HE accosted me on the bridge. in Port Stanley, that leads into the other village, remarking in a strong Devonshire secent that she came from Egypt, and then suggested that she be allowed to tell my fortune

"How much?" I said. dollar." Fortunately, the planks of the new bridge are stout and strong, or I should have been calling on the waters of Kettle Creek. As it was. I recovered myself, and asked the old gipsy what method she employed to tell fortunes.

"By the lines of the hand, my dear." nodding sagely under the rim of her old black bonnet.

"Oh, palmistry, is it? Well, then, tell me what that line is," I said, opening my hand suddenly, and pointing to a distinctly marked line of fate. She said he "eyes were bad, and would the young lady not put her in a pother, please, but just cross her hand with silver, and listen to the pretty fortune, of the good luck, and the handsome gentleman who was

But I shook my head, intimating that I had no faith in the source of her knowledge, and then she boldly declared that she could neither read nor write, and that Instinct was her guide, not books.

coming that she had to tell."

"Instinct, at a dollar a head is dear." I remarked, "even for Port Stanley. Would you mind telling me just what county in England it was that you were brought up in?" and then with all the cheerfulness in life, abandoning the "Egypt" thimblerig, she garbled off an astonishing rigmarole of places she had been in, and people she had seen, since leaving dear old Devonshire "to travel with her people," and as I was disappearing over the bridge, out of sight and sound of this termagant, I heard, "and a hundred dollars of interest. my dear, coming in every month. I own the -- " and the rest of it I left her to tell to the fishes.

Miss Canada has taken a new betrothed, refusing the offer of the gouty, lose its proverbial power to cheer. rheumatic old arm offered her by Sir in the engagement ring is to be reduced tariff, national policies not being as much worn as formerly.

notice in the Chicago Herald, it seems that E. W. Bok was there, the other day, in the interests of his widely-circulated paper, the Ladies' the day of his arrival, by the crowd, numbering over twenty thousand of Kruger, by Carl Trek."

But Mr. Bok will buy no more reseries of articles to be called "Rude machine. I am sure if I had seen him

scendants make a noise in the world," at least if we take the Herald's word have taken place-I mean our wed-

Mrs. Rudyard Kipling attends to all intruders. He is said to be the most unapproachable literary man in the my dear-"

This good story of the late George Augustus Sala comes from a Torontonian, who claims to tell it at first hand. At a semi-literary club in London, at which Sala was enjoying one of its periodical dinners, a young United States citizen present wanted to thrash the whole British Isles and Sala, a man of strong temper, was, unfortunately, chosen as the first point of attack. Before the clubmen could put an end to hostilities, the principals were somewhat damaged. On the next day Sala wrote thus in apology to the evening at the club; of that I am posi-

president of the club: "I spent last tive. I have no recollection of what took place; but as I view my coat this morning, and contemplate my swollen eve in the mirror, I put one and two together, and conclude that there must have been an American present. If there was such a person present, he must have been a guest of the club: and therefore I sincerely apologize for whatever may have happened."

The Record tells of a tiny bridesmaid at a wedding the other day who surveyed the departing bride and groom with a gloomy brow. "Oh, dear!" she pouted, "sister was going to get married today and have lots of fun, and now that man's taken her We'll begin with a box, and the plu-

If in turning over the pages of new and unread novel you several times come across the word "Samo- Yet the plural of mouse should never a possibly interesting, but to a certainly melancholy time. That curious article of domestic utility seems to have a peculiar power of creating a depressing atmosphere. It is generally sup- Why shouldn't the plural of pan posed to have some part in the brewing of tea, but east of Vienna that comforting beverage would seem to Where the "samovar" is, there you Charles Tupper, and the chief stone may be sure are gloom and unhappi-

"I don't know whether I shall ever become a wheelwoman myself." said a young wife, in a seat before me on the down train, from Port Stanley Tuesday morning. "I suppose I shall come to it some time, as all Home Journal. The street front of my friends are cyclists. But this I his hotel was rendered impassable on | will say, I don't like to see Harry learning to ride."

The rest of the remarks of this the blood relations, descendants, and young woman to a sympathetic friend wives of celebrities, who have manu- revealed the interesting fact that We speak of a brother, and also of script to dispose of. When in answer Harry was her husband. She continto the demand of the assemblage, Mr. | ued to the friend in a tailor-made suit | But though we say mother, we never Bok appeared on a balcony and beside her, who put on a bicycle face from which he retreated in terror, but him his first lesson. Well, you know, by a half-brick, to which was attach- and I thought I should like to see ed "Raising Turnips With President him spring upon a wheel and ride

away." "Well?" interjected her companion, miniscences of wives and relations. On with the merest flicker of a mischievthe contrary, he will devote his time ous smile at the corner of her mouth. to the task of hunting through an- "Well, my dear, you would hardly cient burial grounds for material for a believe what a fool he looked on that

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before our wedding, it would never ding. I think a big man trying to | | | | | | ride on a wheel for the first time is one of the most ridiculous objects of her husband's correspondence, and in creation. They got poor Harry Interesting Decision of an Indiana carefully guards him against would-be astride this thing and told him to place his feet on the pedals. Well,

Somebody started trying to open the window with the usual fuss attending such an operation and we did not hear what she said, only the voice of her companion, who smiled again as she asked quietly, "Did he actu-

I called to him and asked him how he dared use such language. But he was getting madder and madder and said something so rude about the ped-

"Yes, that is always the trouble at first." murmured the listener. "So I did not say anything more.

but just let him go on, with a man on each side holding him on, and the bicycle all on one side, and the pedals hitting him on the shins, and his trousers getting muddy and the perspiration pouring down his face, and his back humped like one of those old ragmen, carrying a bundle."

"Did he learn to ride?" "London," called the brakesman, putting his head in at the door, at this juncture, and both ladies quite forgot about Harry, as they hastily began to pile up umbrellas, shawls, and wraps. But let us hope that by now he rides-a little. OBSERVER.

The English Language.

ral is boxes, But the plural of ox should be oxen, Then, one fowl is a goose, but two

may find a lone mouse, whole nest of mice, But the plural of house is houses, not

If the plural of man is always called The cow in the plural may

If I speak of a foot and you show m If one is a tooth, and a

If the singular's this, and the plural Should the plural of kiss ever be nick-

Then one may be that and three would be those, Yet hat in the plural would never And the plural of cat is cats not cose.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, at the Quincy mine won an increase

the blood relations, he was assailed course, "The night before last a friend But imagine the feminine, she, shis and shim! So the English, I think, you not until he had been hit in the neck Harry is a graceful, active fellow, Is the queerest language you ever did

-The Commonwealth.

ALWAYS OUT.

"So you cailed at Mr. Blank's about that little bill?" said the merchant "Yes, sir."
"And what did you find out."

Court Regarding Strikes.

Prospect of a Strike of Pittsburg Iron Workers.

Striking Detroit Cigarmakers Returning to Work-Labor News from Many

All the street car men of Pittsburg, Pa., have organized. About 55,000 workers of New York enjoy the eight-hour day. Milwaukee street railway strikers are still out, with a good show of winning.

Cincinnati bricklayers are preparing to resist an expected reduction in The label of the Journeymen Tail-

The Theatrical Workers' International Convention will be held in Detroit on July 13.

Cincinnati Coremakers' Union has

taken the initiative in organizing a national union. The wood carvers of Brooklyn and New York have demanded the eighthour work day.

Broommakers of San Francisco are agitating against the competition of The United Labor League, of Allegheny county, Pa., has begun a crusade against Sunday work

The Southern Pacific Railway has

raised the black list on men who par-ticipated in the big strike. The Amalgamated Woodworkers Association holds its annual convenion in Detroit in September. Metal workers' unions are discussing the question of consolidating and es-

tablishing a strike fund of \$1,000,000. President Prescott, of the I. T. U. s in St. Paul in charge of adjusting the settlement of the operatives' scale. During the week the Painters' Union at Indianapolis brought about the unionizing of all the shops in that city. The Railroad Telegrapher says that

85 per cent of the railway employes in this country receive less than \$2 per The financial statement of the International Typographical Union shows a balance in the treasury of \$41,964 20.

The Musicians' Union of St. Louis, Mo., has severed its connection with the K. of L. and will affiliate with the The Chicago Building Trades Council

is trying to get the employes to organ-ize in order to exclude irresponsible The Journeymen Barbers' Associa-

tion of Minnesota held its second semi-annual convention in Minneano lis last week. A big strike is on in London, Eng. Ten thousand unionists, members of the Building Trades' Federation, have

The Brotherhood of Tailors of New York is preparing for a great strike to prevent a return by the contract tors to the sweating system. At Houghton, Mich., the trammers

of 20 cents per day in wages and an extra man to push up grade. The cigarmakers' strike in Detroit is virtually at an end. Thirty strikers have returned to work with a firm

Judge Collier has ordered the receiver of the Atlantic and Pakifid Railroad hereafter not to blacklist any member of the American Railway

There are strained relations existing between the Detroit stove works and the metal polishers. It is believed, however, that matters will be amicably

Under the new scale of prices, Toledo street railway conductors and motor-men will receive 16 cents an hour for the first three months of their service All this time I was unable to do any

N. Y., are now displaying in their windows the sign of the Consumers' Trade and Labor Circle, which means that they are selling union goods.

Forty-five business men in Brooklyn,

one is contemplated in Detroit.

At the biennial convention of the Boiler-makers and Iron Ship Builders of America, held in Cleveland, it was decided to apply to the American Federation of Labor for a charter. John Turner, president of the London, Eng., shop assistants, a powerful organization of workingmen, is in Indianapolis consulting with the officers of the American Federation of Labor. Railway Union have brought suit against various roads for damages, claiming that they have been black-listed because of their participation in

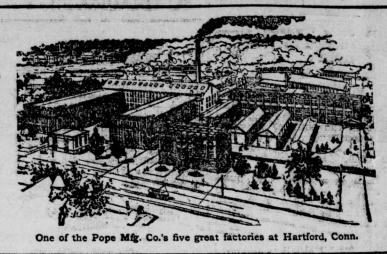
the great strike. The Indianapolis chain works used

ment and reinstate several men who other medicines fail, and do not be were discharged without cause.

About a month ago a firm in Cincinnati, O., offered \$500 in cash to the most popular labor union in Cincinnati, Covington, Newport, Bellevue, or Dayton, Ky. Nearly 100,000 votes were cast, with the following result:

just rendered a decision of vital in-terest to members of trades unions. A workman recovered damages against a labor organization in a lower court a labor organization in a lower court for procuring his discharge by ordering a strike against his employer, and plaintiff, who was a nonunion man, had been dismissed. Had this vadict been allowed to stand, the right to strike in a body would have been greatly restricted. But the appellate court has reversed this decision, holding that any number of men may





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mittee of the Amalgamated Associa-tion of Iron and Steel Workers made request to the iron and steel manufacturers for a restoration of part of the 10 per cent reduction in wages made two years ago. Instead of getting it they were asked to accept another reduction ranging from 17 per cent for rollers to 10 per cent for heaters and others. The prospects is that a strike will take place.

AN OPERATION AVOIDED.

A Smith's Falls Case of Great Importance.

Erysipelas in the Face Developes Into a Running Sore-Doctors Declared That Only an Operation Could Bring Relief A Medicine Found Which Made the Painful Operation Unnecessary.

From the Smith's Falls Record. A famous German medical scientist once remarked that the world is full of men and women who are sick because of the skepticism. The wisdom of this remark was never more selfcountless scores of sufferers who would rather suffer than use any medicine not prescribed by their favorite doctor. To these people, perhaps, the story of Mr. Thos. E. Phillips, of Smith's Falls, may convey a moral. The following is the story as given by Mr. Phillips to a Record reporter: "Several years ago I began to fail in weight, lost my appetite, and erysipelas started in my face, and then a running sore broke out on my cheek. I consulted three physicians, work and was suffering intense mental and physical agony, when I chanced to read in the Record about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and resolved to try them, thinking they would do me no harm anyway. I had not used they are selling union goods.

The National Photo-Engravers' Association has branches established in New York, Chicago, Buffalo, Rochester, St. Louis, and Cincinnati, and the operation the doctors said was the operation the doctors said was necessary was avoided. I regained my weight, and am once more poses-sing a good appetite. In fact I was made a new man, so remarkable was the change. We now consider Pink Pills a household necessity." Phillips was a respectable and well-to-do farmer of Wolford township until last spring, when he sold his farm, and is now living a retired life in Smith's Falls. He is about 50 years Eighty members of the American living witness of the wonderful curative properties contained in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This great medical discovery has reached the high posi-tion which it holds through the power of its own merits. By its timely use the weak are made strong; pale, wan The Indianapolis chain works used to employ men in the making of bicycle chains and paid them \$9 a week. This company now employs 500 girls who work in day and night shifts and receive \$4 50.

A general strike of coal miners in the lignite field north of Denver, Col., is on. The miners demand that the operators shall live up to their agreement and reinstate several men who

Ants' Heads in Surgery.

persuaded to take either a substitute

or an imitation.

One of the most curious uses to which insects are put was related at Union, 16,754 votes; second prize, Commercial Assembly, 14,613 votes; third prize, Painters' Union, 10,384 votes.

which insects are put was related at a recent meeting of the Linnaean Society of London. It was stated that the Greek barber-surgeons of the Lewhich insects are put was related at John McBride, ex-president of the vant employed a large species of ant American Federation, is now publishing the Columbus, O., Record. He has informed headquarters that he is unable to attend the British Trades' Union Congress, to which he has been want employed a large species of an early the species of the for the purpose of holding together the edges of an incised wound. The ant, held with a pair of forceps, opens its mandibles wide, and is brought near to the cut being treated, so that unable to attend the British Trades' Union Congress, to which he has been chosen as a delegate, and J. W. Sulivan, author of "Direct Legislation," and a member of the International Typographical Union, from New York, will take his place.

Its mandate out being treated, so that it can seize the two edges which are held together for the purpose. As soon as the unfortunate ant has obtained a firm grip of the cut its head is severed from its body. Mr. Issigonis, of Smyrna, who described the operation to the Linnaean Society, the operation to the Linnaean Society said that he had seen natives with six or seven ants' heads holding together wounds in the course of heal ing. A similar observation was made some years ago in Brazil, which fact point of view, as showing the inde-pendent existence of the same customs in countries so far apart as Brazil and Asia Minor.—London Publie Opinion.

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