Of 23,000 children placed in families by the Children's Aid society, only 60 have been arrested and sent to reform

While London has 47 telephones per 20,000 inhabitants, Paris, 71; New York, 150, and San Francisco, 706, Stockholm reaches the figure of 980.

Berlin has its first female barbers -the wife and daughter of a hairdresser. In Bohemia, Hungary and Beandinavia there are many women

In the year ending April 1, 1900, Berimported from Italy 50 car loads of cherries, 357 of table grapes, 245 of summer fruits, etc. In the following months the business doubled.

A Leipsic physician expresses the epinion that on account of their delicate sense of touch blind persons are specially qualified for practicing massage. In Japan this is done very

In the clear atmosphere the other day Bostonians could see from Boston two mountains, Wachusett and Monadnock-that is, those Bostonians who took the trouble to climb Mount Bellevue, West Roxbury, could.

If all the reports that have reached. the police within the past few days are true, diamond stealing by servants has reached the proportion of a mania in New York. Three young women employed in as many fashionable homes in the up-town section are now under arrest on this charge.

A Vermont town supports two papers which live in friendly discord. The Herald printed a meaningless item about one Slacts S. Wencht, a Syrian, and the News copied it, without the Formality of giving credit. Gleefully the Herald now points out that the sctitious Syrian's name spelled backward proclaims the truth, well known Rocally that "the News steals."

## WOMAN A PESSIMIST.

After a Certain Age Their Faces Show Signs of Mental Worry and Distress.

The average woman is a dyed-inthe-wool pessimist. Almost every woman over 30 years of age looks distressed. Her brows are bent, her mouth drawn into a tight line, and there are deep furrows down her cheeks. She looks exactly as if she were considering how to provide a dinner for 25 cents that will satisfy twenty-five small children, when in reality she may have nothing more serious on her mind than buying a pair of socks for George. No wonder women grow old faster than men, for they hug their worries to them and let them show in their faces.

There was once an elderly servant who was superstitions to a degree and who always expected the worst to happen. Did she find a needle the floor, did a picture fall in the bouse or a bird fly into one of the rooms, she was instantly plunged imto woe, "We're going to have a heap of bad luck!" she would say. and then she'd be lachrymose until some one had the toothache or the cows got into the corn, when she would consider the demon luck exorcised or satisfied for a time and grow as cheerful as it was her habit to be. Some one once asked her if

she did not have any good-luck signs. "Why, certainly," she replied, "but they don't count-I don't believe in the good-luck ones," which, by the by, is thoroughly characteristic of the sex.

Here is a woman who suffers-suf-Fers is the word-from insomnia. "I can't imagine why I don't sleep," she says to her friends. "I'm sleepy as anything when I go upstairs, but then I begin to wonder if my son Arthur, who travels for a drug firm, is on a train, and in a minute I see bim just as plainly bleeding and mangled in a wreck. When I decide that he is really dead. I think of John, and worry because he hasn't a better position. Then Molly comes Into my mind, and I feel sure that some of her children must be ill, I feel no blue about her. I fret over Lucv's throat a bit then, and by this time I'm wide awake. It's the strangest thing! I don't understand why I

mbould be so wakeful!" Her physician does, however, and now he's prescribing for her a course of cheerfulness and of "looking for "the best." It's a medicine that most women need-their faces show itbut there are few who are sensible. emough to take it.

Death Caused by Mosquito. Mosquitoes are now charged with communicating erysipelas as well as malaria and yellow fever. A New York physician has issued a death certificate in the case of a 14 months' old babe, in which he says "Death was caused by erysipglas due to the bite of a mosquito." It is only fair to the mosquito to record that the board of health officers refused to accept the certificate until a coromer's physician had investigated and concluded that there was no other apparent cause for the death than the mosquito bite.-Youth's Compan-

"Coffee Heart" is the Latest, Medical examiners for life insurmance societies have added the terms "coffee heart" to their regular classi-Sention of the functional derangements of that organ. Its effect is in shortening the long beat of the heart. Coffee topers, they say, are plentiful, and are as much tied to their cups as the whisky toper. The effect of the coffee upon the heart is more lasting, and consequently worse, than that of liquor.-Dietetic. and Hygienic Gazette, London.

FASHION'S LATE MANDATES.

What Milady Must Wear If She Would Appear in the News cat Styles.

Shirt waists of fancy velvets, velveteens and cordurovs are fashionable. Some are made simply, the only trimming being fancy buttons; others are finished with passementeries, lace and moire silk in bands or pipings, says a fashion authority. These have

showy buttons, too. Robes are tempting in light-weight cloths, silks and stenciled cloth. Some are beantifully embroidered all over or at the bottom of the skirt and front of waist and sleeves. Two-toned cloths are revived for these, and make up prettily when trimmed with some rich passementerie or velvet.

The newest tea gowns are in empire fashion, with accordion plaited skirts beautifully trimmed with lace medallions and insertions. They are finished with handsome collars of lace or embroidery, lace frills edging the collars. Sleeves are elbow length, finished with several lace ruffles. Light colors prevail for teagowns and white is much

The fancy for fruit as a decoration has extended to embroideries on dinner and reception gowns. An illustrative gown of black point d'esprit made over white satin was trimmed with embroidery in the form of cherries and their leaves, and had cherry red belt and shoulder straps. Another of pearl gray satin and tulle was embroidered with green grapes. Black grapes were

put on a delicate cream lace gown. On sheer gowns are put hand-work embroidery and lace and winter gowns repeat those of summer in these trimmings. Cord braiding is put on the thinnest gauzes with good results and the silver lace that has been employed so much is combined with white lace. Tiny blossoms are set on dainty fabrics in large rings and scarfs of lace, tulle or satin are threaded through them. Scarfs are also drawn through cloth cut in lattices or circles for trimming cloth or wool gowns.

Flat-trimming is standard for fall and winter hats. These are a trifle larger than those worn during summer, and feathers, breasts, wings and quills are the trimmings. Beaver hats will be fashionable and various tinted velvets are submitted. Hats of silk plush so far are in delicate shades. Black, green, reds, browns and blues are well represented. Blue and green combinations will be numerous and some new fancies in these shades are stunning. Coque feathers are revived in many pretty colorings. Birds are wonderfully tinted, as are breasts. Quills are in black and green combinations. The rolled brim sailor in all shades of felt and beaver will be fashionable for general wear.

Hardly a new skirt is lined-among the handsome ones, that is. All have instead the drop skirt of taffeta. This skirt of taffeta is cut like the outer skirt, exactly and finished with a plaiting or a ruffle with a plaiting along the edge. We say the handsome ones advisedly. When the outside is not of good, firm cloth a lining is necessary to help keep it in shape, and when the lining is of some cheap cotton stuff the wearer certainly would not want it hanging loose. It has one thing to recommend it especially. When it is worn out it may be cast aside. In the case of a worn-out lining made in a skirt one must have the whole thing taken apart to reline it. and this is about as much trouble as making a new skirt. With the drop skirt there's only to buy another. It is to be hoved our stores will keep them ready made.

## WOMAN BURIED ALIVE.

Young Lady Seized with Catalepsy. Interred, and Suffocates in Her Casket.

A letter received in Paris from Buenos Ayres records the death of Mile. Cambaceres, a descendant of the famous French general and a memberof one of the leading families in the Argentine capital, under most distressing circumstances, says a Paris correspondent of the New York Her-

The unfortunate young lady had just turned 18 years of age, and her birthday was celebrated by a grand reception. All her friends came to offer their congratulations and brought

In the evening Mile. Cambaceres went up to her room to dress for the opera. She was in the act of putting on her hat, when she fell to the ground, apparently dead.

The funeral took place within 24 hours, as under municipal law a corpse must not be kept longer, on account of the heat and the danger of decom-

position.. A few days afterward someone started the theory that Mile. Cambaceres had been poisoned, and the authorities ordered the body to be disinterred and a post-mortem examination made. When the cuffin was opened it was found, to the horror of every one, that the veil which covered the face of the unfortunate girl was torn and her face scratched all over. From these facts it appeared clear that Mile. Cambaceres had been buried alive and had torn the veil and scratched her face in her struggle to get out of the coffin.

The case, though not reported in the press, has produced a most painful impression in Buenos Ayres, the more so as Mile. Cambaceres was very pretty. and beloved by all who knew her.

Apple Fritters.

Peel the apples and slice thinly. Take a quart of flour, two eggs, half. a cupful of sugar and enough sweet milk to make rather a thick batter. Stir in the sliced apples and fry till brown in boiling lard. Sprinkle with sugar as soon as taken from the kettle.-Albany Argus.

AN HONEST PORTER.

He Helped Himself to a Tip of Tea Dollars for Being Accommodating and Honcat,

"The tip-exacting Pullman car porters are the recipients of a good many knocks from press and public. but they are not the worst in the world," remarked a commercial traveler to a Washington Star man. "They may have a pretty flerce way of drilling for tips, but when it comes to the matter of honesty I know one of them that's there with the goods, as the saying goes.

"I left San Francisco, or, rather, Oakland, on the Santa Fe line for Chicago at 8 o'clock in the evening a couple of weeks ago last Sunday. The gang that I met in 'Frisco had been rather too enthusiastic in giving me a good time of it out there on the day of my departure, so that when I woke up on the train along toward 7 o'clock the next morning the sleeper bunk felt pretty warm and my coppers a whole lot warmer. The nearest, in fact, the first stop at which I would have a chance to fix those hot coppers out was Mojave, and so I hustled into my clothes to be ready to hop off the train during the stop at Mojave for one of those katzenjammer alleviators.

"I asked the Pullman conductor how long the train would stop at Mojave, and he replied that the stop would last ten minutes. I raced into the station cafe when the train pulled into Mojave, and instructed the man in charge of the bar to rig me up one of those long, long damp things. He went at the job in a pretty scientific manner, and the piece of wet work that he set before me was a rare thing to find right alongside of the California desert. It was such a fine and effective creation, in fact, that I asked him to frame up another one, and I got away with this with equal joy. Then I leisurely strolled to the door to take a look at my train-and saw the end of it curling away in the rarefied distance on its way toward the land of the rising sun. It had pulled out without notifying me. I hustled into the ticket office to ask the man in the window when I'd be able to corral another, eastbound train, and he said that it 'ud be along at 8 o'clock the next morning-the mate to the train that had departed without me: there was only one of the overland expresses per diem. So there I saw myself stuck in Mojave, Cal., the most miserable little sand dune on the globe, for a full twenty-four hours.

"But that wasn't the worst of it. I had left my Gladstone bag wide open on my bunk, with my wearing apparel thrown around the section every which way, and in the bag I had placed, on the night before, \$200 in gold coin, the stuff being too heavy to carry around in my pockets with any comfort.

"'I've got a chance of getting the said I to myself the black porter'll do to those \$200 in gilt money will be something swoopingly scandalous.'

"I had no idea on earth that I'd ever see a dollar of that, money. I figured it all out that the porter would corral the money and then stuff my wearing apparel into the bag and hand it over to the conductor. I knew then I wouldn't be able to prove any such fact that I had \$200 in gold money in the bag, and I gave it up for gone. I told the station agent at Mojave about the bag, and he immediately telegraphed to the next station to be made by my lost train along the line, a place called Barstow, N. Mex., directing that the bag be shipped back to Mojave on the west-bound overland.

"The bag was returned to Mojave on the west-bound late that night. and I eagerly opened it up to see what I had left in the bag. Everything was there, including the stack of gold money. I counted the gold roll, and it amounted to an even \$190. The porter, I felt certain, had appropriated just one of the \$10 gold pieces to compensate him for his trouble in packing the bag, and I afterward found out that I was right in this supposition.

"I caught the train east on the following morning, and when I got to Kansas City I got off to take a bit of a rest at a hotel. As I was getting off I met the porter of the train that had left Mojave without me. He was walking about the station, waiting to go aboard his car for another western trip. He saw and recognized me as soon as I recognized him, and he grinned broadly when he saw me. 'Boss,' said he, coming over to me.

'Ah suah did look eve'ywheah fo' dat othuh ten dolluh gol' piece, but Ah suah couldn't fin' it nowheah,' and then he burst into a happy darky laugh and slapped his thigh joyously. I told him how welcome he was to the \$10 piece that he had pinched out for himself, and I'm not certain that I-didn't give him another couple of dollars to show my appreciation of his honesty. It might not sound like honesty to speak of his swiping \$10 from my Gladstone bag, but under the circumstances, considering the chance he had to grab it all, and considering, too, the nature of Pullman porters as they're supposed to be, I

think he was a paragon of honesty.' Chocolate Waters.

One-half of a cupful of-light brown sugar, as much granulated sugar creamed with one-half cupful of butter, one well beaten egg, one-half cupful of grated chocolate, one and one-half cupfuls of flour, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of vanilla. Mix all together to a soft dough, roll out a little at a time very thin and cut into circles. Bake in a moderate oven.-Detroit Free Press.

HOUSEHOLD TALKS.

- A A HELDRY MAY BA MACKET

Dainty Dishes That Are Belightful & Our Minister to That Country De-

Any Time of the Bay; A housekeeper suggests the following dishes for a cold luncheon on a hot day, says the New York Tribune. With such a bill of fare the meal may be prepared long before the guests arrive: Sandwiches spread with chopped meat, veal loaf, deviled eggs. vegetable salad, cottage cheese, gelatin with cream, custard or ice cream and angel cake. Olives and radishes

may accompany both courses. Maple fudge is liked better by many persons than chocolate. Put into a saucepan one-half cupful of granulated sugar, 11/2 cupfuls of scraped maple sugar and a cupful of milk. When the sugar's melted and the mixture hot add two tablespoonfuls of butter and boil for 20 minutes. When it hardens in cold water, it is done. Upon removing it from the fire add a teaspoonful of vanilla. Begin to beat as soon as it comes from the fire. When it shows signs of granulation turn into buttered, shallow tins, and when cool enough mark into squares. Two tablespoonfuls of grated cocoanut and a cupful of walnut or hickorynuts may be added, if they are wanted, with the vanilla.

Mint bags for the linen closet are liked by some persons. Put into little silk bags a mixture made of a pound of dried lavender, an ounce of thyme, an ounce of mint, an ounce of ground cloves and caraway seeds and a tablespoonful of dry salt.

A woman who has tried it avers that a watermelon may be kept for any length of time by varnishing its entire surface, leaving no spot untouched

and open to the air. Panned tomatoes are an excellent accompaniment for a roast of lamb or veal. Peel and cut in two six plump tomatoes. Put them in a pan with a tablespoonful of melted butter, and cook slowly on top of the store for ten minutes. Then brown in the oven. Arrange the tomatoes on a hot plate and serve with a sauce made in the pan in which they cooked. For the sauce put another tablespoonful of butter into the pan, and when it has melted cook in it for four minutes two tablespoonfuls of flour, stirring it constantly. Then add two cupfuls of milk, salt and pepper, and turn it over the tomatoes.

Some housekeepers vary the flavor of potato salad by boiling the notatoes for it in stock, or, if it is more convenient, in the soup kettle.

Dainty and seasonable sandwiches may be made of thin slices of brown bread with mayonnaise and separated by a thin slice of a tart apple.

Stewed okra is one of the dinner possibilities. Select the small green pods. and remove the stems and discolored tips. Put into boiling salted water and cook until tender. It will take about half an hour. Then drain: add a hearing tablespoonful of butter and a table-poonful of vinegar, and season with pepper and salt. Simmer until the butter is absorbed, and serve hot.

Experiments in canning peas reported in a government bulletin show that heating under pressure to secure a higher temperature than the ordinary boiling point, 212 degrees Fahrenheit, is necessary to insure keeping. Where a temperature of 242 degrees Fahrenheit was maintained for about 30 minutes very few swelled cans resulted; at 232 degrees a much larger number spoiled. This shows that it is hardly wise for the average housekeeper to attempt to can any of the fruits and vegetables most liable to spoil.

Impulsiveness.

If a thoughtful woman were asked, "What is the greatest curse of your sex?" she might well answer, "Impulse." It is responsible for almost all the mistakes made by the goodhearted among us. May it not safely be said that a few minutes' thought before speech or action would prevent most fatal blunders? Many of us are in positive bondage—quickness to feel, to show our feelings, to retort or to respond. If we are hurt we must immediately "give ourselves away," as the phrase runs, if not by bitter speech, at least by look and manner, yet reflection frequently brings the keenest regret for lost dignity, the betrayed secret or other

ill results.—Home Magazine.

Quinces with Apples. .If possible use pippin apples or a variety that is firm and sweet. Take equal quantities of apples and quinces. Pare and cut the apples and quinces in round slices; remove the cores with a small round cutter. Stew the quinces in just enough water to cover them until they are tender; then remove them and put the apples in the same water and cook them tender without breaking them. Place the fruit in separate dishes and cover them with a hot syrup made of one part sugar and two and a halfparts water; cover and let them stand over night. In the morning reheat the fruit and syrup and place in alternate layers in glass jars and seal at once.-Washington Star.

Little Pizz in Blankets.

Large oysters, fat English bacon, pepper and salt, buttered toast. Season the oysters with pepper and salt. Wrap each in a very thin slice of bacon and fasten with a wooden toothpick. Have the chafing-dish very hot and cook the pigs just long enough to crisp the bacon, taking care not to let it burn. Serve hot on small pieces of toast. Garnish with parsley .- Miss Mattie E. Jewell.

A Political Befinition. "What's harmony?" asked the poli-

tician's little boy.

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"Harmony," answered his father, "is what the faction of a party that's getting the worst of it yells for loudest." -Chicago Post.

PORTUGAL'S OPEN DOOR.

clares There Is Great Opportunity

for American Dealers There.

Francis B. Loomis, the United States minister to Portugal, says: There is an excellent field in Portugal now for the introduction of American machinery, carpenters' and mechanics' tools, agricultural implements, etc. The Portuguese are increasing the area of their grain production with the object of raising all their own grain, and whenever they have a good season they can easily do it. This movement commenced a few years back when they used to import grain from the United States. They have now discovered that their coun-Etry is very fertile and they need modern implements to develop it because they frequently use things of the same pattern that they used hundreds of

years ago. "American machinery could be introduced with Lisbon and Oporto as the distributing points. The work must be done carefully and systematically, however, by men accustomed to deal with Latin peoples. The best thing would be for our manuacturers to establish a general emporium where they could maintain a small permanent exhibition of American manufactures.

"Americans are doing a large business in the colony of Angola. The people of Lisbon have just had a tremendous object lesson of American enterprise and efficiency in the construction of electrical tramways in the most difficult part of the country by a Philadelphia engineer. All American material was used. The people call the cars 'Americanos.' The work was done by the South African capitalists, Wernher, Beit & Co., who have obtained similar concessions elsewhere in Portugal."

Mr. Loomis added that King Carlos always referred kindly to America. Ho continually seeks the American scientific reports of deep sea soundings, cartographical commissions, etc.

TO MAKE TIMBER TESTS.

Bureau of Forestry to Learn the Strength and Durability of Lumber of Country.

Preparations are being made by the bureau of forestry for extensive tests in the strength and durability of timbers in the different parts of the country, most of them scarcely known to manufacturers and lumber dealers. Many tests made of the strength of well-known timber are particularly deficient on account of the faulty machinery used in testing. The machinery to be used in these new tests is of the most approved sort and the Mests will be final in the minds of deal-

ers and builders. Experiments are constantly being made in this bureau with timbers neglected by lumbermen throughout the country, but which by careful treatment are made to take the place of the various forest growths which are in such constant demand as to threaten the destruction of the species in some parts of the country. Along this line the department has

just made a report on the much despised hemlock, so prolific in the extreme west. By fair tests made of the wood it is shown by the department that it can be substituted for redwood or cedar, many forests of which have been entirely demolished by injudicious cutting. The report shows that hemlock is best adapted for uses which require ease of working, handsome finish, and lightness combined with considerable strength.

It has been found suitable for flooring, joists and scantling, laths, siding, ceiling, and other such purposes, excelling most other woods for boxes. Tests are also being carefully carried on in the Philippines, where the inroads of insects are so great.

TO RAISE OUR OWN COFFEE.

Outlook Promising for United States Obtaining All It Needs from Island Possessions.

Frank D. Gardner, in charge of the experiment station of the department of agriculture at Mayaguez. Porto Rico, just returned to Washington, reports on experiments carried on there to assist in the growth and culture of such tropical fruits as the orange, lemon, citron, guava, and other fruits, as well as coffee and other staple crops which are likely to add to the revenue of the island. The coffee interests are being pushed to success, and it is believed, with the Philippines and Hawaii, enough coffee can be raised to meet the entire demands of this country in the near future.

TO GIVE SUBMARINE TRIPS.

A Swins Ammement Company Arranges Excuratous Under

It is now known that the Gubet submarine boat, recently sold at Paris, at auction, was purchased by a Swiss amusement company, which intends to give submerged excursions in Lake Geneva. The prospectus says the tickets will be \$25 and the distance covered will be 25 miles under water and a mile and a half on the surface. In order to demonstrate the safety of the boat. each passenger will be presented with a free life insurance policy for \$2,500.

A Timely Warning.

Certain thoughtful scientists have found out that the universal habit of using the teeth on the left side more than those on the right in chewing is slowly but surely working the human mouth over to the left side of the face, and that in a few thousand years. it will be close to the left ear. The warning may have come in time, providentially, says the Chicago Tribune, to save mankind from such a horrible GOLDEN GATE CITY LEADS.

San Francisco Shows the Largest Pepu mentage of Sphides-Chicago Ranks Third.

The number of people who voluntarily shuffled off this mortal coil in American and other cities during last year has been investigated by some delver in statistics and the following figures indicate the results: San Framcisco leads with the largest ratio, 39.1 per 100,000 of population. Next comes another Pacific coast city, Los Angeles, with a ratio of 29.8. The reader has naturally been looking for Chicago, and that city does, in fact, come next with a ratio of 24.0, followed by the neighboring city of Milwaukee, whose ratio is 22.2. New Orleans was the scene of the self-destruction of 21.8 persons per 100,000 of population, and Cincinnati followed close with 21.3. New Haven is next with 20.9, and then comes the borough of Manhattan with 20.0, though greater New York as a whole is well down the list with a ratio of only 13.6. This is less than Rochester, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Pittaburg Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Omaha and Louisville, besides all of those specifically enumerated above. As to the foreign cities, Paris leads the list with a ratio of 42, followed by Berlin 36, Vienna 28 and London 23. There were more suicides in Saxony than in any other country, 31.1 per 100,-000. In Denmark the ratio was 25.8, in Austria 21.2, in France 15.7, in the German empire 14.3, and Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Great Britain, Italy, the United States and Spain followed imthe order given. The table referring to American

cities is somewhat difficult to explain. Why the city of the golden gate, and California, with its glorious climate. its sunshine, its fruit and its flowers. should show the greatest number of suicides seems a mystery, unless the presence of a large Chinese population explains it. The high suicide rate of Chicago is, perhaps, accounted for he the rush and struggle of that great city and the large foreign element it = contains -- a foreign element, moreever, which comes mainly from those countries where swicide is most frequent. The same is perhaps true of Milwaukee and of Cincinnati. The high rate at New Orleans may possibly be attributed to its relation to France and the ideas and traditions brought here from Paris, the suicide capital of the world. But New York city caste a cloud over some of these explanations. Here are the large foreign popplations, the stress and strain of living and working, the poverty, the excitement. Yet Philadelphia, the sleeping city of the humorous paragraphers, has a higher ratio of suieldes than greater New York. And how is it to be explained that New Haven leads all the other New England cities in the number of suicides? St. Paul and Minneapolis lie side by side, but in Minneapolis the ratio is II.4 and in St. Paul it is but 6.5. It. seems that the conclusions must be that there is no method in suicide madness and that the effort to reduce it to rule is doomed to failure.

CARP OUSTING WILD DUCK.

Toriess Themselves, They Have Destrayed the Wild Rice Fields in Ontario, Canada,

The singular complaint comes from various parts of northern Ontario that fish are responsible for the disappearance of certain kinds of game. In loealities which were formerly noted for the excellent duck shooting which ther: offered the birds are now not to be had

et all. The ducks, geese and other aquatie birds were formerly in the habit of frequenting the large fields of wild rice in the lakes and streams of parts of Ontario, but now these fields have been. in many instances, destroyed by the German carp, which has found its way into these waters. The vegetarian diet of this detestable fish not only rulns the flavor of its own flesh, but exhausts the food supply of some of the most desirable forms of feathered game.

says the New York Sun. The Ontario inspector of fisheries, who has been in northern Outario for the last few weeks, reports that the German earp has not only become dangerone to other fish, as has been frequent-Iv claimed, but that in Cook's bay, Lake Simcoe, where there were formerly hundreds of acres of wild rice, not a spear of that plant is to be seen to-day. The same is true of the Holland river where there were at one time 1,500 acres of rice. The carp have eaten it

The almost incredible part of it is that the fish have entirely destroyed the fields in one year. The aquatic birds which visit the locality, finding that all their usual feeding grounds have disappeared, cut short their visit, and move away in search of others. The local sportsmen complain, too, that the carp have attacked the beds of wild celery, and that they, too, are almost completely destroyed.

root, branch and seed.

It remains to be seen what the effect of this wholesale destruction of saguatic vegetation will be upon the game fishes of the locality. The fishery overseer of the district declares that it is a question whether the spawn of the muskallonge can be protected and developed without the rice I beds. He does not accuse the carp of eating the eggs of the other fish, but states that they keep the water continually disturbed, and that to their presence these waters must be attributed the decrease in the number of muskallonge frequenting them for spawning purposes.

A Monuter Mushroom,

Weigth three pounds four ounces, circumference forty-five inches, is the description of another monster, mushroom which has been gathered at Braconash, Norwich, England.

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