Is Brought Into Use for Reasons Which at a Glance Are Understandable

Everybody puts the telephone receiver to the left ear. No one, in using the telephone, ever listens with the right our. It is always the left. "Do we hear better with the low

mar? Is that, why we always use it in helephoning?" a man asked. 'No," the pretty telephone girl replied. "But the receiver, you see, is

hung on the left side of the phone. Hence you have to use the left ear in talking, unless you want to inconventence yourself. "But why is it hung on the left

side?" she went on. "Was it hung there originally because the left ear had been found acuter than the right? Ah, no. The receiver was hung at the eleft, so that the left hand could man-, age it. The right hand, in the early days of telephoning, had all it could do to turn the crank-round and round and round-ding-a-ling-a-ling-a-ingdep't yest remember?

"Now, the right hand is idle in telephoning. Therefore, for anyone desiring it. it would be possible to hold the receiver to the right ear. The nompastes should take this fact into consideration, and they should hang the receiver, not on the left or right of the instrument, but directly in front of k. Then we could use, in telephoning, which ever our we preferred to."

BEAUTY OF AMERICANS.

Secret of It Lies in Freedom from the Mercenary Spirit in Marriage.

The beauty of the American race has for a long time been the wonder and the eavy of the world. The tall. lithe young mon of America, with their bold, intelligent faces, and the tall and graceful young women, so pretty and clever, have impressed foreigners profoundly. It remained for a disunguished foreigner, Dr. Emil Reich, the Hungarian philosopher, to tell the world the secret of American beatuy.

Dr. Reich, in conversation with an American woman in New York, said: "The beauty of nations differs very much. The Latins are less beautiful than the Anglo-Saxons. The angularity of the North German woman is notorious. Money-bag married money-bag. and the result is a people of severely plain aspect.

"The Americans are a beautiful race. The American marries because he loves the woman, and she loves him. The American is insulted if any mention of dowry is made in his wedding arrangements. Hence the American people have become exceedingly beau-

"Love is at the bottom of it all." Dr. Reich ended. "Love marriages alone produce beautiful, healthy children. America is the one country where love marriages prevail. Hence the American is the world's most beautiful

WOMEN JURORS IN NORWAY

Besponsibilities of Oitizonship Are Taught as Well as Home Duties.

Billiden's of female emancipation may be interested to learn from the report of the National Council of Women in Norway that that country has recognized the right of women to sit on a jury: that the storthing recently nominsted a woman as the winner of the Nobel prize, and that a school has been swrted w instruct young girls in the responsibilities of citizenship as well as in the care of children. It is also learned that the number of women who voted for the separation of Norway from Sweden was greater than

that of the men. These and other facts of similar character were brought out at a recenexpecting of the Women's Institute in Elondon, where one of the speakers, a Mrs. Flizgibbon, who claimed to belong to the race "of Vikings of British North America," asserted that Canadian women were in a position to rule Canada owing to their advanced views and persect organization the moment an entering wedge could be made by which they might gain the power of BUMFARE.

Transvaal Gold. South Africa claims for the Transvaal "the leading position among the gold-producing countries of the world." that colony having in 1905 produced \$194,919,370 of the \$378,189,379 of gold output of the world that year. The world's gold production in 1905 was the largest on record, exceeding that of 20 years ago by 400 per cent. The United States produced last year \$84,349,000 of gold, a small increase over 1904. Australia shews a small decrease and Can-

Put to Sloop by Wheel

An ingenious inventor has produced a mesmeric machine which he expects to be of considerable service to those who are unable to sleep. The instrument is composed of irregularly placed and curiously shaped "paddiars" attached to a slowly revolving wheel. It is sufficient to look at this fixedly when the instrument is in motion quickly to be "mesmerized," a word which in this instance means merely to be made drowny and sent to sleep.

Columbus's Olincher. Columbus, says a writer in the New York Tribune, was arguing that the world was round.

"Otherwise," he declared, "some woman would certainly have made the four corners cony open

"Quite true!" said Ferdinand, clearly convinced. "I withdraw all opposiHAVE MELONS IN WINTER.

Luxury That Is Now Attainable Through Modern Horticultural Progress.

The increase of our knowledge of the vegetable world has given us many good things. Perhaps the most recent of these is the winter melon, which is now becoming such a luxury, and, what is still better, an attainable luxury. The seeds of the winter meion came from Russia. . nev were placed in the hands of a man who had a great reputation as a horticulturist. There were two varieties of muskmelon and one of watermelon. The Russian seeds produced an exceptionally fine muskmelon. In flavor they are more acceptable than the summer kind, far more attractive from an exterior view, and grow in weight to as pounds. One of the features of the melons is that their luscious flavor does not deteriorate as they increase in size, as is often the case with the summer fruit. The beauty of the winter melons is that they are in their prime in the dead of winter, when the snow covers the northern states and nature hibernates with the thermometer in close proximity to zero.

The melons need only about hundred days in which to mature. that seeds planted the first of May will by the first of August produce some melons which ripen on the vines. The major portion of the crep, however, has to ripen after being picked. The date of their ripening, depends entirely upon the temperature in which they are stored. If deposited in a cool place they will not ripen much before the first of the year. If the melons are desired for an earlier market it is only necessary to place them in a room of a living heat.

FINLAND AND THE JEWS.

Position of the Semitic Race Worse. in a Legal Sense, Than in Russia.

An anti-Semitic movement which so far cannot be traced to the Russian government appears to be absorbing Finland. The Jewish World, in commenting on this circumstance, declares that the manner in which the civilized world gave unstinted sympathy to the Finns out of the area is expelled the country. They are restricted for a livelihood to selling old clothes, watches, eigarettes, etc. Jews who marry have to leave the country and those who go out of it to serve their military term may not return.

No wonder a deputy once declared that a Jew in Finland is worse off than a criminal in Siberia.

Their struggle with the overwhelming forces of Russian despotism might have led one to believe that this interesting little people would show a certain fairness to the oppressed Russian Jows among them.

There are about 1,000 Jews all told in Finland, and it is enough to say that their position is legally worse than in Russia itself. Although there was al-Ways a large measure of self-government in Finland, there has never been any protest against the barbarous treatment to which Jews are subjected there. They are at best allowed to live in the towns of Helsingfors. Abo and Wiborg: newcomers can settle by special permission of the governor general, which has to be renewed every six months. Any Jew caught without such permission is transported back to Russia in chains.

Disposal of Public Documents. Unquestionably we are tending in this country toward the sale of fedeeral literature. Free distribution arose under totally different conditions of production from those which prevail at the present time. It is clear that we must regard the old order of things as now completely changed, and confront the new problems which accompany the great volume of publications and corresponding expenditure of the present period. Congress has educated the voter to expect free books, but if free books have become a burden on the taxpayers, we should forthwith learn a new lesson, in harmony with the businesslike and practical age in which we live, that if public documents, expensive to produce, are worth anything at all to us, they are worth paying for.-W. S. Rossiter, in

Another Blow to Mosquitoes. A new means of destroying mosquitoes within the house has been tried with good results in New Orleans, where their presence is particularly dangerous because of the number of those which may spread yellow fever. It is a vapor produced by heating a mixture of carbolic acid and camphor and is called "Mim's culcide," because Prof. Mims, of New Orleans first suggested its use. It is said to be as effective as sulphur. which is equivalent to saying that it is more certain than most of the other substances used. It costs more, but it has the advantage of doing no harm to the contents of the room. It is also possible to enter the room almost immediately after the fumigation is tinished.

Figures at Hand. Btatistical Boarder Have you the remotest idea, for instance, what the world's supply of honey is?

Sentimental Boarder-Yes, sir. The world's supply of honey weighs exactly 11 pounds, and her name is -well, I'm not going to mention it in this crowd. -Chicago Tribune.

Better Look Elsewhere He-I think a man should marry a girl he has known from his childhood. She - Yes; but if a girl knew a man from childhood, she would probably know better than to marry him. Stray

TRADE AT HOME."

PROBLEM THAT IS BROUGHT HOME TO COMMUNITY.

Why Do Mail Order Concerns Thrive When Consumers Are Not Benefited?-The Home Advertisement.

The increasing volume of business which is being directed from local dealers to the big mail order houses is threatening the prosperity of thousands of country towns and cities. The business of these big concerns is multiplying at an alarming rate, and if the ratio continues the ultimate demoralization of business in many rural towns is a foregone conclusion, says Edward K. Slater, food commissioner of Miun'esota, in the Retailers' Journal, Chi-

Who suffers the greatest financially? It is the business men of the communi-, ty. Any disinterested person familiar with the ins and outs of the business! will concede that the consumer is not profiting at the expense of the home merchant. If this were true the cousumer could not be blamed for taking the best end of the bargain. For the sake of the argument we will assume that the consumer is receiving just as, good treatment at the hands of the mail order house as he does from his home merchant. The loss to the merchant must be somebody's gain. It follows, therefore, that the mail order house proprietor is the only one who is benefited.

But the question naturally suggests Itself, why does the business of the mail order house increase at such an alarming rate if the consumers are not being benefited? This is one of the greatest arguments advanced by the advocates of the mail order business. The answer is found in the fact that the purchaser responds to advertising and he doesn't like to do business with a country merchant who went to sleep soon after he opened up his business and hasn't waked up vet. That is the situation in a nurshell.

The business of the mail order houses has been built up on advertis-

ing, advertising, advertising! My department has been giving considerable attention to grocerles shipped into the state by mail order houses. We have been trying to place before the consumers the fact that many of these goods are lilegal under our pure food laws, and that this department has no jurisdiction over such shipments. We cannot punish such violators and thus protect the consumers. as we are enabled to do when the goods are sold inside the state. It follows. as a matter of course, that this department desires to see goods only purchased through local dealers, so that all consumers will receive the protection afforded by a strict enforcement

of our pure food laws. The country merchant must do his duty if he desires to compete with the catalogue house. He must beat him with his own weapon-advertising. He, too, must have special prices on certain articles if he wishes to hold the home trade. Grocers and country merchants who think they are so located that they cannot advertise successfully should study the subject of advertising. There is probably no store, city or company, whose business could not be advertised successfully if the proprietor only knew how and has the nerve and patience to do it. There are a few country merchants in remote localities who have mastered advertising so successfully that mail order competition does not bother them. This idea that you have fived so long in a town that everybody knows you and you don't need to advertise is a misrake. This very indifference to advertising, indifference to doing business the way bustness is done in this day and age, is what has enabled the mail order houses to grow from mere nothing ao great

The merchant who can convince the people of his section and keep them convinced that his store is the best place to buy this and that article will not lose trade to the mail order house. Of course, he cannot afford to get out a catalogue as thick as a Bible, but he can keep an advertisement in his local papers and see that it is changed every week, thus keeing new bargains continually before the public. He should also have a mailing list and send out a circular letter at least once a month. Nothing is more discouraging than

beginning an advertising campaign. Results are almost invariably slow at first. It takes pluck-you must keep at. It and master it. Don't look upon your country news4

paper as an object of charity. There is not a single country newspaper in your state, with a general local circulation, which is not able to give full value for money received. The country, papers can help you solve this question If you will give them the chance.

Quakes and the Panama Canal. The engineers who recommended a sea level isthmian canal did not lay particular stress upon the greater ability of that type to withstand an earthquake shock, but this undentable advantake assumes fresh importance in the light of the San Francisco calamltv. One of the strongest arguments against the Nicaragua route was its admitted lightlity to earthquakes, and while the Panama route is not open to this objection it cannot be safely predicted that it will not be visited by shocks severe enough to damage a sea level canal and to wreck one with locks.... Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Modern Definition.

Professor Suppose an irresistible force should meet an immovable body, what would be the result? Studen: A merger, Judge.

BLACK SPECTER IN MINE.

Two Men After Warning of Gubterransan Apparition Are Speedily Killea.

Eveleth, Minn. - Superstition has been aroused among the miners at Eveleth and its surrounding locations by statements said to have been made by Walter Koki and Hjalmar Linna, mining partners, who were killed in the Adams mine recently.

Acording to report Linna said that when he and his partner were at work in No. 4 shaft on Friday, April 6, they were met by what seemed to be a black man. The apparition is said to have put ita hands on the men and to have commanded them to go away. Linna told his friends that he was so impressed by the vision that he had determined to work in the shaft no longer.

Koki, however, laughed at his partner's awe, and, refusing to leave the drift, joined the timber gang. The same day Koki wandered into a deserted shaft that was filled with deadly gases and met his death. He was not missed until the following Sunday, when searchers found the body. So overpowering were the fumes that it was necessary to raise the body to the

surface with a hook and tackle. Linna was deeply impressed by the fate of his partner and talked with several countrymen about his experience with the "black man." He was told that he was the victim of a practical joker, but nevertheless he adhered to his resolution not to work in the shaft again. Linna secured a position as ore sampler and a week later he was thrown from an ore car and so badly injured that he died.

His death caused his fellow countrymen to recall the "black wraith" which is alleged to have warned the men, and although there are many skeptics some of the miners firmly believe that the spirit will again make its appearance. and if it does the persons approached will meet a certain doom.

BUZZARDS MENACE HEALTH

Coast Towns of Mexico Find Tnat Carrion Birds Pollute Their Water.

San Antonio, Tex -- There is an agitation now on in the coast towns of Mexico to eliminate the vultures. Mexico, like most of the states of America, has cherished the carrion crow or turkey buzzard and a fine is imposed for killing these birds. They were assumed to be great sanitary agents. But experience has shown the people of the hot lands where these repulsive fowls are numbered by the thousand in every vicinity, that the water supply is often contaminated by the fowls.

In Port of Spain the birds have been slaughtered by the thousand this immense funeral pyre:

Tampico, Mexico, is the pioneer ofthe Mexican in the movement to kill the vultures. That city is infested by the fowls to an extent that is not equaled by any other Mexican coast city. Sanitary experts there have reported that instead of being a public benefactor as a scavenger the vulture has become a public nuisance and a menace to the health of the community

through the water supply. It is held by the experts who have framed an appeal to the national legislature that the birds be removed from the protection of the laws, that only under primitive conditions are they of

any benefit as scavengers. Where drainage is unknown and filth ts scartered broadcast the sanitary experts say the buzzard helps. But when modern conditions prevail the buzzard becomes a menace.

FIGHT FLAMES WITH WINE.

Hundreds of Gallons of Red Beverage Used in San Francisco Fire.

Son Francisco - Red wine, hundreds of gallons of it, was used in fighting. the flames in the Latin quarter on the slope of Telegraph hill, and the wine won.

The only available water supply was a well dug half a century ago. When the flames seemed almost conquered the pumps sucked air and the fire began to gain.

The Italian residents broke in their cellar doors, and barrel after barrel of red Italian wine was rolled out and their heads smashed in. The bucket brigade then turned from water to

Sacks were dipped in wine and used for beating out the fire. Beds were stripped of their blankets, and these were soaked in the wine and hung over exposed portions of the cottages, and men on the roofs drenched the shingles and the sides of the house with wine. Until 4 o'clock in the morning the fight was carried on, much of the time wine instead of water being used. Then the fire was practic-

ally extinguished.

Pope Uses Gramophone. The gramophone has been chosen by his holiness Plus X. to illustrate the sacred music described by his celebrated "Montu Proprio." His grace, the archbishop of Westminster, also allowed the gramophone to be used as a means of personally addressing the whole of the Catholic laity on the momentous question of religious education in the schools.

Pulpit for Sale. A bishop's robe, a portable pulpit,

a bookmaker's platform, bottles of champagne, horse medicines, sewing machines, bicycles, flatirons, Aipine stocks, snowshoes, cricket bats and billiard balls were among the things left in London railway carriages by absent minded passengers, and included in the annual salo.

MMUNITY FROM PNEUMONIA

May Be Ensured by Healthy Living and Attention to Sanitary Conditions.

Though modern medical science has decided that pneumonia is an infectious disease that fact need not terrify if one take a little trouble to learn something about the diesase. It is produced by a special microbe the existence of which is so common in the mouth of even healthy individuals that it is considered almost as a normal inhabitant of the upper part of the digestive tract. One reason why the saliva of a human being is likely to prove fatal to animals if injected subcutaneously is because the special property of the germ is to produce pus whenever it gains entrance directly under the tissues. It does not produce a purulent inflammation in pneumonia, because it lies on the mucous membrane of the lungs, but does not gain an entrance into the tissues. Sometimes it finds its way into the blood, but does not produce serious results unless the patient is much run down.

From these facts it can be seen that the problem of the method by which pneumonia is contracted is exceedingly difficult. The presence of the germ is not sufficient alone to produce the disease, but there must be a certain predisposition on the part of the patient, followed by the deposition of this germ on a mucous membrane.

Though the method of the distribution of the disease is not known defainitely it is acquired by mingling with crowds at a time when one is extremely tired, or when, for some reason or other, the interval since taking food has been longer than usual

Dr. Anders, who is an authority on efimatology, says in an article on lobar pneumonia: "The coincidence of existing low temperatures, high barometric pressure, the direction and velocity of the wind and maximum mortality from pneumonia is so uniform, constant as to suggest a close and direct relation between their combined influence and the progress of martal ity from pneumonia. But "the adda "the major influence by the secons, however, is probably not direct, that is, by a lowering of the bodily temperature resistance due to the law temperature, high barometric pressure. direction and velocity of the wind etc. but indirect, namely, by bringing about that effective element in the causation, concentration and in reased virulence of the specific poison in consequence of closed doors and windows and tack of free ventilation."

From these facts we see that we may professe immunity from pressmonta by healthy living, and that san-Itary conditions are needed rather than operation, something The term essentially a people who live in trash air and sunshine. Personal cleantiness is another factor in the prevention of tuberculosis and pneumonia, which are house diseases

FISH ROE IN CREAT DEMAND

Good Prices Offered in France for Important Product of Atlantic · Coast Fisherica.

There is now offered to the fisher. men of the New England coast a ready. and profitable market in France for fish roe or spawn, an important byproduct of the cod, hake and pollacks fisheries.

"The sardine fishery, a valuable industry of France," says Consul General Mason, "is confined principally to the 150 mile stretch of the Atlantic coast from Lorient to the mouth of the Gironde, the principal mart of the sardine fisherman being at Les Sabies d'Olonne. The far-line spawns in deep water and comes about five months of the year to shallow waters slows the coast in search of food. The different minute marine growths which form the matural food of the sardine have become depleted, and to order to attract and retain the immense shoals of that fish on the French coast the fishermen have been obliged for years to feed or balt the sardines with some material as similar as possible to their natural food. For this purpose the main recourse of the fisherman has been to the roe or eggs of codfish and mackerel, derived from the fisheries of Norway, pickled in salt bvine, packed in wooden barrels and Imported to France under the name of roe or codfish and mackerel, dutia-

Me at 16 cents per long ton. "There are engaged in the French sardine fishery about 2,000 boats, each of which uses under ordinary condisions about 25 barrels of roe during the fishing season of each year. Of this vast quantity about 30,000 barrels per annum have been derived from the Scandanavian fisheries, some from the French cod fisheries on the coast of Newfoundland and a small quantity from the United States The price, delivered in France, has ranged from \$12 to \$20 per barrel, but this year for some reason the supply from Norway has been abnormally small, and the price has advanced to nearly \$30 per barrel."

Getting Timid. Assistant-That railroad official wouldn't have pictures of his office taken.

Photographer-Why not? "Because I told him we couldn't de it by flashlight, and would have to make an exposure."--- Baltimore Amer-

The Eternal Problem. The Young Man (enthusiastically)-I say who is that beautiful woman

here? Do you know her? The Older One-I don't, though I've been married to her for the last five years! -- Bystander.

PICTURESQUE ROCK GONE.

Famous Old Landmark at Santa Monica Crumbles During Rainstorm.

Santa Monica, Cal.-After having withstood the storms for generalions. Dicturesque Arch rock, one of the historic landmarks of the beach above Port Los Angeles, has finally succumbed to the action of the elements, The rainstorm of Saturday night proved its undoing. Sunday morning it was discovered that the natural arch that spanned the two columns through which the county road passed had crumbled and fallen, blocking traf-

Arch rock was as old as the hills when the mission padres who preceded Father Junipero Serra to this bay first wended their way up the coast in search for an easy route to the Spanish missions situated farther north. It had no historic significance other than its natural beauty and romantio surroundings. It was a familiar landmark to all tourists, and taily he parties to this snot were included in all itineraries of the sightseers

Indians and Mexicans who lived in this section early in the century have handed down lits traditions as they received them from their sires and grandsires, and according to their stories the rock was formerly much larger than it is now and when the sea was at its height the waters rushing through the cave would roar and reecho as the mad breakers would dash against the sides of the tunnel. Year by year it has wasted away. The storm of last March hastened the disintegration, and the arch was further weakened a year ago when the road builders fore away the loose stones that threatened to fall upon pass.

PIPE COLD AIR FROM WELLS Cheap and Effective House Cooking

System Put in Use in Montana Town.

Helena, Mont The town of Thompson Falls, in Missonia county, has a strance system of cold storage. In the hottest days in summer it is possible to keep living rooms at a temperature of 55 degrees, and butter, eggs and meat are kept cook and frish without the least trouble. The best part of the cold storage system is that it costs absolutely nothing after the plant has been installed.

Thomps in Falls has a large number of wells that furnish cold, fresh air, which rushes upward all summer long. The wells are dug for water, but the supply of cold air is fully as important.

The wells of Thompson Falls are & little more than 60 feet in depth. The water veins are found in a gray I formation and are doubtless fed by the mountain snows at some distant place. The gravel is porous enough to admit of a freely moving current of air. which during the summer time rushes unward in currents strong enough to snuff out a match held over the webs.

The utility of the cold air currents ! was first observed in 1884, when the Thompson Falls Mercantile company used the cool air to keep butter oggs and meat in large quantities. The air can be piped in summer to rooms of houses. The wells are covered over tightly at the top, and large pipes tap the current a few feet below the surface of the ground. These pines conduct the air to different rooms in near by buildings.

For cold storage plants, a house is built above the well and the air rushes upward continuously, keeping the temperature at an unvarying point.

ENGLAND'S VAST INSURANCE

Home Companies Close Year with Balances That Are Tremendous.

London - The people of the British islands are now insured by 96 companies to the enormous total of £941,-879,726 (\$4,705,398,630), and this does not include the figures of the colonial and foreign companies. The blue book which annually appears on this sub-

ject, has just been published. Premiums were paid last year to the amount of £35,644,141 (\$178,220,795), and the year's claims came to £22,122,-435 (\$110,612,175), there being an increase under the latter head of £1.136. 742 (\$5,683.719).

The companies closed the year with balances amounting in the aggregate to £317,088,943 (\$1,585,444,715). Of this sum they now have almost £36,-000,000 (\$180,000,000) invested in land, house property and ground rents.

Does Devoured Church. From the loneliest mission station in the world, on an island 700 yards broad in the remote arctic regions north of Labrador, Rev. E. J. Peck ham reached England after a perilous voyage in a 50-ton schooner. The missfonarv's first church at Blackwell's island-Baffin Land, was made of seal skins, but met with an untimely fate, being completely devoured by Esquimaux dogs. In spite of privations Mr. Pecks and his colleague, Mr. Bilby, gave regular teaching to the neighboring Esquimaux and translated the New Testament and Genesis into Benn' and dialect.

Business Honesty.

"And now, my son," said the bank manager, "on this, the threshold of your business life, I desire to impress one thought upon you. Honesty, ever and always, is the policy that is bent."

"Yes, father," said the young man. "And, by the way, appended the graybeard, "I would urge you to read up a little common law. It will amane you to find how many things you cam do in a business way and still be non-

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