

could do, his thin face-pallid as the four dust-staring at the hour glass he made with his bony hands. As we sat together by the peat fire

in the shanty and waited the long winover the marsh. ter evenings for word of a new siding of cars I would ask the old man many silly questions, but always when he did not wish to speak his mind he was listening to the wind rushing in from the sea over the salt marshes And his answer was ever the same: "Ah, my little girl, it will be fine tomorrow at the mine."

Afterward the track walker would knock to tell us the cars were due to come down by daybreak. He would seldom enter and seldom stay long, because I think he was afraid the railroad sples would hear he was giving information and have him discharged

though he never said so. He was a fine fellow for taking the risk. But whoever heard of employers so selfish, so heartless?

From the track walker I learned all the signals of the trainmen and I could answer them when I saw him far off sounding the rails of the main line and stopping now and then to examine a loosened bolt. But he would not come near the diggings of Marsh Mine in the day. Hundreds of bags of half wheat have the old man and I taken out of the sweepings from the mills, which are many miles away. The work did not stop in any season, wet or dry, warm or drear, since the old man became too feeble to carry the sacks of wheat on his back to the shanty. All he could do was the the full sacks with strips of cotton darn holes in those that were empty and



At first it was wild play.

unsafe, and mend the sifters where the wire netting had broken.

Every week a wagon came and took sold to rich people on the highlands. They fed it to chickens and mixed it | four hours of most entertaining co in bran for the cows. But'I never suspected what price it brought, nor cared to ask. We made the balance into bread and had enough. The old the soup shall interpret Beethoven for man-no, I will call him a miser-used

gure coming nearer and nearer on mysterious means. This he said he the double tracks. Then we would wave hands to him, shout good-night when he approached and passed, and go home together-the old man and -happy as the wild ducks that fly

> "He's a good boy," the old man would say simply. My heart leaped to thank him, but some thing held my tongue. Perhaps it would only have made the old man brood more deeply over the purpose was unconscious of.

One day as he limped over the halffrozen ground I remembered that he said, "Ab, my child, it is a terrible thing to be old." I shall never forget the sadness in

that voice or the look in those deepset eyes.

One other time I have seen him that way; his eyes wide open with a faraway stare, as if trying to see where the snow flakes began their interminable journey.

I am sure it was a sudden great blow to my guardian when he heard the track walker was discharged. He came to tell us how it happened and to say good-by, stopping first at the grain cars on the Y, which he had never done before. My sweetheart is young and brave, so he only laughed. But I had no heart to go on with my sifting. I accompanied him across the marsh to talk it over with the old man.

For the first time in winter the door mills never quit grinding. At last the of the shanty stood wide open, creaking its hinges mournfully on the sea ward side. The old man was not within. A half-measure of grain was on the floor and beside it a measure half full of gold and silver coins pour ed out of a canvas sack; and scat-

tered over the carpetless planks were few grains of sound wheat.

His foot tracks led off from the loney path into the lonelier thicket, and ome of the reeds were broken down as if peering through the morbid whistling growth, while on one of the tallest cattails was caught a strip of cotton-such a strip as he used to tie the sifted sacks of wheat-and it was beckoning furiously in the winter blast.

Argument Disproved. That is a pretty story that Edward Everett Hale tells in a recent maga zine about soup and Beethoven, in il lustration of the modern woman's catholicity. "I was at a dinner party in Buffalo five and twenty years ago. he says, "where we had the presence of a dozen of the first gentlemen in the world. We were talking of social adjustment, and one of these leader said: "There must be division of labor

person who made for us this delicious Every week a wagon came and took soup shall interpret Beethoven for us. away the golden harvest, which was Each must do his part.' Then we went on with the dinner, and after three or for apples.

have an elongated brain as compared with the normal brain, as shown in the illustration.

EGGS GET IN DEADLY WORK.

Many Hens Killed by Violent Explosions of Their Frozen Product.

A most remarkable hen story vouched for by veracious and respect able people, comes from New Kent county, Virginia, W. P. Tunstall, who conducts a large hennery, found sev-

eral of his fowls dead, with their bod-ies badly mutilated. While investigating the cause he heard a muffled explosion and saw a hen fall from her nest, torn and bleeding.

Looking into the matter further, he ascertained that the explosion was due to the fowls sitting on frozen

eggs, which when they became warn exploded with deadly effect. According to Mr. Tunstall, the bod

ies of the dead fowls had pieces of eggshell all through them.

A Rat Show.

A successful rat show was recently held at Cheltenham, England. There were sixty exhibits of black, gold gray, white, piebald and tan rats. Some agricultural journals, comment ing on it, maintain that the rat has mic future and may become a

table dainty in England, as it is in China. To many people the show is the first correction of the impression that rats are all alike, whereas the varieties of them, all more or less alike in characteristic, are quite numerous. The first display having been a marked success others will no doubt follow, and the rodent be studied with increasing attention, the pros-

pect, however, of finding out any. thing good about him being not at all promising.

Apple Scoop.



ten minutes, to win a wager.

We cannot expect,' said he, 'that the

John Bunyan is reported the owne of this. The author of "Pilgrim's Progress" used it for removing cores

versation our host rose from the table Eastern Man Fond of Eggs. and said. 'We will come into the At Taunton, Mass., a man ate ten drawing room, and the lady who made hard-boiled eggs and topped the feast off with a raw one, all in less than

The brain specialist predicted that the not dream of playing at a concert un- a race. This pearl button saved th future high-speed automobilist will person a tiny replica in silver of the Paganini used to play.

Paderewski, the famous pianist, also possesses a mascot which is Since then the lockey has come to always with him in the shape of a ring once worn by his first wife. Most people are doubtless aware of the sad story of Paderewski's first marriage, a son just as the pianist was on the threshold of success and how the world would probably never have heard of him had not the necessity of

encircles the pianist's neck.

less he carried somewhere about his life of Mr. Loates when he was a child by catching in the upholstery of famous Guarnerius violin on which a railway carriage door which had not been properly fastened, and thus preventing him falling on to the line

believe that the button has an influence for good over all his fortunes. Quite a number of our leading actresses firmly believe that, their how his wife died in giving birth to | success in a piece depends to a certain extent on peculiar mascots which they invariably carry. Miss Violet Vanbrugh always wears a long chain of uncut turquoises on the stage, providing for his son compelled the while Mrs Langtry pover feels com musician to continue his professional fortable unless she carries a turcareer. Paderewski does not wear quoise on which a Persian love letter the ring on his finger. It rests in a is engraved. Mrs. Langtry, it is said. tiny pocket inside his waistcoat and fished up this peculiar mascot while is attached to a fine gold chain which | diving in the Lido at Venice .- Lon

Cross Section of the Gun.

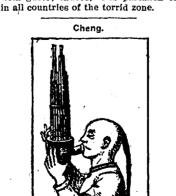
he said for illustration that a warship lying off Atlantic City could projectiles into the heart of is the particular need of vigilance on throw Philadelphia. New York city could be bombarded by a hostile fleet which which, being invisible, cannot depend would be out of sight and out of range of Sandy Hook's greatest guns. The English and French coasts could be scope the eye of the submarine, may made uninhabitable by land batteries on either side of the English channel. The gun needed to do this execution would only be one of ten-inch bore, and would throw a shot weighing 575 pounds, or a quarter of a ton

Queer Foods.

Human nature may be the same the world over, but tastes in matters of cuisine vary a good deal. For instance, in Arabia horse flesh is a favorite article of food. The flesh of the elephant is partaken of with zest in certain parts of In-

Chinese taste, as we all know, runs to cats, dogs, bear's paws and bird's nests.

In the West Indies there is a certain large caterpillar found on the palm tree which is reckoned a luxury of diet, while in Java the nests of swallows are considered edible. Inhabitants of portions of Sweden, Finland and other countries eat clay with gusto; indeed, it is partaken of



Chinese musical instruments mad of reeds.

Horse's Remarkable Mane. George O. Zilligitt of Inglewood Eng., has a 10-year-old carriage mare with a mane of silvery hair 18 feet long, which is usually kept braided and in a net. She has a colt a few month old, whose mane and tail already reach the ground.

Text Book Behind the Times.

It will be news to Maine people to learn that they are still under Engish domain. A text book used in an English school says, speaking of Canada: "The chief states at present are Quebec, Maine and New Brunswick."

as new. Any surface torpedo boat aft-It is estimated that 500,000 acres will er her experience would have been a be irrigated .-- Utica Globe. total wreck. Even the British boat that has just

RUSSIA, LAND OF GRAFTERS.

had so tragic an experience does not seem to have been injured by a blow To Petersburg came three Amerithat probably would have sunk a bat can business men to secure a gold mining concession. There are 851 tleship. The lesson of her experience places where gold is found in Russia, the part of the lookout on a boat and our friends wanted the privilege of working one of those places. First, on other craft to do any of her watchthey had to deposit \$50,000 with the ing for her. Perhaps, too, the peri-Ministry of the Interior as "good faith." So much for the regular legal opened to improvement .--- New part of the program. Now for the irregular, illegal part. They kept in their room at the Hotel Europe a bag

of hard, cold cash in golden rubles.

This cash they doled out in install

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WISDOM OF MODERATION. Instead of contemplating new ave

York World.

ments, first to this prince, then to that nues for extravagant display of force count, for "influence." Each time they or wealth, let the country consider the handed out the money they were told wisdom of moderation. It has been that their proposition had been found suggested that a public debt under good, and promises were made that certain conditions serves a wholesome the concession would be speedily purpose in restraining waste and granted. Each time the would-be conchecking those enterprises which have cessionaires believed that they had no other inspiration than national accomplished something, and each vainglory or aggrandizement. "Pri-vate credit is wealth; public honor time they were disappointed and had to refill the money bag. The weariis security."

ome delay in the negotiations con-The nation that needs to consider tinued week after week: technical obconomy is not consuming vast wealth stacles, each more serious than the and exploiting immense resources in preceding one, were brought forward: huge and monstrous armaments that and so weeks grew into months, and challenge the world. She is likely, inthe Americans were not one step neardeed, to avoid offense to other nations, er the goal. Deciding that bankruptcy to be slow to anger, and to cultivate would come before any kind of a defitne rewards of peace. Instead of seeknite conclusion could be obtained. ing distinction as the exponent of they went away with what cash they mere splendid materialism, such a had left and an accumulated amount people would meet the magnificent deof disgust. Their \$50,000 was returned with all legal formalities, but considscription that was made by the poet Milton:

erably more than that sum was left in the hands of the princes and counts. "Enflamed with the study of learn ng and the admiration of virtue: Such has been the experience of many stirred up with high hopes of living other Americans seeking to do bustto be brave men and worthy patriots, ness in Russia-each in sheer despera. tion abandoning his enterprise .--- Gil dear to God, and famous to all ages. son Willets in Leslie's Weekly. -Boston Globe

FRENCH HOUSEKEEPING.

HEALTH FADS ON THE BRAIN.

A French cook turns any and To get all sorts of health fads on the everything to advantage, and many brain is a disease in itself. It is very a culinary chef d'oeuvre is the result prevalent disease, too. With a few of care and skill rather than rare of foolish rules to observe, a who costly ingredients. With just a ninch of hygienic quirks to adjust to and a of savory herbs and a clear fire, a schedule of superstitious sanitary nocook will turn shreds of cold meat tions diligently followed by day into deliciously appetizing morsels, dreamed of by night is a malady gastronomic discrimination on the which begins as a mental depart of her patrons keeping up the rangement and ends in a complete standard of excellence. If I physical fizzle. No room left for a were spontaneous life, no place for free, joy.us liberty. Not a minute's space asked to point out the leading characteristic of the French mind, I should unhesitatingly say that it is the critifor rollicking disregard. Everything cal faculty, and to this factulty we fixed, every minute disposed of, introowe not only the unrivalled French spections without number. Forebod cuisine, but pleasures of the table ings, misgivings, hovering vaguely generally. Here is one instance in about the mind like flocks of carrion point. One quite ripe melon, to the crows. Such a life is not worth livuninitiated, tastes very much like aning. One might a thousand times hetother. But a French country gentleter go back to the reckless regime of man knows better. Whenever a mela rough rider .-- Medical Talk.

on of superlative flavor is served, he orders the seeds to be set aside for planting. Thus the superlative kind is propagated. The critical faculty is ever alert in France, warring with mediocrity and incompleteness .- The Cornhill.

The Thrifty Patron. "I'd like to exchange this book," said the man who had made the purchase two days before. "Why" asked the bookseller.

"Because I've finished reading it."

(Ha! ha! ha!) List to her laughter! Animal spirits are trying to toys!--Peggy no'er worrles thereafter! Peggy is merry, but Peggy is wise! Peggy has mischief alive in her eyes! Peggy's a dariling and Peggy's a prize! Wonderful lassie is Peggy!

Peggy gets tired when the day's nearly

Peggy gets tired when the day's nearly o'er (Hush-a-by! hush-a-by! baby!) Does she go salling to heavenly shore? Maybe she does!-only maybe! For if this sweet Peggy this journey should make Over the sand and the water. And angels should see her-why, Peggy they'd take!-Peggy's a darling-and Peggy is three! At least Peggy may or is likely to be! Peggy's a mystery-even to me-Wonderful lassie is Peggy. -Grif Alexander, in Pittsburg Dispateh.

Get Wise Sayings Mixed Just as the popular so-called quota-, and a snare" is a compression of tions from the Bible and Shakespeare Lord Denman's expression "A delu-

are commonly misquoted, so it will sion, a mockery and a snare." Tom be found the wise sayings of states-Paine's "One step above the sublime men have not always been preserved in their original integrity. For example, there is Washington's

don Tit-Bits.

apothegm that "To be prepared for means of preserving peace." Thi has been condensed into the familiar "In time of peace prepare for war. Then Jefferson's axiom, "Vacancies by death are few. by resignation

Pergy gets up with a laugh and a song-(Ha! ha! ha!-Lack-i-di-day-dee!) Laugh that's so sweet must to heaven be-

long-Song of a Japanese lady. Then through the house there's the patter of feet

of feet (Pit-a-pat! Pit-a-pat!) "Muvver! Peggy wants shoes on!" one hears her entreat-

To know the young scamp is to love

her! Peggy is healthy and Peggy is fair! Peggy has sunshine in heart and in hair! Peggy's a pearl that is pricelessly rare! Wonderful lassie is Peggy!

Peggy at play is a whirlwind of fun (Ricketty-ricketty-ricketts!) Journey of poor hobby horse is now done!--

Legs are bowled over like wickets! Peggy has smashed it! She's one of the boys!

makes the ridiculous" has been modernized into "From the sublime to the ridiculous." Fouche's "It is more than a crime-it is a political fault," war is one of the most effectual has become "It is worse than a crime -it is a blunder.'

Josiah Quincy's threat of the sece sion of some of the states, "Amicably if they can, violently if they must," was so effectually misquoted by Hennone," is almost invariably applied to ry Clay that his rendering, "Peacethe office-holding contingent in the fully if they can, forcibly if they shape of the assertion "Few die, and | must"-has been commonly received. Jackson's famous toast, "Our Federal

none resign." Two Western newspapers have as Union: It Must Be Preserved," has their motto "Error ceases to be dan- been amplified into "Must and shall gerous when truth is left free to com- be." Then there is Chief Justice This is a mutilation of Presi- Chase's eloquent characterization of dent Jefferson's celebrated saying in "An indestructible Union his inaugural address that "Error of of indestructible states." "An indestructible Union composed This. in may be tolerated where rea- the mouth of the average Fourth of son is left free to combat it." The July orator, has become "An indissolcommonly used phrase "A delusion uble Union of indestructible States."

A Tribute to Peggy