#### BOON FOR TIRED HUSBANDS

Mew York Supreme Court Decides They Need Not Take Wives to Theater in Evening.

New York .- Justice McCall, of the state supreme court, has handed down a decision which should be hailed with toy by married men who work hard and who are too tired to take their wives to the theater in the evening. He says that mo blame can attach to them if they refuse to accompany their better halves to places of amusement under those circumstances.

The decision was made in dismissing the complaint in the suit for separation brought by Lillian Blum against her hasband, Jacob Blum. The defendant he the head of the New York Trousers company. In her complaint the wife alleges cruelty and abandonment. Louis Steckler, counsel for the husband, demied that the charges were true, and in the trial in April brought witnesses to prove that the defendant had always been a model husband. The wife asked For \$15 per week alimony, which is also denied.

One of the charges of ill-treatment made by the wife was that her husband did not accompany her to places of amusement or recreation and had prevented her from taking any vacation. As to this charge, the opinion says:

"This defendant is an exceptionally hardworking man. The hours of each day's labor were from 8:30 a, m. to 9:30 p. m., and as late one day in each week as midnight, thus prohibiting him personally from attending entertainments or escorting his family to places of amusement; but from that fact it is difficult to see that any censure should be meted out to him for his alleged neglect of the plaintiff in that direction."

#### CUPID'S CABLE CODE WINS.

Love's Underocean Messages Are Followed by a Wedding in Romance of Three Continents.

New York.-A romance involving use of code of deep sea cables, with ends in British Columbia, Australia, and Europe, has culminated in the marriage at Pound Beach, Conn., of Miss Daisy Bladworth and Paul Sidney Couldrey. The bride is a daughter of George H. Bladworth, head of the paterrn-making company in New York, and the bridegroom the junior member of the Liverpool firm of Alexander, Hild, Stewart

Miss Bladworth and Mr. Couldrey first met aboard the Cunarder Umbria "In May. 1904.

Before the couple parted it was arranged that they should meet and return to America together. He had proposed several times, but to no purpose.

When he went to British Columbia his oft repeated question was still a matter of trouble, but he had a secret cable and telegraph code which he and Miss \*\* Bladworth had agreed upon. Then the cables and the telegraph came in for their part of the courtship.

The mails were not rapid enough for Couldrey when it became a necessity for him to hasten from British Columbia to Australia last winter. He informed Miss Bladworth of the fact by wire, and also sent a pleading request for an affirmative answer to his oft put question. "It arrived by the secret cable.

# COOKING INVENTIONS LEAD

Nearly 3.600 Contrivances Have Been Patented in England in Past 48 Year-Umbrellas Rank Second.

London.-The classification of sealed patents at the patent office rendered mecessary by the act which came into eoperation on January 1 last has shown that the inventiveness of the human mind can be classified in 146 sections.

Cooking, it appears, has brought forth fin 48 years 3.575 patented inventions, an \*\*\* verage of 73 every year. Umbrellas have been the subject of 1.475 inventions, or an average of 30 per annum. Hats run umbrellas very close, with 1,411 specifications since 1855.

Invention runs in periodic grooves. Thus 1896 and 1897 reflected the enormous development in cycles. Now the motor vehicle industry is engaging many ingenious minds. So marked is the development of this industry that the total number of British inventions in this department has doubled since

For half a century the uppermost. problem, as indicated by the trend of invention, has been that of locomotion.

That inventiveness is on the increase is evidenced by the fact that last year 15,089 patents were sealed. Ten years rago the number was less than 12,000, and 1884 the total only reached 3,721.

# LIMBURGER TOO LOUD.

#### Masleton, Pa., Board of Health Satisfactorily Solves an Annoying Problem.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.-The board of health of Hazleton has successfully wrestled with an unusual and amusing condition. Neighbors had complained of the odor of the cheese store kept by Alexander Kirsch. They said the limburger and other brands were so bad that they could not stand it. Kirsch contended that he had a right to keep and mell cheese. City Attorney J. H. Bigelow declared the business legitimate and should be permitted if it does not cause

injury to health and property. The board of health then visited the store and found it in good condition, but odorous. It was finally agreed to have an air shaft erected in the rear of the store and to keep the front window open, causing a draft to drive the odor into the air shalt and dissipate it high in the air.

Auto Not at Fault. It isn't the automobile that ought to be abolished, says the Memphis Com-

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mercial-Appeal, it's the rich chauffeur.

#### WOULD IMPROVE WHEAT.

British Millers Making Important Experiments to Raise the Grade.

A plan to improve the quality of British wheat has been reported to the department of agriculture by its European agent. The report says that during the last two years experiments likely to result in important practical results have been carried on by the National Association of British and Irish Millers looking to the improvement of the quality of wheat grown in the United Kingdom.

The decline which the industry in the United Kingdom has long been undergoing, not only in quality of product, but especially in extent of area, has for years attracted wide attention and the solution of the problem is chiefly to demonstrate by experiment the practical ability of improving native wheats in the property of strength. By this means it is asserted that the declining industry can be revivified, successful competition with the best imported wheat made possible and the business of wheat growing in the United Kingdom ultimately restored to its formerly prominent economic posi-

The introduction and testing of seed wheat from foreign countries has been carried on on a large scale. The general result has been that with few exceptions all foreign wheats degenerate when planted on English soil and develop very erratically, though sown under identical conditions. Kansas wheat so deteriorated that experiments with it have been abandoned. The most promising results seem to have been obtained from an improved red fife from the government experimental station, Ottawa, Ontario. This wheat is now in its third year in England and shows great properties of strength, yields abundantly and possesses remarkable adaptability.

# EXPERT ON LIARS SWORN.

One Whose Testimony Was Sufficient to Outweigh That of an Eye-Witness.

A Kansas City lawyer tells of the use of expert testimony on lying. He Bavs:

"I was prosecuting attorney for Finney county in 1881 and had a fellow up before Squire N. C. Jones on the charge of horse stealing. He hired Mike Sutton to defend him. and when the case was called I proved beyond question, by a witness who witnessed the theft, that we had the right man. After the prosecution had rested Sutton introduced 'Buffalo'. Jones as a witness and gravely informed the court that he intended to prove by him

that my witness had lied. "'Buffalo' took the stand and swore that, while he had never seen nor nothing at all about the crime committed, he had had a great deal of experience with men and could tell pretty certain when they were lying. Then he procedeed to tell how men acted when they were lying and gave expert opinion that my witness had sworn to lies from the word go. I protested against such performances, but Sutton made the judge believe he had as much right to introduce an expert on liars as he would have to introduce an expert on medicine or any other science, and the result was the thief was dismissed from custody.".

#### FIRES THAT NEVER GO OUT There Are Hearths in England That Have Been Kept Glowing for Centuries.

There are domestic fires burning in Yorkshire. England, to-day which have never been out for hundreds of years. At the old-fashioned farmhouses in the lales of Yorkshire, peat is still burned. The fuel is obtained from the moors and stacks of it are kept by the farmers in their stack garths.

The country round is noted for its "griddle cakes," which are made from dough baked in quaint pans suspended over the peat fires. These fires are kept glowing from generation to generation and the son warms himself at the fire which warmed his sire and his grandsire and his grandsire's sires and which will warm his son and his son's son.

There is a fire at Castleton, in the Whitby district, which has been burning for over 200 years. The record probably is held by a farmhouse at Osmotherly, in the same district. This fire has been burning for 500 years, and there are records to show that it has not been out during the last three centuries.

### Chinese Woman Graduate. Miss Li Bi Cu, of Hingghua, China,

who has spent the last four years in Philadelphia, taking a medical course at the woman's medical college, will graduate from that institution this year with high honors. So far as is known Miss Li is the first Chinese woman to study medicine in this country. She was born in Hinchghua, where her father is considered the most prominent man of that community. He is also the leading spirit in the Methodist church of that province. The Chinese maiden has been in this country more than eight years, and has spent all of her time in hard study.

Speaks Two Languages. Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of

ex President Harrison, has never attended school, but speaks French and German fluently through the tutelage of her mother.

Possible After-Effects. Never strike a man when he is down. Ten chances to one he will get up again.—Chicago Dally News.

# MIGHTIEST OF WAR CRAFT.

Battleships Michigan and South Carolina to Have Big Gun Batteries.

The naval bureau of construction is perfecting plans for the battleships Michigan and South Carolina which will make them the most powerful warships in the world. Many important innovations will be introduced, the most striking of which is a complete battery of 12-inch and 10-inch guns. Such an arrangement of heavy guns has never been tried in any vessel. There is no warship affoat that carries more than four guns of the caliber named.

In tonnage the ships will about equal the splendid new British vessels of the King Edward VII. and Africa class. Those vessels displace between 16,000 and 17,000 tons and are about 425 feet long. They carry four 12-inch guns. four 9.2-inch, ten 6-inch and 28 smaller guns. As the South Carolina and the Michigan, if the 12-inch and the 10-inch plan is adhered to, will carry at feast eight of the latter guns, the new warships will be a great deal more powerful than the King Edward VII. and Africa

The adding of a third screw to the new battleships, which will call for the addition of another engine, is reported to have been definitely decided upon by the bureau of construction. This system, which was introduced into the navy by Rear Admiral Melville, although looked upon with great disfavor by foreign naval constructors, has proved a great success on the Columbia and Minneapolis. One of its advantages is that, in cruising great economy is attained, in that when only a moderate speed is required the central engine alone is used. If a high rate of speed is desired the two wing engines and if necessary all three can be operated.

# FRAUD ON LIFE COMPANIES

Death Cleverly Simulated by Girl Who Was Insured in Uncle's Favor.

A fraud scheme at the expense of life insurance companies was carried out three times successfully as long ago as 1730. A young woman with an extraordinary power of simulating death had for a confederate an elderly man, who passed for her uncle. Twice in different parts of England she insured her life in her uncle's favor, went into convulsions and to all appearances died. The third time the game was played with an ingenious variation. The uncle went to a life insurance company, explained that he was in financial straits and wished to borrow money on his niece's

To compensate for such a loan, he would have to insure her for its value, but could not afford to have this insurance become known, as it would expose his financial condition and ruin his credit. The company, therefore, agreed to write the insurance under a bond of secrecy. As usual, the young woman went into convulsions and died. Before her funeral she lay in state for all the world to see. Her uncle was pros-

He did not try to collect the insurance for some months, and when he did the company paid him in full with expressions of real sympathy. So did nine other companies, which he had silenced by the same ruse, and he joined his niece on the continent with a very impressive

#### TAKES DOG UP A STEEPLE. Daring Climber Pays No Heed to the Dizzy Height He

Scales.

Accompanied by his pet dog. Fred Sutherland, better known as the "human fly," scales heights that would make the common person ill from fright and dizziness, says the Detroit Tribune. A short time ago the authorities of Most Holy Tripity Catholic church, Sixth and Porter streets, decided their spire needed repairing. and that the large wooden cross at the top needed to be replaced with a larger one of galvanized iron. Sutherland was sent for. The top of the spire is 240 feet above the sidewalk.

"I can go up it in two minutes," said he, and he very nearly made good his assertion. It was only when the cross. four by six feet, had to be lowered that any real danger presented itself. Being of wood and having been in position since the church was built, it had somewhat rotted and, giving way, was near to throwing Sutherland from the steeple.

Sutherland is a Californian by birth, but has done steeplework in all parts of this country and Europe. Sutherland had his dog slung in a little hammock on his side while working at the top of Trinity spire. The dog has as little regard for height as his master.

# Political Ambition.

"But why," persisted the questioner, "do you want to be a senator? There's little money in it. A man of your ability could make much more at almost anything else." "Sir," replied the aspirant, "you

seem to think money is every man's idol." "I beg your pardon. I meant no

offense. "I know you didn't," said the other. softening. "In confidence, I'll tell you why I want the senatorship. It will enable me to place about 50 of my poor relations in government jobs, and

# Feminine Amenities.

then I'll be rid of 'em."-Newark

Clare-But, my dear, it is a secret. wowed on my honor never to tell. Marie - Well, I'm listening. - Le

### ANT WHICH CUTS LEAVES.

Species of the Tropics That Destroys Whole Groves of Quintre and Coffee Trees.

In the tropical countries there is a species of ant known as the leaf-cutter. It is the habit of these ants to go forth each day and cut the leaves from trees and plants that grow in their vicinity. In South America these leafcutters have been known to destroy whole groves of quinine and coffee trees by stripping them bare of their foliage. Orange and mango trees also suffer greatly from these ravages.

But those who have made the ant and his ways of life a study say the little insect does not work such destruction through mere wantonness. Leaf-gathering is the means of his livelihood, as is the fruit and graingathering a means of sustenance to man.

After cutting the leaves the ants carry them to their underground dwellings, where they bite them into small; bits and stack them in thick, close layers to ferment. This process of fermentation goes on sometimes in the dark, damp place, and then there springs from the rich leaf mold a tiny, tender fungus. This crep of fungus isi carefully watched by the ant farmer and when it is ripe it is cut and stored away for food

As the ants are extremely fond of this diet, they work constantly to keep an inexhaustible supply of rotting leaves in their fungus fields. Often when the ant settlement is a large one they are obliged to go long distances to obtain leaves enough to supply them, and it is wonderful to see the splendid roads they make through the forest. These roads are laid out as straight as a chalk line and are kept clean and smooth by the busy little travelers.

The leaf-cutter knows no obstacle. for he goes around nothing that happens to stretch across his path. If a log or stone interferes with his roadway he goes over it-never around it. If a stretch of unfit ground is approached he tunnels beneath it but goes as straight on his way as if he were beld in by stone walls at either

#### STORIES OF BEAU BRUMMEL Spoke Lightly of His Humble Birth,

But Once Met His

Match.

An English paper prints a number of storoes of Beau Brummel, some of which, perhaps, are not generally known. At a pavilion at Brighton he ordered the footman to empty his snuff box into the fire because a bishop had taken a pinch unasked. A man whom he had met at dinner offered him a lift in his carriage to Lady Jersey's ball. "Thank you, exceedingly," said the Beau, "but how are you to go? You would not like to get up behind, and I cannot be seen in the same carriage with you."

He made no secret of his humble birth, and when asked about his parents declared that "the poor old creatures both cut their throats years ago eating peas with a knife."

Once, at least, Brummel met his match. He was playing hazard at Brooks', when a well-known alderman, a brewer, was one of the party, "Come. Mashtub," said Brummel who was the caster, "what's your set?" "Twentyfive guineas," was the reply. "Weil. then, have at the mayor's pony." said Brummel, who proceeded to cast, and by a run of luck won the stake 12 times in succession. Pocketing the money, he thanked the brewer and promised that in future he would drink so one's porter but his. "I wish, sir," replied the brewer, "that every other blackguard in London would tell me the same."

Rabbit Fur Woven Into Fabric. One of the strangest of modern industries is that carried on by M. Patard-Chatelain at Lousle-Saunier, in the Jura district of France. It consists in taking the fur from live rabbits and weaving it into a textile fabric which makes the warmest kind of clothing material known. The species of rabbits which furnish the "raw" material for the manufacturing process is the Angora rabbit, which has received the name of the silk rabbit. Every three months the rabbit sheds its fur, and several days before this takes place nature is anticipated by female hands, which remove the long silken hairs by gentle friction. The skin is atready "ripe" and the fur comes off easily and without the rabbit suffering the slightest pain from the operation. In fact, "bunny" apears to enjoy it, lying quietly in the lap of the operator during the manipulation.

The Philosopher of Folly. "Let us be more charitable," says the Philosopher of Folly. "For years and years the newspaper homorists have roasted hald-headed men for always getting the front seats at the theater. Why attribute other motives when it is perfectly possible that bald men are nervous about their unprotected pates, and are merely trying to get out from under things that might be dropped on them from the gallery?" -Cleveland Leader.

#### Huge Painting Finished. One of the largest pictures ever

painted has been completed by a French artist after eight years' lahor. The subject is the funeral of M. Carnot, and the canvas measures 150 square yards.

No Profanity, Even at Home. The town of Torquay, England, has adopted a by-law to prohibit people from using bad language even in their Seriod awc

### CABLE HOLDS WHALE FAST

Submarine Wires Hold Monster of the Deep Until Death Ensues.

The submarine cable between Valdez on Prince William sound, Alaska, and Sitka. Alaska, was auddenly interrupted after it had been in successful operation for a month and the cable ship proceeding to the point of the trouble found the cable had become fastened securely, the officers though?, under a rock. The ship was accordingly maneuvered to loosen it.

Heaving in was slowly continued when the carcass of a whale appeared with a loop of the cable fastened around the lower jaw. The loop was twisted as well, thus securely holding the whale. The carcass was badly decayed and the stench made the task of loosening the cable from the jaw most trying. During its struggle the huge animal had badly twisted and torn the cable in its vicinity, making several breaks in the conductor, thus interrupting communication.

The steel armor wires, with the exception of three, were broken at the twist of the loop and had the cable not possessed great tensile strength 20,000 pounds) it would undoubtedly have been broken. A splice was soon made and communication between Valdez and Sitka restored.

One theory as to this peculiar accident is that the whale in feeding along the bottom was awimming slowly with jaws open. The cable being suspended on irregularities of the bottom, it came across the whale's open mouth and the animal, in its endeavor to disengage itself, threw a loop in the cable. The whale was 50 feet long. The depth at the place where it was found is 65 fathoms.

One other case of interruption of a cable by a whale is on record. This occurred in the Red sea many years ago and was caused by a loop of the cable being caught around the whale's

#### FAD FOR SPURIOUS GEMS. Imitation Jewelry Now Manufactured Which Deceives Even

the Experts. This is the day of the manufactured or imitation jewelry. It is said the sale of genuine jewelry in New York has suffered from the trade. For some time past it has been possible to obtain imitation jewelry in France and England which is difficult of detection by experts. The principal manufacturers deal in jewels of their own manufacture, which are extraordinarily fine

imitations of the real stones and will

have a life of 20 years. The "dia-

monds" are a composition of giass.

lead and carbon tipped with platinum. which is harder than gold. Every real stone except a diamond is transparent. Without the tip of platinum these "diamonds" would also be transparent, but with it they are given an undetectable resemblance to the genuine stone. These "gems" are mounted in 14-karat gold, and so well that when worn the platfnum tipping cannot be seen. An infinite variety of designs, copied from the best real models are shown, and at a price 80 per cent, less than the genuine. All the colored stones-rubies, emeralds, sapphires and turquoises-are also manufactured and are similar in appearance.

face can be filed and no blemish made on the stone. As genuine pearls are the most costly of gems, the imitation pearls take the lead in price. They are made of fishskin and a secret composition. The manufacture of some especially good imitation pearls, known as "Venetian pearls," is a lost art, the process having been invented by a poor Venetian.

The turquoise is so hard that the sur-

# SHARK CAUGHT BY HAND.

Large Fish Landed by a Marylander in Very Short Space of Time.

Dr. E. E. Tull, the notel gynecologist. lately came to New York from the eastern shore of Maryland, commonly supposed to be a part of the Garden of Eden transplanted. One day a shark appeared in the shallow water under the pier of the Wa-Wa-Yanda club on Cap Tree island. In less time than it takes to write it, reports the New York Press. Dr. Tull shed his clothes. leaving on nothing but his shirt, and was wading in the direction of the monster, tiptoeing so as not to disturb him. The tiger of the sea appeared to be hypnotized. "Hand me a gaff." the Marvlander whispered, and a small instrument, such as we fishermen save a seven-pound bass with, was passed to him. The water was just up to his knees. When within five feet of the shark he drove the gaff into its neck. at the same time plunging forward and grasping it by the tail. The struggle lasted three minutes, then Mr. Shark was dragged ashore. It measured 41/2

# An Unbelievable Accusation.

"We're going to have hard work to find a jury," remarked the district attorney, "that will convict this fellow." "Are the natives of this region see

corrupt as all that?" "You don't understand. He's cused of having swindled the Standard Oil company."-Louisville Courier. Journal.

Trustworthy. Junior Member of Firm-How did you happen to lend that young man messey without security?

Senior Member-Because I've lent him books from my private library time and again, and he never failed to return them!-Detroit Free Press,

#### JERSEY LEADS IN CIGARS.

That State with No Reputation for Manufacture Has Florida Badly Beaten.

New York.-For many years the competition between imported Havana cigars and hand-made Key West cigars has been going on actively, with a general belief, probably, that Key West was an important source of supply of cigars.

Uncle Sam, who is a lynx-eyed collector of revenue from cigar factories, takes account in a year of 7,000,000,000 cigars, that being the number of domestic cigars smoked in a year. The number imported from Cuba, the Philippines and other places of supply is relatively insignificant.

Of this total the number of Key West cigars-including with Key West the whole state of Florida, of which Key West, through its proximity to Havana and its large number of Cuban cigarmakers, is the chief producing point-is 250,000,000. In other words, one-twenty-eighth of the total number of cigars made in the United States and smoked here are Key West or Florida made and that number only.

The great cigar-making state of the country, notwithstanding the ignoble repute in many quarters of Pittsburg stogies, is Pennsylvania, which manufactures in a year nearly 2,000,000,000 cigars. New York makes 1,000,000,000 in a year, and Ohio, never very far behind in profitable and productive enterprises, 750,000,000a

The other states of the country are practically trailers to these, with the exception of Virginia, which manufactures in a year 500,000,000 cigars, and is, in fact, the only one of the big tobacco-producing states which makes cigars in large numbers. About onehalf of the product of Virginia factories is in the form of cheroots.

Kentucky, which furnishes an enormous amount of tobacco, makes a few cigars, and New Jersey, which has no particular reputation in the cigar line, makes in a year nearly twice as many as Florida

### SEES REPUBLIC IN AFRICA.

C. Sonnenberg of Cape Colony in Chicago Speech Tells of the Effects of the War.

Chicago.-C. Sonnenberg, a member of the Cape Colony parliament, a former friend of Cecil Rhodes, a member of the Africander bund and one who knew Paul Kruger intimately, is at the Auditorium Annex. He talked of the future

of South Africa hefe. "The one great good wrought by the war is that the federation of South Africa is brought nearer." he said. "Thope soon to see the day when there will be a United States of South Africa under the British crown, just as there is the Dominion of Canada and the commonwealth of Australia. Already we have a customs union or zollverein and the pooling of our railways will be accomplished shortly. The railways are all government owned and the pooling means one great unity. Then the customs union is a great step toward federation. We are all supporters of Joseph Chamberlain's imperial customs union. We give Great Britain a preferential tariff of 25 per cent. We have an ad valorem duty of ten per cent., but everything British pays only seven and one-half per cent. Cape Colony also pays voluntarily £50,000 a year to the support of the British navy.

"The railway now reaches from Cape Town, 1,700 miles, to the Zambesi. In five years the Cape to Cairo road will be a fact. The future of South Africa will be one of the marvels of the world. English is bound to be the prevailing tongue, as it is the language of the future for the world. It is my hope also that in the generations to come English and Dutch will intermarry. That will solve the problem.

# CAT TIES UP SWITCH YARD

Takes Possession of Station and Holds. It for Half Hour-Finally Succumbs.

Clinton, Ia.—During the worst congestion of freight cars which the Northwestern has experienced in years, the entire work in the yards at Tama a few days ago; according to reports of trainmen, was tied up for half an hour by a cat, just a common big cat and let black at that. In order to facilitate the work of

clearing the yards at Tams, one of the officials of the road went to thatplace, which seemed to be the most congested point along the entire system. Under his skillful direction the wheels began to move in all parts of the gards. Them he went to the station, to give and; receive orders. Justas he arrived at the station one of the operators heard something shoot through the air ever his head. It thumped against the side of the building and fell to the floor. It was the office cat gone mad.

The two operators clambered ontothe desks, as also did a freight manwho had gone to the station for orders. The official and two otherfreight men watched the strange antice of the cat through a window. For 30 minutes pussy was in complete comtrol, and soon all business came to a standstill

Finally the cat succembed, the orders were delivered, and the great business of a railway company was resumes.

Looks Like a Senator.

Some one, name unknown, has sent \$12,000 to the United States government's "conscience fund," stating that he at one time defrauded the government of that sum. Perhaps it's some sensior or congressman returning unused mileage.

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