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## MISCELLANEOUS.

"Tommy, who was Joan of Arc?"

asked the teacher. "Noah's wife," said Tommy, who is considered great at guessing.

"You will be married at high noon, I suppose?" said Tenspot to his free-silver friend. "I shall be married at 16 minutes to 1," replied the white metal man.

"I wonder," mused the society editor, "why Bjornstjerne Bjornson doesn't change that horrible name of his!" "Because," observed the answers-toqueries editor, "it's the name he had when he was bjorne."

"Dunn is a good shot, isn't he?" "Very good. We were practising with our guns at my country place the other day, and he hit the bull's eye the first time." "Very clever." "Yes; but he had to pay for the bull."

Mrs. Nubbins-" My husband is a perfect brute." Friend-" You amaze me." Mrs. Nubbins-" Since the baby began teething, nothing would quiet the little angel but pulling his papa's beard, and yesterday he went and had his beard shaved off."

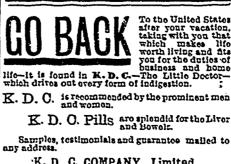
With all possible respect, the saying of Julia Ward Howe is recommended to sweet girl graduates for careful study. "Sixty years ago I was sixteen," says the brilliant woman. "If I knew as much now as I thought I did then I might have something very instructive to tell."

## THE SECOND SUMMER,

many mothers believe, is the most precarious in a child's life; generally it may be true, but you will find that mothers and physicians familiar with the value of the Gail Borden Eagle Brand Condensed Milk do not so regard it.

An eminent Italian statistician has been making inquiries into the comparative mortality of the countries of the world, and he has arrived at some interesting conclusions. The death-rate per 1,000 inhabitants in 1892-94 was as follows:—Australia, 13.2; Sweden, 17.2; England, 18.3; Scotland, 18.4; Ireland, 18.5; Holland, 19.6; Switzerland, 20.1; Belgium; 20.2; France, 22.3; Germany, 23.7; Italy, 25.7; Austria, 27.9; Hungary, 33.3.

Announcement was made last year of efforts being made to unite the various Churches in South Africa having the Presbyterian form of Church government and doctrine. It is now mentioned that toward the end of July last the Federal Council of the Presbyterian Churches in South Africa met in King William's Town, and constituted itself into the First General Assembly of "The Presbyterian Church of South Africa." The two Presbyterics of the Scotch U. P. Church in Kaffraria have unanimously agreed to accept the constitution of the united Church, and to form a part of it. The three Presbyteries of the Free Church of Scotland, the separate Presbyteries of Natal, Capetown, and Transvaal, and the congregation of Port Elizabeth, have also agreed to enter the united Church, which will then number some 13,000 communicants, of whom three-fourths are natives. Outside the English and Native Presby-terian Churches forming this anion there are two other Presbyterian Churches in South Africa — the Dutch Reformed, numbering about 160,000 communicants, and the Essate Church, numbering upwards of 9,000 communicants.



K. D. C. COMPANY Limited, New Glasgow, -and 27 State St. Not Spotto The Russian laws dealing with religious Nonconformists have recently been revised, and in many particulars they have been made more stringent. Thus, with reference to the Roman Catholic Church, it has been decided that the members of the Roman Oatholic Church must transact their affairs with the Curia at Rome only through the Russian Minister of the Anterior, and that papal bulls and similar documents can be promulgated in the Empire only after this has been permitted by the Czar on the basis of an examination by his Minister.

The question often asked—" Why are pupils of the New England Conservatory so uniformly successful as teachers or performers?"—is readily answered by those who have been fortunate enough to become acquainted with the institution. With an equipment superior to that of any other school, with both American and foreign teachers of the highest rank, with Boston, the art centre of America, to furnish the best operas and concerts, it is casy to see why one year of study there is better than two elsewhere. Its pros pectus is sent free.

"Of course I don't expect to get a seat," said the large lady who was hanging to the strap; "and I don't think I ought to have one neither. It ain't no more than right when a man has spent the last nickel he's got for a ride to make him stand up; indeed it ain't." Seven men arose, each jingling some silver in his pocket, as if to resent the imputation.

### TRAVELLED HALF THE GLOBE TO FIND HEALTH, WITHOUT SUCCESS.

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Mrs. H. Stapleton, of Wingham, writes: "I have been very much troubled for years—since 1878—with nervous dehility and dyspepsia. Had been treated in Canada and England by some of the best physicians, without permanent relief. 1 was advised about three months ago to take South American Nervine, and I firmly believe I owe my life to it to-day. I can truthfully say that I have derived more benefit from it than any treatment I ever had. I can strongly recommend it, and will never be without it m self '

The return of Dr. Nansen, the intrepid Norwegian explorer, from his attempt to reach the North Pole, after an absence of three years and a quarter from the haunts of men, has been dividing the interest of the civilized world with the Armenian massacres, the progress of the Czar and Li Hung Chang's visit to Europe and America. It is one of the most remarkable and daring journeys on record, and also one of the most successful of all Arctic exploits and attempts to reach that still undiscovered spot of carth, the North Pole. The story so far as it has been told, and still more as it shall bo when completed, reads wilder than the wildest romancings of Arabian Nights. For nine months he and his companion were absolutely alone with each other, and travelled 460 miles on foot, described as the "most terrible voluntary journey on record." He reached to within 250 miles of the Pole after an absence of three years and four months. His vessel the Fram, arrived at Hammerfest, two days after Nansen. His welcome at Christianis was like that given to royalty and well deserved to be. The strange fascin-ation which the North Pole has for daring spirits will doubtless only be increased by the result of Dr. Nansen's voyage, and there can be little doubt, but that attempts will never cease until the point that men have been gradually creeping up to for many long years is at last reached. The general feeling would no doubt be one of rejoicing, and that he well deserved it, if Dr. Nansen should be that man.

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