Tobogganing In 1765. It is interesting to note in Smollett's Travels Through France and Italy" that when the novelist was making an rision in March, 1765, from Nice coross the Maritime Alps to Turin he descended the Piedmontese slope of the Col di Tenda toward Cuneo on a tobog-

tain," he tells us in letter 38, "we prepared for descending on the other side by the leze, which is an occasional aledge made of two pieces of wood, carried up by the coulants (local guides) for the purpose. I did not much relish this kind of carriage, especially as the mountain was very steep and covered with such a thick fog that we could hardly see two or three yards before us. Nevertheless our guides were so confident and my companion, who had passed the same way on other occasions, so secure that I ventured to place myself on this machine, one of the coulants standing behind me and the other sit-ting before me as the conductor, with ting before me as the conductor, with his feet paddling in the snow, in order to moderate the velocity of its descent. Thus accommodated, we descent the count begins at one bell.

In the United States navy the ship's ty that in an hour we reached Limon.

Here we waited two full hours for the mules which traveled with the servants by the common road."

In the United States navy the ship's bell hangs usually under the forecastle, or just forward of the foremast. The captain's orderly keeps the time and reports to the officer of the deck the hour by the common road."

This is simply tobogganing used as a

A rebuke emphasized by a kindness is apt to be remembered. One day an offi-cer walked into the office of one of the well known business men of the west. "What do you want here?" he said

to the officer. "I've come to attach the wages of one of your men for a debt." "Who is the man?"

The officer named him, and he was at once summoned to his employer's

was the first question asked.
"Been behindhand for 20 years. I can't seem to catch up," said the man.
"But you have a good salary." "I know it, but I can't get out of

"You must get out, or you must leave here. How much do you owe?' The whole was not much less than \$1,000, but the employer immediately wrote his check for the amount, and said, as he handed it to the man: "This will pay all your bills. If I hear of your running in debt again, you'll have to go."

It was what the doctors call "heroic treatment," and it not only astonished the man, but "revolutionized" him. He settled with his creditors, and then, by Better than a genius for making money is the habit of paying as you go.-Youth's Companion.

A Pittsburger who at one time served an enlistment on the United States steamship Michigan, a vessel of the United States navy which is stationed on the great lakes, tells a story of Charles V. Gridley, captain of the flag-ship Olympia, which led the fighting

Young Gridley, shortly after graduation at the Naval academy, was ordered to the Michigan for duty. A few days after he had reported the commander ordered the usual boat drill, and the crew went through the process of abandoning the ship. When the cutter of which Gridley was in command had gone a nile or two away from the vessel, the young officer, who had never before sailed on fresh water, inquired sharply for the water cask, which he discovered had not been placed in the

what do you fellows do for drink ing water when you are called away from the ship?" he asked the cockswain with some asperity.

"Sure it?" replied that worthy,

"we generally dip over the side."

Gridley had nothing more to say, but
the joke has been in circulation ever

Battleship and Cruiser. The difference between a battleship and an armored cruiser is technical, and experts have stumbled over the matter. A battleship is supposed to have heavier guns and armor and to be better fitted to withstand hard knocks from an opposing force. But this does not always hold good, as may be seen in the case of the Mains as compared with the Brooklyng. The dame was a battleship, but was not so large nor so heavily armored as the armored cruiser Brooklyn. On one point there seems to be no dispute, and that is the fact that the

A Weak Brother.

Penn had a very strong aversion to tobacco. Once he came unexpectedly upon some of the Friends who were enjoying the fragrant weed, but out of respect for their great leader they hid their nices which however entitle their has accounted by the contract of the contract their pipes, which, however, still continued to emit smoke. Perceiving this, the governor said pleasantly, "Well merely a way we have, and I hope it's friends, I am glad to see that you are at a way we aren't going to have much last ashamed of your old practice."
"Not entirely so," replied one of the brethren, "but we preferred laying down our pipes to the danger of offend-ing a weaker brother."—London Tit-Bits.

A Change of Opinion "There's a good deal of human nature in a puppy," remarked the philosopher, calmly watching Fido tearing his best hat to pieces. "Almost as destructive as one of my little nephews."

Mrs. Bouncer-Why, professor, don't you see he's got your hat!
The Professor—Thunder, so he has! I thought it was one of the boarders' hats. Take that, you whelp!-Boston Tran-

If when traveling in Portugal or Spain you so to the theater and wish to Spain you go to the theater and wish to appland any performer, be very careful how you do it. Do not hit the ground with your stell, or kick against the woodwork of your box, or stamp with your feet. A few years ago I was in Lisbon and went one night to one of the theaters to see a zarzuela, as the comic operas imported from Spain are called. I was with a party of friends in a stage box. Now, in Portugal such a box is, as the name implies, on the box is, as the name implies, on the stage itself, and you could not be near-er the performers. Needless to say, you are too near for comfort. The light blinds you, the dust and powder cover thes, the defects of the perform-

On the night to which I specially refer a woman came upon the stage and sang a ballad with much taste and feel-ing. When she had finished, some of my party applauded, and I knocked on the floor of the box with my stick. The woman did not accept an encore, and as she went off threw a reproachful replied. "Then why did you tit," he asked, and then began to laugh.
"I see you don't know the custom of the country," he went on. "When we find a thing vary bad indeed, we do as you have been doing." I felt very foolish.—Today.

The see you don't know the custom of them in cold blood. But one of the O'Donnells came to the rescue, had a great fire built for some of the officers and seemed to "pity their case, especially O'Donnells wife."

One of these officers tells how he was lodged in the cabin of a fellow who sold

William Carstairs, the Scotch divine who for 14 years served William III as confidential scoretary and adviser in chief, had been implicated in the Rye House plot, a conspiracy to assassinate Charles II and place Monmouth on the throne. He was put to the excruciating of the strength of a fellow who sold ale and aqua vite and was ruffling it in a stolen "red cloak with buttons of gold." In the night he robbed his guest of 200 ducats, and the officer heard him with plate, money and jewels." The

screws, which he endured heroically

After Carstairs became the private adviser of William he was presented with the instrument by which he had been tortured. The king, wishing to see the measure of fortitude necessary to endure the terrible torture without making a confession of some sort, placed his thumbs in the machine and told Carstairs to turn the screw. He turned slowly and cautiously.

"It is unpleasant," said King Wil-

liam, "yet it might be endured. You are trifling with me. Turn the screw so that I may really feel pain similar to that you felt." Carstairs turned the screw sharply.

The king oried out, and when released said that under such pain he would have confessed to anything, true or

The Ship's Bell. The ship's bell is the mariner's cleck. The nautical day begins and ends at noon, when eight bells is struck. The

This is simply tobogganing used as a practical means of transit for travelers in the Alps.—Chambers' Journal.

profes to the officer of the deck than bids the messenger of the watch strike the bell. There is somewhat more formality at eight bells than at other times, for then the hour is reported to the captain and the bell not struck until he has said, "Make it so." Here is the routine on board a man-ofwar at 8 o'clock in the morning: The orderly says to the officer of the deck, "Eight bells, sir." The officer of the deck replies, "Report to the captain eight bells and chronometers wound." The orderly then goes to the captain and says, "Eight bells and the chronometers wound, sir." The captain replies, "Very well; make it so." The orderly goes to the officer of the deck and says, "Make it so, sir." The officer of the deck says to the messenger of the watch, "Strike eight bells," and if everybody has been prompt the messenger strikes eight bells at exactly 8 a. m.—Boston Post.

> While the Trellis written Bible was undoubtedly intended for the use of the grown up scholar, in whose case a fair acquaintance with the sacred volume could be assumed, we have another species of Biblical fragments, representing the "Reader Without Tears" of the old world. They are written in large, distinct letters and contain as a rule the first verses of the book of Leviticus, accompanied or preceded by various. accompanied or preceded by various combinations of the letters of the alpha-bet which the child had to practice upon. Sometimes it is the fragments forming the conclusions of books, or, more correctly, of whole groups of books, such as the end of the Pentateuch, the end of the prophets and the end of the Hagiographa, that yield us important information, for in some cases they pos-sess appendices or colophons that give the date of the manuscripts as well as the names of the owner and of the

Occasionally we come upon a good scolding, as when the colophon runs:
"This pentateuch (or psalter) was ded-

The Only Thing to Do. There was a time when the Illinois Central railroad was being constantly gued. This story illustrating the avidity of plaintiffs is related by the Louisville Courier-Journal. Emily A. Storrs, the by an old man with a note one day. The note had been found among the effects of a deceased relative.

"What's the nature of the note?" ask-"I don't know, sir," replied the old "Have you any idea who wrote it?"

"No, sir," answered the note bearer.
"Well, do you know anything about
the note at all?" asked Mr. Storrs. "Nothing at all, sir," answered the old man. "Well," remarked Mr. Storre the ght-fully, "the only thing I cans do in

the premises is to sue the Illinois Central railroad." Saluting the President Decidedly, this matter of the Spanish war is improving our manners. I think that once we have grown used to hear-

crujers are faster than the battleships, and it is conceded also that in most instances the battleships are better protected.

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"I caught myself just in time this morning," exclaimed Mr. Meekton. "I came very near annoying Henrietta quite severely." "By some remark?"
"No, I started to whistle 'The Girl I

Left Behind Me,' but stopped before she could recognize it.' "She dislikes the tune, then?" "I don't know that she dislikes the tune. But I am sure Henrietta would resent any insinuation that the girl was not away in the lead, no matter wha

the occasion might be A Sure Sham. Mrs. Jenkyns-I see Mrs. Hoetc 7 is going to have "King Lear" at her . ext private theatricals. Mrs. Newrich (furious with envy)— Is she, the affected thing? Do you know,

I don't believe he's a real king at all. -- Lordon Fun. The Century has an article on "The Spanish Armada," written by William Frederic Tilton. An introduction is fur-nished by Captain Alfred T. Mahan.

Mr. Tilton says:
The huge Venetian Trinidad Valen cera, having sprung a desperate leak, ran for the Irish coast, and soon found herself off O'Dogherty's country, per-haps in Lough Swilly. Part of the crew swam ashore: others huddled into an old leaky ship's boat. A native rowed out toward them, and being promised bagful of ducats and jewels helped land those in the leaky boat, while another Irishman, bent on richer spoil and heed-less of the cries for help, rowed straight for the wreck, which went down while he was looting in the hold. No sooner

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Spaniards, having saved no provisions, were forced to buy a few wretched horses, "which they killed and did eat, and some small quantity of butter that the common people brought also to sell.

Village Cousin (showing his city relative around the hamlet) — That quiet, harmless looking man on the op-posite side of the street is a member of the church and one of the most public men in the whole community, and yet he is the hardest hated and most indus triously despised person in the village.

City Cousin—How does that come

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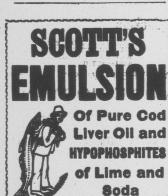
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