Igame is being played to an obligato of Alfrick's of language by your next-door neighbors. The intermittent and irregular procussion heard under such circumstances has an excruiating effect on the nerves. Try alf you will, your mind wanders from any other todic, and insensibly you find your ear listening for the next ping. Probably similar circumstances have bred half the bitter opposition to the novelty. The next-door neighbors of the present writer not only bors of the present writer not only play it every afternoon and evening, but have been known—under what

have been known—under what umstances it is impossible to surbegin ping-pong after midnight in their bedroom. This is the martyrdom of the game. Such en-thusiasm on inquiry does not seem to be unique, though the writer be-lieves himself to be located adjacent to a remerkably bad pair of victims to a pure a lower boy at a pure lower boy at a pure lower boy at a lower boy at a pure lower boy at a lower boy at a pure lower boy at a pure lower boy at a lower boy at lower b

Sir Edward Clarke, K. C., in his witty speych at Queen's Hall. suc-Sir. Edward Clarke, K. C., in his witty speech at Queen's Hall, sug-gested that ping-pong had its origin among the Romans, A cynic of my acquaintance offers a different deri-vation. He asserts that primeval apes thance offers a different deri-He'asserts that primeval apes ping-pong with nuts on pre-glades, with a hedge or a.

excited by its absurd nomenclature. It seemed as though any game called by sich a name as ping-pong courts in the country, chiefly at court by played beyond the regions of the nursery. Now the wideness of the vogue of the game is of universal notoriety. Hence a presumptive deduction that at least there is something attractive about it. The title is really derived from the sound which the parchment, racquets licks in striking the xylonite will. To appreciate adesumptive defluction that at least there is so actining attractive about it. The title is really derived from the same which the parchment racquets make in striking the sylonite will. To appreciate adequately the suitability of the name, you should be a literary pan endeavoring to write an abstruse article while the game is being played to an obligato of sufficient plane in termittent and irregular precussion heard under such circu astances has an exercular-this adaptation has been penalised

> ever ellorts are made to obtain a reputable appellation, so long as the diversion is popular it will be known under the title of ping-pong, Indoor adaptations of fresh-air pastimes have been generally a failure. Parlor cricket cannot even amuse a lower boy at a public school. The Race Game is only tolerated as a method of gambling and petits chevaux played for love would send everybody to sleep. Tabeelle folly ever perpetrated, for you knocked a marble through ra-ther wide and solid hoops with a miniature auctioneer's hammer. Yet, in the face of all these fiascos.

A GIFTED CATFISH THAT -CHEWED BLACK PLUG.

John Gilbert Casts Doubts on the Narrator's Veracity.

"The man sat on the top rail of the fence as I came along," said John Gibert, the travelling groceryman, referring to an incident of a take about him.

John Gibert, the travelling groceryman, preferring to an incident of a trip phrough the Hemlock Belt last fall. "He halled me and I stopped my horse.
"'Cap'n,' said he, 'kin you give me a toler'ble good-sized chaw off o' your plug o' black navy terbacker?"
"I told him I could not.
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"I told him I could not."

o' your plug o' black navy terbacker?

"I told him I could not.

""Tain't fer me,' said the man.
"It's fer Solomon. If Solomon don't git a chaw o' navy plug tobacker he'll be dead afore night. A comfortable sized hunk of; o' your plug might see him through, Cap'n.'

"I can't help you out,' said I. 'I haven't got any navy plug tobacco." "Socks!" said the man, getting an easier position on the rail. 'This is tough! Solomon's a gonor, sure as cats!'

"I told the man that I thought that any person who was such as slave to tobacco that he would be as well of dead as alive.

"Yes,' said the man. But I'm afraid your pint don't jest exacly hit Solomon. They told you about Solomon, didn't they, down to Geeville?"

"I said they hadn't mentioned Solomon, didn't they, down to Geeville?"

"I said they hadn't mentioned Solomon, down to Geeville."

"Yes, said the man that of think o' things when they oughter,' said the man, much put out over the forgetfulness of people at Geeville. Why, a dog fight, or an ask to come have somethin' aven, used to take a back seat for tellin' bout. Solomon, down to Geeville."

"I was in quite a hurry and was starting on my way when the man on the top rail hailed me again and I paused.

"Though you say yon hadn't got black navy plug, Cap'n, 'said the vort shore of the way of it was this! was bobbin' for catfish over in Gan.

"Though you say yon hadn't got black navy plug, Cap'n, 'said he, 'I don't want you to go away with way be good and more vort. Solomon agond the paused.

"Though you say yon hadn't got black navy plug, Cap'n, 'said he, 'I don't want you to go away with was pound one night, and I ketched somethin' like a bushel. One of them was a good two pound in left, and I noticed that he wore and jewed at me with a good deal more vim, and a good deal more vim, and a good deal more vim, and a good deal longer, than any o' the others did.

"I lugged my fish home, and this sasy bg feller kep' up his jawin all the way. I clucked him an' the

bear to have you go with wrong idees o' Solomon. The hired man cut a chaw off o' his play o' black navy, and a piece of it fell into the tub. Solomon he came for it with a rush, but he stopped quick when

a rush, but he stopped quick when he shoved his nose ag'n it."

"He paused and pondered. He wa'n't exactly sure about thatter-backer. He skinned one eye up at me, but I never said a word. Then Solomon risked it and took the piece o' terbacker in.

"He gave a couple o' chaws on to it, and scowled some. He cocked his head fust on one side and then on t'other, as if he was sort o' considering what mowt happen. Then he went to work on to the Then he went to work on to the terbacker ag'in. He chawed it an' chawed it, and by and by he swal-

chawed it, and by and by he swallowed it.

"Solomon,' says I, 'it don't appear to me as though I'd 'a' done that," says I.

"Solomon looked up and sort o' sniffed at me, but it wa'n't long afore he began to act as if he thought that mebbe I va'n't fur from right. He looked up at me mournful like, and then moved to'rd one corner of his tub, slow and said, like a funer'l. When he got there he shivered quite some, and then rolled over on his side, turnin' his eyes up and lookin' pale around

rolled over on his side, turnin' his eyes up and lookin' pale around the gills.

"He's a goner! says I. 'Terbacker has p'lsened Solomon ded!' says I, and I was all broke up. I tell you. A handful o' that loose chewin' o' yourn, Cap'n, while it hain't manna in the wilderness, so to speak, like black navy plug or even the common every-day yaller would be, mcwt lift Solomon out o' the'—

church, to preach with great vigor, spirit, and courage. Witness—The apostics were witnesses to what they had seen and heard. This is a most effective way of preaching. Of the resurrection—All knew of the enemies of Jesus, the Jews, would not believe in the resurrection of Jesus. 34. That lacke,—This was one reason for their favor among men, for all could see the self-sacrificing spirit that'actuated them. Sol1 them—It "I cut the man on the fence off

pretty sharp and would have whip-ped up my horse, but he held up his hand and said:
"Terbacker has p'isoned Solomon dead," says I, and I went in the house a-wallin'. It was an hour afore I had the heart to go out to git Solomon and take him off and bury him, and I jest about jumped out o'

my boots for joy when I see that he had turned over onto his belly and mad turned over onto his belly and was wigglin'.

"He skinned a pretty sick lookin' eye up at me and shook his head kinder as if he didn't care whether school kep' or not, but by and by he started out and swam around some, still in the arena, as it were, but a little off his feed. Next mornia', though, he was on hand as lively as a cricket, and eat a pound o' liver and three flannel cakes for his break-

fast.
"Seein' that Solomon's health was fair to middlin' after his first chaw of terbacker I calc'lated it wouldn't of terbacker I calc'lated it wouldn't be a bad idea for me to sort o' ex-periment on him. I sent and got a plug o' black navy terbacker, cut off a toler'ble good-sized chaw, and handed it over to him.

"He came up and took it exac'ly like it was jest the thing he was lockin' for. He santered to one side o' the table and chayed and chayed

o' the tub and chawed and chawed, rollin' his cud from one cheek to t'other and showin' as plain as the grin on his face could show it that he was enjoyin' himself more than a

he was enjoyin' himself more than a log-chopper at the circus with his gal and a pint o' peanuts!

"Solomon had l'arnt to chaw, and he begged all that plug o' black navy away from me afore night. It was a sight that drawed people for miles to see Solomon layin' back and chawin' terbacker jest as juicy and jest as knowin' as if he was Squire Jaggers settin' and chawin' and discussin' the state of the country, down to the Geeville tavern.!

"But I didn't think that it was jest the proper thing for a catfish,

"But I didn't think that it was jest the proper thing for a catlish, that had a right from its surroundin's to be brought up in the way it should go, to chanter-backer, and so I set out to break Solomon of it, but great dog hopple! I hadn't counted on Solomon's idees about it.

"'When I quit handin' him down his reg'lar chaw it upsot his nerves tremendous. He ripped and tore around in that tub like a mad dog, and his eyes laid 'way out on his cheeks.

cheeks.
"When he stopped for a minute he alocha shook so that he slopped the water clean over the top of the tub. Then he cook to buttin' his head ag'in the took to buttin his head ag'in the sides o' the tzb, and I see that unless he got ease pretty ding quick he'd have that tub over-runnin with brains that he'd knock out of himself. So I passed him down a chaw.

chawin' her cud. Ever sence then Solomon has had

on.

The man on the fence hollered af-

ter me, Say, Cap'n! If you kin give me

a couple of clutches o' that three-cent long-cut blue paper smokin' o yourn, mebbe I mowte coax Solomon through on that! "I didn't answer him. I half believ-ed he was a liar. When I looked back and saw him cutting himself off a big chew from a plug of black navy tobacco I was sure he was."— N. Y. Sun.

SPONGE FISHERS IN LUCK.

N. Y. Sun.

Demand for the Fungi Gives Profit.

starting on my way when the man on the top rail hailed me again and I paused.

"Though you say you hadn't got black navy plug. Cap'n,' said he.' I don't want you to go away with wrong lieas abaut Solomon. It won't never do. The way of it was this: I was bobbit' for earlish over in Ganderneck pond one night, and I ketched somethin' like a bushel. One of them was a good two pound in heft, and I noticed that he swore and jewed at me with a good deal more vim, and a good deal longer, than any o' the others did.

"I lugged my fish home, and this sassy bg feller kep' up his jawin' all the way. I chucked him an' the rest of 'em in a box on the back stoop, an' I could hear him pitchin' into me long after I had gone to bed. Next mornin' when I went out there was that bg feller, as full o' water I was carrying out to water the cow with. I says to my self to at there I was a cartish with shape and 'I'd everyday yaller terbacker, dicenter, and I says to my self to the the two palled for the man on the fine haltee is angiha.

"He looked up at me winked one eye, made a spring one of the box, and landed plumb in a paid o' water I was carrying out to water the cow with. I says to myself ta there was a catfish with shape and 'I'd everyday yaller terbacker, dicenter, and I made another, start, but the man on the fine haltee is angiha.

"He looked up at me winked one eye, made a spring one of the box, and landed plumb in a paid o' water I was carrying out to myself ta there I was carrying out to myself ta there was a catfish with shape and 'I'd everyday yaller terbacker, dicenter, and if the product sells as high and to the utmost limit, until the and to the utmost limit, until the anges of the lock out his plug of common everyday yaller terbacker or hall one may be product sells as high such to the utmost limit, until the coast of Florida have been pushed to the utmost limit, until the coast of the best coast of Florida have been pushed to the utmost limit, until the anges of the lock out his plung of lock navy of the sell of th able Employment.

## Sunday School.

FEBRUARY 9, 1002

The Sin of Lying -Acts 4: 35 : 11. Commentary-32. Multitude - The Will old managed in verse 4, and Property at my others, who have been converted by the ministry of the other apostles since that time .-Charke. Of one heart-Though of cliferem ages, dispositions and policitions before they believed, and perfect strangers to one another, ejet, when they mat in Christ, they were intimately acquainted.—Com. Com. Neither said any of them—There was not a dissenting member. No such taing as elscord existed among them. All things common—"There existed such confidence in each other, and such loyalty to truth, that none feared that another would take advantage over him, and they assisted each other as members of one family.

50. With great power—With no difficulties among chemserves to absorb any of their time, the apostles were encouraged by a spiritual, praying ferem ages, dispositions and populchouraged by a spiritual, praying church, to preach with great vigor, spirit, and courage. Witness—The apostics were witnesses to what they had seen and heard. This is a

all could see the self-sacrificing spirit that actuated them. Soll them—It seems clear that all the owners of real estate who belonged to the church sold property. Things that were sold—The language here expressly avoids saying that these men sold all they had.

sold all they had.

35. At the apostles feet—To be disposed of as they should direct.

They would be better able to

terward frequently mentioned as an associate of the aposple Paul. That he was a Levite, is a remarkable circumstance; we are soon after-wards told that even many priests believed. 37. Having land, sold it—"He com-

forted by his cifts as well as his words." He certainly proved his sincerity.

1. But—"The little word but is

1. But—"The little word but is the hinge on which great issues turn."—Arnot. Annias—The meaning of the word is "Favored of the Lord," or "Jehovah is gracious." Sapphira—"Beautiful," Their charecters were in shore contrast with acters were in sharp contrast with their names. "Here is a contrast between the honest liberality of Barnabas and the hypocrisy of An-anias and his wife." 2. Kept back part of the price-

While they pretended to make an offering of all. This was hypocrisy, and is called a lie.—Binney. His wife—This sin was premeditated by both parties.
3. Filled thine heart—Satan, the

father of lies, a liar from the be-ginring. Peter traces the sin back to its source—the heart into which Satan had been admitted; his question recognizes Ananias' power to resist these evil influences. Satan knocked; Ananias opened his heart. —Hurlbut. To lie to the Holy Ghost —The apostles disclaim any power in themselves. It is Christ who works the miracles; the God of Abraham who gives the power of healing, and the Holy Spirit who is grieved by sins like that of Anan-

4. Thine own-He might have kept it without incurring the displeasure of the apostles or the Lord. In thine own power—These questions show that the b stowment of goods was perfectly voluntary and not a law, and that the crimo was a free and deliberate act.—Whedon. Ananias was not censured because he had not for falsehood in professing to have done so when he had not.—Hackett. Unto God—The offense was chiefly

against God.
5. Gave up the ghost—The immediate fall and death of Ananias, when "Solomon grabbed it, and begun to chaw away. In less than a minute, Cap'n, he was as calm as a Sunday morning, and as contented as a cow standin' up to her knees in the creek, in the shadder of a big tree chawin' her end

startling a judgment.—J. F. & B.

6. Young men—The earliest church to have his chaw of black navy plug regular on the dot or die. We've run out o' plug Cap'n, and can't lay in none this side o' Geeville. Unless Solomon gits a chaw afore long he'll—'
"I whipped up my horse and drove on."

6. Young men—The earliest church was not without young men and was not without young men. Acts xii. 13. Carried him out—Just beyond the walls of the city.—Cook. That the body was not taken to his home is indicated by his wife's ignorance of what had occur-

red.
7. After three hours—Probably at the next hour of prayer. Under the shock of the death of Ananias they

shock of the death of Ananias they had not dispersed.—Cook. 8. Tell me—"The question was Sap-phira's place for repentance; the Holy Spirit strove with her in Peter's 8. Tell me—"The question was Sapphira's place for repentance; the Holy Spirit strove with her in Peter's words, but she resisted his strivings."
So much—Perhaps Peter pointed to the money still lying where Ananias had placed it. V. 2. Yea—It had been in her power to save her husband by had placed it. V. 2. Yea—It had been in her power to save her husband by a word of warning protest; it was now in her power to clear her own conscience by confession.—Plumptre. 9. Agreed—Sapphira's answer proved to Peter that their sin had been defined to Peter the defined to Peter the beautiful that the provided Hamiltonian and the power to clear her own to conscience by confession.—Plumptre, moving his feet. If he does not move his feet he is pretty sure to topple over in about a minute.

"Do not smoke a pipe which has a short stem.

"Of all methods of smoking the cigar."

premoditated, and not one of haste or ignorance. She was small in the remodifiated, and not one of linete or ignorance. She was equal in the sin with her husband. Peter's question gave the first, knowledge to kapph ra that the regular was ciscovered, but nor answer was given. To tempt—To test, or try the Spirit of the Lord by attempting to dicelve Him; but "Got is not macked," or deligned.

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10 Fell....yiqded—It' was not through Peter's words, nor his pryyors nor through shame, nor the uch remorae, that this guilty par died, but by an immediate julgment of God.-Clarke.

God.—Clarke.

11. Grant fenr—This judiment answered the end for which it was inflicted; a deeply religious fear occupied every mind, and hypersisy and deception were builshed from this hely assembly."

Tereinings—Christians should be united. While sinners plan for themselves true Christians are also thoughtful for others. If we would not sin we must close our ears to the voice of the tempter. God somethines uses severe measures upon single at \$3 per load.

White and 200 but his of red selling at 70 to 78; per bushel, and 200 bushels selling at 53 to 63 1-2c per bushel.

Barley was steady, 20 bushels of thing at 53 to 63 1-2c per bushel.

Hay was steady, 25 loads selling at 46c per bushel.

Hay was steady, 25 loads selling at \$1 to \$13 per load for timothy, and \$8 to \$3.50 for clover.

Straw was steady, two Lads selling at \$5 per load.

raying vigor, vertice the mony and unity in the church, on so large a scale, has ever been realized in this lesson. It was the direct of the Holy Ghost, and cannot be reproduced by mechanical means.

The real nature of this wonderful union is moral. The disciples "were of one heart and of one soul." It was not necessarily an intellectual oneness; there may have been are the responding to the charge or all and spirate or all and one heart and of one soul." It was not necessarily an intellectual oneness; there may have been differences of opinion in some things, but there is no difference in their moral and spiritual mood. It is a time of tremendous spiritual energy; everything is on a scale of immense greatness even the testimony of the greatness, even the testimony of the apostles to the resurrection of Christ is "with great power," and in harmony with this scale of magnitude "great grace was upon them

They would be better able to determine where there was all."

need. Having a relief fund, the apostles could draw upon it without making every case public.

36. Joses—or Joseph. He is the well-known Barnabas, who is after the selling of thair property and the well-known between the selling of the proceeds into a comment treasury was wholly voluntary. mon treasury was wholly voluntary. There is nothing in all the record of it to lead us to suppose that there was any apostolic edict or law of God which made it, compulsory. It would seem that under the flood tide of these represented days this holy imthose pentecostal days this holy impulse prevailed.

This man and wife are equally involved in this deception, and both are punished with equal swiftness and severity. No doubt this instant vengeance is to show God's dis-pleasure with lying and to give solemn warning against this sin, a sin which may be committed some-times by just a look, a wink, a nod, or even by our silence. And is there not danger of yielding to this spirit not canger of yielding to this spirit of lying in comparatively small matters, and looking lightly upon it, and at most considering some things we may do or say, as only "white lies?" Especially where a little money is involved, such as falsifying as to the amount of property nossessed to say a little perty possessed, to save a little taxes, or as to the age of a child ministers of the gospel crowd close over the danger line in giving out exaggerated reports of their re-vivals?

cowardly and lying Peter has met with such a mighty change at Pen-tecost that he is commissioned to act in God's stead, and easily reads the secrets of the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira; just as Elisha so easily and surely detected the lie of Gehazi. II. Kings v. 25. The spirit of Christ is a spirit of truth. There is an experience, a state of grace, that saves us from deceitful hearts and lying tongues. Have you obtained it? Lanson H. Mulholland.

Little Things You Can't Do.

of it. Many a man will back himself to give another a start of fifty vided the man having the start hops all the way. But no runner, how-ever swift, can give that amount of start to an ordinary man. the first five yards they go at prac-

tically the same pace.

Therefore the runner, to go ninety-five yards while the "hopper" goes forty-five, would have to run more than twice as fast, and it would be a weak man who could not hop forty-five yards at a pace equal to twenty seconds for one hundred yards, and that would mean that the runner, in order to win. would have to beat all previous records.

If a man boasts that his penknife is particularly sharp, ask him to cut with one stroke of the blade one

of those yellow ribbons, mostly of silk, which are around bundles of cigars. In 999 cases out of 1,000 the knife is not sharp enough to do this. It will cut through all the rib-

Feb. 2.-Grain receipts were modcrate on the strict mirk t Siturday morning, oil; 1,830 bushels offering. Prices were steady. Wheat was steady, 200 bushels of

white and 200 buth Is of red selling

ago, with an average of \$6.05 per 100 pounds for prominent markets, 100 pounds for prominent markets, compared with \$6 a week ago, \$6.20 two weeks ago, \$5.30 a year ago, and \$4.65 two years ago.-Cincinnati

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	Hogs, light, under 160 lbs	5 75	LO	0

January Failures Fallures in the United States this week are 301, and in Canada 40, total 341, against 329 last week, 374 the preceding week, and 300 the corresponding week last year, of which 263 were in the United States, and 37 in Canada. There is a considerable decrease in the number of faiures at the south this week, and the number is less than for several weeks. In the west fewer failures are reported than for several weeks, but in the east the figures are larger .-Dun's Review,

Bradstreet's on Trade

taxes, or as to the age of a child to save car fare, or may not even ministers of the gospel crowd close in wholesale trade circles in Montover the danger line in giving out real this week. Cold weather has exaggerated reports of their results week. Cold weather has helped the sale of seasonably heavy vivals?

It is worth noting that the once steady to firm. Business at Questeady to firm. Business at Que-bec during the past week has been fairly active. There has been a fair development in wholesale trade circles at Hamilton the past week. Considering the fact that retailers have been busy stocktaking, orders for the spring have been very promising. Goods have been coming forward to the jobbers from the manufacturers at home and abroad, and stocks will soon be completed. There is a good demand for money and rates are steady. Trade at London this week has been fairly brisk for this week. for this month.

Dunn's Reciew sayd: Reports from A man cannot rise from a chair Hamilton and district show that or without bending forward, or putting his feet under the chair or outside well; meantime jobbing trade is considered satisfactory. The ironconsidered satisfactory. The ironfounders are resuming operations, with good prospects. The local grain market continues steady and prices firm, the offerings are light.

GOOD ADVICE TO SMOKERS.

Some Hints That May Ward Off the Evil Effects of the Habit.

A bulletin recently issued by the Royal Academy of Belgium, in which country nearly everyone smokes tobacco in one form or another, contains the following counsel to consumers of tobacco:

"Do not use moist tobacco, since nicotine then escapes with the vapor and is not decomposed.
"Do not smoke either while fasting or a short time before meals.
"When smoking cigars or cigarettee

Is Too Well Known to Hosts of Nerve-Exhausted Men and Women—The Fatal Error of Using Opiates.

Cured by Using Dr. Chase's New

To lie awake night after night, the brain on fire with nervous of the mind in never-ending variety, is the common experience of per During such nights, nerve force is consumed at a tree instead of being restored and re-invigorated for another end and exhausted and the mind is unbalanced by

rapidly burning out.

It is in this despairing condition that many the use of oplates. This is a fatal step which surely it is wiser to build up and controlled the wasted nerve cells.

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Sleeplessness is only one of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. It is a ills because they almost invers or Edmanson, Bates