speak on this occasion for myself only. I want, not to lay down a course of policy, which must be followed, but I want to provoke discussion—to provoke

discussion in this country and to provoke discussion, above all, in the colo-

nies; and if the details of such a sub-

ject as this are prosaic, at all events

the ultimate aim that we have in view

appeals to our highest sentiments of

patriotism. To organize an empire-one may almost say to create an em-

pire-greater and more potent for peace

and the civilization of the world than

any that history has ever known-

(cheers)—that is a dream, if you like,

but a dream of which no man need be

ashamed. (Loud cheers.) We appre-

ciate and we cordially respond to the

bers feel

HISTORY OF A FAMOUS POEM.

She Wrote "Curfew Must Not

Ring Tonight."

Mrs. Rose Hartwick Thorne, who

asked recently by a representative of

"I cannot remember when I did no

spend the afternoon and take tea with

me. In great distress, I called out

while?' My mother, thinking I was

solving a hard example in arithmetic,

said she would amuse my friend until

I could leave. At last I finished it and

put it away. Two or three years later

I wanted a poem for publication in

doubting its acceptance,

Detroit paper, for which I had been in

long. A couple of days later I received

Rat Engineering.

A curious case of rat engineering oc-

shining surface of the metal, chuckled

without their host. The rats got the

meat. A watchman posted in the mar-

ket called a butcher, who came early

on the scene to witness the method

On the stall hung two quarters of beet

and a leg of mutton. The rats spied

them, and found them uapproachable.

A general call for the nation at large

was evidently sounded, as the rats

came flocking in, and an old rat seem-

ed to take command. There were enough projections and inequalities to

enable them to reach the table of the

stand; but how to escape the zinc-cov-

ered joists was the task for the engin-

eer corps to decide. Their plan was

soon formed. The rat army moved up

in solid mass, the stout old fellow in

front. On these climbed smaller and

smaller specimens, till a little rat moun-

tain rose. Then some of the rats, who

had evidently belonged to some rat

circus or athletic society, climbed to the

summit, and one raised himself on his

hind legs, resting his forelegs against

the zinc; then another climbed up his

back, and taking post on his shoulder,

assumed the same attitude; rat after

rat ascended the Jacob's ladder, till at

last one reached the cross-beam and

scampered along it. A regiment follow-

ed, and the meat was attacked, the

down what they could for the benefit of

the army. The onlookers, however, were not disposed to let them go too

far, and with all their engineering skill

the rat army had to leave the field.

The whole operation showed a remark-

able degree of calculation, a system of discipline, and a ready carrying out of

plans, which seems impossible without

language as a means of imparting the

directions and wishes of the comman-

Popular Fallacies.

It is a curious fact that although we

ways said that the sun rises and sets

once in 24 hours, although every school-

engineers

evidently aiming to drop

British Position on the Trade Question.

Strong Plea for Free Interchange of Products Between Britain and the Colonies.

Brilliant Peroration to a Great Speech in London.

The following is the concluding portion of Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain's speech at the Canada Club's banquet in London, England, the other

"I have laid down four propositions, which I think cannot be controverted. The first is that there is a universal deonly found imperial unity upon a common weal. (Cheers.) And so, if you sire among all the members of the Emwill permit me, I will conclude in the pire for a closer union between the words of a Canadian poet, who, several branches, and that, in their dressing the statesmen of the Dominopinion, as in ours, this is desirable nay, it is essential for the existence ion, said: of the Empire as such. My second proposition is that experience has taught us that this closer union can be most hopefully approached in the first instance from its commercial side. My third proposition is that the sugges-tions which have hitherto been made to us, although we know them to have been made in good part, are, when considered from the point of view of (Loud cheers.) British interests, not sufficiently favorable to be considered by this country. My fourth proposition is that a true zollverein for the Empire, that a Mrs. Thorpe's Interesting Story of How free trade established throughout the Empire, although it would involve the imposition of duties against foreign countries, and would be in that rewrote the exceedingly popular poem, "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight," spect a derogation from the high principles of free trade and from the praclives in a pretty frame cottage at Patice of the United Kingdom up to the cific Beach, near San Diego, Cal. When present time, would still be a proper subject for discussion, and might probthe New York Sunday World to tell ably lead to a satisfactory arrangement, if the colonies on their part were willing to consider it. (Hear, hear and has made her famous, she replied: cheers.) It has been assumed, in Lord Ripon's dispatch and in many other documents, that the colonies must was a child. My mother did not apdocuments, that the colonies must documents, that the colonies must necessarily refuse to consider a proposition of this kind, because it would interfere with the necessities of their revenue, that they are obliged to rely revenue, that they are obliged to rely revenue to my form the funds by upon direct taxation for the funds by which their Adminstration is carried which their Adminstration is oallied on, and that they could not enter on such an agreement as this without providing ways and means by methods through when my mother came in, such an agreement as this without pro-viding ways and means by methods which, at present, at any rate, are alsaying a young friend had come to together unpopular in many of our colonies. I am not convinced of the truth of that statement, and I want es- 'Oh, mother, can't she wait a little pecially to point out that the advantages of such a proposal are so enormous to the colonies, as they would undoubtedly lead to the earliest possible development of their great natura! resources, would bring to them population, would open to them the remous market of the United King- the habit of contributing short poems don for their products, their food, their gratuatously. I was unable at the gratuatously, their sugar—the advantages, I time to write, as unal, an original time to write, as unal, an original say, to so enormous that it appears poem for the next issue, and, on lookthe colonies themselves ing over my papers, found this one, which I decided to send, though gestion, of this kinu, at all events, a careful consideration. AN INDISPENSABLE CONDITION.

a note from the editor complimenting "My second point is that we are deal- my last contribution highly and ing with an entirely exceptional state prophesying for it great and immediof things, and that we cannot, even ate success. we wished, imitate exactly the German Zollverein. We are not conterminous countries; we are countries, as I have said, separated by thousands of curred some years ago in Brussels miles, in some cases, and the cirshowing great ingenuity and calculacumstances of our different countries tion on the part of the rodents as well vary so considerably that it is evident that in any arrangement as to general as their system of discipline. A new meat market had been built on the free trade within the Empire excep-tions must be made in the case of Place St. Gery, and though it was surarticles that are chiefly taxed for rev-For instance, we did not appreciate rats, laid plans to enue purposes. exclude the whole tribe and nation cannot admit free trade in spirits or in and in case any should reach tobacco, and to any gentleman who has any experience, other articles will suggest themselves, which in one part stands they resolved to head off their march by making the posts in their stalls unscalable by rats. This they of the Empire or another are the subeffected by covering the posts with zinc, and the butchers, looking at the ject of strictly revenue duties, and might, by common agreement, be excluded from any such arrangement. at their victory. But they reckoned But the principle which I claim must be accepted if we are to make any, even the slightest, progress, is that within the different parts of the Empire protection must disappear, and that the duties must be revenue duties, and not protective duties in the sense of protecting the products of one part of the Empire against those of another part. It seems to me that if that principle were adopted there would be reasons for calling a council of the Empire, calling representatives from the different States forming the Empire; and, although the subject would be one of enormous difficulty and the greatest complication, still, with the good will that exists and the ultimate goal in view, I cannot but think that something like a satisfactory and a workable arrangement might be arriv-(Cheers.) And, although in such a case the principles of free trade would lose something in their application to the dealings between ourselves and foreign countries, advocates of free trade must remember how much they would gain by its extension to all the States which form the British Empire, States which are, after all, whatever may be said, more likely to develop and increase in prosperity and population and wealth and power of commerce and enterprise than any of the foreign States with which we have relations.

OUR ULTIMATE OBJECT. "Mr. President, I feel that I owe you some apology for dealing at such length with a subject which might be

## unfortunate

Cod-liver oil suggests consumption, which is almost unfortunate.

Its best use is before you know a certain term to which we have become accustomed by long usage is incorrect, we still use it. We have alyou begin to get thin, weak, run down; then is the prudent time to begin to take once in 24 nours, although every school-boy knows that the statement is not true. Still, we will cherish the time-honored phrase until the sun ceases to care, and the best way to we call a metal which is not silver, and take care is to supply the system with needed fat and strength. Scott's Emulsion we call a metal which is not silver, and was not invented in Germany, German silver. We speak of catgut, when the article thus denominated is taken from a sheep, and not from a cat. Among other fallacious names are the tubeof cod-liver oil, with hypophosphites, will bring back plumpness to those who have lost it, and make strength where raw cod-liver oil would be a burden.

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A ubilitude oily unitate the original of the searn and awe on the face of the water, so the water, subile to seize one of these and bonk of the water, subile to water and bowh of fire into his eyes with a pleasure that was the unit to crack nuts the unit to crack nuts the unit of oils change

He Describes the Dinkildorium and the Gazooza Bird-Wooza Bugs That Explode.

Cheiro Caudalis, or Hand Tailed Monkey of Urhualalaland, and Other Little Known Wonders.

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a crackling sound is heard and sparks fly from its feet. This phenomenon is caused by the electric fluid's escape, ding minds of our children should be and, strange to say, the brilliantly colored plumage of the gazooza fades in the sunlight rapidly until it becomes the color of a tired oyster, but it is dragoons, meaningless ridiculous and not otherwise affected by the air, and its colors are instantly restored by addin and Cinderella, while the vast tance into the interior and ravage the rice fields of the natives. The latter catch them with hooks, both in the water and in the air. In the air the baited hooks are fastened to small kites, and great numbers of the bird fishes are thus captured, but the fishermen have to wear rubber gloves to avoid the severe shock of the electrical discharge, I enjoyed great sport catching them with a light three-ounce rod,

using wooza bugs for bait.

These bugs themselves are very curious, corresponding to our cockroaches, in fact, as they inhabit the houses and fall into the soup in that country just as the roaches do here. But they have a special peculiarity that is unique. They are natural dynamite bombs in miniature, and if stepped upon explode with a force that will throw a strong man off his feet. I have seen a bicycle tire so shattered by contact with a healthy wooza bug that it could not be repaired, and the rider was thrown twenty yards by the nomentum of the shock.

momentum of the shock.

The gazoozas are very fond of these bugs, and often may be seen venturing into the open doors of the houses in search of them. They pursue them more viciously because the bugs destroy their eggs, which are laid in long festoons from limb to limb of the talolu trees. The wooza bugs cut these strings at both ends and then eat the tender eggs at their leisure on the

It is most interesting to impart these ground. truths and wonders of natural history to you, children, and it is a pleasant task indeed. I saw an advertisement in a Copenhagen paper of two volcanoes for sale in Iceland at \$500 apiece. Would it not be lovely to have a nice active volcano erupting on the front lawn whenever you pushed the button? What an addition to a Fourth of July it would be, with its fire and smoke and sputterings, and new, weird smells! How its pestilential vapors would outstench the usual infernal odors of the

stretched and expanded like a No. 6 luxury, after all, and if it got out of There are so many queer things to though I know my plumber would untell you that I hardly know where dertake the contract at his usual rates.

Fourth Ward of New York. The monkeys seek the tailest tree tops, the startled birds take to flight, and even the elephant, the plain faced gorilla and the noble lion have pressing busi-

ness engagements elsewhere.
Too little is known of all these strange beings. There, for instance, is the Cheiro caudalis, or hand-tailed monkey. Do you know anything about him, children? No, I wot not, and this is not only the only thing I wot, by a long shake. The hand-tailed mon-key,or waampeh,is found in Urhualala-land, Africa, and is distinguished, eminent and remarkable because it has a hand on the end of its tail. That is all, but just think what that means to a monkey! Three hands to do business with, one to hold on by and the others to soratch with, for instance! By what peculiar method of evolution waampeh has acquired this extra hand we cannot guess, but it is cer-tainly a valuable addition to his an-

atomy. What a boon it would be to a man How useful it would be in sorting out the suits in whist! A man could hold a glass in one hand and deal cards with the other two, or button his collar, front and back, at the same time, or hold on to the stoop railing with both hands and find the key-hole with the third or tail hand, or drive a spirited team, with the extra hand holding the girl on securely, or take fares, make change and pull the strap at the same time, or dig in the



garden and slap mosquitoes simultaneously, conduct a prize-fight and write insulting letters and telegrams-in short, the mind is amazed at the list of possibilities that a third hand makes possible. And a mere foreign-born monkey is possessed of it!

I was going to tell you of more wonders, but I find the limits of space prevent. There are the elastic snake, the pazzazahum, the gooboo, the cigar plant, that grows cigars like asparagus; the horned epithelium, the moon jigger, which Barnum & Bailey have got in the circus this year; the ganorthum, a fearsome beast, and a dozen others, which some time I may tell you of, but this is all at present from yours truly, WALT McDOUGALL.

In measuring the advance of a new we look naturally in the first place to the development of its public works. The establishment of the gold industry on the Randt has proved a most effective stimulus to railway identified with the construction in South Africa. Today moulded by the desires of the people, Johannesburg-built on land which in 1886 was part of an absolutely barren | be addressed to the people. waste-is approached by three diswith the four chief ports of South Af- all who are accustomed to hearken rica, Delagoa Bay, Durban, Port Eliza- to our counsels that it is a sign of beth and Cape Town. Of these lines, the earliest, which traverses the Free State from end to end, and links the Randt with the Cape Colony, was not opened up until July, 1892. The Pretoria-Delagoa Bay Line was completed in the autumn of 1894, and the extension of the Randt Railway to Charlestown, the connecting point with the Natal line, was only effected a few months ago. These, together with some subsidiary lines, represent a total of 1,000 miles of railway constructed mainly under the stimulus of the gold industry in the Transvaal. To this total two considerable pieces of railway construction, accomplished in the interest of the gold industry in the Chartered Company's territories. must be added. Of these, the first extended the main trunk line of Africa from Kimberley successively to Vryburg and Mafeking, in 1890 and 1894, and the second, the Beira line, by securing a rapid passage through the "fly country," brought Salisbury into easy communication with the east coast of Africa at the port so named. Taken together, they measure 342 miles. It should be added also that the extension of the trunk line from Mafeking towards Buluwayo is in process of

To have driven 1,350 miles of railway construction. in six years is a remarkable achievement for a country in which the European population is still considerably three-quarters of a million, and which has not hitherto been characterized by the rapidity of its prog-

The telegraph has advanced further and more speedily than the railway. Here the chief gain has been in the vast regions northward of the Limpopo, opened by the Chartered Company. The wires were carried from Mafeking to Victoria in December, 1891; they reached Salisbury, 819 miles Mafeking, in February, 1892, and today elegraphic communication has been established between Salisbury and Blantyre, in Nyasaland.-Nineteenth

Was Grateful to the Preacher. "The man who said "tis the unexpected that always happens' was a preacher, I'll guarantee," said a clerical member of the Lunch Club. "At my time of life I ought not to be stunned at anything, but after service a good woman of my flock did manage to take my breath away. I was preaching about the Father's tender wisdom in caring for us all," he said. "I illustrated my saying that the Father knows which of us grow best in sun-light and which of us must have 'You know you plant roses in the sunshine, I said, 'and heliotrope and geraniums, but if you want your shade. fuchsias to grow you must keep them in a shady nook.' After the sermon which I hoped would be a comforting one, a woman came up to me, her face

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### An Appeal for Arbitration.

Important Pronouncement by Cardinals

Gibbons, Logue and Vaughan. Cardinal Gibbons has given to the United Press at Baltimore an appeal signed by the American, Irish and Engish cardinals on behalf of a permanent tribunal of arbitration. The appeal is the result of a joint conference, in which Cardinal Gibbons, Carainal Logue and Cardinal Vaughan have for some time been egaged. It is as follows:

We, the undersigned cardinals, representatives of the Prince of Peace and of the Catholic Church in our respective countries, invite all who hear our voice to co-operate with us in the formation of a public opinion which shall demand the establishment of permanent tribunal of arbitration as a rational substitute among the English speaking races for a resort to the bloody arbitrament of war.

We are well aware that such a project is beset with practical difficul-We believe that they will not prove to be insuperable if the desire to overcome them be genuine and general. Such a court existed for centuries when the nations of Christendom were united in one faith. And have we not seen nations appeal to that same court for its judgment in our own day?

The establishment of a permanent tribunal, composed of trusted representatives of each sovereign nation with power to nominate judges and umpires according to the nature of the differences that arise and a common acceptance of general principles, defining and limiting the jurisdiction and subject matter of such a tribunal, would create new guarantees for peace that could not fail to influence the whole of Christendom.
Such an international court of arbi-

tration would form a second line of defense to be called into requisition only after the ordinary resources of diplomacy had been exhausted. It would at least postpone the outbreak of hostilities until reason and common sense had formally pronounced their

This is a matter of which the conlast word. tled by governments. But as governments are becoming more and more aspirations and

We do not hesitate on our part to lift our united voice and proclaim to when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they be exercised any more in war, for it was written of a future time, "Come ye that behold the work of the Lord, what wonders he hath done upon the earth, making wars to cease even to

the end of the earth.' Others may base their appeal upon motives which touch your worldly interests, your prosperity, your worldwide influence and authority in the affairs of men. The Catholic church recognizes the legitimate force of such motives in the natural order, and blesses whatever tends to the real progress and elevation of the race. But our main ground of appeal rests upon the well-known characters and will of the Prince of Peace, the Living Founder, the Divine Head of Christendom. It was he who declared that love for the brotherhood is & second commandment like unto the first. It was he who announced to the people and those who seek after peace and pursue it, "Blessed," said he, "are the peacemakers for they shall be call-

ed the children of God." We, therefore, earnestly invite all to unite with us in pressing their convictions and desires upon their respective governments by means of petitions and such other measures as are constitutional.

(Signed), JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS, Archbishop of Baltimore, MICHAEL CARDINAL LOGUE, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland. HERBERT CARDINAL VAUGHAN,

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# thought to be too serious for after-dinner oratory; but there is no doubt that we all feel that is is a subject of enormous importance, and I desired very much to call attention to it. I speak on this occasion for myself only

The Pyrotechnic Tailed Porcupine of Umpagaland, the

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I have long wondered why the budfilled with idle fairy tales, fruitless stories of giants, ogres, princes and likewise entirely false accounts of mysenticing field of science lay spread before them invitingly. Listen, little

notes, the stirring notes, of loyalty and tical personages, like Bluebeard, Al- immersion in water. Large flocks of affection that have been evoked from our colonies when the great mother country has appeared to be in danger. We look forward with hope and with confidence to the development of those countries which are populated by our boys and girls, and I will tell you of children and by our kinsmen, but those sentiments alone will never make an empire unless they are confirmed by bonds of material interest, and we can 'Unite the Empire-make it stand Shoulder to shoulder let its mem The touch of British brotherhood; and As one great nation-strong and true

about to write in my poem, and the incident impressed itself so strongly on

the wonders of the great world that far surpass these flimsy fables, stories that are true and at the same time instructive, stories of the monsters and marvels of science. Thus you will day! be interested and have your minds But I suppose it would be a costly

glove on a No. 9 hand.

tell you that I hardly know where to begin, so many remarkable facts that I have gathered up for you by extensive observation in many strange of a strange animal

creature long believed to be extinct, candle of commerce. It seems to have but recently a small herd was discov- an inexhaustible supply of these firesoars the condor and the guanaco eats fire, not at all, but resemble the illueternal snow and refrigerates his esophagus. The dinkiidorium is not a What a boon and blessing these creapleasant looking animal, but his smile tures would be and how they would has a vast scope that makes up for contribute to our national celebration! I its lack of humor, and his mouth is that are shed regularly each season, with tails aloft, plastering the inky sky a device to which nature resorts in

order to prevent the papa dinklidorium from eating the new-born dinkiis. At this period the natives of the Skeeter tribe have fun with the animals, which at any other time they dare not molest, for a full-grown dinkiidorium can eat a carload of natives as quickly as a New York business man devours his lunch. The Skeeters fear them, for now and then one or two of these animals will come down into the plains, and the Skeeters have to take to the woods, causing their towns to look like an Indiana village on a circus day. Yet some dinkiidoriums have been captured when young and domesticated. I saw one so tame that obviously unpleasant to have affectionate, well meaning 40-foot pets push over the house with their horned noses in order to cuddle up beside you. Then, too, they have a very aromatic,

lands, in regions where it is so cold lately found in Umpagaland, Central that the flame of candle freezes solid Africa. It is called the Atherura arand is used as a spear point by the mata, or in plain, unscalloped English, hunters of the fierce arctic Oompan- the Roman candle or pyrotechnic-tailed gus, and in tropic climes where the porcupine. It differs from the true (and gus, and in trople chines where the poleupine. It differs from the true (and sun is so hot that hens lay hard boiled good) porcupine in that its tail is long it ejects therefrom a great quantity of dorium? I'll bet you haven't. It is a fiery balls, just like the 30-cent Roman

ered in the Skeek Mountains, where works, which, however, are not real furnished with a great number of teeth mind's eye, darting around the yard,

I can also imagine the look of startl-

on to another queer creature. This is can picture a pretty little miss holding on to another queer creature. This is can picture a pretty fittle fifts holding the gazooza bird fish, which infests the an atherura upside down in her lap, shores and the waters of the Spifiac and without danger to herself or hin-River, in South America. It is a funny drance from the fire department socksight to see this animal, which no ing these fire stars up against the ceil-

it would follow me about like a little dog and rub up against me to have its back scratched, but even the tamest will at times relapse, and as a result there will be missing next day a whole ciass of the primary school. For this reason the animals as pets are looked upon askance, and their owners have to pay a dinkildorium tax. They are inconvenient to have around, for it is

far-reaching breath that reminds one of a fertilizer factory working overtime. another time, but we will now hurry with gleaming showers of fire balls. I naturalist can properly assign to its ing of the darkened room. element, come darting to the surface of the water, swim about leisurely of the water, swim about leisurely and then fly up and perch upon a dachshund, William III., when just as talolu tree and begin to crack nuts talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of these talolu tree and begin to crack nuts the was about to seize one of the was about the was about the