STILL KEEP UP OLD CUSTOM.

Englishmen Meet In Debate To-Day as Did Their Ancestors Genarations Ago.

Fifty men sat round a quaint, oak paneled room at the back of a public house near Fleet street on Saturday night. Most of them were smoking long clay pipes. Before them, on round topped tables, were mugs of ale and glasses of hot toddy. One by one the men arose and with great deference to the chairman, who sat on an ancient chair below a naked gas jet and wielded an ebony hammer, expressed their views on the events of

the week. The gathering was the survival of Cogers Hall, an ancient debating club established more than 150 years ago. Each Coger who addressed the meeting alluded with pride to the fact that 24 years ago Mr. Asquith had on more; than one occasion visited that room and rising amid the smoke wreaths held forth upon some topic of the day. "He was practicing his oratory then," said a gray-haired Coger who

had known the hall for 50 years. "You are free to air any view so long as it is not treason," declared the chairman after the opener of the discussion had spoken for 50 minutes. A sharp rap of the hammer on the table made each orator sit down when he had been on his feet for half an hour.—London Daily News.

VICTOR OVER DREAD DISEASE

English Physician Asserts He Has Found an Absolute Cure for Tuberculosis.

A remarkable series of cures alleged to have been effected in advanced cases of tuberculosis is attracting the attention of medical men in London, England. One case has been under the supervision of a distinguished physician for five months and the patient, who was suffering from consumption of both lungs and throat, has been pronounced virtually well. A report from the physician on the medical aspects of the case will probably be published soon. Arrangements have been made for subjecting the treatment to a decisive test by applying it to six or eight hospital cases and securing a scientific demonstration.

The treatment is described as a thermo-chemical attraction, the germs of the disease being drawn by chemical heat through a ray of inflammation from the lung or throat to the surface of the skin and expelled when the wound is washed. It has been practiced by a science investigator, William Dolg, for several years at his private dispensary, and medical mem are astonished by the results in cases of tuberculosis which they have considered hopeless.

Wild Flowers in the South.

One morning you drive through the woods and see nothing but the usual green of winter; two days after on the same road you behold afar what seems to be a huge white sheet showing through the tree trunks and bushes. It is not a sheet, merely a solid curtain of Cherokee roses, waxy white, fragrant and blooming so thickly that only here and there is any green to be seen.

A big dead tree that has been showing gray and hideous for months turns over night into an enermous purple bouquet: it is the work of a wistaria. sending down showers of lavender sweetness with every puff of wind. Sweet olive, bridal wreath, wild jasmine and 56 others rush into a prodigality of bloom that seems a wicked, delightful extravagance to northern eyes, and the noble army of lilies marches up the side of each path and waves its banners beneath every wall.-Pass Christian Correspondence St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Real Aute Poem.

Arthur Riddle, the old-time philosopher, made a poem out of the automobile, as follows:

"I like the smell of the gas so well, and the smell of the gasoline, and I like the purr and electric whirr of the buzzmobile machine. What a joy to ride o'er the countryside with a gale tearing by your ears, as you fly through space at a wicked pace with never a thought of fears. Clear out of mind is the town behind, for nothing is real, indeed, but your meteor red, and the road shead and the dizzy delight of speed-till the sudden shock when a cruel rock destroys your dream with a jerk. The car breaks down and you walk to town, half a day late to work."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Worst in Puns.

Rear Admiral Colville has a pretty gift in the art of punning (writes a correspondent). A friend called on him on one occasion to introduce a youth who, smitten with a love of the sea, was about to abandon a lucrative position he held in a draper's shop for the cockpit. "So you are going to sea, are you?" asked the admiral. "Yes, "To what department of industry, may I ask, do you now devote your energies?" "To silk, sir." responded the lad. "Well, go to sea." responded the admiral, "and it will be worsted."-M. A. P.

War on the Mosquite.

Leiphic, in Germany, has been so troubled with majaria that the city authorities have determined on a campaigh to stamp out mosquitoes. Every bouseholder will be asked to kill all the insects in his own apartments, after which inspectors will go around to see that thorough work has been done.

WANTED PENSION FROM PRIDE

Strange Case of Fraud Revealed In Brooklyn-Too Young to Enlist, But Fought Anyhow.

New York.-One of the strangest cases of pension fraud on record was revealed in the federal court in Brooklyn the other day when James Cun-, ningham, for years a prominent Grand Army man in the borough, offered to plead guilty to the charge of wrongfully accepting money from the government as a war veteran.

The odd feature was that Cunningham, who is well to do, sought a small pension out of pride, and not because he wanted the money. Proud of his reputation as a Grand Army man, his theory was that with a pension he would be better recognised as one who had fought for the union.

According to Lawyer Ruston, Cunningham was 17 years old when the civil war started. He was unable to enlist but was so eager to get into the fighting that he followed the One Hundred and Sixth regiment of New York volunteers to the front. While not regularly enrolled, he actually fought with the regiment and also saw some service as follower of other commands.

Returning home at the end of the war, young Cunningham told of having fought the confederates. In time he became a Grand Army man, and year after year on Memorial day marched with the vetorans. Beveral, years ago he was elected commander of Davin post.

DECREE ON BROKEN PROMISE.

Wife Geta Divorce on Husband's Fallure to Keep Prenuptial Contract to Have Second Ceremony.

Kansas City, Mo.-Be circumspect, bridegrooms, and not overzealous in the making of promises before marriage, is the advice given by a Kansas City man.

A decision by James H. Blover of the circuit court the other day would make a marriage contract depend upon the fulfillment of the prenuptial promises of both parties. This decision is without precedent. Judge Slover annulled a marriage performed in a civil court because a young man refused to fulfill a prenuptial promise to his bride. The promise was that a second marriage ceremony would be performed by a rabbi, in accordance with Jewish customs.

The suit was brought by Anna Shapire to annul her marriage with Hyman Stopek. The couple were married August 4 last year by Judge Van B. Prather. Stopek had agreed verbally to be married by a rabbi after civil

ceremony. When the pair returned home the groom told his bride that she must go to her father and get a dowry of \$500. She refused. Then he wouldn't go to the rabbi to be married again. They separated. Then she brought suit to annul the civil marriage. Judge Slover held that, as Stopek refused to perform his part of the contract she could not be held to her part.

HISTORIC HOUSE TO BE RAZED

Building Where Opening Chapters of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Were Written to Be Torn Down.

Cincinnati, O.—The old Kennedy homestead in Covington, Ky., the oldest house in that city, is to be torn down. It was in this house that Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote the opening chapters of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

In 1787 Thomas Kennedy, veteran of the revolution, came down the Ohio river in a flathoat with his family, including his sons, Joseph and Samuel. For a home he selected the spot near the conjunction of the Ohio and Licking rivers and erected a log cabin. In 1791 the present structure was built and was the home of the Kennedys for many years. Several years before the civil war Mrs. Stowe was a guest of Miss Nancy Kennedy at this house. Her object was to study negro types, and it was here that she met Isaac Robinson, a negro. It was from Robinson that Mrs. Stowe drew the characteristic southern negro.

WHAT IS A COLD-STORAGE EGG

Question to Be Asked in Test of the New California Pure Food Label Law.

Los Angeles, Oal.-A suit is being prepared in this city to determine the legal standing of a cold-storage egg. It doubtless will go to the state supreme court. Dealers in preduce say the new pure-food law requires that cold-storage poultry and eggs must bel labeled as such before being offered for sale, but the law does not designate what a cold-storage egg is.

inspectors threaten to arrest dealers who place fresh ranch eggs in refrigerators over night and then offer them for sale as fresh eggs. Dealers say the law makes no distinction between an egg that has been in storage one day and one that has been in storage a month, but declare that the consumer can tell the difference in a minute.

Old Glory to Be Gigantia. Pittsburg, Pa.-A huge American flag, the largest in the world, measuring 80 by 166 feet, has been contract. ed for by the city for use on July 4.

The fing is to cost \$1,000. It will be \$8 per cent, larger than any other American fing ever made, and 400 per cent. larger than the standard storm flag of the army. Ninety thousand feet of thread and 2,000 fact of tape will be used.

RISE OF ENGINEER

Will Leave Work to Assept Uni versity Professorship.

Rules Established by J. C. Jurgenson While in Charge of New York Hotel Plant Attract Attention

...of Columbia Officials.

New York.-From the engine room of a hotel to a professorship in a university is a step few men have taken. but this is what has just happened to J. C. Jurgensen, who has quit his job at the Hotel St. Regis to take the chair of engineering at Columbia. He will begin his duties next fall on his return from a visit to his native home, Copen-

hagen.

For 714 years Mr. Jurgensen has been connected with the engineering department of Mr. Haan's hotels, and for five years he has had charge of the engine, dynamo and boiler rooms at the St. Regis hotel. There Mr. Jurgensen articled apprentices, after the European fashion, compelling embryo engineers to work two years, and at the end of that period to sign a contract for four years more as machinery operators. At the end of the fifth year he gave those who had proved efficient certificates as operating engineers and recommended them to police headquarters for licenses. Certificates were based upon two 'years' continuous service as apprentice engineers, with good conduct marks for sobriety, truthful and manly conduct, punctuality in attendance, industry and faithfulness in giving employers a full day's work and strict and willing obedience to orders.

The rules he established were brought to the attention of members of the governings board of Columbia. and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, after investigating the results obtained by Mr. Jurgensen with his half hundred apprentices at the St. Regis, offered him the post of instructor at Colum-

Mr. Jurgensen, who tills a farm at Tappan when not busy overseeing firemen, oilers, electricians, mechanics and licensed engineers, was found in the hotel's plant below Fifth avenue. Quiet, studious, with spectacles almost obscuring a pair of penetrating. pale blue eyes, he pointed to a sign above the door "Visitors not admitted." as the reporter entered. However, the -visitor had a card which caused the engineer to modify the order and request him to be seated.

"I know what you have come for," said Mr. Jurgensen, "and I do not wish to be interviewed: in fact, I have never been interviewed, and I am afraid I must deny myself the opportunity BOW."

said:

"I am going to Columbia at the so licitation of the trustees to start and conduct classes in plant management. It is a new branch of practical study. My students will work in the boiler room of the college and get accustomed to coal dust, oil and the working side of practical-engineering. It won't be mere book lore. They can learn from books at their leisure what rudimentary knowledge they desire. It will be real work with shovel at the furnaces and with wrench and oil can at the engines. Everything that pertains to the proper working of an engine room or plant will be installed for drilling students to become trustworthy engineers. It is not easy work, this training of engineers. In six years I have given certificates to only two

men out of a class of 16 apprentices. "The engineer of the future has to be different from the one met with to-day," said Mr. Jurgensen, "The need of better men in plants in New York is plainly seen every day. There is a great deal of money to be saved, especially in coal bills. When a man can save 25 per cent, of coal consumption that averages in a hotel like this 21 tons a day, he is worth all he earns.

"We have come to the question of economical engineering, and it can be accomplished through apprenticeship. education and co-operation between engineer and employer. Inefficiency in the engine room causes loss, and the only remedy is proper education. I hope to obtain the desired results at Columbia."

IS A CHICKEN BIRD?

If It Is There Can Be No Eggs Used in the Culebra Islands, Near Porto Rico.

Washington.-"Is a hen a bird?" That question came officially before the navy department the other day on a proclamation issued by President Roosevelt February 27.

If the proclamation be construed as it is written, there is not an old woman or officer's wife or anybody else living in the Culebra islands near Porto Rico, who can take an egg away from a hen, much less eat it.

The proclamation was for the purpose of preserving the various kinds of birds which inhabit the Culebra islands, and therefore President Rooseveit launched an executive order which makes it illegal to "take the young or the eggs" of pelicans, flamingoes and gulls, and, says the drastic order, "to take the eggs of any bird

of any kind whatsoever." The proclamation will no doubt be referred to Attorney General Wickersham for construction. The present contention has some value as comnered with the mooted question whether a medical officer could commend a ship, and why does a chicken prose the road?

TO RESTORE TICONDEROGA.

Work Begun in Rebuilding of the Old Fort on the Shore of Lake Champiain.

New York.-Because a woman expressed a wish that old Fort Ticonderoga, on the west shore of Lake Champlain, might be restored and made to appear exactly as when, on May 10, 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain boys surprised and captured it, work has just been begun which has that end in view.

The woman who expressed the wish was Mrs. Stephen H. P. Pell of 3 East Sixty hinth street. Her father, Colonel Robert M. Thompson, said:

"Why not? Have it done and send the bill to me."

The "bill," it is estimated, will amount to \$500,000, and to restore completely the fort, rich in memories of the colonial period, will take ten years. The west barracks, in which the surrender was signed, will be restored first. Forty-five workmen are now engaged on that building, which, it is hoped, will be ready when President Taft and members of the cabinet and other prominent persons visit Ticonderoga during the celebration of the tercentenary of Lake Champlain, which opens on July 4.

The property on which the fort is located has belonged to the Pell family for a century. William F. Pell. the great-grandfather of Stephen H. P. Pell, the banker, who is the present owner, laid it out for a country place, and used it as such for thirty years.

Mr. Pell said that he was deeply interested in attending to the details of the work of restoration of the historic site; and added that his family would live at the fort during the summer season, beginning this year.

EDUCATED PIG UNDER CAR.

Porker Blocks Street Car Traffic in Pittsburg, But the Passengers Enjoy Sport.

Pittsburg.—Education brings privileges even to a pig, and a porker that has been performing at one of the McKeesport theaters tied up traffic in that suburb without even making the trolley passengers mad. The pig was out for a walk with his keeper, and crawled under a car that had stopped to let off some passengers

Right then and there the fun started. With a yell that could be heard for blocks, the owner of the valuable bit of pork rushed to the front of the car, imploring the motorman on no account to start his car. Then he started to plead with the pig to come out. Meantime the crowd gathered until the pavements, and even the street, were filled with laughing peopie, making all sorts of suggestions. more or less humorous, between their

guffaws. It was funny enough to the spectabut the showman could not see the joke-not the least bit in the world. His livelihood was at stake. and he scurried about, now using all his arts and persuasive powers on the pig, and again imploring the impatient motorman, who threatened to start his car, to "wait just a minute longer; he's sure to come out."

Finally, after everything else had failed, the owner of the animal ran a modified marathon to the theater for a bottle of milk. When he got back he soon rescued his property from its perilous position, the car bowled on its way, and the crowd dispersed.

WONDER CLOCK IS MADE.

Timepiece Will Predict Weather and Reproduce Niagara Falls, Among Other Things.

New York.-This city is soon to acquire the most remarkable clock in the world. It would take a theatrical troupe to go through all the features which will be combined in Father Knickerbocker's new and unique timepiece. The feature of recording the hours will be a mere incident to its other activities, which would make a circus side show.

One of the most remarkable features of the clock is that by the use of a barometer, a hydrometer, a thermometer and a compass it will give hourly automatic weather predictions a day in advance. Moving pictures will bedisplayed behind its dial, illustrating historic events and showing the faces of all the president. Another part will show a reproduction of Niagara Falls with real water, the color of which will be changed by means of electric lights.

The most remarkable fact about this; clock is its smallness. Standing in its case it is only 12 feet high, 4 feet wide and 29 inches deep—that is, only a little larger than the old-fashioned grandfather's clock. The mechanism and case will contain, in addition to a piece of wood from every State in the Union, 640 feet of electrical wiring and 412 electrical connections.

Thought Cut Offset Shave. Wilmington, Del.--if a barber acci-

dentally cuts a man while shaving him, is the patron compelled to pay for the shave? This was the question Judge Joslyn was called upon to decide the other day, when Michael Korupka was arraigned in the city court for disorderly conduct. Michael had been cut accidentally

by his barber, and he then refused to pay for the shave. In addition, he said things about the ability of the tonsorial artist, and this landed him in court.

Michael was fined \$1 and costs for being disorderly in the barber shop, but the court dedged the question as to his liability to pay for the surgical shave.

'SOLOMON'S QUARRY'

Said to Have Been Birthplace of Masonic Order.

Investigation Made at Jerusalem by the State Department Reveals Many Points of Interest to Members, 💝 🔆

Washington.-As a result of the efort of the department of state-to learn all that is possible of the "birthplace of Masonry," Thomas R. Wallace, American consul at Jerusalem. has made an extensive investigation of "Solomon's quarries" in the Holy city. His report a few days ago to the state department is of interest to Masonic bodies, and particularly to American Masons, because an American, Rolla Floyd became senior warden of the Royal Solomon mother

lodge, instituted in Jerusalem in 1873. "Solomon's quarries" were mentioned by Josephus in the writing of the ancient historian. They were lost through the middle ages and until most recent times. A chamber is pointed out in the quarries as the original meeting place of the ancient body of Masons. The chamber is the so-called "chamber of brotherly covenant."

Mr. Wallace said that his investigations led him to believe that the quarry became lost when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. It is believed that the stone with which the ancient Jewish temple was built was taken from the quarry. The basis of this belief is that Josephus described the temple as having been white, "like a mountain of snow." The stone in the quarry is white and soft hardening with exposure to the air. This factor would have made it desirable as building stone because of the comparative ease with which it may be cut and finished.

Josephus spoke of the mammoth cavern beneath Jerusalem. The quarries were of such extent that an approximately small portion of them might have been spoken of as "vast."

The quarries were discovered by accident. According to the story told by Mr. Wallace, a Dr. Barclay was out hunting. His dog disappeared in a hole near the north wall of the city. The dog failed to reappear. Dr. Barclay tore away the earth and weeds about the hole until he had enlarged it enough to enter. It was the entrance to the quarries.

A chamber is pointed out in which it is said the first meetings of Masonry-were held ... It is a small semicircular place, with seats about it formed of shelves of stone. Crumbled into a shapeless mass at one end of the semicircle is what was once a pillar of stone and is said to have been the chapel of the lodge. It is in the same condition now as when discovered, Mr. Wallace said.

An American named Page, according to Mr. Wallace, gave the best indication of the time which passed since the quarries were lost. A small pottery lamp, such as those used by the early Jews, was found in the quarries by Mr. Page. It was filled with the minute particles of dirt which float to the air. These particles would remain in the vessel after falling in, because protected from air currents by the rim of the vessel. The pottery lamp had a bowl one inch deep. It contained only these atoms of dust, showing that it requires ages to fill.

The supposed connection of Solomon with these quarries, together with the traditional idea that associates him with the early history of the Masonic fraternity, is responsible for the interest with which Masons regar these caves, and especially the particular chamber where lodge meetings are sometimes held. Gavels and paper weights made from the white stone of the quarry, and on which Masonic emblems are carved, are to be had in some of the stores of Jerusalem, and are much prized by Ma-SODS.

NEWS BY CARRIER PIGEON.

Trenton Newspaper Man Plans to Send "Stories" to Office with Birds.

Trenton, N. J.—An energetic Tren-(on newspaper man is training a carrier pigeon to carry copy between this city and Paterson, and thinks the venture will be a success. His paper has arranged to run the line "Special by carrier pigeon" over specials if the bird ever reaches the office with the

The pigeon is now in Paterson being familiarized with the territory. It will be brought to this city and allowed to make its abode at the state house. from which place it will make the initial trial.

The pigeon, according to the claims of the scribe, will be able to make the trip in an hour. Flimsy paper will be used so the pigeon will not be overburdened. While the failure of the scheme is expected, yet the result will be awaited with much interest here. According to the present arrangements the pigeon on its first trip will carry a "story" written by Gov. Fort.

Crosses Africa in an Auto. Swakopmund, German Southwest Africa.-Lieut. Graets of the Prussian army, who started from Dar-Es-Salaam, German East Africa, on August 10, 1907, to cross the African continent in a specially-constructed automobile, has reached this piace, the end of his journey, which occupied 630 days. He estimates that be traveled 5,825 miles.

MOVE TO ADVANCE CLOCK.

Cincinnati Business Men Take Up Plan to Begin Work Two Hours Earlier in Summer.

Cincinnati. - Prominent busine men are interesting themselves in a national movement to change business hours during the summer by making, the day begin two hours earlier than during the other months of the year. Circulars explaining the system and the benefits claimed for it are being distributed. Former Mayor Julius Fleischmann, president C. H. M. Atkins of the Business Men's club. Charles J. Christie and others are planning a dinner at which the subject' will be discussed.

The plan as suggested in the circular provides that May 1 the time be advanced two hours and continue thus until October 1. In this way it is intended that persons who begin work at seven o'clock in the morning during the other months shall begin at five in the summer and cease work two hours earlier, the plan giving them; two hours of daylight for recreation.

which they are not able to enjoy now. The circular says in part: "This is one of the few changes that could be made to benefit the citizens of every state in exactly the same proportions, and not call for the expenditure of money. To be beneficial and not confusing, it is necessary that the customs become general throughout the United. States. It has no political significance, so that all should lend their aid to the movement."

HOLD FREIGHT CAR FOR ROBINA

Home Bullt on Journal Box In New York Causes Rail Rules to Se ignored in Indiana.

Richmond, Ind. - Pennsylvania freight car No. 16,656, though relieved of its burden and under company rules ready to be reloaded and sent on its endless journey, is being held on a side-track in Richmond awaiting the day that a dainty Mrs. Robin Redbreast shall have hatched out three skyblue eggs that lie at the bottom of a nest on a journal box of the car.

The nest was built and the eggs laid. in New York city, the car having left "piers 4 and 5, Pennsylvania yards,: April 28," as the tag on the car's side indicates. The car came through to Richmond laden with goods for a wholesale grocery house, and on its arrival, May 1, William Nearmon, car inspector, discovered the nest with: Mrs. Robin Redbreast on guard, The car was unloaded, and with great care backed on to a siding.

The journey of more than six hundred miles must have been made with the robin on her nest most of the time. Since arriving here, however, she has left her nest at intervals, and the railway boys say she seems to understand

she is among friends. When the eggs are hatched, if it is: believed practical, the young birds and their home may be transferred to: the eaves of a near-by building. But the chances are that car No. 16,656, will be tied up for a month to coma, waiting the day that the youngsters can fly.

CURFEW NOT FOR HUSBANDS

Modern Bolomon of Virginia Declares: Wife Cannot Cail Him Before 10:30 in the Evening.

Richmond, Va.-Police Justice John Peter Crutchfield has added another statute to his unwritten code to the effect that no woman should make her husband go home before 10:30 o'clock at night.

The case was brought to the attention of the court by Mrs. Katherine Shelpin, who objected to her husband staying out after dark. Shelpin had been in the habit of visiting a neighbor and sitting on the porch and talking politics. She paid a little neighborly visit herself, found her husband and administered a tonene-lashing. It developed at the hearing that Shelpini had frequently stayed out as late as 9:80 at night, although his better half had positively forbidden such late hours.

"We married men," said the judget in adjudicating the matter, "don't have much liberty, but you have no right to keep your husband in the house all the time. Your husband has almost as many rights as you have. I agree with you that he should not stay out all night, but you must let him smoke his clear and talk politics if he wants to. I am the protector of the downtrodden men. Currew shall not ring in Richmond to-night nor any; other night."

Only One Bachelor Left. Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Being the only survivor of the Bachelors' Paradise club of Towards, W. Klerk Betts amnounces that he will hold a meeting of: the club this mouth, elect officers at a special session and then attend a banquet and a performance at the theater.

Betts, although all the other members have married or are dead, will not let the club pass out of existence, but says he will continue tohold regular meetings, conduct what business there is to be done and: elect himself president, vice-president. secretary, treasurer, incide guard, outuido guard and chaplain,

Corrier Pigeon is Arrested. Milwaukee, Wis.—A. carrier pigeon lettered S. A., 66,396, was placed on the police station blotter as guilty of a series of thefts in an exclusive spartment building. The bird had been around the court for days entering houses and helping itself to feel an artinies for a nest, including a said 1 obain.

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