ot only has there been a considerable e in the construction of railroads, the earnings also show a larger rela decrease than at any period in eleyears. The number of miles of railopened during the year 1877 was against 2,657 for 1876, 1,758 miles 1875, and 2,805 miles for 1874. The st number of miles built has been in w York and Pennsylvania, and in nar-w gauge lines in Ohio, Iowa and Texas w lines of any considerable magni have been undertaken. The gross ngs of all the roads whose open as have been reported have equaled 2,909,272, against \$497,257,959 for , and \$503,065,505 for 1875; \$342,-222 were from freight, and \$130,050,from passengers. The net earnings fallen off \$15,476,055, as compared 1876. The ratio of net to gross sings was 13.16 per cent., as against per cent. for 1876, equal to an ing of 1.36 per cent. in the operatin ses, as compared with the precedear. The decrease in earnings from tht has amounted to \$18,278,154, and ages of decrease being, respectively, and 9.7 per cent. The dividends fallen off \$9,483,356, and are less for any year since 1871. The total ant of capital stock on which dividwere actually paid was \$835,038,896. g an average rate of seven per cent. ividends were paid on any of the ads in the States of Arkansas, Colo-, Florida, Kansas, Louisiana, Mis-ppi, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, and Vermont, nor, excepting or ed lines, in Iowa and Minnesota, all parts of the country, and the reion in rates of transportation noted 376 has continued throughout 1877. e principal decrease in earnings has in the Middle States, due partly to epressed condition of the coal trade. partly to the falling off in passer rnings, as compared with 1876, the nnial year. For each hundred of railroad in the United States are 22.8 miles of second track, gs, etc.; 20.1 locomotives, 15.2 ger cars, 4.7 baggage, mail, and cars, and 495.3 freight cars of ,078, and the total cost of construcad equipment \$6,069,893—equal to it 60,699 per mile of completed road: rating expenses (63.85 per cent.,) 74: net earnings, \$2,306.90. Interid on bonds per mile of road, \$1,-04: dividends paid on stock, \$739.52. wis 4.39 per cent : of dividends to aggregate capital stock, 2.53 per In 1871, with only two-thirds as all his friends, who supposed him dead. miles of railroad in operation, and ing is 79,208, divided as follows:

## Labor and Wages in Germany. he United States Consul at Bremen

ets that for agricultural labor the

ranges from fifty-six cents a day in

neighborhood of Bremen to thirty-cents a day on the lower Rhiue , and as low as eighteen cents in Dusseldorf, carpenters, copperplumbers, machinists, and smiths earn fifty-one to seventycents daily; saddlers and shoe ers forty-seven to fifty-two cents y; bakers and brewers, with board lodging from one dollar and fortytwo dollars and fourteen weekly, and without board, from cents a day to four dollars and eight cents a week; farm hands o hundred and fifteen dollars with maintenance; railway ers from fifty-six to eighty-three ts per day, and as high as ninety-five ts daily for piece work on tunnels; weavers can earn two dollars and cents to two dollars and eightycents a week per loom; factory children one dollar a week. In good s wages are eighty per cent. higher. cost of the necessaries of life has sed some fifty per cent. in en years, although it is now but higher than five years ago. A and wife with two or three children live in two or three rooms in a poor

to support such an establishment

FOR THE VOUNG POPLE.

Learning to svim.

Here I am, paps
In my new tints dressed,
Crazy for a 1-th,
It must 1 confessed.

Shall we o straight in?

Nee and large to hold

pill and strong of limb, ght years old to-day, Yet I cannot swim!

Oo ! he water's cold ! Let me take your hand,

I'm big boy, now,

Teach me please, papa

Keep my chin up—so Not a bit of use—

Don't I kick out right

O, I really think

Down I'm sure to go

While my arms are spread

That I'm made of lead!

Floundering here, I feel

Like so sad a dunce

It's as though you tried
Twenty things at once!

You must also tend

I don't even float

To your legs and feet !

While you make your strokes

As well as some old log !

Unless you're born a frog

or else the lungs may be cramped.

A Narrow Escape.
A writer in the Boston Journal tells the story of the fight at Turner's Falls and pulverized wheat starch into a soft between the early settlers of Massachusetts and the Indians. The whites attacked an Indian village and routed the savages, who, however, rallied and forc- sponge. If it does not look clean when Jonathan Wells encountered many ob- have been in use some years without stacles in making his escape.

using his gun for a crutch, dragged his ings have a good soaking. When the useless leg along, suffering acutely all sun shines brightly it will dry quickly. the while.

far from where the Connecticut river When perfectly dry hang it on a strong railroad crosses that stream at the place line, and beat it as you would a carpet now known as Cheapside, he saw an Indian paddling a canoe for him. He aimed his gun at him, though it was unloaded, wet and full of sand, when the red man, leaving his own gun, jumped paratus attached. If the hair mattree Wells knew that he should now soon hair and pull it apart thoroughly.

have the whole pack on him, and as a last desperate expedient to escape went inds. The capital stock aggregates 21,507 for each 100 miles; the fund-21,507 for each 100 miles; the fund-lebt, \$2,848,308; the floating debt and the before-mentioned wooded hill, or island, in the midst of the meadows There he found a pile of drift-wood, gross earnings per mile were \$6,380. - crawled, and although the Indians passed and repassed the spot many times, and actually stood on the pile, they failed to discover him, and at last withdrew

> After the greatest exertions, and almost dying with hunger, he finally reached Hatfield, to the astonishment of

How the Bees Rode to Mill.

Men and women and children were and one teaspoonint of chopped parsely.

England States, 5,822; Middle busy cutting the long stalks on which the pretty little purple buds nestle so the non the other, and serve immediately. States, 41,224; Pacific States, close together, piling them on the carts.

To Keep Butter Hard. to be carried to the crushing-mill and the distillery. I think I never shall forget the sweet

smell that floated over the country, or the hum of the bees as they follow the carts all along the road, settling down on the lavender, and sticking so closely to it that they can neither be shaken nor beaten off. And so, from their love of Silesia. At Bremen, Crefield, of these sweet flowers, they say there are thousands of them crushed in the great mill; and I never see the tastily labelled bottles of lavender water in the perfumers' stores but I think of my ride through that great purple field, and of the poor bees' ride to the crushingmill, - Youth's Companion.

A Lioness Adopting Cubs Barnum's lioness, in the Central Park (New York) Menagerie, gave birth to id from one hundred and seven two cubs-a male and female-a short time ago. Four days later the lioness belonging to the menagerie produced twins, also male and female. Then Barnum's lioness, through jealousy or some other cause, dropped dead in her cage, and it became an anxious question as nourishment intended for herself. This peril, however, was not so great as seven in girth, multiply the square of other two out. The experiment was igo Rural. tere is an extract from a little boy's tried several times, but without success, the lioness thrusting the strangers from arin' and a Diastemin' and a tryin' her with her, foot. At last, after three gages of their steam bilers in the k yard at nite it makes a feller office induced to have compassion upon them, as though they were of one family.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Wind, says an old horseman, is the grand secret of a fast horse. Good lungs will cover a multitude of faults, while, on the other hand, perfection of shape and form are useless, when the wind is out. The chest, therefore, in all cases, should be large and capacious. It may vary somewhat in shape, according to the service to which the horse is to be put. If he is apt to be kept for slow work and heavy drawing, the chest may be nearly circular in form, because this shape is one for strength and bulk to receive and bear up against the pressure of the collar while at the same time sufficient room is secured for that expansion of the lungs caused by slow, regular work. But if the chest is cirrular, let it be at the same time deep, horse with a shallow chest is worthless for any purpose. The rule, then, is: For a draught horse, a circular but deep chest; but as you pass through the different degrees of speed up to the racer and trotter, the chest will increase depth, compared to its roundness, until, for the highest rate of speed you must take a chest as deep as a greyhound, and at the same time not lacking in strength.

Cleaning Bed-Tickings.
When mattresses and feather beds are soiled mix equal quantities of soft soap paste, and rub it thoroughly into the spot. Let it dry in the sun; then scrape off the paste, and wash it off with a ed their antagonists to retreat. One it is dry, apply it again. If feather beds being renovated, put them on the grass He was-severely wounded in his hip-and got widely separated from his com-panions. He finally left his horse, and Let it lie out several days, bringing it At last, having crossed the river not in at night to keep it from the dews. until all the dust is out of it, and you will have a clean, sweet bed, as through a machine with a steaming ap-

To Broll a Steak.

First see that the fire is clear, and not too much of it; open wide all the drafts, to carry off all the smoke that is made during the process of broiling; then see that the gridiron is smooth and quite clean; rub it well with whiting or chalk; lay on your steak . Do not pound it, nor after it is on the fire, stick a fork into it, or the juice will escape, Neither salt nor pepper it; do that on the dish. Throw a little salt on the fire, and put over the steak; place the gridiron close on the range for the first few minutes, to carbonize the surface, then turn it over quickly to carbonize the other side. Now it should be exposed to a slower fire, to do which place two bricks on their the more than one-half the capital k, the dividends aggregated \$56,456, equaling 4.19 per cent. of the capital carefully, and when it feels rather firm to the touch it is rare, and if so liked, it should be turned repeatedly and carefully, and when it feels rather firm to the touch it is rare, and if so liked, it should be taken off, laid on a hot dish tal invested \$4,568,597,248. The lends paid aggregated \$58,558,312. It remember once riding through thirty acres of lavender when it was in full bloom.

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Space after space of the commo In the county of Surrey, England, edge, and rest the gridiron on them. The there are great fields of lavender, and steak should be turned repeatedly and spoonful of salt, a pinch of white pepper Men and women and children were and one teaspoonful of chopped parsely, varied from twenty-four to thirty-six when

To keep butter firm and solid during the hot w ather in summer, the following method is largely in use among good butter makers in England: Pulverized carbonate of sods and pulverized alum, at the rate of a teaspoonful of each, are mingled together at the time of churning and put into the cream. The butter omes out firm and solid, and with a clean, sweet flavor. The powdered caroonate of soda and alum do not enter the butter, but, after acting upon the cream, pass off with the brttermilk The ingredients should not be mingled together until they are wanted for use, just when the cream is in the churn ready for churning. Another—and per-haps the best method of hardening butter-is to keep it in a cool cellar, where the temperature is kept even by means of ice, or its construction, and then carrying the article to market in refrig-

erator pails or other receptacles. Weight of Live Cattle. Suppose an ox is five feet in length and

good fit.

Power of the Human Eye

seeing his friend as usual at the breakfast-table, and he sent a servant to his where he served a regular apprentic room to ascertain what had become of ship. The Russian minister at Wash him. The servant found the bedroom ington had noted the skill of Ross Wi his prisoner keeping his eyes steadily fixed upon the animal, and the colonel was detained in this most unenviable condition for more than half an hour. same time that he need give no bonds, as his simple word was sufficient. as he made his way up stairs unobserved by the servants. This story (an authenticated one) reminds one of well-known accounts of lions, which have in a similar way been kept from making the final spring by a resolute and determined gaze, carried on to even utter prostration of mind and body. There is one remarkable anecdots of this nature where a man was obliged to protract this mode of self-defense for length of time that he was disabled by the blistering of his feet on a scorchi rock, where he was first assailed.

Healing a Sore.

Dr. G. F. Waters, of Boston, performed an experiment upon himself to prove that bicarbonate of asoda, if applied to a burn or scald, promptly sub dued the pain. He scalded bimse severely on a space seven centimetres broad, all around his wrist. The appli cation of the bicarbonate immediately relieved the pain, and if all had gone well, the burn would have been cured in But the doctor was careless, and per-

mitted his cuff-button to catch and tear the blistered skin, and further trouble of the same sort was caused by friction on the edge of the cuff. The result was that while the rest of the burn was soon cured, the part thus torn became a troublesome, suppurating wound.

Studying the subject, Dr. Waters thought that possibly vegetable albumen might answer the same purpose that animal albumen is supposed to in the formation of dermal scales.

He proceeded to test this theory by removing the scab from a portion of the wound, drying the surface with blottingpaper, and then immediately applying the white juice of the common milkweed

varied from twenty lour to hours; but in each instance new skin Barley-State...... Barley-State...... Barley-State...... Barley-State..... formed completely across.

The doctor states, as to this new dis-

covery, that the only essential point is to dry the wounded surface gently and thoroughly with blotting-paper before applying the milkweed juice. From the description, it appears that, after the juice was applied, and while the healing was in progress, a piece of blotting-paper was also used to cover the sur-

Cemetery Customs in Europe.

The story goes that a Frenchman who had lost his wife ordered a stone cutter to make him a tombstone and on it cut the single word regrets. The stone cutter respectfully hinted that regrets eternal would be a more appropriate inscription. "Alas, no sir?" said the gentleman, "I have hired the grave for five years only." This story may very probably be a true one, for it is a common practice in several European countries to hire graves for a term of years and renew the lease when the first one expires, if the friends of the dead The live weight of cattle can be pretty accurately ascertained by the following method: Measure with a tape line from the control of the cont what was to be done for her little orphans. If given to the other lioness the tail for the length, then around the there was great danger that, instead of nursing them, she might look upon them for the girth. Then apply this rule: in a common trench, or relegated to a catacomb, as the case may be. In some of the burial grounds of Paris the This peril, however, was not so great as bringing them up on the bottle, and it was decided to take the risk. The employees handled the cubs freely, so as to give them, as the superintendent explained, the smell of the human body, and then all four were taken in a bunch and placed in the case of the burial grounds of Paris the condition of things is really frightful. Here the ground has been used over an over again till it has lost not only all its original antiseptic properties, but has become a distinct source of corruption. It is no uncommon thing for the comfortless manner for two and then all four were taken in a bunch result would be obtained; but when not thus perfect, as is generally the case, an observed and placed in the cage of the lioness. She was a mild mannered but an obtuse estimate of the weight, if good judgment is to exhume the bodies which have mbers have to work ten or beast. She smelled out her own cubs is used, will be secured near enough in a moment, and literally kicked the correct for all practical purposes.—Dirating from the graves they are opening, and it has been more than once sug-gested to the municipal council of the the lioness thrusting the strangers from her with her foot. At last, after three hours of persistent endeavor, she was afterward found that his little daughter by the same kind of spparatus that yard at nite it makes a feller offle induced to have compassion upon them, if he isn't sleepin' with his big and the four cubs are now being nursed doll, chipping off the corners to make a serves for submarine divers.—American

Some years ago an officer of high rank, a colonel in the Blues, was visiting died recently at Newport, R. I., leaving his friend, Col. —, of the Guards, who resided in Buckinghamshire. This gentleman had a very fine bloodhound, which he kept fastened in the yard. One diminutive railroads and run toy trains morning after the arrival of his visitor, upon them. His father encouraged him Col. — was much surprised at not in this, and when a lad he was set at work at a lathe in the machine shop, door ajar, and, on knocking, the gentle- nans, and encouraged him to send his man cried, "Come in, and remove this son to St. Petersburg to compete for the beast out of 'my room," whereupon the contract for equipping the new railroad. servant entered, and was astonished to When the vessel in which young Winans find the master's bloodhound in the bed-sailed arrived at St. Petersburg, the room, a very large and fierce dog, who Czar and a party of officials drove down had broken his chain and escaped from to the pier to see the ship unloaded, the yard, and, having scented a stranger Thomas, a tall, strapping young man in in the house, had slipped into the bedroom, as the door had been left unclosed his boots, and armed with a crowbar by a servant who had called the visitor was bossing a party of laborers who in the morning. The dog was on his were unloading a locomotive. He hind legs at the foot of the bed with his worked and talked at the same time, and forefeet resting on it, fixing his eyes intently and ferociously on the unfortusique, and thorough knowledge of his nate gentleman, apparently waiting for trade so impressed the imperial sightan opportunity to spring upon him, seer that he turned to one of his officers from which he was only restrained by and said, "I like that fellow in the red shirt." As soon as the work was well under way, tha Czar offered him an independent contract, telling him at the

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Evan an

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