of a couple of cripples, each having only half the proper comple-ment of arms

ment of arms and legs, was noted by the press as a connubial curlosity." But who notes the marriages which

ties are cripples in health.

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Sterling Coin.

The origin of "sterling" as applied

to coined money is thus given in "A Short Treatise Toughing Sheriffs' Ac-counts," by Sir Matthew Hale, 1683;

"Current coin of the realm is of gold

or silver, with an alloy of copper, at

least from the time of Henry I., and

this alloy gave the denomination of

"Spelman supposeth it to take that name from the Esterlings, who came

over and reformed our coin, to that alloy-of this opinion was Camden.

Possibly in those times a Peny was called a Sterling, without any other

reason than the use of the times, as other names grow, for the old Act of Henry III. tells us that Denarius An-

glice Sterlingus dicitur (a denarius, or penny, is called in English a Sterling),

and because this was the root of the measure of silver coin; therefore all

our coin of the same alloy was also

Inmates of the wardroom on an

American man-of-war often allude to

the captain as the old man or the skip-

per. The latter is not, as many sup-pose, a slang term, but a sound word,

of excellent etymology and valuable as carrying within itself an interesting

bit of commercial history. Skipper is simply shipper, and it comes down

from a time when every commander

was as well part owner of vessel and cargo, or, literally, the shipper. There

are still scores of local shipyards along

the Atlantic coast, some of them the

outgrowth of private yards where the

"vessel owners" of years ago built their own ships to carry their own and

The Greek Year.

The Greek year consisted of three seasons only. Prometheus enumerates them. "They had no sign," says he,

"of winter, of flowery spring, of fruit-tul summer." In ancient Germany a similar division of the year prevailed, for Tacitis makes the caustic remark that among the Germans winter, spring

and summer have a meaning and a name, but to that people the name and

Saxon forefathers were acquainted

with the last named season, and our very term autumn is an echo of the

Roman tongue. — Gentleman's Maga-

Velocity of Raindrops.

Of course we all know that it would

be an utter impossibility for storm clouds to form and rain to fall were it

phere that rises above our heads. But,

supposing it were possible for human

beings to exist in an atmosphere that

only rose to a level with their mouths.

and that storm clouds could form in the region outside such a low grade

atmosphere, then every raindrop would prove as fatal to earthly crea-tures as if it were a steel bullet fired from a dynamite gun.—London Nature.

Comfort For the Sheep Stealer The prisoner sensibly observed, "I have only this to say, my lord—that it seems rather hard that I should lose

my life merely for stealing a sheep."
"Prisoner at the bar," replied the judge, "pray understand. You are not going to be hung for stealing a sheep. You are to be hung in order that others

may be deterred from stealing sheep."

-A. C. Plowden's "Autobiography of a Police Magistrate."

The Japanese show their apprecia-tion of an actor's playing in a more substantial manner than by merely ap-

plauding. They throw various por-tions of their dress on the stage, and at the end of the performance the fa-vored person claims the money that the doners repurchase them with, the

prices for the various articles being fixed rates.

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### Tom Matthews' Decision

By CYRUS DERICKSON

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His name was Thomas Matthews, but everybody around the store called him Tom. He had come to the business of Haines & Co. when a boy ten years old, and in fourteen years he had gained the position of bookkeeper and cashier. At every stage he had been complimented on his honesty and fidelity, and the day he took charge of the books and the cash Harris, the active partner, said to one of the

"Co."
"Well, Johnson, I feel a load off my mind. Tom is as straight as a string, and we need not worry about him. I don't Believe that he could be tempted to do a crooked thing."

to do a crooked thing." Never did a young man carry a cleaner record into an office. There had been a thousand chances for peculation, but Tom had not been tempted. If any one had whispered in his ear that temptation was going to get the best of him he would have smiled at the idea. He had put in another year when it came and during that year had married and established a home. The firm had made him a liberal present in cash, and up to the hour of his temptation, had his books been examined and his cash counted, they would have been found correct to a

To oblige a friend he took \$50 from the cash account for three or four days. The friend repaid the loan and put Tom on to a "sure thing" in the stock market. Tom invested his week's salary and made \$200. It was his first speculation, and the thing seemed so easy that he gave it a whirl a month later and came out several hundred dollars to the good.

The man who wants to speculate can

run across "sure things" every hour in the day. Tout had known of scores of men in trusted positions going wrong through speculation, but his name should never be added to the own money, and not a penny belong-ing to Haines & Co. should be put in

That was the policy he pursued for six months, sometimes gaining and sometimes losing; but, of course, there



"WHAT AM I TO DO?" WAILED TOM.

came a day when the market was upset, and he found himself on the wrong side of it and had to "borrow" from the firm to make good his margins. Such a step is always called "borrow feels himself thoroughly honest. The market continued to drop, and in four or five days Tom was closed out and owed the firm \$500 besides. He could have raised that through friends and squared things up, but he had lost by the market and he meant to make good by the market.

There must be cashiers who borrow

the firm's money and are lucky enough to return it, but no one ever hears of them. It is of those who would re-turn it if they could, but find it impossible, that are held up to public gaze and sent to prison. The \$500 became \$1,000 and then had \$500 added to it a larger sum than he could raise out side. The end of the year was drawing near, and if his books were overhauled he must surely be branded as an embezzler. He had "covered" the short-

age in a way, but an expert would un-cover it in half an hour.

The trusted cashier who goes wrong has a choice to make. He can face the music and take his punishment or he can flee the country or commit suicide. He puts off his decision to the very last hour, hoping he knows not what, but the hour comes at last when he must make it. That hour came to Tom Mat-thews, and he remained behind in the office to decide what step he should take. He fully realized that he must choose between the three evils, but the hours went by and he could not make hours went by and he could not make up his mind. He should have left the store at 6 o'clock, but he was still there at 9 and at 9 was yet undecided. As he sat with his face in his hands and the office only disally illuminated by a single gas let something touched him on the arm, and he lifted his head to find a stranger standing beside him.

"You must excuse me for calling so late" observed the man, 'that the fact

late," observed the man, "but the fact

is I had some difficulty in getting into "Who are you, and what do you want?" asked Tom, more puzzled than

startled.
"Oh, as to my name, you can pick out any old thing, but as to what I want, I dropped in to do a little busiess with you.

"But the store is closed." "Yes, I know, and that's my best time for doing business. Don't you savey?"

"You don't mean that you are a bur glar-a robber?" queried Tom, after oking the man over for a mo man who stood before him.

"That's pretty close to it," laughed the man as he sat down on the nearest chair and brought out a cigar and lighted it. When he had taken a few ouffs he resumed: "I've had my eye on this plant for some time, and when I got in tonight I didn't expect to have your company.

How does it come that you are here.

and what's the matter that you look so seedy? I'd been spying on you for half an hour before I entered the office, and I think you've got a peck of trouble on your mind. Let's hear what it is." It was a strange situation, but the eashier was in a strange mood. The caller had said that he was a burgiar ind had come with designs, but yet there was a touch of sympathy in his Tom hesitated for a moment and then told him all. The man listened, nodding or shaking his head now and then, and when he had heard

all he said:
"Look here, my boy, there's only one way in this thing. You've got to be either all good or all bad. You can't be half and half and make a go of it. I'm all bad, and I get along very well. What are you going to do?"
"For God's sake, what am I to do?"

wailed Tom. "Want to turn bad?"

"Is there money enough in the safe to take you out of the country?" "There's about \$800 in there, but I wouldn't touch a penny of it. I've yielded to temptation, but I'm no

"And if you were given a chance?" queried the burglar after awhile.
"A chance! Why, man, I'd live on crusts before I'd put myself in this position again. Think of my fourteen years' record! Think of my wife and relatives!"

"Yes The game wasn't worth the Suppose you give me your home address."

"What for?" as he wrote it down. "Just to know where you live. Supose that we also go out now."
"Yes, but—but"—

"Just to get out, you know. I'd like that \$800 in the safe, but to get it I'd have to crack you on the head and add to your troubles. If I were you I'd go home and manage to keep this thing to myself for a day or two longer. Come, let's walk out together. Your way is up the street, and min is down. So long to you."

Before Tom left his house next morn ing a messenger brought a package containing \$1,500 addressed to him. An hour after the package had been delivered the senior partner of the was saying to the burglar of the night before: "Well, I'm glad he took it that way,

and he shall have his chance. Tom's honest, and we have got to have honest men about us. I don't think he'll meddle with stocks again, and on Thursday when his books are overhauled they will be found all O. K. All right, Simpson; all right. You worked it beautifully."

From olden times weather wisdon has been attributed to many animals. Thus in Virgil's First Georgic we find: Looking to the sky

A helfer snuffed the air with nostril

tering swallows flew around the Or the frogs croaked in mud their ancient plaint.

plaint.

The ant from secret cell her egg had blessings of autumn are alike unborne;

known. It is not likely, then, that our An army large of rooks, with clamhoarse, Their crowded pennons flapped. ••• • Then, too, the unlucky crow, with a full

voice, Calls for the shower. This for the most part is in singular accord with modern observation. Among other popularly accepted indications of rain are pigs that are restess or carry straws, cats that wash their faces, colts that roll upon the grass, donkeys that bray, toads that crawl at evening, sheep and cattle that huddle together before a storm, black slugs that venture into the open, bees that stay at home, fish that bite readily and peacocks that scream.-London

Stopped a Leak With Sawdust. To stop the feakage of a boat by th use of sawdust appears at the first suggestion ridiculous. It is a method however, employed by backwoodsmer

of the Adirondack region.

One day a party having considerable baggage discovered upon loading it in-to a scow at the end of one of the reg-ular "carries" that the boat leaked badly. To delay for repairs would occ sion considerable annoyance, and without repairs to proceed seemed impos-

At this juncture one of the guides said: "I think I can fix it. Just unload the boat again." This was done, and then the guide brought from a sawmill near the spot a quantity of sawdust. This he sprinkled thickly upon the water on either side of the boat.

"Now," continued he, "load up again." This was done, and when the weight again sank the boat the influx-of water through the sides and bottom sucked in the sawdust, which finally accumulated in the crevices, swelled accumulated in the crevices, swelled under the action of the water and actually stopped the leakage.

WASHING DISHES.

The Right Way to Go About Doing This Disagreeable Task, The dirty dishes and plates should be put into a dish tub of warm water at once when taken from the table. By this means half the trouble of washing them will be saved, as it will prevent the gravy juice, mustard, etc., from cooling and drying on the plates and dishes. When you commence washing them add sufficient boiling water to make it very hot and with a dishcloth or mop wash on both sides, one at a time. Then rinse in a pan of hot water or under a running tap. This makes them clean and bright looking and removes any little grease that might re-main. Now put them in a rack or on one side to drain; then polish them.

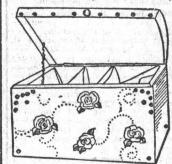
The saucepans and pots which have been used for cooking should be cleaned next. The proper plan is to fill them with warm water as soon as the food has been taken out of them, and whatever may hang about the sides cannot stick or dry on hard, and they will clean much more easily. Clean the insides with soda, and if very dirty the soda should be boiled in them. They should afterward be well rinsed with boiling water and made perfectly dry by being placed upon the kitchen range. Pay attention to the rims of saucepans and the rims and in-sides of the lids.

If tin saucepans are not completely dry they will soon get rusty, and if per ones are not perfectly cleaned copper ones are not perfectly cleaned and dried they are apt to become poisonous. Never leave food of any kind in a saucepan to become cold. Pittsburg Press.

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CRETONNE COVERED SHOE BOX. oman should have one. Cretonne that old favorite, is never really crowded to the background by newer fashoned fabrics, although some seasons it may not be as conspicuous in draperies and box coverings as in others. The latest style of shoe box shown in the accompanying illustration is covered with cretonne in deep cream and pink tones and serves the double purterior, as is indicated, is divided into compartments suited to different va-rieties of footwear, and the lining matches the prevailing tone of the out-

A Strong Cement.

A strong cement which may be used for mending stone jars, stopping leaks in kettles, to fasten in lamp tops and for all sorts of other purposes is made of glycerin and litharge made to the consistency of thick cream. This cement will resist the action of hot and cold water and is well adapted for the mending of all sorts of things which are intended for use as well as for orment and therefore are supposed to be fit for hard wear. The one point to takes a long time to dry. So after the repair has been made it is well to set he jar or whatever it may be away on a shelf for a week or more that the ce-ment may become perfectly hard before it is used.

Emergency Eag.

An emergency bag is in reality a collection of compartments which the mother of a young family will do well to keep where it can be got at readily. In one all the soft, wornout linen handkerchiefs should be tucked. Another may contain absorbent cotton. Cord of varying thickness is neatly rolled up in balls in another, and one tiny pocket contains court plaster as well as sharp little round bladed scissors to cut it with. A rolled bandage or two of sterilized gauze, and then she is ready for any of the cuts and bruises which come into the daily experience of romping, healthy youngsters.

The glass teapot finds considerable favor among expert tea makers. These pets come from England. They are of stout tempered glass and are delicately trinmed with bands of silver. Beside the pot itself a hollow bull of silver rolls about and by prompt acceptance of the heat of the boiling water pre-veuts the glass from cracking. The charm of the crystal pot lies not wholly in its beauty, but in the fact that the tea maker can see just what she has on hand and the strength thereof.

The German fashion of cleaning knives is much simpler than ours and saves much manual labor. Take a stout cork, dip it into the knife powder, which must be previously mo stened. Place the knife flat and rub it with the cork. In a few seconds the knife will be quite clean and polished and only requires wiping with a duster.

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