#### Question Has Disturbed Legislative Minds in the "Mother of Parliaments."

Time was, and not long ago, when an king was regarded as a "nasty" hapit, and the devotee of pipe or cigar was banished to the garden or the stables. Nowadays smokers are in the majority, and it is not surprising that they should war against what they regard as the intolerance of the minority. Middle-aged smokers remember their banishment to the stables, while the younger generation, although not -lace-inted by memories of persecution. or intolerance, claims, in the spirit of the age, the right to smoke almost. everywhere The attitude of Mr. Crombie, M. P., who raised the question of smoking in the libraries of the British house of commons, suggests that the reformed smoker may become even less tolerant of the use of tobacsee than the man who has been a lifetong abstainer from the weed. Mr. Crombie's protest against permitting sae parliamentary library out of five to be smoked in, although supported by 119 members, was rejected by a majority of 125. It is evident from the remarks of Mr. Harcourt and other members that the "best club in London" is overcowded; but members of the house who object to the use of tobacco-and it must be confessed that many people are nauseated by the smell-will have no serious grievance am surrendering one library out of five. the amokers

# PLANT KNOWS ITS FRIENDS

Beautiful Shrub of Ceylon Withers When Touched by the Hand of a Stranger.

"Uncanny," said a globe trotter, "is the splendid and flourishing sensitive plant of Ceylon. This plant causes you to wonder if plants, like us, can't feel pain, and think and, grieve.

ic are seated, in white linea clothes, under the palms of our host's garden beyond Colombo. We had just breakfasted and the native servants TENESKIDING TOOM CORES SHO HERES. "What plant is that? said I

"'A minosa, or sensitive plant,' my host answered, and added, turning to ittle daughter:

"Goudear and kiss the mimosa." "The child obeyed. Then she came back to us gleefully. The plant had not shrunk from her 'fresh young houch. Not a leaf had quivered. 'Now you go and kies it,' said our

bost to me. I advanced 7 pg. out my hand And my hand no somer touched the mimosa than it shivered, and the leaves willed as though frost bitten. "The plant knows my daughter."

our host explained, 'but you are a stranger to it." Good Welsh Rabbit Story George C. Boldt, the proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria, told at a banquet of hotel men a Welsh rabbit story.

we Life, "Visited a New York theater one evening and after the play decided that they would have a little supper-"They entered a fashionable restaurant, puzzled awhile over the menu and finally hit upon Welsh rabbit.

"Ah, they said, Weish rabbit! That sounds good. We'll try a little of 11

"So they ordered the dish and in due course it was set before them. "But they looked at it in amazement. It was not at all what they had

expected. They frowned and muttered. "But finally one of them smiled and

brightened up. "'Ah.' he said, 'I understand. This h a little bit of bread and cheese to

go on with till the rabbit's ready."

Ancient Phrases. A sieve used by millers for separating flour from the bran and other rejected substances was formely called a "temse." A very active workman pometimes set fire to the rim of the temse by the extreme friction caused between it and the wooden frame on which the sieve slid backwards and forwards. An idle fellow was far too slow to "set the temse on fire," and that expression came to be a proverb in England. After many years the sieve was confused with the Thames. the river. It ultimately came to be the rule to speak of "setting the Thames on fire." It is probable that this curious twisting of an English word gave rise to the American phrase, "He'll never set the river on

Unkind Insinuation. The story is told in Boston of a diseussion among the judges as to the choice of a stenographer. Most of them preferred a woman, but one ob-

fire." Obviously, failure to do that

implies no extraordinary tack of wit

or energy!

"Now why don't you want one?" asked Judge S. "You know they are generally more to be depended on

"That may be all so," replied Judge B, but you know that in our cases we often have to be here very late! There are always watchmen and other grands in the confiders. Do you think it would be prudent to have a wom-"an staying with any of the judges as late as might be necessary for a #tening ar hear?

"Why what are you afraid of? Couldn't you holler?" questioned

Between the Horns. Johnny "What is a diference". Tomnive Well, it's when you can't #if down because your pa licked you for gonax in swimming and you can't stand up because a crab bit your too.

## CAS IN CITY OF LONDON.

In Many Ways It Has Distinct Advantage Over Even Improved

Electric Lighting. The decision to use gas in preference to the electric arc for the artificial lighting of the new station at Victoria marks another stage in the duel between the two illuminants. Few of us, perhaps, restize how long that duel has been in progress. It is nearly 50 years since the arc light was used in the building of Westminster bridge; it is nearly 30 years since it first illuminated Waterloo bridge, a portion of the embankment and the entrance of the Calety theater. Since those early days it has passed through many stages of improvement, but at each of them it has been met by a corresponding improvement in gas lighting, and it has had a hard struggle to keep a place in London streets. Apparently even the rosy glow of the "flaming" are fails to illuminate the atmosphere of darkest London as successfully as pressure gas; and it is

more expensive. But if electricity cannot hold its own in the lighting of large open spaces in London, there is a steadily widening field for it indoors. The time is near at hand when, with the cheapening of the production of electricity and the discovery of a more economical filament for the incandesrent lamp, the use of gas will be confined to the kitchen and the street.-London Daily Graphic.

## IN LANGUAGE OF SCIENCE.

Prof. Thompson's Announcement of Discovery Might Puzzle Average Lay Beader.

"No wonder," said a poet, "that no one cares to read the works of Haeckel, Darwin, Spencer, Huxley, and so on. These men have much to say, but they don't know how to say it. They have never taken the time to learn to

He drew his notebook from his

When Prof. Thompson," he resumed. Thit on a new variety of cathodo rave, he announced his discovery in these terms

" Of an orthocathodic character, a deflectible fluorescifient excitant; of a paracathodic character, a deflectible fluorescifient nonexcitant; of a diacathodic character. a nondeflectible fluorescifient nonexcitant; of an isocathodic character, a deflectible, nonfor 40 or 50 pages."

Governor Had No Objection. The late Natt Head, once governor of New Hampshire, sometimes surprised those who approached him to gain influence by his witty parrying of their requests. Col. Barrett, an estimable official

upon the governor's stan," died, and with unseemly haste his would-be even while his body was awaiting burial with military honors.

One candidate; somewhat: bolder. than the rest, ventured to call upon Gov. Head, thinking to ascertain the bent of the governor's mind upon the important question.

"Governor," he asked, not to speak in a manner too, positive, "do you think you would have any objections if I was to get into Col. Barrett's place?"

The answer came promptly: "No, I don't think I should have any objections, if the undertaker is willing."

# "Wetting the Whistle."

There is good reason to believe that when we speak of "wetting the whis-"tle," in the common sense of taking a drink, whether of strong liquors or merely water, the word used ought to be "whittle," not "whistle." And in like manner the "wet" seems to have been originally and more properly "whet." In rual England "Whittle" is a common name for cutting instruments and implements, among others the scythe. Indeed, it was especially applied to that farming necessity of old times before the mowing machine and the reaper. In harvest fields when a man stopped work to whet his scythe or "whittle" he usually took a drink of some kind, if he could get it. So to "whet the whittle," or sharpen the scythe, came to mean, also, getting a drink. Hence the distortion of the phrase into "wet the whistle."

Victory of Push and Publicity. Push has made American men what they are to-day. It is the great Amerfean spirit condensed into a monosyllable. Hand in hand with push goes publicity as a motive power toward success. The two are so close that it is difficult to know them apart. The man of push is a champion of publicity. If he has a good thing he wishes the public to know about it. If he has goods to sell there must be push and publicity if he would convert those goods into income. What is the use of having the goods to sell if no one knows of them? How are the buyers to be found? Pish and publicity will provide the articles to be sold and the persons to buy them. Push and publicity are the antidotes of stagnation and starvation -- Louisville Courier-Journa!

# Nearly a Man.

"I suppose you've noticed," said young Cholly Kallow, "that I've stopped smoking cigawettes." "Have you, indeed" replied Miss

Pepprev "Yaas, I smoke an occasional cigar

"The idea" Why, you're becoming pasitively mannish."

# WHY THUNDER SOURS MILK

Electricity in the Air Sets Microbes Working with Wonderful Energy.

The second secon ----To many persons the curdling of milk in a thunderstorm is a mysterious and unintelligible ph nomenom. Yet the whole process really is simple and natural.

Milk, like most other substances, contains millions of bacteria. The milk bacteria that in a day or two, under natural coaditions, would cause the fluid to sour, are peculiarly sumceptible to electricity. Electricity in:spirits and invigorates them, affecting them as alcohol, cocaine or strong ten affect men. And under the current's influence they fall to work with amazing energy, and instead of taking a couple of days to sour the milk, they accomplish the task com-

pletely in half an hour. It is not the thunder in a storm that sours milk; it is the elegaricity in the air that does it. With an electric battery it is easy, on the same! principle, to sour the freshest milk. A strong current excites the microbess to supermicrobic exertions, and in m' few minutes they do a job that under ordinary conditions would take them a couple of days.

Employers of labor regret that electricity has not a similar effect on workmen. They say that if it had they would use a good deal of it surreptitiously.

### SCENIC MARVEL OF IDAHO.

Why the General Public Knows So-Little About the Wonderful Snake River.

The world is less familiar with the Snake river of Idaho than with anyother river of importance in the United States; and yet it is our seventh largest river-more than 1,000 miles long, says the World's Work. It is one of the most wonderful and impressive waterways In the world The few who have tried to follow its winding course through wild and forbidding extents of lava plateaux do not wonder that so little is known of it, for no railroads traverse the lifeless desert that borders it, and no outs for hundreds of miles at a stretch dare ply its waters. It is navigable for only 100 miles from its junction with the Columbia to the Idaho boundary, and in several isolated sections of the interior. For the greater part of its course it flows through old and magnificent canyons of its own making through desolate and awful wagter the result of votoithe custors and of convulsions of the earth.

#### Expert Medical Attention.

There are still remote districts in Austria where the country apothecary acts as a doctor and uses the oldfashioned remedies. Recently one of these elderly practitioners was summoned in haste to see a postilion who was down with fever. The apothecary had had a long sitting in the vitlage one minutantly. He prescribed leach es for his patient, and as the latter's wife didn't seem to understand what to do with them, he undertook to just them on the patient's legs himself. But in spite of all his efforts, the leoches refused to stick, and finally the doctor's patience was exausted and he was about to give up the job, when the wife, who had been watching him with a gaping mouth, suddenly said: "Wouldn't it be better, Herr Doctor,, if my husband's leather breeches were taken off first?"

## A "Murrican" City.

The American who means to stop in Chester for the day, which may so profitably and pleasantly extend itself to a week, cannot do better than in: struct himself more particularly in the history of which I find myself so ignorant, for all my show of learning. I would have him distrust this act at every point, and correct it from better authorities. Especially I should have him mistrust a story told in Chester of the american who discovered a national origin in the guide book's mention of one of the Mercian kings who extended his rule so far from the midland counties. The traveler read the words American. and pronounced it as the English believe we all do. "My dear," he said to his wife, "this town was settled by the 'Murricans."-W. D. Howells, in Harper's Magazine.

A Kansas university professor sear ed himself at his dinner table and bowing the head, started, "Dear Lord we thank," when the telephone beli rang. He went to the 'phone, had a short talk with the calling party and, returning to the table, bowed his head and made another start. Three words were permitted to issue this time when "ting-a-ling" went the 'phone and the performance was repeated. He made the third and fourth attempts to say grace, only to be interrupted by the phone. At the fifth trial he seat-

How the Professor Prayed.

bellowed: "Dear Lord, hello!"--Manhattan (Kan) Republic. Stand on One Leg. There appears to be no end to the variety of health exercises, and the

ed himself at the table, reverently

bowed his head and in stentorian tones

latest is the most novel of them all. "Standing on one leg." asserts Stylifes. "is the finest exercise in the world" He devotes a quarter of an hour by the clock to it every day, and on one misguided occasion he actually kept his balance for 25 minutes at a stretch "It exercises every muscle in the body," he declares, "and keeps me in tip-top condition. I should advice your readers to begin with a minute at a time. They will find it quite

enough."

#### HEIGHT OF ATMOSPHERE. One Hundred and Thirty-One Miles, Eays Scientist, and He Has

Measured It. One hundred and thirty-one miles is the height of the atmosphere as measured by Prof. T. J. J. See, who determines the thickness of the air envelope by noting the difference between the time of sunset and the complete disappearance of blue from the

The moment at which the blue changes into black can be observed quite easily with approximate certainty by the naked eye when the air is clear, and by trigonometry may be ascertained the distance below the portzon of the sun at the moment of change. By this means may be calculated the height of the smallest illuminated particles of oxygen and nitrogen, which give to the sky its bluest tint by the reflection of the smaller wave lengths of the sun's

light. . The instant the change from blue to black is possibly a little difficult of exact observation, but the method is not more doubtful than that based on the observation of shooting stars." The shooting star method gives a result not greatly differing from the vanishing blue method. The former gives the height of the almosphere at 109 miles.

## WOMEN ARE NOT STINGY.

Writer Declares They Are More Generous Than Men in Giving "Tips" to Help.

"It is a libel on woman to say that she is stingy," said a waiter. "Woman, in her tips, is more generous and

openhanded than man is. "I mean, of course, according to her means. I would rather wait on a workingwoman-a crack stenographer or lingerie buyer, say-than on the average man. She tips better always. ce woman who heren towerk, who must rely on her husband for every cent; the woman who is as helpless and dependent as a child so far as to her means, tips better than a man, too, but, of course, a dime to her IA AS OLZ A SUM AS IT IS TO A DOY OF girl. It is as big as a dollar is to a

man or to a working woman. "Yes, women are more generous than men with money. The only women who have even the appearance of stinginess are those unjucky ones, often well dressed enough, who must ask for every cent"

#### Not a Doubt of It. "That proposition is self-evident," sald Senator Beveridge, in the course

of an argument. It reminds me of

two men at a horse race." "The race was crowded and one of the men was short while the other was tall. The short man could see nothing. The tail man had to look on

for both. And during the principal tween them:

- "Where's Scarlet now?" "'He's leading fine."
- "And now?" "'Hang it, he's down."
- Now?
- "'He's up. He's leading again." "'Now-where is be?"
- "'S:Ill leading." -" 'And now?'
- "He still leads."
- "Thereupon the short man exciaimed in great excitement: By jiminy, if he maintains it he'll

How They Stood.

Mr. George McCrae, M. P., amused members of the Heriot club, Edinburgh, the other night at their annual dinner with a few political stories. He told how on one occasion Mr. John Redmond was wasting the time of the house of commons by wandering greatly from his subject, till at last the speaker had to call him to order. "All right," said the Irish orator, "I shall not repate that what I was going to say." Another story concerned Mr. McCrae himself. He was holding forth in the Canongate on the merits of free trade, when an elector stood up and shouted: "How did we stand 50 years ago?" The answer came from another elector: "Ou two legs,"-Westminster Ga-

Scarcity of Hickory Wood. Hickory, one of, if not the most valuable of our native woods, has become so scarce that many substitutes have of necessity been found for it. The wonderful increase in the demand for buggles and carriages of the finer class had much to do with the virtual exhaustion of the great American bickory forests. England, Germany, China, Australia, South Africa and the South American countries made strong requisitions on the American supply. Years ago the supply of this fine would north of the Ohio rive had been en hausted. Despite substitutes and

changed conditions, hickory remains

one of the most valuable of American

A Question of Means and End. John Morley, secretary of state for India, himself one of the very few men in British public life who do not golf the declares he's not old enough yet to begin it), tells of an incident in a practice game to those same famous North Berwick links. A laird and his son were playing. when the younger man sent a ball whizzing dangerously near his fa-

"Ye maunna kill pa!" explaimed the caddle, then adding, after a thoughtful pause: "Maybe ye'll be the eldest son?"

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## A PERIODICAL IN HIMSELF. 1

New York Merchant Had Claim to Fame, Though Not Altogether Literary.

It was Oliver Wendell Holmeswas it not?—who was asked, after he had made a trip across the ocean, if he had done any literary work while on board the ship, and answered that he "had been a frequent contributor to the Atlantic."

Somewhat similar is the anecdote related of a New York merchant whose business had required him to make several jouneys to San Fran-

ciseo and back during the year. While on one of these long trips, after he had exhausted the stock of reading-matter he had brought with him, he was showing a fellow passenger a bundle of the popular magazines that formed a part of the sup-

"You don't seem to have the Overland Monthly here," remarked the Dassenger.

"Huh!" exclaimed the New Yorker. "I'm the overland mouthly my-

# CERTAIN DEATH FOR ONE.

Bussian "Suicide Duel" Leaves No Hope for Participant Who May Be Unlucky.

A tragedy, remantic on the surface but in reality throwing a repulsive light on the hollowness of life in Russia, is reported from Moscow. Two young Poles named Nidetzki and

Komorovsky, attending a ball given y Count Fradersyn, were both so smitten with the heauty of the count's daughter that though friends from... boyhood, they at once became deadly enemies and before the ball was half over had determined upon a duel to the death by that most strange but most deadly of all methods - the sulcide of one of the combatants. It was decided that the loser of a game of erarte should kill himself and toward the end of the ball the infatuated pair went to the card room for their game of death. In a few miguies Komorovsky har

took the first express for Ber'in As for the fair cause of the tragedy. she was so little impressed that within a few days she had accepted a,proposal from a Russian nobleman.

Passing of the English Inn.

himself through the heart. Ni fetzki-

quietly drawing a recover

Tourists in England are deploring the passing of the inn, that homely and compociable institution long timed in English romance and history Indeed, the country and seaside hotels. have lost that distinction which once attracted Americans and Lace to a fallen into the commonplace of any other hostelry. In becoming like all the rest, the English country have been missed the admirable cooking and extraordinary cheapness of its continent. al rival. Prices have increased with-our reasons It is claimed that the

of the old to the new, and moreover that a greater change is yet to come The country inukceoper is to be away ened to a sense of his responsibilities. That gastronomic horror; "the course dinner," is to worry incompetent cooks and dissatisfy cosmopolitan patrons and the rustic charm of the inn will completely vanish under BE lattempt to imitate Claridge's and other metropolitan hotels.

Brawls, North and South Two young men filled with mixed opinions and beverages proceeded to dust the asphalt of Surf avenue with each other a few nights ago, and immediately a crowd that had been headed toward a park entrance tacked across the street to see the free fight

"Set me down any place in the eastern states," drawled a lank tar heel here to see the sights, as he watched the human ring form around the fight ers, "and I'll tell you, as soon as a fight starts, whether I'm north or south of the Mason and Dixon line. When a scrap begins up this way you all swarm toward the battlefield like ants to a jug of lasses. Down our way the first punch is the signal for everyone within range of a six-shooter to scatter for cover."-N. Y. San.

## "Fields of Peace."

It was the beilef of the ancient Experians, according to a recent writer, that everything, material and immaterial, had its immortal double Out of this grew the idea of a life in the future state of perfect happiness for the "Fields of Peace." For a long time the common people regarded these "Fields of Peace" not as a celestial place but as situated in the fertile and well-watered regions of the Nile delta in the northwest of Egypt, where the blessed ever breathed the cool north wind. Here they lived an ideal form of their life upon earth They plowed their fields and grew the grain which supplied them with the "bread which grew not stale and beer that never became sour." Here was situated the duplicate of their earthly towns or villages.

Where Nutriment Is Lost. If meat is put into cold water first for bolling there will be a constant oozing of albumen from it. There will be found more albumen in the seum that arises than in the meat itself. Mutton, "cornbeef or fish if first put into scalding water will have the pores at once plugged by the surface albumen, and thus all that is vitally preclous will be retained. . By putting salt in the water quick coagulation is especially aided. The nutritive quality of fish and its flavor is best obtained by roasting or baking. FarmJOKED WITH THE BUREAU Second Expense Account of Special

Examiner Showed He Had a Scute of Humor. Ex Commissioner of Pensions Ware

told an amusing story of the expense accounts of a special examiner of the bureau, is the American Spectator. The first account, when examined at the end of the month, was found to contain the Rem: "Porter, 50 cents." The auditing office promptly notified the examiner that the government did ing pay for the malt refreshments of its servants; whereupon the examinex patiently explained that the 50 confs had been given to the porter on a train for helping with his baggage. He was then informed that the item would be allowed, but that in future in similar cases he would use the form "porterage."

When the account for the following month was received the auditor was astonished to find a charge of two dollars for "cabbage."

"He must be running a boarding house or a rabbit farm," was the of

ficer's comment. It was only after another exchange of letters that it developed that it had been for local transportation, and not for vegetables, that the expenditure had been made.

# AN ERA OF PROSPERITY. --

Southern States Have Added Twelve Billion Dollars to Wealth in Score of Years.

In 1985 the seven states of Alabama. Arkansas, Georgia Louisiana Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas had only \$117,000,000 capital invested in manufacturing: to-day they have \$672,000 -1000 so invested, an increase of \$455,-000.00%

These seven states, with Mississippt added, increased the value of their farm property \$1,347,000,000 in 1890 over 1499 and \$706,000,000 in 1900 over 1890 or hy \$2,000 such und in 1900 over 168. All kinds of crops are raisedcotton fruit, poultry, hogs, live stock, boming etc. The southern positry brings \$25 mboom a veer and the eggs the fair the state of the butter production of the south is 260. 000 000 pounds a year, and the total annual value of the animal product is \$250,000,000. The annual value of the total farm product of these eight states is nearly \$905,000,000

Other southern states are doing well. Twelve billion dollars will not cover the entire south's interease in only a store of years in farm values bank deposits products of factories and farm products.

Probably True - Wholly unintent, half, but felt sharply by its recipient, nevertheless, was the rebuke an old colored "mammy" and distered the other day to her mistress who belongs to an amazing number of clubs. The family has a privileged old servant does not altoreturn approve of some in should the modern woman. One day her mistress had a dozen club friends out to luncheon in her brond, and the feast was apread on the parel By and by the hostess heard a lively col-Begung between her eidest hopeful, seven years old, and the nurse . test git down outen dat tree," said the mirae "You want to fall out and kill vourself; do you? Well, [you just fry it and see what good if it do you.

## Blessed Sleep.

You' mother, she dut busy right now

she won't even hab time to go to you'

The German emperor rises at five o'clock in the morning and goes to bed at one o'clock at night his regular hours of sleep being thus reduced to four. During his long day of 29hours there naturally occur intervals of leisure. He possesses the happy faculty of being able to fall asleep anywhere and at any time. If he throws himself in full uniform on a sofn he can-be sound asteep within 60 seconds. Blessed are they who can make sleep come when they call her! Napoleon had this power, Grant had, its Gen Horace Porter relates that the night before the great fighting that culminated in Lee's surrender at Appointation, Grant; telling his offcers that they had better get a INtie sleep, as they would have a good deal of hard work the next day, threw himself on a lounge and was asleep in two or three minutes.

When A Person Is Half Drowned. After a person, practically drowned, has been brought to a place of safety, directly on reaching shore loosen all clothing on the rescued one, no matter if the clothing amounts to no more than a bathing suit. If you have some one to assist you all the better. Lift the victim and hold him head down, shaking the body gently. This will start the water in the lungs flowing out of the mouth. Act quickly, When the flow of water comes law the person on his back and see to it. that the tongue is well forward in the mouth. Take a towel or handkerchief! and wipe away any murous or froth. place a support under the shoulders' sufficient to elevate that part of the body so that the head will tilt back. This will help to clear the throat. This begin artificial respiration.

Qt. So Soft! "I met someone to-day," said May Bright, "who is very much smitten

"The idea!" exclaimed Bess Bute; then, after a thoughtfirl pause she asked: "Who was it?"

"Just think a moment." -"I am thinking; thinking hard." "Hard' You'll never guess that way. Think of something soft,"

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