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red men. It was during the time of the excitement following the discovery of gold in Colorado. A great many people had bet out for this El Dorado, and long wagon trains were to be seen every day moving across the plains. Mr. Peppard was anxious to go, but there was one great difficulty in the wayhe didn't have the money to buy horses and wagon. So he sat down and thought it all over, and then as a result he gave out that he was going to build a wagon with a sail, which he thought would make the trip in about as good time as any prairie schooner that was floating around over the wild and woolly West.

When he first began to build the wagon, the wise men of the town all laughed at him for wasting his time on such a craft, just as other wise men of Noah's time scoffed at the good patriarch. Mr. Peppard's advisers declared that if he attempted to navigate such a craft he would certainly be killed, and the people in gen-eral looked the wagon over, shook their heads and called it "Peppard's

folly.' But Mr. Peppard kept on sawing wood and turning it into wheels and running gear and boards. At last it was finished. It was made of rough lumber and shaped like a skiff. It was eight feet long from prow to stern and three feet across at amidship and two feet deep. The bed was placed on a running gear with axles six feet apart, the wheels all the same size and about as large as the front wheels of a bugteu-foot mast was fastened to the front axle and came up through the bottom of the wagon box, and to this two sails were rigged, the larger 11x8 feet, the other 7x5. They were

both to be worked by a rope through a pulley at the top of the mast. If the wind was high, the smaller was to be used, and if it was low the larger was to be employed. The wagon had a brake and a rudder for steering. The hounds, instead of having a tongue attached, came up over the top of the bed and were welded together. A bar was fastened here and extended backward three feet. There was a seat placed at the end of the bar for the captain, and he steered

by pushing the bar to the right or the The craft rigged out weighed 250 pounds, carried a crew of four men, a cargo of 500 pounds, the camping outfit and provisions serving as ballast.

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and came down with a crash. and came down with a crash.

His vessel was a wreck, but Mr. Peppard was not discouraged. He made new spindles, repaired the damage, and in a few days he and three companions were ready to start. Profiting by his first experience, Mr. Peppard chose a day to start when the wind was blowing only about ten knots an hour. The first day they went fifty

miles. Their route lay northwest, through Kansas and across the southwestern part of Nebraska until they struck the South Platte River, and from there they went toward Denver. "Our best time was two miles in four minutes," said Mr. Peppard in describing the incidents of the journey. We could not run faster than that rate, as the boxing would have heated. One day we went fifty miles in three hours and in doing so passed 625 teams."-Kansas City Journal.

Ways to Win Notoriety.

There is a strange kind of young man who will do anything that is absurd if he can attract attention by it. Thus, Harry Lehr, a Baltimorean, whom New York society has taken up, wore at Newport last Summer, with his golfing clothes a gold bracelet with a locket, about his ankle. A pretty well-known Philadelphian, who is now at Atlantic City, likewise striv-ing to attract, the eye there by appearing in the hotels and cafes and on the board walk every night with a gold chain around his neck, to which two big gray rats are attached. "he rats, plain ordinary rodents, but tamed, wear gold colars, and the young man's wear gold collars, and the young man's and down his back and waistcoat the rats patter, but usually they are seated on his shoulder, whispering in his ear. Sometimes he fondles them or gives them bits of cheese and cracker. They seem to be quite clean, but a peculiar smell, somewhat like musk, irritates the nostrils if one comes too near the young man's pets.—Philadelphia Rec-

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INDIANA'S FREAK FARMS.

thes, Weasels, Tomeats, Skunks an For freak farming Indiana certainly takes the lead. Instead of depending on corn, wheat, rye and the mainfold standbys, a great many farmers in Indiana are devoling their time and energy to raising other products, such as skunks, weasels, rabbits, frogs, ginseng, tomcats and noxious weeds. Indiana has six large skunk farms, and the industry is becoming so extensive that recently a 'trust' has been formed. The pelts are very valuable, bringing from \$1.50 to \$2 apiece, according to the quality. The skunk farmers are now raising the brutes by the thousands. The young are pretty and do not demand much care, and are cheaply maintained and easily placed on

the market, and are profitable. At New Harmony, Posey county there is a large family of Angora cats. Herman Eular, of that city, is a genuine farmer and tomcat jobber who has made a fortune in handling of this breed of cats. He has sold over 3,000 cats in the past year. He has sold some as high as \$50, and none for less than \$25. It will readily be seen that cats at \$25. apiece will make a man more money than any of the many cereals raised on the farm.

There is only one leech farm in Indiana, and that is probably the only one in the whole country. The industry is carried on in moss-filled vats. The breeding leeches are shipped from Germany some years ago, and all of the product is thoroughbred. The leech market is nothing compared with what it formerly was when physicians prescribed an application of leeches for everything, from cold feet to a raging fever. Still there is a good femand for them and they bring a fancy price. The get plenty of food and will keep for an indefinite time.

There are four large rabbit farms in Indiana. The largest one is located at Wabash and covers sixty acres. The company is headed by Nathan Meyer and is known as the Wabash Belgian Hare Breeding and Import ing Company. The company expects to raise 1,000,000 hares this year. The bunnies are fed on hay, and they con sume about 280 pounds of green grass a day. Their pelts are in great demand and the meat is edible. Moreover, they sell as pets. From their hair the finest crush hats are made. Hares are easily handled and are preferable to skunks, and there is no

danger of "off" year. For many years the farmers thought peppermint weeds obnoxious, and grubbed them out. To-day there are three big peppermint farms in Indiana. The largest is located in St. Joseph county, and is owned by Mark Beeger. Another is on the Michigan-Indiana line and is owned by some Poles, and the other is in Lake county. Its uses are numerous, but the greatest demand comes from the manufacturers of print fabrics, who use it to make the colors more solid. The successful peppermint farmer can make from \$75 to \$150 an acre from his land.

The most freakish line of freak farming is the new wrinkle in fattening the watermelon. Here the farmer steals a march on Nature and fatten them. They do it by performing a surgical operation on the stem, inserting a cotton fuse, which is passed through the cork of a bottle of sugarsweetened water.

What Shooting Stars Really Are. It is hardly necessary to say that the shooting stars are not stars at all, as the name seems to indicate, and as people sometimes think, writes Pro-fessor C. A. Young in the New Lippincott. This was the mistake of the sailor on the British naval vessel, who had been set on watch during the star shower of 1866 to count all the meteors he could see in a given fifteen minutes. When his time was up he begged to be allowed a minute longer, "because," said he, "I has my eye on a star that wiggles awful, and can't hold on

much longer." Shooting stars are only little masses of matter-bits of rock or metal, or cloudlets of dust and gas-which are flying unresisted through space, just as planets and comets do, in paths which, within the limits of our solar system, are controlled by the attraction of the sun. They move with "Le speed of several miles a secoud, far exceeding that of the military projectile, but are too small to be seen by us except when they enter our atmos-phere, and, become intersely heated by the resistance they el.counter, light up and burn for a moment; for, to use up and burn for a moment; for, to use Lord Kelvin's expression, a body rushing through the air at such an enormous velocity, is during its flight virtually "immersed in a blowpipe flame," having a temperature comparable with that of an electric arc. As a rule, they are completely consumed in the pure are completely consumed in the upper air so that nothing reaches the surface of the earth except, perhaps, a little ash, settling slowly as an imperceptible "smoke." Occasionally, however, some mass larger than usual survives in part the flery ordeal, and its fragments fall to the ground as specimens of the material of "other worlds than

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Mr. Holmes has not received the appointment and is not likely to."

Then as everybody who read this had reached the conclusion that the Thamesville paper was thus emphatically speaking for Robert Feaguson, M. P. P., out comes the Globe of Friday with the following:

"It is said that Mr. Holmes, of Chatham has been appointed county-court clerk

ham, has been appointed county-court clerk of Kent." of Kent."

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say the local members and the Government will be compelled to compromise on him. Recently the county papers claimed that Recently the county papers claimed that Holmes was the man, and last Thursday's Thamesville Herald had the following:

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