The two pillars are two halves of an enormous balloon. How huge they are may be understood by comparison with the man in the picture. The en velope was photographed in a balloon factory at Billancourt, Paris.

UNCLE SAM PLANS TO THWART ANTS IN PORTO RICO-

> New Government Building to Be Built Without Wooden Doors and Windows Without Glass to Foil Insects.

Washington,-The treasury depart ment through the supervising archisect has advertised for bids to construct the new government building at San Juan, Porto Rico.

This building will be one of the

largest and finest buildings erected by this government in its insular possessions. It is to be used as a post saice, court house and custom house. style, and will contain many features belonging distinctly to that class of prehitecture. The building is to be of re-enforced concrete and steel. There is to be no wood about it, and for this reason the building will have no doors and no glass windows, except on the side facing the sea. There will be spertures for entrances and exits, but here will be no wooden doors to open and close, such as are used in bulldng in this country. In the place of doors there will be from grillings. which can be locked to keep out penole, and in some places there will be samboo flaps which can be closed to

seep out the rain. There will be no window sashes or glass panes on three sides of the building. The window openings will pe free, except for the grillings, so there will be fresh air at all times m the building. A wide gallery will tun around the three sides of the bullding, and this will keep out the min and sun. On the side facing the ma there will be glass windows, but to wooden sashes. The glass is used here on account of the strong winds which come from the sea.

The reason why no wood is to be med in the building is because wood sannot be used in Porto fileo and last any length of time. This is due to so and indigenous to the island, which descrive wood in a most mareloas tashion. The insect will begin so the spound and bore its way into he word and gradually eat its way to the top, reducing the wood to a sowden. Often-furniture in Porto-Rico is attacked by the anis, and if con tean or place a weight on a - able or chair it with fall to the ground for the auta have eaten the wood a and y that they are number shells and winned bond any weight.

steel is to be used in the new milding where wood would usually paged. The floors are to be of conrests and mosair, while the hall ways are to be filed. Supervising Archived Taylor of the reasury sayhat the tirm who will get the contract. for toniding the rew building will have w construct it in this country and this is by coas wise schoopers in mercy in Posice Rice, where is will bemanufer and e erred. He expects it will be two sears before it is finished

Chickens Eat at Midnight, tions on raking their meals in the ectors asserted of the davidnes a planta

The elections go in thest at data that reported artists between them is officed than pomer our ander, a orienare use fight and for second limits are busily on anged in freeding upon the minimum max which frequent the corrie of the ich: Having eaten their dit the miteram entrern fo their innest witerem bay stay auth dawn. The owner sais they inke a siesta each day at nan i home. He htt://butes his great age a wedt, in cuich up in ween,

FISH HAVE HIGH OLD TIME.

Distillery Emptied in Creek, Denizens All Go on Spree.

Frankfort, Ky -Scores of colonies living in the region of the town of Midway have taken to water and are obtaining their "souses" with fishing

When Greenbauer's distillery, which, for some reason or other, was situated near the creek, was destroyed by fire, 50,000 barrels of firewater were emptied into Elkhorn creek, and the next day every fish that inhabited the creek below Midway had a "hang-OVer."

The whisky floated down stream at the rate of two miles an hour. Fishermen along the banks noticed that the water suddenly was assuming thei color of their own balt. They were astonished to see staid old members of the finny family that had behaved The building is to be Spanish in | themselves decorously for years and i denly flop out on the bank and at ternst to climb a tree. Turtles car staggering up the slopes, pursued by crawfishes bent on a fight. Everything below the water line seemed to have been drinking like a fish

It was a glorious day for the fishes. but a sad one for the fishermen. The former were too drunk to see the hait. Crowds lined the creek all the morning watching the antics of the

RECORD FOR WHALE CATCH.

Kyuquot Station Off Vancouver Island Takes Twenty-Six in Week.

Victoria, B. C -- The world's record for a week's catch by any coast whaling station was broken by the Hyuquot station, to which 26 whales were taken by the steam whaler St. Lawrence. The Kyagnot station has taken 234 whales since the season be-

The records of whaling stations on the west coast of Vancouven-island are far in excess of catches of stations. on the eastern coast, according to advices received by the coast whalers from the east. The total catch of dree Newfoundland stations at St. Lawrence, Balon, and Dublin cove is a little over a third of the catch alone of the Kyuquot station. The three castern stations took 96 whales.

Outgrew His \$500 Coffin. Cincinnati -- After the death of C. C. Brener, an eccentric enpitalist, it was discovered that the coffin he bought two years ago was too small. He gained about 50 pounds since he was

newashied for the canket. Breuer was buried in Spring Grove cometery, where a shaft already marks his pre-arranged last resting place. He prepared for his funeral two years ego, shortly after he-became involved in expensive higation. He had spescal coffins made for himself and wife, a a cost of \$500 each, and stored Gem under his bed in their Clifton e ansion

Twins Boom a Town. Columbus, O Turnsburg, O, precents some interesting facts for those who believe in the influence of sog

pestion on birth. The little town of only 300 inhab-Laurs has been in a hust o ter some Augusta Gr. Mrs. P. R. Bries in . Joines preparing for the redelication of a coolons and a low of chickens, by I its commental. During this short pe atol five pairs of (wins have been 2 ... inchesting throws between too and one I am just half the colar births, being

> His 100 Years Very Tame. Quake town, Pa. Though he was ino yea's old a few days ago, Daniel Missi of Congo, near here, cannot claim first his many years constitute a very thrilling life. In all that time he histor mile on a trolley or railway coach has never been married and was never 50 miles away from blk to careful living.

MOTHERS CAN'T RESIST IT.

Baby's Picture on a Pony Gets, the Moncy Every Time.

With a pony as a "property," enterprising photographers have been reaping a harvest. The pony is of the Shetland variety and "calico" in pat-

- "The fond mother who can with stand the temptation of having darling baby photographed, astride of the pony, has not yet been found," one of the photographers explained. "We get from four to ten orders in each block in well populated neighborhoods. All sorts of subterfuges are used by the women. One of them forced us to 'rehearse' baby on the pony for a half hour before the picture was taken. She wanted some of the pictures on post cards, she said, so she could send copies to friends back east. She wished baby to look natural on the animal so that the eastern friends would think the family out here had 'struck it rich' and were maintaining a stable of saddlers

"Another woman who was not satisfled to allow the picture taken with her modest home in the background, asked us to take the picture over in the next block, where there was an" unoccupied house of rather pretentious exterior. We did it and the woman ordered two dozen copies. Babies look so 'cute' on the pony, the women say. Next year we are going to introduce a big, kind-faced Newfoundland dog as a property. Don't be surprised if you receive a picture of somebody's darlingest darling with tra chubby hands lost in the wavy hair on the dog's neck. We've got Chauncey Olcott beaten to a whisper in rigging up 'cut' scenes."—Kansas City

BY WHEELBARROW IN CHINA.

Two Passengers Go 20 Miles a Day for Ten Cents Each.

Probably more freight and more passengers are transported in China by the wheelbarrow than by any other land method. The wheelbarrow used in China differs from that used in America in the fact that the wheel is set in the center and thus supports practically the entire load, while the handles are supported in part by a strap or rope over the shoulders of the man who operates it.

As a result the coolie in China will transport nearly half a ton on his wheel. Wheelbarrows are much used In the country where the roads are but little developed, and I have heard that passengers sometimes make the entire trip from Shanghai to Peking, a distance of 600 miles, by barrow.

A two-passenger barrow will make about 20 miles a day, and the coolie is content with a pay of about 20 cents a day, or an average of about half a cent a mile for each passenger.

On the level, well-kept streets the foreign quarters of such cities as Hongkong, Shanghai and Peking the wheelbarrow coolie will struggle along with a load of six or even eight people. -- Washington Herald.

. Charity Begins at Home. In regard to the duties of the clubwoman to her own family a writer in a current periodical says: "The husband and home have the first claim on a wife's individual attention, it being a consideration of the proper meeting of domestic demands that she receives her board, lodging and such other emoluments as are her portion. For, apart from sentimental considerations, marriage is a business arrange ment on a cash basis and a woman is no more justified in delegating her obligations to a hireling, who can not possibly be a qualified substitute, than she would be in undertaking a commercial position on a salary and then turning over a part of her important work to the office boy while collecting the pay for full service."

is This True?

A large proportion of the stories in demand at "select" libraries are the reverse of creditable to our views on women. But it is only fair to add that many of the most pronounced of these are written by women. Men seldom write this unwholesome fiction, nor do they read it with avidity. The study of illicit passion arreals most to certain feminine temperaments. I am afraid that cannot be denied. --Arthur Wallace, in "The Crown"

The French Point of Beauty.

A point of beauty always sought by the French in the arrangement of the hair is to present a job intique. that is, a pretty nape of the neck. Effects they produce in this respect are wonderful, and are chiefly strained by care in securing a graceful line marked by the bair from eac to eat. and a charming contour, which releven waving of the hair produces.

Male Friendships.

Remarks have been made lately as regards the apparent decline of close personal friendship between men. Perhaps something in our busy modern Hie accounts for our lower note in masculine friendships. Perhaps, too, much that belonged to interchanges between man and mun is now possible between woman and man. as equals. - London Light.

Contrast in Wills. It, as is stated, the will of the late duke of Devonshire contains nearly 18,000 words, it is certainly entitled to rank high among long winded testaments

Probably the shortest will on record was that of a Streatham gentleman, proved a few years ago, which consisted of the words: "All for mother, C. T."-Westminster Gazette.

CURIOUS PAPUAN LAWS.

Tribe Where Sisters' Children Inherit a Man's Property.

A Methodist missionary in British New Guinea-now known as Papua-Rev. W. E. Brownlow, has added to the world's knowledge of the curious and little known races of the great north Pacific island by the discovery. and partial taming of a new tribe.

The race in question consists of about 20,000 blacks, living at a place called Dobu. The customs of the race are must curious.

The immigration policy is more drastic than that of "White Australia." for all strangers have either to become full members of the tribe or be eaten. When dealing with Mr. Brownlow, however, the difficulty was got over by making him a father of the

Each tribe and each family had their own land, and no pertion is allowed to go out of their possession except as a loan for a season's crop. The men marry our of their own tribe and on their death their land becomes

the property of their sisters' children. Women have great influence in the affairs of the tribe, and their duties are onto distinct from those of the men. The men clear the bush and dig the ground, then the women prenare it and plant vams, the crop being theirs. If a man wants any yams he has to ask for them. The banana patch, however, is his own property Wives are obtained by purchase. If a man pays well for his wife he can thrash her occasionally, but she could

leave him if she did not like it, and go! back to her own village Their heaven is a place where thet healthy, strong and good-looking go. All the others go to hell.-London Chronicle.

LIGHTNING'S QUEER FREAKS.

Dog Killed in Lap of Painter Who Escapes Uninjured.

Many strange freaks of lightning are reported from a recent storm, says a Clayton, N. J., dispatch to the. Philadelphia Record. While a man was painting a sign at Landisville a frightened dog jumped on his lap. A streak of lightning encircled the man s neck, passed down to the dog and killed it instantly. The sign painter was blinded for about three minutes. but felt no other effects of the lightning after his sight had returned to him.

The bolt that struck Walter Keen made a hole through the floor directly under his foot, b = did not make the slightest mark upon the rug. A window pane, 30 by 36 inches, in the Keen house was taken out by the lightning and stood up against a walnut tree without cracking the glass, the lightning having melted the putty and glazier's points.

A tree in North Clayton was struck by a ball which appeared as big as a barrel and stripped entirely of its leaves without otherwise injuring the tree. A tin can at the McWilliams house was shaped by the lightning like an accordion platted skirt. A bill of lightning filled Harry Essler's calfar with dense smotte, but made no marks whereve it came or whither it went) Lightning jumped from a wice fence surrounding a poultry yard and gave Mis. Francis Hill a slor's from which she has not yet tally recover d.

The Shah's Jewe's.

It is no small would with it the slotguards his gems so jedicus y, for they are absolutely unique. His greatest treasure is a sword whose hit and scabbard are incrusived with domain is of marvelous size and brilliancy wo th £300,000. The imperial crown contains a ruby which is regarded as the finest in the world. Such a one could nor be bought for £150,000. There are in the vaults the girdle of state (which is heavily inlaid, with diamonds and emeralds; and an immense silver vase thickly overlaid with pearls and turquoises. A remarkable object is a terrestrial globe with the land worked in enamel and lewels: the rivers are made of diamonds, the lakes of turquoises and the modulation are raised and contouted in beautiful gold work, .- Detroit News Tribune,

A Chance to Buy a Pagoda.

In the year 770 A D the Emperor Koken caused a million pagedas to be made. They were little objects of wood, only four and a half inches high, into each was inserted a finy scroll with a verse of the Sutrag inscribed thereon, and the whole namber were then handed over to the temple Horyuji at Nata, in the course of centuries these relics grad l ually became dispersed or were de-, stroyed by fire, until only 0,000 remained, and the ancient tempte, being now in financial straits, offers one of these pagodas with its inclosure to any person sufficiently charitable to subscribe 35 yen. Japan Weckly Mall.

Its Blood Precious.

The blood of the rhivoreres is highly exteemed by the Burness and Chi nese as a medicine for all kinds of mil mental. Whenever a party of hunters are successful in shooting a chinocet es they are less numerous than they used to be-the native heaters careful ly draw off the blood and bring it to Rangoon stored in hollow batchers The precious liquid is worth its weight in stirer.

Ostrich Feathers in Domand

The demand for ostrich feathers of high class is greater than the supply. and the farmers of the Cape and Egypt who give intelligence to the raising of ostriches make large profits, the as the ostrich taimers of south ern California have dime. .

HE GOT BACK.

Scotland Yard Detective is Buncoed.

and That Leads to a Story.

Cecil Page, a Scotland Yard detect-

ive, was buncoed in New York out of

a large sum of money. Discussing the

trick that had been played on him. Mr.

"I'd get back at those chaps if I had

the time. A Scotland Yard detective

is a dangerous individual to bunco.

If my engagements at home were not

pressing, I would stay here till I landed those audacious rascals in

"You mustn't play tricks on Scot-

land Yard, you know," said Mr. Page,

more complacently. "Scotland Yard,

if you try it, gets back at you every

time. It is like the story of the watch.

manager, Shoesmith by name, who

was very fond of his joke, especially

after dinner, when he had a bottle of

"Well, one night after dinner Shoe-

"My man, what are those things

there-those round, flat things, white

on the one side and yellow on the

"'Why, sir, they are watches; hunt-

"'And what are they for?" says

"To indicate the time," save the

" Fancy" says Shoesmith. Do you

"Are there printed directions for

'Oh, no,' said the clerk. 'To make

"And when do you wind them-in

"You must wind yours, sir, in the

"Because in the evening you are

drunk, Mr. Shoesmith, and would

POPULAR AUTHORS.

The Preacher Finds Ready Sale for

His Books in His Parish.

Bent on an errand of mercy, a city

prowler made his way into a strange

neighborhood. What impressed him

most was the bookstore windows. In

every one for blocks around were

stacks of a new book he had never

heard of by a writer of whom he had

"Who is this man?" he finally asked

'Why is he so popular hereabouts"

terian church down in the next block."

said the stationer. "Every bookseller

in the neighborhood is making a spe-

ciatry of his book. That is the usual

way of define things when a clergy-

man brings out a new book. Anyhody

else might appear in the publishers'

catalogue every month without arous

ing local phide, but with the preachers

it is different. When a minister turns

author that old saw about the prophet

being without honor in his own cosm

try is disproved with a vengeance

Every suring there is a considerable

Richard output by the pustons of New

York churches. The first prace where

these volumes are put on sue is the

hookstores mean the church where the

minuste presches, and usually the

What's an Inch of Bain"

The part (ell in buckets, the thunder

"So you, too, don't know what an

racketed terribly, and the lightning

drew zigzeg lines of bright gold upon

inch of rain is exactly," said the

weather clerk, as he look it at his

rain measuring instrument. very few

people do, it asems. The explain it to

"An sere is 6,272,640 square inches

An inch of water on an acre is there-

fore 6,572,640 cubic mehes That

amount at 227 ceible inches to the gal

lon, equals 22,000 gallons, or 220,000

rain falling at the rate of 100 tons to

Less Beef, More Bacon.

figures that the United Klagdom im-

ports of American and Canadian cat-

He show an 18 per cent decrease for

she first five months of this year, com-

pared with fast year, and 2912 per

cent, with 1806. The American ship

ments of refrigerated beof fell off

404,479 hundredweight (of 112 pounds

each) compared with the 1907 period.

while the total increase of 30,889 was

due to the heavy consignments from

Accenting. A substantial increase of

407,238 hundredweight in the weight

of bacon is due to the heavier ship

ments from the United States the

supplies from Canada and other coun-

Socialism in Japan.

Socialism has no footing in this

country as yet, nor is there any inde-

cation that it will gain a footing in

the near future at all events. Prior to

the war with Russia a small cotorie

of men calling themselves socialisis

argued vehemently against the open-

ing of hostilities and published a

newspaper organ to propagate their

creed. But they soon dwindled into

insignificance, and although a period

ical of so-called socialist views con-

tinues to be published it has no in-

fluence, nor does it serve any purpose,

apparently, except to furnish material

for occasional comment on the part of

amused readers, - Japanese Weekly

tries helde less.

The London Meat Trades' Journal

the arre "- Philadelphia Bullerin.

the juck of rain is, in other words

is give a took ore honder there.

the violet sky.

people, of 199 tons

"He is the pastor of the Presby

morning, the clerk answered, gently

them go is very simple. You merely

wind them once a day with a key!

the evening or in the morning"

'Why in the morning?'

know, I've heard of them. And how

infrage for to Alle count

ing case watches, sir,' the clerk an-

smith entered an Oxford street jewel-

champagne inside him.

er's and said to the cierk;

"There was a London music hall

Pape said the other day:

prison.

other?"

swered

clerk.

Shoesmith.

much do they cost?"

making them go?

and patiently .

break it."

never heard

SARES HER FEET TO RIALTO.

leadore Duncan's Pink Toes Unadorned in Broadway Stroll.

New York.--It takes a great deal to make Broadway gasp, and Miss Isadore Duncan, the dancer, who is responsible for the general exhalation of astonished breath, may flatter berself

that she has done a remarkable thing As gayly and unconcernedly as the Greek maidens she simulates, Miss Duncan strolled along Broadway in her hare feet the other day Pedes trians stared, turned, laughed, or gasped, according to their temperaments.

"Pipe her little tootsies," yelled an irreverent newsboy. But Miss Duncan, undismayed, pursued the shocless tenor of her way toward the offices of Charles Frohman in the Empire the ater.

Clad in a pink dress of classical cut, with a pink sash, poke bonnet with wide streamers tied under her chin, the dancer whom sovereigns have delighted to honor seemed en tirely unaware of the effect she was producing

A second glance told the analytical observer that on the bottom of each of the famous feet that have been Miss Duncan's fortune was a strip of leather resembling the aucient Greek sandal, and that this was held on by a strap.

But nothing impeded the vision of her untrammeled toes. They were all there, pink and perfect, twinkling in accornful derision at any chart so base as to consider their little octing a thing extraordinary.

elevator engulied Miss Duncan and her

MONKEY GUARDS A FIRE.

Keeps a Whole Company at Bay for , Half an Hour.

Pittsburg .-- Jocke, a large ill-natured monkey held an entire fire company at has for some time the other morn ing while the building was burning over his head. About I a m the stable of O. C. Fahnestock, on Broadtreet was found to Le on fire contained several Shetland poples some dogs, and Jocko

When the firemen broke in the monkey attacked them and scratched Fireman Purcell until he is now laid up and fears blood poisoning. He was driven back, as were the other firemea, while the monkey retreated somewhere under cover of the darkness, only coming forth to attack while the firemen would try to get into the building. It was not until ha Tan hour's time

had been lost that Jock a was outflanked and outgeneraled. While two dremen went shead and drew the enarling big monkey from cover two others armed with chemical fire extingulahers, played their how on him and almost suffocuted the moset before he would give up. Fahnestock says that some years

ago the monkey was scorched at a tire and he has always wanted to jump on firemen that he has greet, thinking them the cause of all his ir miblion.

BIRTH: LAND VALUE RISES \$1,000.

Each Baby Born in New York Adda Big Sum to Real Estate Worth.

Now York. The day department res sent Its annual report to the magic. The total assessment of real and personal property in this city is \$1.158.190.400. The assessed value of ordinary real estate, exclusive of spoclal franchises, is \$5.141,500,119, and the increase in the assessed value of " or dinary real estate is \$437 190,467.

The increase in the assessed value of ordinary real estate exceeded the eggiogate assessed value of real lestate of the five states of Plorida Mississippi, Oklahoma, Oregon and Wyoming, which have an area more than eight times as great as the whole state of New York

The assessed value of real estate in the city of New York, it is asserted not only increases rapidly in the aggregate, but at the same time increases per capita, and on the average the increase in the value of New York land amounts to \$1,000 and in taxable real estate to \$1,500 for every bans burn in the city.

To Notify Cat Owners.

"Attleboro, Mass." In a few lava Honey A. Perry, agent for the Society for the Prevention of Crimity to Animals, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff John H. Nerney and perhaps other officers, will make an official trip through the summer resort towns along the cape district, and also to Martha's Vineyard, and will post warn ings against the abandonment of cuts. In past years the summer residents. have closed up their cottages at the and of the season and left the cats behind, 'many to suffer and starve," says Agent Perry. Last year the S. P. C. A., through Agent Perry 150k the matter up, with the result that many people were fined for their

Engine Goes Into Parlor.

Clayton, Del -While John Tim mons' road engine was being friven from Pine Tree to Odessa the governor belt broke and the sugine ran away Raymond Francis, engineer. was thrown off and the ponderous steam wagon suddanly whirlad and plunged into the house of Adam 📐 Smith, wrecking the building

The porch of the house was carried away and the engine did not stop us til the front wheels rested in the parlor. Francis was severely bruised, and his face was badly incurated.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS