like, whirled the dry dust of centaries about in clouds, irritating the hunter's already exhausted lungs.

Threatened with suffocation, he increased the activity of his movements. He struck savagely, and hurled hundreds of the squeaking harpies upon the earth and trampled them under his feet. The cavern's rocky bottom became so slippery with the blood and scattered

# ENTRAILS OF MANGLED BATS

that he could scarcely keep his footing. That he should preserve his equanimity under such torture was wonderful, but that he did is manifest from what now transpir-

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Shaking off his fierce torrentors for a moment he pulled off his coat, and, pouring overithe combustible contents of a whiskey bottle which he carried in his hip pocket, and the his post of the cave.

It is not stated whether they carry on their presented the appearance of something in the present of the cave.

Surrounded by panic-stricken birds, even and return the light and the fumes, spread their wings and began a precipitate flight to other parts of the cave.

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Surrounded by panic-stricken birds, even and the spectral light of the torch, Kite presented the appearance of something in the servent has been approaching a town the inhabitants of the town empty all their closets and drawers, leave them open, stand the front door ajar and abandon the house.

Yelling in Tasmania wished to collect kele-tons of snakes. So he killed his snakes and left them on the ground under a bot sun and near an ant hill. And the hot sun and near an ant hill. And the hot sun and pear and began an thill. And the hot sun and pear and the hungry ants did the work so well that after a few hours he collected his skeletons, the hungry ants did the work so well that after a few hours he collected his skeletons, the hungry ants did the work so well that after a few hours he collected his skeletons, the hungry ants did the work so well that after a few hours he collected his skeletons, the hungry ants did the work so well that after a few hours he collected his skeletons, the hungry ants did the work so well that after a few hours he collected his skeletons, the hungry ants did the work so well that after a few hours he collected his skeletons, the hungry ants did the work so well that after a few hours he collected his skeletons, the hungry ants

A Boy.

"They tell me you are a happy father.

"Are you setting up the cigars?"
"No, I'm sitting up nights."

# LATEST BY CABLE

Was Khedive Tewfik Poisoned?— Strange Rumors About the Death of Egypt's Late Ruler.

The report that the Khedive of Egypt met his death by poison was received here with a great deal of incredulity. No Britsh official will admit that such a thing is possible, and all scout the idea that England ould have anything to gain on the removal of the late ruler of Egypt. The report. in spite of these utterances, has careed much so far as to say that the whole story was concected in Paris and that the alarming news has been put in circulation by agents of the French Government who have received instructions to do everything possible to discredit British rule in Egypt. Inquiries made on the subject at the Foreign Office were met with the reply that the whole affair had been greatly exaggerated, that there was little or no excitement in Egypt, and that the Khedive lost his life through an accident, due to his belief, in native doctors. This is the official or British view of

Dispatches from Cairo say that the startling reports about the poisoning obtained circulation soon after Tewfik Pasha died and increased in strength until the authorities, British and Egyptian, could no longer ignore them. Sir Evelyn Baring, the British Minister Plentipotentiary, was among the first to be placed in possession of the fact that this extraordinary report was being circulated and that it had been communicated to the different capitals of Europe. The French Minister, it was added, had received instructions from his government to have the matter thoroughly investigated. An official inquiry into the real cause of the death of the Khedive was ordered, and the result is that the report made to the Egyptian Government by Dr. Comanos, who had charge of the investigation, seems to show that there was at least some foundation for the alarming rumor.

## What Ants can Do.

What Ants can DoIt is pleasnt to be assured by naturalists
that all the little torments we are familiar
with in the insect world are of the greatest
importance to man. Naturalists tell us we
must endure with philosophy the bites of
mosquitoes, while we reflect that mosquitoes render stagnant water pure, and so
prevent much disease. Spiders eat flies, and
flies, I believe eat something else more undesirable. What can that be I wonder?
And ants?
Well, an ant is one of the most serviceable insects we can talk about. In the first

Well, an ant is one of the most serviceable insects we can talk about. In the first
place, the ant is a great educator. She is,
proverbial for giving lessons in iadustry,
patience and helpfulness. We listen to her
while she speaks of providing, in summer,
food for the winter. She means we should
lay by a store of knowledge for the days
when we shall kave need of it. When she
drags a beetle through a hole only half the
size of its body, she teaches us not to be
discouraged if our first attempts do not invariably succeed. And when rhe helps a
sister ant to pull a big crumb of bread over
a pebble, we understand her to observe that
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Besides her value as a moral lecturer, the ant is of some substantial benefit as well. In hot countries, where ants most abound and where they are considered the greatest pests by the inhabitants thereof, they make themselves of use by devouring every dead thing—animal or vegetable—which they find.

Bird, beast or insect, plant or tree, it makes no difference to the ants. We are told that in some cases their voracious appetites do not allow them to wait until the unfortunate creatures are dead. They fall upon and devour living ones.

Of their value as scavengers many stories are told. Once an American naturalist traveling in Tasmania wished to collect skeletons of snakes. So he killed his snakes and left them on the ground under a hot sun and the hungry ants did the work so well that after a few hours he collected his skeletons, cleaned and bleached.

The chasseur ants of the West Indies have a wide reputation as house cleaners. It is not stated whether they carry on their business at regular seasons, but we are informed that when an army of chasseur ants

cavern, his hair tumbled over his forehead in tangled masses, and his face distorted with fury and despair, he whisked the firty and about, scaring, scorching, and burning be to be to be to to to the term of the underground chamber. Nearly exhausted, his clothes and body wet with sweat and blood, he began to consider the possibility of escape from his prison house. If any avenue of escape over the stupendous bowled the still existed, which was uncertain, it would have been madness to attempt to scale it in the deep, reigning darkness. He, therefore, abandoned such a hopeless idea, and side of the seemingly impassable stone based of the seemingly impassable stone based of the seemingly impassable stone based over the smoking remnant of his still burning vestment, he picked up his gun and thrust the barrels into the crumbling earth and stone at one side of the huge rock. The mass yielded by piecemeal to his exertion, and with the energy of a man entombed alive and desperate for liberty, he worked heroically, digging up the earth and prylag away great fragments of rock.

Hop never forsook him, and after seven hours of incessant labor, during which the hours of incessant labor, during which here in the hours of incessant labor, during which here in the hours of incessant labor, during the house will not want another overhalling for a

Yep." Get something for me to de ?"

"Yep."
"In a restaurant?"
"Ye — What in thunder on won do in carestaurant?" exclaimed the best catch-

Then he got the boomer