"Surely woman should bring the best she has, whatever that is, to the work of God's world. It does not make a thing good that it is remarkable that

go your way straight to God's work

in simplicity and singleness of heart."

cells. Shortly after noon, Fri-

his arrival the unfortunate man

day, Manager Laird took a look at the

MIGHTY IS THE SCHOOLMA'AM.

Bishop Spalding's diversion against

the employment of women teachers in

the schools attracted so much atten-

tion that some recent statistics on the

A few weeks ago Harper's Weekly

published a map showing the proportion

of all the States. In the following table

Percent-

age of age of Men Teachers. Illiteracy

subject may not be uninteresting.

with the statistics on illiteracy:

Alabama ......62.9

Arizona ......36.8

Delaware ......31.0

Florida ......48.1

Georgia ......53.3

Idaho ......33.4

Illinois ......28.

Indiana ......51.1

Iowa ......19.5

Kentucky ......48.9

Louisiana ......41.4

Maine ......16.0

Maryland ......26.6

Massachusetts . . . . . 9.5 Michigan . . . . . . . . . . . . 21.6

Minnesota ......22.6

Mississippi ......46.6

Missouri ......42.8

Montana ......19.1

Nebraska ......27.1 New Hampshire ...... 9.7

New Mexico ................63.3

New Jersey ......18.4

North Dakota ......28.3

Ohio ......42.1

Oregon ......40.1 Pennsylvania ...... 32.8

Rhode Island ......12.0

South Carolina ......47.2

South Dakota ......29.0

Texas ......58.1

Utah ......47.4

Vermont ......12.2

 Virginia
 39.2

 Washington
 40.5

 West Virginia
 61.8

Wisconsin ......18.8

Wyoming ......21.5

in the States of the Union where popu-

the number of men teachers between

1880 and 1890. The schoolma'am is ac-

quiring ground everywhere. The doc-

tors may lament and the bishops de-

nounce, but she is here to stay.-Chi-

should devote themselves to nothing

more frivolous than pastoral theology,

and Mr. Balfour's book about religion

and scientific characters must be

cago Times-Herald.

California ......21.

was dead.

States.

# Christian Endeavor.

The New Woman as Viewed by Miss Sangster.

Very interesting article in the Golden Oct. 6. Its object is to fight evil at Rule on the "New Woman." She re- close range. The meetings will be held members that once upon a time in her in Willard Hall, the auditorium of the girlhood she was present at a discus- Women's Temple, which is located in girinood she was present the peo-sion in which several intelligent peo-the heart of the city, where Sunday Museum, I have thought that some of ple agued for and against—not higher loungers and the coze of the slums may education—not equal suffrage—not the be reached. Back of the work stands speaking of women in public, but the Rev. Dr. Rusk, who for several gentleman ended the talk by saying:
"No refined young lady would be seen was in the house. Since she only walked abroad on sunshiny days, her feet
ted abroad on sunshiny days, her feet
take form. Dr. Rusk interested a numed abroad on sunshiny days, her feet thately the new enterprise began to to get people interested in the contents take form. Dr. Rusk interested a numshould be clad in thin and dainty slipber of other clergymen notably the words, as her mother advocated stout, a typewriter, station agent, or keep a postoffice.

There is no end to her resources, and

her quickness, deftness, grace and charm can be found everywhere.
"My idea of the new woman," Miss Sangster goes on to say, "is that she must be physically well, mentally rounded, and developed; amotionally

rounded, and developed; emotionally, spontaneous, and sympathetic; spiritually, devout, and full of faith in God. irreligious woman can never be thing but a weak and imperfect creature; the woman that seeks to live her life apart from Christ will spend a lonely and unsatisfied life, and will fail to meet with honor and cheerfulinevitable responsibilities

census enumerators, a stable locality, a professional marketer; a blacksmith; and two sheriffs. In New York city and two sheriffs. In New York city sixteen women make a living by desixteen women make a living by desixteen women make a living by desixteen women achieve financial indepensions. many women achieve financial independence by amusing other women. In Chicago a woman has opened a shoe dress-

to step in other's footprints. Indeed, a place; they made one. Indeed, a place; they made one. In custody, one man being the sole occupant of the prison at Kirkwall—an cupant of the cupant o

whole world may be linked together a prisoner is inordinarily high. whole world may be linked togsthered to prosperity of the cause of Christ in prosperity of the cause of Christ in

The officers of the Ontario Union are in full sympathy with the object, and as part of the world's prayer chain. Endeavorers is as follows:

...... I join my hand and heart with all who will, to ask God daily for the deepening of the spiritual life of all : our members, for wisdom and grace for our executive; for blessing on the Christian Endeavor So-clety throughout the world.

SECRET OF A HAPPY DAY. Just to leave in His dear hand Little things: All we cannot understand,

All that stings; Just to let Him take the care, Sorely pressing.

Finding all we let him bear Turned to blessing. This is all, and yet the way-Marked by Him who loves thee

best. Secret of a happy day, Secret of the promised rest.

-Frances Havergal.

The club rate for the Golden Rule a weekly paper, edited by "Father Endeavor" Clarke, is \$1 a year. The club rate for the Endeavor Herald, published monthly, in Toronto, 25c

Both papers are excellent, and every Endeavorer should subscribe for one

MINNIE S. DRYNAN, County Secretary, Strathroy.

in a meeting at the close of a lecture of woman's emancipation.' in favor of it by the late Mr.Silk Buckingham. A workingman arose and said it was all very well for gentlemen like the chairman or "a Parliament but for hardworking men like himself to do without beer was perfectly ridiculous. In this sentiment a ends of the earth pour forth group of friends concurred. The speakr then inquired: "Have you ever tried If not, how are you able to judge?" then proposed to adjourn the meeting for a month, have the men try the experiment, and then come together, none of us have tasted intoxicating ceeded; and, as we had not been a single day or even an hour absent from work during that period, there were no deductions for lost time. So that, besides being stronger, healthier, and happier than we were before, we had each of us at the end of the fourth week from thirty to forty, shillings more

in our pockets than formerly. We rejoice, therefore, that we attended the
first meeting, though we came to oppose it, and we mean to persevere as we have begun, and recommend all workmen to follow our example."

## A NEW CHIRCH MILITANT.

"The Militant Church" is the name of a new religious organization which Margaret E. Sangster has written a began its work in Chicago on Sunday, ing children. The church will be induce us to begin to study the won-wholly undenominational, and when it is able to have a home of its own a building will be constructed in the a very pleasant one, the first part of pass by."

A list has recently been made of the forward steps taken by women during forward steps taken by women during on the theory that a man should not be recently been made of the musical performances, and semi-dramatic exhibitions. Dr. Rusk proceeds parts of men and women, not many on the theory that a man should not be recently been made of the musical performances, and semi-dramatic exhibitions. the past year:

A superintendent of weddings; the be asked to give up one sort of amusefirst undertaker of Chicago; an auctionfirst undertaker of Chicago; are auctionhe believes that amusement is essential lold bookwarms are some regular first undertaker of Chicago; an auctionate in London; a room clerk at a leer in London; a stable foreman; large hotel in Colorado Springs; many large hotel in Colorado Springs; many leetures will be illustrated with sterelectures will be illustrated with sterelectures will be illustrated with sterelectures and the mand over, some regular look bookworms, as you could see by their countenances. At the first lecture leetures will be illustrated with sterelectures and the mand over, some regular look bookworms, as you could see by their countenances. At the first lecture leetures will be illustrated with sterelectures and the second of the countenances. At the first lecture leetures will be illustrated with sterelectures and the second of the countenances. At the first lecture leetures will be illustrated with sterelectures and the second of the countenances. At the first lecture leetures will be illustrated with sterelectures and the second of the countenances.

Drunkenness in Scotland.

ring and boot blacking parlor. One hundred or more women are in barber shops dred or more women are in barber shops issued last week. During 1894 52,658 persons were committed to prison, a number which exceeds all previous representations adelphia women are running elevators adelphia women are running elevators in public buildigs.

All these women, no doubt, have been compelled to earn a living for been compelled to prison, and to prison, and to The seventeenth annual report of the sphere, first and always.

This list of new departures may be useful to young men along the line of the thought, that these women were the thought, that these women were creative and original; they did not wait to step in other's footprints. They did not seek a place: they made one.

Convictions has, however, fallen, the decrease in the sentences of benal servitude being quite marked as regards women have studied humand nature, they and their forefathers have an average percentage of illiteracy of 26.4. The twelve States in which those who have studied humand nature, they and their forefathers have an average percentage of men teachers is over 50, have an average percentage of men teachers is over 50, have an average percentage of illiteracy of 26.4. The twelve States in which the percentage of men teachers is over 50, have an average percentage of men teachers is over 50, have incident which induces the Commis- Bible and the laws of nature are all

a good story, and often he is himself they wished they could believe as I did, are taking steps to link together the province the hero of it. At a recent veto bill for my experience is that though I christian Endeavorers in the Province demonstration in Fesco Cir. William For my experience is that though I demonstration in Essex, Sir Wilfrid, have for some years been following s part of the world's prayer chain.

The pledge to be taken by Canadian acknowledging the vote of thanks, rethe scientists and their conclusions, the marked that somebody had said he was "venerable," and somebody else that he was "gallant." The one term had something clerical about it, and the content of the Bible and the God of the Bible more had something clerical about it, and the content of the content of the scientists and their contentions, the effect upon me is to make me love the Bible and the God of the Bible more and more. A lady told me yesterday the content of the content of the scientists and their contentions, the marked that somebody had said he effect upon me is to make me love the Bible and the God of the Bible more and more, and their contentions, the effect upon me is to make me love the Bible and the God of the Bible more and more, and their contentions, the effect upon me is to make me love the Bible and the God of the Bible more and more, and their contentions the contention of the Bible and the God of the Bible more and more, and their contentions the contention of the Bible and the God of the Bible more and more, and more are the contention of the Bible and the God of the Bible more and more. A lady told me yesterday the contention of the Bible and the God of the Bible and the the other something military, and nei- the Bible until she found the light, if ther the one nor the other was anything in his line. "I will tell you," are to meet again, please God. thing in his his continued Sir Wilfrid, "what I am. I will not take up more of your tend to the thing of the continued Sir Wilfrid, "what I am. I will not take up more of your tend by telling you what I learned by the tend to be the state of the state England, and the master gave the chil-tending these lectures. Most of it I had dren a long disquisition upon the read before—the recent discovery in steam engine, and when he thought India of the skeleton of a man, said they all understood it, he asked:
"What is that does the work of 40 horses, and drinks nothing but water?" and they called out: "Sir Wilfrid Lawson!"-Westminster Gazette.

## Tilton's Tribute.

A letter from Theodore Tilton is almost like a voice from the tombs. There is nothing sepulchral, however, in the message of congratulation which Mr. Tilton sends over from Paris to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, on the occasion of her 80th birthday. "Speaking of all the States of the Union collectively," says Mr. Tilton, "I may say that in each of them, without exception, at the present day, every woman who seeks the legal custody of her children, or the legal control of her property; every woman who finds the doors of a college or a university opening to her, for her higher education; every woman who administers a postoffice or a public library; every woman who enters upon a career of medicine, law, or theology; every woman who teaches a school, Argument for Total Abstinence or tills a farm, or keeps a shop, or drives a horse, or rides a bicycle, or total abstinence, says the Outlook, of mer resort, or plays golf or tennis in which we have heard comes from the a public park, or even snaps a kodak at and once and a half as sober as Scotpractical experiment of a number of a public building—every such woman, I land. workingmen in England. The question say, owes her present public liberty of total abstinence was being discussed est and bravest co-workers in the cause

Man's Encouragements A thousand eyes look for us, and a thousand hands gather for us. The world is made a tributary to us. The treasures, and the ages of the past, as well as the age in which we live, rise to speak to us; and around us gather the worthies of thousands of years, and they come and stand before us, speaking in our ears, and their and give their honest verdict. They lives come before us as models of wisagreed to do this. When the night dom, of virtue, of holiness, and of triof the second meeting arrived the buillives come before us as models of wisding was crowded two hours before the time to commence. When the meeting opened the same workingman made listens to the voices that ring down in address substantially as follows:
"We have kept our promise made one those "thoughts that breathe and the an address substantially as follows: the centuries, and the poet listens to "We have kept our promise made one month ago, and from that time to this words that burn," and his heart is charmed, and he utters his notes more . We have continued to the end, sweetly for the voices which his ears have heard, and which his heart has

With the Science-Lovers at South
Kensington.

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Kensington.

Which would have been able to do it, neither does it make a thing bad which would have been good if a man had done it, when it has been done by a woman. O, leave these jargons, and a woman. O, leave these jargons, and

Sights Witnessed at a Lecture on the Geological History of Man.

An inmate of the Berlin poor house named Clough, aged 56, took carbolic acid in one of the institution's cells, Friday afternoon, and died a few min-To the Editor of the "Advertiser": As I have had the privilege of atturning to the house was put into one. tending a course of twelve lectures. given by the authorities of the British your readers will be interested in heartold Mr. Laird he had drank the coning a little about them. This is one of tents. A doctor was sent for, but be speaking of women in public, but the kev. Dr. Rusk, who for several the benefits of living in or near the wearing of thick, solid shoes. One long range from the Fullerton Avenue great metropolis. It seems that these Presbyterian Church. Dr. Rusk has gentlement have for some years past long been restless under the restraints in the month of October, engaged the in coarse and clumsy shoes. Of coure, in rainy or snowy weather her place in rainy or snowy weather her place months ago he resigned. Almost immemonths ago he resigned. Almost immemonths ago he resigned almost immemonths ago he resigned almost immemonths ago he resigned. The got possible to get possib should be clad in thin and dainty site ber of other clergymen, notably the ways free. The subject this time at pers or gaiters." Miss Sangster says he had good reason to remember his she had good reason to reme wardine, who took so prominent a part diagrams and dissolving views. Now, common-sense boots, and sne vividiy ie members being extremely mortified, as members being extremely mortified, as George C. Moore, and others, and it lested in the skirts. members being extremely mortified, as the hid her boots beneath the skirts she hid her boots beneath the skirts of her gown. So she says the new woman wears thick walking boots, the woman wears thick walking boots, the new only proper footgear for road or street. Only proper footgear for road or street. Neither is she ashamed of a large size Neither is she ashamed of a large size the social problems of the day, apply-Neither is she ashamed of a large size if she requires it. She goes out in the social problems of the day, apply-the social problems of the day, apply-the social problems of the day, apply-the social problems of the day, apply-they will find that all fairy tales are ing wholesome Christian remedies. Some of its more prominent features some of the wants to, drives, rows, will be a corps of physicians, which home with rosy cheeks. She rides a will be a corps of physicians, which will be a corps of physicians, which will receive and treat indigent patients and conduct a free dispensary; a club of young lawyers, organized to see that of young lawyers, organized to see that the poor receive justice at the hands of partly thank my wise Sunday school. is good, and the delicate gill is not young lawyers, organized to see that love of these matters, I think I may longer fashionable. She can cook a the poor receive justice at the hands partly thank my wise Sunday school for girls thank my wise Sunday school longer fashionable. She can cook a longer fashionable. She can cook a good dinner, as well as eat one. She good dinner, as well as eat one. She can be a saleswoman, a stenographer, can be a saleswoman, a stenographer, can be a saleswoman, or keep a drunkards, and a social club for news-drunkards, boys and bootblacks. Dr. Rusk is at occupation of other days, supplying present chaplain of the United Boys' them with books from a good library, Brigades of America, and he takes par- and getting up courses of lectures suitticular interest in the work of reclaim- ed to our youthful minds, in order to

neighborhood where the fighting is to the way being through fields, gardens be done, and the cost of a steeple will and orchards. There is much to adbe put into medicine and food for the mire and wonder at, though, of course, poor. There will be preaching on Sun- also much to bring painful thoughts. I day, supplemented by a large orchestra always managed to get to South Kenand a choir. Everything will be done sington before the time the lecture to make the services practically at-tractive. The church will have an order to get a good seat. Besides, I amusement bureau, giving frequent liked to have a look at the audience, free entertainments, including lectures, and make my own silent comments uppresently some of the faces grew familiar, and every time I got into conversation with someone. Many, like myself, had come a long distance to hear the lecture-one lady who sat next to me, a rich widow from Austria,

Frances E. Clarke has made a new sioners to express the hope that the suggestion, which is being taken up small prisons on the island will besuggestion, which is being taken up small prisons on the island will besuggestion, which is being taken up fore long be closed. They are often only from a geological view, but because so many coloridations as prisoner is inordinarily high. you know, a very important one, not the sayings of Scripture. While waiting I sometimes carried on discussions with some of my neighbors, some of Sir Wilfrid Lawson frequently tells them agnostics, who in the end said

laws of nature, for the laws of the

I will not take up more of your time to have lived before the glacial periods, the cave dwellers, the lake dwellers, the kitchen refuse heaps, and all the other periods of time through which mankind is traced. Those who know little about these things, but would like to know more, must look for them in books, magazines and newspapers. A. M. OLIVER.

## Notes and Incidents.

Owing to the marriage of her son, which will take place early next year, Lady Henry Somerset has postponed her visit to India. Drink figured as the cause of domes

tic infelicity in six of the nine divorce and separation cases before the Court of Session, Scotland, last week. The Manx Legislative Council considering last Saturday the bill for

licensing and regulating dancing places and other places of amusement adopted 11 o'clock as the hour for closing. In 1894 the amount per head consumed for drink in England, Scotland and Ireland was respectively £3 17s. 4d., £3 1d., and £2 2s. 8d., which proves that

New York city has more saloons in proportion to population than any city on this continent. Here are some re-

turns: Ratio to Number of Population. Saloons. Cities. 1 to every 234 New York ..... 7,300 1 to every 242 7,000 Chicago ..... Boston ...... 1,080 Philadelphia .... 1,355 1 to every 500

1 to every 841 Ex-Bailiff Lewis, Edinburgh, says that in Dundee in 1891 there were 1,131 drunken cases, the population being 155,000; in Gothenburg there were in the same year 4,622 similar cases, the population being 104,000; so that, with a population one-third less than Dundee, they had at Gothenburg four times as much drunkenness. He for one-refused to accept the Gothenburg sys-

The illicit distillation of poteen has resulted in a tragic affair near Fivemile-town, county Tyrone. It is usual when a raid is expected for farmers boys in the neighborhood to assemble and carry away the stuff. Last Saturday, while an affair of this kind was pending, a man named Sherry carried a can of poteen into a field and drank himself to death, the body being found next morning close to the stillhouse.

A remark once made by Miss Nightingale to a friend is thus quoted:

and scientific characters must be child's play to them. I admit that I stuck in it, also in the 'Enneads' of Plotinus, and the complete works of Picus, Earl of Mirandola, and in many novels of M. Emj'a Zola.

Floral Hints and Helps.

More Hints for the Winter Window Garden-Chrysanthemums and Bulbs.

Now, you will have got your plants into shape in the window they are to ers who attempt to learn the language. occupy for the winter. Do not crowd A writer in an educational journal thus them. They look bad, and do not give, utes after. He had been off to a the best results. Try and get each "I begin to understand your language neighboring town on a spree, and replant into a good shape by pinching better," said my French friend, Monout any straggling shoots. A few well-kept, symmetrical looking plants, taste-trouble me still; you mix them up with car-fully arranged, will look better, and prisoner. Clough held an empty carprisoner. Solve a fully arranged, will look better, and the interesting of the interes crowded window of poor, spindling, intends to break down her school ear-sickly-looking ones. Aim at quality lier than usual. Am I right there?" rather than quantity, little and good, rather than much and poor.

To any who are not successful in keeping plants through the winter, or getting those they do keep to bloom, I commend very strongly the hardy Holland bulbs, such as crocus, tulip, hya-cinth and narcissus. These are the stand-bys that scarcely ever fail; they do not mind an occasional freeze, and will give greater satisfaction for poor attention than anything else. Do not think from this, however, that these or any other kind of plants like inattention; the more attention you give any kind of window plant the better it will thrive, provided always that the attention is of the right kind.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS. of men teachers in the public schools we have compared the Weekly's figures

are now in all their gorgeous beauty, brightening up these dull November days. If you have not raised any yourself, be sure and get one or two plants from the florists, and they will give a charm to your rooms they much 4.5 need, since the beauties of the garden are faded and gone.
After they have done blooming, they

may be kept in a dry frostproof cel-lar, and just given sufficient water to keep them moist. They may then be keep them moist. They may then be planted outdoors in the spring, and make good strong plants for outdoor make good strong plants for outdoor "A breaker, I think."

"A broker and a very fine fellow." blooming next year. Slips can also be started from them when they begin to Good afternon!" send up shoots. We ought to be thankful for November, with all its disadvantages, for it brings us Thanksgiving Day, Indian

summer, and chrysanthemums.
BULBS PEEKING THROUGH. The green spikes of the bulbs we planted early are now peeping through the soil, and should be brought to the the soil, and should be brought to the light gradually, and they will soon push ahead, and most likely give us some square kilometers, to \$1,000 for Super-

flowers of your own, raising to dec- at 31,200 square miles. The fact is that crate the table at Christmas, when these great lakes are nearly equal in friends gather round the festive board. size, and we cannot tell exactly how It is not yet too late to plant bulbs, they compare, because our information and if you have neglected it till now about Victoria Nyanza is still very do not delay another hour, but go imperfect. About two years ago Dr. right away to the florists and purchase Baumann discovered on the south-east

Where Colors Come From.

Sepia is the inky fluid discharged into the water by the cuttle-fish to ley did not discover during his voyage render him obscure when attacked.

camel. The nine States in which the percentage of men teachers is over 50, have an average percentage of illiteracy of 26.4. The twelve States in which tassium carbonate.

from roots, barks and gums. Blue-black comes from the charcoal of the vine-stock. Turkey red is made from the mad-

der plant which grows in Hindostan. The yellow sap of a Siam tree produces gamboge yellow. lar education has the firmest hold and Raw sienna is the natural earth near Sienna, Italy, and raw umber is an vaunted Lake Superior itself. It is where it is most widely diffused, women are held in the greatest esteem as educators. Still more remarkable are earth found near Umbria. the Weekly's figures of the decrease of

India ink is made from burned cam-Bistre is the soot of wood ashes. Very little real ultra-marine is in the market, it being obtained from like beauty, is only skin deep.-Illus-

the lapis lazuli. Chinese white is made from zinc; scarlet is iodide of mercury, and vermillion is from the ore cinnabar.

### BOOKS WE HAVE "STUCK IN." What We Miss.

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Shelley says, "We look before and A lady recently suggested to Andrew Lang the topic, "Books we have stuck after, and pine for what is not." He to leave the hall had reached the open does not add, therefore, "our sincerest does not add, therefore, "our sincerest air, when the lady caught her escort the "Pilgrim's Progress" is one of these laughter with some pain is fraught," books. She never emerged from the though, as a matter of fact, that sim-Slough of Despond—never saw the land of Beulah. nor had a view of the Deof Beulah, nor had a view of the Delectable Mountains. Mr. Lang says live more or to live otherwise than we (Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, No- do. In childhood we want to be grown vember) that while he could not for- up, in maturity we want to be in the give her, her remarks pricked his own place of this or that more fortunate literary conscience, and he fell to thinking of the books he had stuck in.

He does not speak of more modern. He does not speak of mere modern the fast falling years enforce serenity. books, in which we all stick blamelessly and "swatter out" (Kailyard style) destiny, but no young person ever reached the home side of the bog. He ackon the nome side of the bog. He ack- ganzes this difficulty of the skill, nowledges having stuck in many of spent in small efforts, small ambi-coral on the lips, rouge on the cheeks, these. He was even bogged in "Dom- tions-to beat this one or that one-to bey and Son," in "Little Dorrit," in convince our immediate meighbors, "Our Mutual Friend," in "The Light against their will, that we are several That Failed," in "Count Robert of degrees above them, to get more pleas-Paris," in "The Professor," and many ure out of life than is our fair share, others, He does not see why one should or to leave an indellible mark on be either proud or particularly asham- someone else's life's history; later, we ed of such misadventures. Not every- mourn the opportunities so wasted, body, he reasons, can read the same look back regretfully on this or that neglected chance, deplore that we did modern novels; and we should remember that when we have said "It may not know what our prospects were at be excellent, only I can't read it," we have only illusselves with an atmosphere of regret. work in question; we have only illustrated our own limitations. To quote: But as this seems to be a law in life "The fault may be ours, not the which each generation recognizes, deplores, and sees the succeeding generbook's. 'Don Quixote' is a masterpiece. Granted. But I have often stuck in it, ation put in practice, no theory conand so did Alexandre Dumas. If any- cerning it will be helpful. "Why did outfit need not cost 75 cents; and all one can read right through the 'Divina you not make me do so and so?" the Commedia' of Dante, he has something son asks of his father. "Why did you to be proud of; but the surface of that not compel me to do this, to learn that; the bones of those who strove in other days to pass, and stuck in it! Sir or madam, have you read all the poems the father answers: "We cannot contain the father answers and the Japanese has been a epic is crowded with 'the bodies and you had experience, and the authority of Dante? Have you ever gone through 'Paradise Lost' from kiver to kiver'? I decline to make any confession on her daughters to tread the path that this point, but I have many a time she sees would have been wise in her stuck in 'The Lord of the Isles' also in own case, the frequent result is that 'Rokeby.' As to 'The Faery Queene,' they feel resentfully that she does not understand them, has no sympathy of it in our day, except Mr. Saintsbury. with them, has forgotten her own of it in our day, except Mr. Saintsbury. with them, has forgotten her own 'Endymion' (Keats') very few have youth. Nothing is more certain than read through; the task is not impossible, but it is most toilsome and dis-Juan' and 'Childe Harold' I am tolerably assured; many fall to penetrate 'The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire,' and, of course, 'The Anatomy where I leave off, you would save your wear; boots and shoes; trunks, bags That most readers stick in 'Don Empire,' and, of course, 'The Anatomy of Melancholy is not meant to be read in a dull, plodding manner from end to end. There be those who have read selves, you will think to be wiser than better off without. all through Tolstol and Mr. W. D. Howells's most earnest outpourings, but these men and women must unite a strenuous habit of application with great natural gifts for study. They

all who have proceeded you, and the result is a terrible waste of energy. But you are only obeying a law of life. To make mistakes is to make character and history and a good deal of literature, so I suppose it is all right." -New Age.

Specimens of Our Language.

English verbs are often a source of great confusion and trouble to foreigndescribes the trouble a Frenchman had with the verb "to break."
"I begin to understand your language

the prepositions. saw your friend, Mrs. Murkeson,

'Break up the school," she must have

"Oh, yes, I remember; break up school."

"Why does she do that?" I asked. "Because her health is broken into." "Broken down."
"Broken down? Oh, yes. And, indeed,

since fever has broken up in the town "Broken out."

"She thinks she will leave it for three or four weeks." "Will she leave her house alone?" "No, she is afraid it will be broken-

broken—how do I say that?"
"Broken into." "Certainly; it is what I meant to

"Is her son to be married soon?"
"No, that engagement is broken—

broken-' "Broken off."

"Ah, I had not heard that." "She is very sorry about it. Her only son broke the news down to her last I am so week. Am I right there? anxious to speak English well." "He merely broke the news. No preposition this time."
"It is hard to understand. That

So much for the verb "to break."

### The Greatest Lake.

Lake Superior has been reputed to be the biggest body of fresh water on the globe, but it is not certain yet that Victoria-Nyanza, the largest African ahead, and most likely give us some square kilometers, to 81,000 for Super-lovely blooms and delightful fragior; but on the other hand, several of the best sources of information agree the best sources of information agree rance for Christmas.

What is nicer than to have some in placing the area of Lake Superior what is nicer than to have some in placing the area of Lake Superior what is nicer than to have some in placing the area of Lake Superior what is nicer than to have some in placing the area of Lake Superior what is nicer than to have some in placing the area of Lake Superior when the superior whe all you can afford and plant them at coast of the lake a deep bay that no once, and you will be glad by and bye. one had heard of before, and which is just beginning to appear on the maps. He was five days walking around the shores of this indentation, which is The cochineal insects furnish the gorgeous carmine, crimson, scarlet ermine, and purple lakes. longation of the lake, which Mr. Stanof eight days around its shores. These Indian yellow is procured from the amel. Ivory-chips produce ivory-black and in the estimates here given of the lake's area, and the shores of the lake bone-black.

Exquisite Prussian blue comes from are still so inadequately explored and surveyed that hundreds of square fusing horses' hoof with impure po- surveyed that hundreds of square miles are likely to be added to or sub-Various lakes (colors) are derived tracted from our present computations of the area. Meanwhile, Lake Chad, on the edge of Sahara, may continue to stand off at one side and smile at the pretensions of both these rivals for first place. In the rainy season this take loses all semblance of its former self and spreads over a vast area, until it covers more ground than the spread out very thin, to be sure; but it is all Lake Chad, and if its outlines, when at their largest, were correctly mapped, the lake would look very imposing. But Chad, on these occasions, trated Africa.

Avoid Rogue or Chemistry.

A fashionable audience in Paris recently listened to a lecture on chemistry by a celebrated chemist. At the conclusion of the lecture a lady and gentleman who were among the first staring at her. "What is the matter?" asked the madame, in surprise. "Parthe pleasure of living by wanting to ed a mirror. She started back in horror. The rouge upon her cheeks had been converted into a beautiful blue by the chemical decomposition which had taken place under the influences of the gases which had been generated during the lecture. The majority of the women in the audience had suffered in a similar manner. There were To be young is to hold the hand of all sorts of colors—blue, yellow, vio-destiny, but no young person ever re-let, black. Some whose vanity had induced them to put ivory on the skin, and black on the eyebrows had undergone a ludicrous transformation.

### Why the Jap Beats Us. There is a very interesting paper on

the genius of Japanese civilization in the Atlantic Monthly. Mr. Hearn says: The Japanese man of the people the skilled laborer able to underbid without effort any Western artizan in look at, his body is healthy and his heart is free. If he desires to travel a thousand miles, he can get ready for his journey in five minutes. His whole kerchief. On \$10 he can travel for a year without work, or he can travel simply on his ability to work, or he can travel as a pilgrim. You may rehighly civilized man for at least a thousand years. Hence his present capacity to threaten Western manufacturers. Ability to live without furni-ture, without impedimenta, with the least possible amount of neat clothing, shows more than the advantage held by this Japanese race in the struggle for life; it shows also the real charthat experiences teaches, but, as a rule, we individually pay the fees. An old professor in a northern university the useless multiplicity of our daily the useless multiplicity of our where I leave on, you would save yourselves and those belonging to you a great deal of trouble; but you won't do it, you will experiment for your- Japanese can do without, and is really

