

UP THE SPON E.

the winter, the Garden Grove (Iowa) paper happened to suspend. That was so conveniently suspended in a copy editorial headed "We throw up sponge," was the ancient and potent no money. Hard-hearted soubies had killed the Minerva who inspired them. The editor ended his editorial with the consolations of irony. Here are the lines:

THE REASON WHY,
Oh, oh, sigh, ye gentle breezes,
And, wisp, ye clouds; oh, weep, ye seas,
To take an end of these decrees
That the Enterprise must on to-day
Fly ye bells, the mad, mad story,
Fling it out unto the world,
(Though known to fame and glory)
Our gullet shovels a no more unfeared
It came though long heroic,
Still it must succumb at last;

How grieves he, in a case like this last.
Oh, let me tell you what I have said.
Can you know, the cause, read readily
Why the paper stops today?
Is because so many of you
Ours can't read—don't love P. PAY.

DICTATING FROM THE RATTLE.

The process of extracting the poison from the rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*) medicinal purposes whilst the snakes were still living, has been successfully accomplished by Mr. J. E. Thompson, of New York.

The following was the *modus operandi*, if any of our readers care to know:—The reptiles were in separate compartments of a large cage, with a double lid for extra security.

A long staff, fitted at the end, with a thin india rubber nozzle which he loosely held, tightened it up at pleasure, was inserted through partially opened lid, and the oper-

and decidedly acid in its reaction thus far. It is readily soluble in serine or water, but it is precipitated through alcohol, the precipitate being insoluble in water. The precipitate, its toxicological properties were tried on a variety of animals—a drop produced death in a linnæus three minutes after being injected for the wing.—*Science Gossip*.

month in which he had died, in the
1702. He devoted himself to the
study of the Chinese, and his
severed at the altar his ordination,
was nominated Cardinal of the
er of Priests on the 27th of Sep-
ember in the year 1861. His name
died the eighteenth on the roll of the
re named order of the Cardinalate.
He was a member of the Acad-
shops and of the regular clergy, and
ly beloved for his suavity of manner
his devout practice and humble
of life.

RE, THE LEARNED CARPENTER.—
ulee Lee, Professor of Hebrew at
University of Cambridge, England,
seventeen years of age before he
ceived the idea of learning a foreign
age. Out of the scanty penny
is mostly savings as a carpenter, he
was chased a book, and when this
he exchanged it for another, and

he advanced in knowledge. He not even the privilege of balancing rest and reading and relaxation, but was required to pass directly from bodily exertion to study. During the last years previous to his death, he omitted none of the hours usually appropriated to manual labor, he retired to rest regularly at ten o'clock in the evening, and yet at the age of thirty-one he actually taught seven languages. This illustrates the fact where there is a will, there is a way.

The *Pall Mall Gazette*, in giving the figures as to the cost of living in London, says it must be remembered that the purchasing power of the dollar in London is much greater than in other parts of America, especially in those cities which make the cost of living so high. The fact should always be kept in mind

ing comparison between the rate of growth in Canada and the United States. Canada has also one peculiarity. Large families are a blessing rather than a misfortune in the case of those who ought to be induced to emigrate. "A family," says the report, "which country, brought up to habits of industry, of great energy and of high rather than of weakness and of sloth." It is almost incredible that parents can look upon a large family as a curse, and feel inclined to laugh, yet actually appears to be the case in Germany. In making gigantic efforts to herself on an equal naval footing with England, France, and Russia, Germany on the ships actually begun are counted on to carry two years with an armament of 20 guns. Bismark, like all great warriors, is ambitious to shine in the

in which he has not won his victories. All powers, however, like poets, are not made equal; or at least they are not used equally. The French, for example, before the *Cent Jours* of France, Germany, or Russia will be as efficient as Great Britain. American sailors are as good stuff as those who fought at Lawrence; but a navy Department run in the interest of corrupt contractors, and a Government in the interest of increasing the cost of the nation's important arm,

no one who assumes to know, says that only despair for the loss of a lover runs three months in the winter, and in the summer; the second month, a woman is interested in the new of hair dressing; the third, she is half her dressing. Twelve months afterward she will have a new dress, and a new wig, and she could hardly get a new wig and a new wig.

modern poet thus criticises some
rob-going people.

so that at the end of my service on your behalf, I may return to you proudly knowing that I have acted not only as became your representative.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Yours respectfully,
W. C. CALDWELL.

STRAY COW. Strayed from the subscriber a small dark red cow, three years old, with slim horns and a good deal of white on her face. Any information concerning her, or any person sending her home will be amply rewarded.

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