WANTED TO HASTEN TIME.

Youngster Was Ambitious to Shine Like His Papa.

There is a certain young hopeful who is ambitious to reach the years of discretion. He admires his father very much, and this is the basis for the ambition.

The desire to reach this happy state war voiced not very long ago as the result of a midnight conversation with whe aforesaid father. The latter had satiended a banquet, and for the sake of festive ornamentation he had worn a red rose in his button-hole. Upon arriving home everybody was asleen but his smallest son, who sat up in bed and surveyed the paterfamalias. The rive caught his eye.

"Papa, where did you get the wed rose? be queried. "Someone gave it to me," was the

"Why did they give it to you?" "Oh, I'm a hot sport, and everybody gives me flowers," was the offhand reply as the red rose was passed over. with it clasped tightly he fell

anleep. The next day he approached his mother.

"Mamma, how long will it be before I get to be a man?" "It will be a long time. Why do -you want to know?"

'Cause I want to grow up and be a het sport like my old man. And, after all, who can criticise such a laudable ambition?

PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK OF ART.

If You Can Figure Out How It Was Accomplished.

Mrs. S. had presented her washerwoman with an amateur photograph of her young son, aged six months, clothed only in infantile innocence, but turning his back upon the scene and embracing the dog a la a well-known spainting. A little later the craze for enlarging family portraits struck the town like a tidal wave; and the crest of the wave was assuredly Mrs. S.'s laundress. "We had that photograph you give us of Towser and the baby done along with the rest. Pa said we might's well," announced the washercoman's small daughter. "But there wasn't anything in the picture but Towser," said Mrs. S., "and the baby's back." "Oh, we took out Towser." said the child. "Took out Towser!" exclaimed Mrs. S. "That must look queer-just the baby, all alone, with ble back turned." "Oh, but you see, we turned him around and put a dress op him," was the answer.

Beautiful Hands.

The beautiful hand is slender at the wrist and has long tapering fingers. A short thumb may be a hereditary characteristic, but it is said to show

want of intellect. Nails should be thin, oval and pink. sidered in good taste and to make them very pointed suggests that the hands to which they belong are in-

" English women, as a rule, have wellshaped if somewhat large hands, and they are firm in grasp, soft, and of

good color. French women have small, well shaped hands, but the most beautiful hands in Europe are found in Italy

and Spain. In India women's hands are exquisitely formed and dimpled-hands, in-

deed, with every attribute of beauty.

Plety Run to Seed.

in the recently published memoirs of Comtesse de Boigne, who lived 100 years ago, appears the following: "I had a great speculative veneration forthat youthful Louise de Conde, weeping for the crimes of her country at the foot of altars. I had formed a romantic idea of her, but it was necpenary to avoid seeing the heroine. Common, vulgar and ignorant, she was middle-class in her thoughts, in. her sentiments, in her actions, words and person. One was tempted to pity red for being so constantly importuned by her; she called on Him for help in all the most futile circumrtances of her puerile existence. I have seen her offer up a prayer to recover a ball of wool which had failen under her chair."

More Platinum The Commercial and Industrial Gazette, of St Petersburg, describes a new deposit of platinum that has been found in the Urals on the river Schumich. The sand is easily acceesible, and the platinum is so plentiful that poachers, with the most primitive washing apparatus, have been making an average of \$100 a menth. Bitherto only gold had been obtained in that region. The color of the platinum is dark, and it is hoped that it contains fridium. There is a bries struggle going on between the poachers and regular miners, and a hody of troops has been sent to the geens to protect the latter

Present Literary Demand. Some demand for all kinds of reflec tive writing is now very email, and the vehicles for such writing are di minishing in number. The paying public of to-day was: to be told how to do things where to go what to read, how to dress and persave and how to keep string in a string box in short, how to do the things which their parents did every day of their gives by common sense and mother wit. At present it is indifferent to consys and poetry and every kind of pure literature. - London T. P. s.

Weekly.

NEWEST IN NEW YORK HOTELS.

Fine Place, Where a Room with Bath Can Be Had for \$12 a Day.

Everything seems to be drifting to ward hotels and theaters, says the New York Press. We wonder and never cease to wonder that capitalists continuously invest their money in such ventures, which pay or do not pay four per cent. It begins to look us if all of us will by and by live in hotels and sell our houses to those "not in the know," or to such as have "money to burn." Our newest hotel has 800 rooms and 500 bathrooms. its foundation is 60 feet deep, which means at least six stories under ground. Above ground there are 29 stories. A few years ago two stories, or about 22 feet, was the limit.

I do not know who invented that phrase staggers humanity. It is a good one. It illustrates very well the progress of the mechanic arts. In this newest hotel 1,200,000 pounds of iron were used in the framework-or one floor alone more than 600 tons. More than 1,000,000 enameled bricks were used to make the front walls look attractive. Some of the heaviest swells and ballooners in new and old society have taken rooms, the prices for small apartments ranging from \$11,000 to \$45,000 a year. For "transients"—European plan — nine dollars a day, with bath, \$12.

WATCHES NEEDED NO WINDING. Wonderful Timepieces Made by a

Master of the Art. "Watchmaking is no longer what it

used to be," said a collector. "Where will you find to-day artists making and selling readily watches worth \$2,500 apiece?

"Brequet was the greatest watchmaker the world has ever seen. He was a Swiss, but he lived in France. The watch collector who hasn't a Brequet timepiece has a sadly incomplete collection.

"Brequet watches were the acme of beauty, of originality and of accuracy. One played a tune every hour, another had on its dial little figures that danced, a third was a self-winder.

"They were very ingenious, those Brequet self-winding watches. They worked ou the pedometer principle The motion of the body in walking kept them wound.

"I have a Brequet self-winder and sometimes, out of curiosity, I carry it for a week or two. My stride winds it: it never runs down, and it keeps. after all these years, fairly good time."

Had Business Instinct. United States Consul Halstead of Birmingham. England, tells this story: "A farmer noticed customers in the grocer's shop picking over the celery to find the best-looking bunches, and it occurred to him to take more pains with his celery and see if it would bring a better price. He bought some pink tape and tied the celery with it in neat bunches and found that it sold quickly and brought more money. After that he marketed all his produce in the most attractive manner, putting labels on his fruit baskets with the name of the variety, wiping his apples, selecting and labeling his tomatoes, always treating his fruit and vegetables as if they were worthy of distinction. The fame of his produce grew, he enlarged his business and became a wealthy man all because of the pink

tape on the celery."

streets the next day.

Might Almost Claim Charmed Life. A five-year-old boy, the son of Frederick William Shepherd, of the Sol diers' Institute, Frimley, England, had a remarkable double escape from death while traveling by train between Reading and Maidenhead, recently. The boy was looking out of the window, when the door opened and he fell out. When the train was brought to a standstill the boy was seen walking along the opposite metals on which an express was approaching at a high speed. The boy was dashed to the ground by the express before his father could reach him, but when the express passed he rose to his foot and ran toward his father with his head and face covered with blood. His face was badly cut, but he was in the

Weighing Costs Him. "I'm getting so that I haven't the will power to go by one of these penny-in-the-slot weighing machines without getting weighed," said a thin man the other day. "I nearly always lose. flesh during the hot weather and # worries me, although I really don't lose enough to do me any harm. I keep wondering if I have lost any or if I am gaining and I find that I'm actually losing my will power along with my weight. After I try one scale I wonder if it gave me my correct weight and I try the next one and then the next one

"I figured up roughly how many times I must have got weighed and I found that I must have been spending about 75 cents a week on those

She Could Swim. "Look here" exclaimed the irate suburbanite, as he floundered about

in the green water and soft mud. when I bought this lot didn't I tell you I had just been married?" "You did, sir replied the land

Well, do you think this is the proper place to bring a bride? "I do, sir Indn't I hear you call

her Duckie two or three times?"

## BABY CROP IS SCANT

WOMEN IN EVANSTON, ILL., HOW-EVER, ARE PLENTIFUL.

Feminine Population of Fashionable Chicago Suburb Greatly Outnumbers Masculine—Figures of Recent Census.

Chicago.—Evanston, north shore city of wealth, pride and culture, is gaining in feminine population, is losing her masculine inhabitants and ta

confronted with race suicide. This situation, regarded-by sociologists as affording food for reflection, was revealed the other day with the completion of the city's annual school

census. The figures showed an increase of 470 in the feminine population, a decrease of 42 in the number of masculine inhabitants and an increase of only seven in the number under 21

years of age. The census taker found that race suicide was prevalent almost altogether in the homes of the wealthy. In that part of the city given over to luxury, which furnished a total population of about 12,000 in school district No. 75, there were just about the same number of children that there were in the Fifth and Sixth wards, which furnished only 4,000 people. Victor McCulloch, the census taker, who is a Northwestern university student, said that even this showing in the wealthy homes was much better than it would have been had it not been that the maids and other servants under 21 years of age were included as among "the children.

And there are considerably less children altogether in proportion to adults than there were a year ago. Especially in large districts of the city, which show an increase in the total population, there was a sharp decline in the number of children from last year. In the city as a whole there was an increase of just seven children under 21 years of age during the year. There are 4.197 boys under 21 years of age. a loss of five for the year, and there are 4.769 girls under 21 years, an increase of 12. School district No. 76, which includes the Third and Fourth wards in the southern part of the city. showed a total growth of 79, but at the same time a loss of 66 children

under 21 years of age. That Evanston is a woman's paradise is shown in the census' revelation that there are 1.968 more females than males in the city. Last year the preponderance of women was only 1,456, but with 42 men gone there were enough females born or who moved into the town to add 512 to their majority. In fact, the city's growth has been entirely among its feminine population, no male having arrived to replace the 42 who departed. So the women have brought the total figures to 24,324, an increase of 428 over last

"If the women continue to increase and the men continue to decrease the situation will offer a problem too deep for even President Roosevelt." said one observer. "No matter how much the women might be inclined toward matrimony, their opportunities are lacking. Evansion will become an old maids' home."

A circumstance that has proved a surprise is the growth of race suicide among the negro population. Mr. Mc-Culloch said that on Benson avenue. and in other districts occupied by negroes, the number of children was surprisingly small, not larger, in fact, than in the homes of the rich whites. Almost the only exception to the rule of small families among negroes was in the home of Rev. Mr. Gales, pastor of the Second Baptist church, where there was a family of eight children.

University students were not included in the census. Had they been, the total population would have beennearly 2,000 greater and the disproportion of women even larger.

SIGNS PLEDGE NOT TO FLIRT:

Husband of Eight Months Will Make "Eyes" No More at Girls.

Pittsburg. -- Marry Mellows and Stephen Kerlock went to the marriage license office eight months ago, got a license and were married. Now, Mary has come back leading Stephen by the hand. As she had procured the necessary right to marry at that particular office, she concluded that it was there that she should air her troubles.

- Every since her marriage, she told the license clerk, her husband has persistently flirted with other girls. Even in church, when her head was bowed in worship Stephen would be maxing eyes at the pretty girls

around him. Once he took another girl to church and into a front pew while the wife occupied the family pew in rage.

Kerlock admitted all was true without the least shame. "You will have to sign a pledge to quit firting," the clerk told him. After much healtation he did so, and Mary, happy, led him away again.

Uses Fireflies as a Lamp.

Riverside, N. J.-Caleb Hatch was out late the other night with his bicycle with no lamp, and not caring to risk riding through the town without a light on his wheel he picked up a half pint whisky flask by the wayside and put a dozen fireflies in it. This he flung on the front of his machine and the flashing "lightning bugs" saved him from arrest, as the local policemen were satisfied when Hatch rode by with his wheel "all lit up."

KISSES FOR HER RESCUERS.

Miss Bush Rewards Modest Heross Who Saved Her from Drowning.

New York.—The foot of West Twenty-fifth street, Coney Island, was the scene of a gallant rescue of a girl from drowning in the surf, the heroes of the affair dragging the imperiled bather ashore after a hard struggle, and then dodging modestly into a tent when cheered by the crowd on the beach.

The rescued one was Miss Edna Bush, daughter of Joseph Bush, a retired merchant of Binghamton, N. Y. With her mother and brother, Harrison Bush, Miss Bush was visiting the island. While in the surf she got beyond her depth, and, being a poor swimmer, cried for help. In the water near her were Edward Walsh of Brooklyn, and Corp. G. Montmorency Carolan, of the Third battery, Brooklyn. Walsh and Carolan, with several friends, are camping out on the beach in a tent. Walsh, who is an expert swimmer, swam to the side of Miss Bush and kept her afloat while he tried to get into shallow water with her. The struggles of the frightened girl hampered the rescuer, but be pluckily stuck to the task. He was having a hard time of it when Carolan swam up on the other side of the girl and assisted him. The two finally succeeded in getting Miss Bush ashore. Both were exhausted by their efforts. The girl was none the worse for her experience. The mother of the girl rushed forward to thank the rescuers, but the two ran to their tent and modestly took refuge in it. Mrs. Bush and her daughter, however, went to them later and expressed their gratitude.

"Oh, it was nothing," returned Walsh; "we only did our duty." "Well, you'll have to take this slight reward, anyhow," declared Miss Bush, impulsively, as she kissed each of them squarely on the lips.

BAVES CHILD FROM SNAKE. Mother is Chased by Nine-Foot Rattier

After Slashing It with Knife.

Mt. Holly, N. J.-From Beverly, a farming village several miles from this place, comes a snake story, and they have the dead snake, nine feet long, to back up the story. Minnie Jackson, four years old was wandering about the farm of her father, William Jackson, on the swamp road, near

Beverly, not far from the marshes. The child's mother was at work near the house. The mother was attracted by the child's cries and grabbed up a large knife with which she had been working and ran to the child. She found the child standing perfectly still, except for her screams, gazing at the big rattler which was coiled, with head raised, ready to strike; but, as the child kept just far enough away, he remained ready, but unmoving.

Mrs. Jackson's approach alarmed the snake, and just as she grabbed the child by the arm and snatched her away the snake lunged and missed. Instantly it coiled again, and as it did Mrs. Jackson swung with her knife and cut it along the back. The saake struck again the instant it had coiled, but Mrs. Jackson was running then and carrying the child, and the blow fell short. The snake wriggled forward, coiled again and was in the act of striking a third time when John Jackson, a son of the woman, arrived with a bale stick and broke the reptile's back with a blow as its coils were unwinding in the strike.

PHONES HOTEL FOR "NIGHTIE."

Man at Union League Appeals to Great Northern for Slumber Robe.

Chicago.—Night gowns evidently were scarce the other night at the Union League club! Shortly after ten o'clock the Great Northern hotel was

called by telephone. "Have you any night gowns over there that are-not-working?" asked a voice at the other end of the wire.

"No," shouted the indignant clerk who held the receiver at his ear. "Do you think his is a haberdashery or a department store? This is the Great Northern hotel."

"I know that, all right," the voice answered, "but I'm over at the Union League. I haven't any nightle here, and I can't sleep without one."

A bellboy was sent at once to the linen room to get one of several night robes which guests had left in their rooms through forgetfulness when leaving the hotel. A moment later a bellboy from the Union League club arrived at the hotel to get the gar-

"I ain't sayin' who it's fow," he said. "but if you had heard the noise he made- Say, I got to skiddoo." And out he went.

Has Albino Cathird.

Carlisie, Pa.-An Albine cathird is the prize possession of Abram Eck man, a farmer living near here. Lash spring a pair of cathirds nested in a tree in Eckman's yard. One of the young was white. The little bird could not fly and a member of the family picked it up, when it was discovered to be an affino, pure white, with pink eyes. It is now placed in a large cage, hung in the yard, where it is fed daily by one of the parents.

Deceives Girl; Army Avenges. Leavenworth, Kan -- Private James M. Pyne, Sixteenth artillery battery, was tried by court-martial and sentenced to three years in the military penitentiary for breaking his promise to marry, and defrauding a girl of money. The girl is an army nurse, whose name the military authorities. refuse to divuige. Gen. Godfrey approved the sentence.

ELEPHANT LOVED MONEY.

Nearly Killed Keeper Who Tried to Pick Up His Nickel.

New York -Gundi, a trick elephant in the Brong goological gardens, nearly killed Otto Hoffman, a keeper, on account of a five-cent piece. Hoffman is suffering from fractured ribs and internal injuries, and the elephant is atill in a surly mood

Gundi is reputed to be one of the wisest and most avaricious elephants in captivity. In fact, it was avarice that led to the attack on Hollman. The elephant has a savings bank in one corner of its cage and carefully drops into it all pennies and small coins that are tossed through the bars. He is said to have almost human greed

for money. Hoffman is an elephant trainer of 15 years' experience, but he has been with Gundi only a week, and for some reason peculiar to elephants Hoffman has not made a hit with Gundi. The big animal has several times manifested his dislike of the new keeper, but the climax came when a small boy tossed a bright nickel into the case and Hoffman reached in to pick it out of a crack in the floor.

Apparently Gundi mistook the friendly act for an attempt at larceny, and with a roar of pent-up hatred thrust his trunk out and drew Hoffman through the bars.

Then he lifted him to the top of the cage and amashed him down upon the floor with a force that left the man stunned for several seconds.

REVOLT AGAINST DAILY BATH.

New York Lodgers Protest Over Crusade for Air and Water.

New York.—The idea of a daily bath for lodging house denizens wad suggested by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. The board of health eagerly jumped at it and adopted it unanimously, along with several other philanthropic suggestions from the same source. namely:

A clean sheet and pillow every night for every lodger. Sixty square feet of floor space for

each bed Every bed to be aired from ten a m, to two p. m.

An open space between each parti tion and the floo A shower bath to every 50 beds.

A bathtub for every 20 beds. Fumigation every two weeks.

Loud cries of indignation arose when the health department served notice of the regulations on lodging house keepers. The inmates kicked even more strenuously.

Stunned by the tremendous outcare against more air and water the health department has temporarily reconsidared its resolutions and the whole proposition is in abeyance

WINS BET ON FAST COURTSHIP. Bachelor Cattle Man Finds, Woods

and Weda Widew in Week. Fresno, Cal.-While discussing mat vimony with some friends over a sogrial glass or two, Joseph Nass, a wealthy cattleman and bachelor of Sanger, bet 2 to 1 that If he wished to do so be could win a wife within a week. The bet was taken by George

Arnaters, and the two put up a large Nass developed some missivings later as to his skill as a beau and did not know whom to ask. He finally decided upon Mrs. Angelina Stein, & widow, with whom he had become acquainted years ago, but unfortunately

he did nor know a here she lived Through an advertisement in a morning paper Nass found that Mrs. Stein lived three miles west of Freeno. After a short courtship she accepted him, but balked at a hasty marriage. Nass explained his predicament, and she agreed to win the bet for him. They were married by Justice Walton just within the time limit.

BRITISH HEADS NOT SHRINKING.

College Records and Hatter Refute Charges Made by Scientists.

London.-That the British head is shrinking and British muscles are degenerating, as recently charged by certain scientists, was refuted by evidence introduced at the meeting of the British association at Beicester. Records for the last 20 years at Markberough college show that the 14-yearold boys there averaged five pounds heavier and nearly an inch tailer then those of 1885.

A hatter who furnishes hats for six schools vouches that hats 211/2 inches in circumference formerly were rarely demanded, while now hats 221/4 inches in circumference are needed continu-

Sir Victor Horsley proposed a motion at the meeting urging the government to institute in connection with the medical inspection of school children a system of periodic measure-

May Buy "Lake" Submarines. Washington.-An opinion by Attorney General Bonaparte that the secretary of the mavy is authorized by the law making appropriations for the purchase of submarine boats to divide the contract so as to purchase boats of both the octopus and Lake types has been made public. The attorney general says that in his opinion the navy department is authorized to expend some part of the moneys appropriated for one or more boats of the Lake type if the secretary of the navy is satisfied that the Lake boats are equal to the octopus

## STREAM PUMPED DRY

JAMES B. DUKE EMPTIES JERSEY RIVER FOR BRIDE.

Woolen Mills Employing 1,000 Hands Cannot Run When Water Supply Fails-Work Resumed When Pair Leave.

New York.-in an effort to make hls 2,000 sore park look like a fairyland for his bride during their honeymoon, James B. Duke pumped the Raritan river dry at Somerville, N. J., and stopped the operation of the Raritan woolen mills, the largest industry there, which depend on the stream for water supply.

Duke has on his estate artificial lakes covering several hundred acres, besides innumerable fountains and waterfalls. All of these are supplied with water from the Raritan river by means of a great pumping plant with a capacity of many millions of gallons a day, which recently was installed on the river bonk above the woolen mills.

In honor of the bride im order that the fountains be made to shoot their aprays high, the lakes were filled to overflowing and cascades dashed with unusual volume over the rocks and, the pumps were kept pumping night and day to keep up the display but all the while the Raritan river, which is the second greatest watershed in New Jersey, kept dwindling until only a tiny stream found its way through its great bed. The intake of the Raritan woolen mills was left dry, and there scarcely was enough water in the wells to supply the big boilers of the mill.

The Raritan woolen mills are owned by the Einstein estate and employ more than 1,000 operatives. While the managers of the mills were inclined to do all they could to honor Duke's bride, they suddenly were confronted by a business proposition which led them to summon Manager Smith, of the Duke estate, to look over the situ-

ation. Mr. and Mrs. Duke had just left the estate for a three weeks' auto tour. and the manager decided there was no need to prolong the display and agreed to stop the drain from the river and give the mills a fair share of the water, so the Duke pumping plant was closed down and the river will be allowed its normal flow for several

BEDBUGS CAUSE BAD BLAZE.

Woman Tries Explosive Exterminator with Disastrous Results.

Indianapolis, Ind.—As in the days of eld Greece, when one of the ancient philosophers of that period cudgeled his brains in an effort to perfect a payent bug exterminator, Mrs. Nancy Wilson, of West Washington street, tried a similar experiment the other day.

and history repeated itself There was a blinding nash, a lour report, and flames leaped to the ceil ing. The brave firemen hurried out m the painted fire wagons and put down the threatened confinguation.

One bedrick Some exterminator.

One bedstead. Bugs; number unknown.

In the former case some years ago in Greece, it appears, there were no such fire-fighting facilities as Indianapolis enjoys, unfortunately, and it is reported that the town was almost devastated. An investigation which followed the fire developed the sin gular origin and ever after the tire cian philosopher who experimented on the new bug exterminator, was famous History does not record whether he was cited for criminal negligence. but it does record that he was badly disfigured in the melee, and that he suffered great loss of personal effects,

including singularly enough, one bed With Mrs. Wilson there was the happy result that when the fire which threatened her house was drowned by the firemen the bugs were effectually exterminated.

GIRL'S "FIDDLE" STOPS WORK.

St. Louis Contractor Cannot Pave AL ley Because Men Want to Dance.

St. Louis.—Recent developments on Fads avenue would indicate that walking delegates and union labor pickets are not the only people who force other people to quit work.

Miss Louise Myers, of 2436 Eads avenue, is a high class performer on the violin and keeps herself up to the mark by regular practice. A contractor for the city is at present engaged in paving the alley in the rear of the Myers residence and employs several negroes in the work. The other day the contractor asked Mr Myers to "lay off" his daughter

"You know," he said, "this is a time contract. When your daughter plays that fiddle I can't ger a lick of work out, of my men. When she tunes up they just drop their spades and begin to hoe it down."

Miss Myers agreed to suspend operations for a week.

Fish That Kill Mosquitoes. Naples.-A cargo of live fish from Australia has arrived here, the species called "blue eyes." Prof. Count Morner, the Swedish consul at Sydney, discovered that the fish lives wholly on mosquito larvae, and the Italian government ordered its representative in Australia to send him home a cargo of the fish. They will be distributed among all the regions infested with insects and malaria.

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