MINITECTOR OF BIRDS

ENGLAND' QUE N CONDEMNS WEAR 7. 61 PLUMES.

Sands Letter * Tr. st to Royal Society See g to Fut a Stop to Slaug of Weathered atures.

London.—Qupeen Alexandra has condemned the wearing of osprey plumes The following characteristically humake letter which she caused to be s. !! to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, through its president, the duchess of Portland, was read at the annual meeting of the society at Merley ball:

The queen desires me to say, in answer to your letter, that she gives you as president, full permission to use ther name in any way you think best to conduce to the protection of birds. You know well how kind and humans The queen is to all living creatures, and I am desired to add that her maiesty never wears osprey feathers herself and will certainly do all in her power to discourage the cruelty practiced on these beautiful birds."

in view of this sympathy and support from the queen the society intends to appeal forthwith to all British subjects to help in carrying out her majesty's wish.

The section of the society's report, which deals with the traffic in plumes is pungent reading. It says:

"The millinery question, at once a national and international one, remains the most discouraging part of the society's work.

"Whether due to a want of intelligence or general interest which prewents the majority of women from meading or comprehending matters of the day outside the covers of the fashion paper, or a lack of esthetic percepxion which makes them insensible to the offensiveness of dead birds and pertions of birds as ornaments for the head, or to sheer callousness, the fact has reluctantly to be recorded that birds and wings, bird of paradisa. plumes, and 'ospreys' have been conspicuous in the millinery of 1905.

"The emancipation of women has, it appears, not yet fred her from siavery to so-called 'fashion.'

SWEET PEA CARNIVAL.

Montana Town to Hold Picturesque Floral Festival in August

Bozeman, Mont. This city, noted for the profusion of sweet peas which rlamber over its inttices and hedges in the summer; has decided to hold a nweet pea carnival or festival, and August 11 has been chosen for the open-

Merchants will festoon their windows, porches of homes will be draped with them, and wherever in the city there is room for a blossom it will greet the eye of the visitor or na-

Plans for the carnival were formutat d by the sugar beet committee, and will be carried out by the Civic league. The affair will be as dainty and exquisite as possible and the tumult usually a feature of street fairs will be eliminated:

There will be music and a floral parade with a carnival queen to typify the spirit of the occasion, and in the evening the maskers will hold high

PUMPED OUT THE WINE.

Bargeload Saved from San Francisco Basements by Fire Engine.

Stockton, Cal.-The California Wine association sent here a few days ago a bargeload of wine saved from its cellars on Fourth and Brannan streets in San Francisco, which will be distilied into brandy here.

The wine was pumped from the cel-Lar of the burned storage place into the barge, which holds 250,000 gallons. and was towed here by the steamboat Leader. Here it was pumped into tank mars and conveyed to the El Pinal

A fire engine is now being used to pump out the wine in the San Franciscellar and it is run through 2,000 feet of pipe to the foot of Third street. where it is loaded into tanks. About sur and a half million gallons of wine will be saved in this manner.

Gold Coin in a Tree.

While Huber brothers were sawing off a slab from a large white ash log on the farm of Martin Millet, in Lexington township, says a Lesueur, Minn., correspondence of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, a peculiar opening was found in the wood, which aroused their curiosity. An investigation disclosed seven \$20 gold pieces embedded in the wood. Apparently a hole had been bored in the trunk of the tree, the money deposited and the hole olugged up. The money must have been hidden many years ago, as the fajest date on the coin was 1854.

Ballooning for Weak Eves. Dr. Robert Daulnoy, a Paris ocuitst, says he has discovered that ballooning at night is good for weak eyes. He made ascensions both day and might, during which he made a series ht experiments which he asserts entirely proves his theory.

Old Lead Mine Beopened, "During the civil war the confederate government procured lead from a mine near Jacksonville. This old mine has been reopened, and it is confidentby expected to strike both lead and rue deposits in a large scale.

GIVES MARRIAGE FIGURES.

Marrying Parson of Hoboken Prepares Some Statistics of General Interest.

New York .- Rev. John Rudolph, pastor of the German Evangelical church, known as the "Marrying Person," of Hoboken, has completed some interesting statistics of his 15 years' pastorate in this city. During this time he has united in marriage 1,595 couples and officiated at 1,896 funerals. In the 14 years that he was pastor of the German Reformed church in Elizabeth, previous to coming to Hoboken, he united in marriage 872 couples and officiated at 1,011 funerals. This makes a grand total of 2,713 marriages and 2,909 funerals, during these 29 years of ministry. Dr. Rudolph declares that weddings are less frequent than five years ago, for the reason that the young men do not earn enough money nowadays to support a wife, and on the other hand young women prefer to "gad about" like young men, in preference to doing housework and bringing up families. Dr. Rudolph says that the inability of young men to obtain remunerative positions now is because the young women force themselves in men's positions, many of whom secure good positions and earn good wages, and as a result a good many grow up and do not care to marry, preferring to be independent. The clergyman advises the boards of education to supplant the 300 teachers in Hoboken with male instructors. He says this will give school teachers an opportunity to marry before they get old. Men will not marry old women he says, and school teachers invariably lost their marriage opportunities by remaining in school too long. He thinks a man can provide for a wife and family very comfortably on a salary ranging from \$800 to \$1,000.

LONG LOST COINS FOUND.

Recovery of Gold Pieces Dropped by Maine Man Half a Century Ago.

Hartford, Cong. - Mrs. William Maine, of North Stonington, is the owner of some gold coins which have come to her in a peculiar manner.

Over 45 years ago John Robinson. in company with three or four other men, was trying different feats of strength, among them being a jumping contest. Mr. Robinson had \$52.50 in gold in his vest pocket at the time and after the contest he missed the money. A search was made and two \$20 gold pieces were found, but nothing of the remaining \$12.50.

Last fall Mr. Maine, who now lives on the farm, saw something glistening in the henyard. Picking up the object he discovered it to be a \$2.50 gold coin, and upon telling the story of his find to his neighbors learned of Mr. Robinson's loss so many years before, Digging and raking of the grounds followed in the hope of obtaining the remainder of the money, but no more was found.

A few days ago, however, Mr. Maine's small daughter was playing in the same spot where the first discovery was made, and happened upon another gold goin. Upon a further search a \$5 and \$2.59 came to light, making the total \$52.50 finally recovered. The gold pieces were remarkably well preserved after lying in the earth for such a long time.

WAR OVER WAIST MEASURE

Admission to Church Social in Pennsylvania Town Fixed at One Cent an Inch.

Wilmerding, Pa.-A waist measure social threatens to disrupt the Wesleyan church and all local society, The social was held by the Wilmerding Wesleyan society to raise funds for church work. Admission was one cent for every inch of girth showed by the tape measure. Refreshments were fur-

The social was a great success among the younger people, but elder members of the Wesleyan community are raising a hue and cry. They declare that it has made their church ridiculous, that it savors of flippancy and that the size of one's waist has nothing to do with the size of one's soul. A church trial for those who originated the social is threatened by some of the more radical of the conservative church members.

Nothing else has been talked of since the social. All the fat girls, it is alleged, pulled their corset strings a trifle tighter to save money, and there are charges that a number of thin ones let theirs out and ate heartily before leaving home. The young man who handled the tape is accused of unnecessary slowness as he passed it around certain of the more beautiful forms.

All the young people have taken up arms in defense of the social. The war threatens to be something fierce.

Montreal Celebration. Leading residents of Montreal are arranging for the celebration in 1908 o the three hundredth anniversary of its founding by Champlain. It is hoped that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will be induced to attend. Mayor Garneau leads a committee having in charge preliminary steps.

... Unhealthy Mattresses. Many people in England-and doubtless elsewhere—sleep on mattresses stuffed with substance made of old clothes that have not been disinfected or even washed.

Echo of the War. The empress of Japan has presented 984 artificial eyes and 1,797 limbs to soldiers maimed during the recent

CHARITY RUNS DRY

CONDON HOSPITAL CLOSES BEDS FOR LACK OF FUNDS

New Sources of Income Necessary to Keep Charitable Institutions Going in England's Capital.

London. Owing a dept of \$500,000, wward which but \$35,000 has been ient or promised, Lord Kilmorey, chairman of the Charing Cross hospital, declares the institution has had to close 54 beds and unless further funds are forthcoming will have to close 37 more, reducing it to the limit for a claim on the king's fund.

The next step, he says, will be the closing of the hospital, "a metropolian disaster." In appealing for large ionations he says that the interest on the debt and the falling off in subscriptions, cause a yearly deficit of \$30,000. The council is using the strictest economy in management.

Charing Cross is by no means the only hospital in this financial plight. Mr. Methado, secretary superintendent of the Middlesex hospital, said: *The hospitals of the United Kingdom have to rely entirely on the 'charitable ten thousand.' This is the name given to those who support charities and who do not number more than that in the whole of the United Kingdom.

"We have just had an example of how useless it is to appeal to anyone outside the 10,000. Some 25,000 appeals were sent out to the well-to-do quarters near the hospital. The postage alone came to more than \$500 and with stationery and envelope adiressing the response (under \$\$1,000did not cover the cost of issuing the

"Unless some new source of income is found. I do not see how the 'voluntary contribution' system can continue to keep London hospitals going."

-St. Mary's hospital is another example of this lack of support, for a new wing is still unopened because there are not sufficient funds to treat the extra patients.

SCARLESS OPERATIONS.

London Surgeon Has Method of Incising Skin Which Is a Surgical Marvel.

London.-Some bospitals here are employing for operations an unnamed surgion who has perfected a method of incising the skin without leaving a visible scar. His success is mainly attributable to his skill and experience, but his method is to cut the skin slantwise instead of at right angles to the surface

He uses hollow ground scalpels made after his own designs. His share of the operations is to make the first incision and to join the edges of the skin after the operation. Perfect contact of the edges of the skin is obtained under the lens. Then a rigid dressing is applied in such a manner as to prevent the skin from contracting, considerable pressure being employed. Sometimes massage forms part of the healing

It is claimed old scars from operations can be removed by this method. which, it is asserted, is one of the most important advances made in surgery in

WOMEN GOPHER HUNTERS.

South Daketa Maids and Matrons Take Part in Shooting the Flickertails.

Eureka, S. D.—Gopher hunting is no longer an industry controlled by men and boys. Women are taking part in the shooting of the flicker-tail, and, although to them it furnishes sport, they are making pin money from the bounty offered by the county. Many of these female mimrods are expert with their riffes. One made a quick shof the other day and killed a gopher at 50 vards.

A hunting party of women has been formed which will take the field as soon as the weather permits. Gopher shooting has reached such proportions in this vicinity that bounty records are expected to be broken before the season is closed.

Rain of Sulphur.

The rain following the earthquake on April 18 was a peculiar one, according to Dryden Garnett, a prominent farmer of this county, says a Williows (Cal.) correspondence of the Sacramento Bee. Mr. Garnett says that immediately after the rain be noticed al thick scum on all the water barrels at his ranch and on investigating more closely he decided that it was sulphur floating on the water. He skimmed off a handful and placed it in a stove and the odor satisfied him beyond a doubt that the stuff was sulphur. The rocks on the side of the hill were also covered with sulphur.

French Army Scheme. French officials are considering a scheme for providing a standing army of long-service men, one feature of which is to be the compulsory enlistment of all french schoolboys in national rifle corps, so that from their earliest years they may become accustomed to habits of discipline and knowledge of arms.

To Save Sponges. It is expected that the Florida legislature will close the sponge fisheries along the coast of that state for a year, because of the arrival of a out 500 Greek fishermen from the Mediterranean, where their ravages have caused the Turkish government to close the beds.

THEY GAVE HIM A NICKNAME

And It Was an Ingenious Abbreviation of is Proper Patronymic.

It has been said, according to the Cleveland Leader, that a boy who goes through school and college withbut a nickname must have lacked some of the elements of popularity. Hon. Wilfred Hosford and his wife, however, did not believe in nicknames, nor did they intend their boy to have one If they could prevent it.

"I was never known as 'Will or 'Willy,' " said Mr. Hosford, with dignity, "and I see no reason why my son, Wilfred Sawtell Hosford, should receive either of those names or the still more objectionable one of 'Bill."

Wilfred Sawtel Hosford was delirate for the first ten years of his life, and received his education at the hands of a grave young tutor. He grew stronger as time went on, and at the age of 12 entered the public school. On his return from the first session he was solemnly questioned by his pa-

"The boys are going to like me, I gness." said Wilfred, eagerly. "They've got a nickname for me already,

Mrs. Hosford shuddered and Hon. Winfred looked stern.

"Do you mean to say you enjoy being called 'Willy' or Bill'?" he asked, in his deepest tones.

"Oh, they've got a better name than those," said the boy, with a broad grin. "The smartest fellow in the class. Sandy Lane, thought it up almost right off as soon as he heard my name. They're going to call me 'Saw-Hoss.

ONE ON INSURANCE MAN.

Adjuster Caught by Sly Storekeeper Who Took Him at His Word.

"Insurance adjusters are about as clever and 'smooth' as any class of men to be found," said an old-time merchant the other day, according to the Kansas City Times. "Their logic is always oiled and ready to run without the least jar or friction. Once. however, one of the tribe got slipped up on. His logic got sidetracked on a derailing switch. I was running a country store which was destroyed by fire. The adjuster came along and then came the battle to get a settlement satisfactory to both sides. We were going over the items burned in the basement. 'Now, what else was there? asked the adjuster.

"There were 20 bushels of potatoes which I paid 25 cents a bushel for; but at the time they were worth 80 cents a bushet

" 'Hold on,' said the insurance man. 'We're only paying you for what you lost. No inflated values go. They cost you \$5. What else

"'There were four barrels of apples which had rotted on my hands and I was going to throw out that day. The fire prevented it. They weren't worth a cent, but they cost me three dollars a barrel.

"The adjuster saw he was caught. Without batting an eye he wrote: Four barrels of apples at three dollars. a barrel, \$12."

THE SCIENTIFIC SPIRIT.

▲ Carnegie Tale Which Illustrates Its Possession to a Nicety.

Andrew Carnegie admires the scientific spirit-his generous gifts to science are a proof of that. Nevertheless to his keen humor this spirit offers itself as a good prey, and Mr. Carnegie often rails wittily at scientists. and their peculiar ways, says the New York Tribune.

"The late-the late-but I won't mention the poor fellow's name," said Mr. Carnegie at a scientists' supper. "The late Blank as he lay on his death bed, was greeted very joyously one morning by his physician. "Poor Blank's eyes lit up with hope-

at sight of the physician's beaming face. There had been a consultation on his case the day before. Perhaps, at last, the remedy to cure him had been found. "My dear Mr. Blank," said the phy-

sician, 'I congratulate you.'

"Blank smiled. "'I shall recover?' he asked, in a weak voice, tremulous with hope. "Well-er-not exactly,' said the physician. But we believe your disease to be entirely new, and if the autopsy demonstrates this to be true wehave decided to name the maindy after YOU.' "

Missed Fire. The would-be diner had called for

ox-tail soup. He looked at the liquor which was brought to him hard and long, tasted it, smelt it, and then beckoned the young waiter-a fresh-complexioned young fellow, whose foot had evidently not been long off his native heath.

tomer, confidentially, "that an ox really did dip his tall in this soup at least once-a long time ago-eh?" "No, zur!" gasped the horrified waiter. "No hox never ad is tail within a mile of that soup-i gives. yer my word an' honor for it, zur

"I suppose,' whispered the cus-

To Win French Prize. Inventive effort should be turned into a new path by the \$20,000 prize of French manufacturers for a new application of sugar in the industries, other than the food industry. The sward is to be made after the French consumption of sugar is increased at least 100 000 tons a year.

-St. Louis Republic.

INGENIOUS OUTDOOR COOKING ARRANGEMENTS IN 'FRISCO.

People of the Ruined City Take Readily to Open Air Style of Living Under Sore Affliction,

San Francisco Chronicle.-Mother Necessity was never busier than now. Inventions were never so numerous: Ingenuity was never so profitably excreised. The people have settled down to street living as a matter of course and the pater sits caimly on a soap box against the curp, beside a pot of stew, holding a wooden poker in one hand, a newspaper in the other and a pipe in his mouth, with as little concern as he formerly planted his heels under the dining room table and read the headlines to the family. The mater comes to the door twice every five minutes to ask if the coffee's boiling-What she really wants is a line on dad's capability as a teakettle fireman -und the kids, meanwhile, are either out hustling wood or just hangin' on, wondering if there will be enough to go round, and there always is.

Under present conditions it is natural that some families should be more comfortable than others in their arrangements, for curbstone housekeeping; but this time the noorer classes win. The faboring man has 100 practical ideas stored in his brain, where the man who hasn't seen a kitchen since he was a boy is absolutely helpless. Thus it is that the street kitcheus range from two piles of bricks, open at both ends and uncovered, with a five-gallon oil can shoved in between, to a modern summer kitchen, containing a mortaret brick furnace, with a long stovepipe to carry off the smoke and scor, its walls inned with cooking utensils and dishes, and just to show the nature of the inhabitants, its roof surmounted by a flagpole, flaunting Old Clory.

When the order first went forth prohibiting Andoor fires, many had it fiveured that the inconvenience would last for a couple of day, only, and made no special efforts to cook outside, a loaf of bread and a pat of coffee being considered a sufficient menu for the re-Freeted season. But the wise ones got busy with fallen chimneys and built minigture furnaces, cometimes three or four feet in height. Over these they spread their oven grates, which served squally well for boiling coffee, steeping tea, frying eggs and meat or cooking stews. Then came the stiff winds, which blew ashes and cinders into the open nionalle. The spirit of the wise man released against the grimy invasion. Wind breaks were required. The nearest and easiest way to obtain them was from the bill boards which enclosed practically every vacant lot in the city. Only an example was required. The attack upon the inanimate exploiters of public amusements became general. By the time the neighbors had dulled their axes there was nothing left of the bill boards but an offer of \$50 reward for the arrest of any person caught northating them.

The result was that when day dawned on the Saturday following the disaster a majority of the street kitchens were well sheltered from the wind and rain, and many were completely boarded, curtains, canvas, tar paper and other adequare material being used to cover the wooden frames.

SIMPLE LIFE IN PARLIAMENT

British Lawmakers Eating Shilling Dinners with Water on the Side.

Aziadon.-Some of the labor mem-Hers of the house of commons are beginning to tell tales out of school. One of them recently informed an audience that not all the 200 members of the house who are supposed to be tectotallers deserve the name, for he had seen some of them taking wine with their dinner. He declines to name them, and rejoices that temperance is making great strides in the west.

There were only 40 tectotallers in the last parliament, while there are perhaps 120 now. A tale is told of how the other evening a member of the kitchen committee of the house gazed heartbrokenly into the dining rooms, where over 100 dinners were being eaten. Not ten members were drinking wine. He declared that the members were eating the kitchen committee into the bankruptcy court.

the new shilling dinner is becoming increasingly popular, Unfortunately, it does not yield as much profit, while the accompanying glass of water yields less. The menu of yesterday's shilling dinner was roast loin of yeal, braised ham, spinach, roast saddle of mutton, potatoes boiled, mashed, baked and fried, cabbage, custard pudding, apple tart, Cheddar and Cheshire cheese, and bread and but-

Preacher Has Big Parish.

Playing his parishioners scattered over an area of 100 miles long by 70 wide, and traveling by team 600 to 800 miles each month, is the experience of O. E. Tell, Sunday-school missionary for Stanley county, South Dakota, the only preacher and organizer in that immense circuit. In his present field he preaches at ten different points, and has four fully organized Sunday schools. Six horses are required to stand his driving. Other preachers of different denominations there are as bomesteaders, but Mr. Tell, being on a salary, alone can claim the immense circuit, which now is without church buildings.

M.C.IKEY PLANS REVENCE.

Trick Played by Bronx Zoo on Attache or Park Makes Fun for Visitors.

New York.-The maddest man at the Bronx zoololgical park a day or two ago was the official paper picker, the man who goes around picking up the lunch baskets and waste left by the visitors.

There has been a long standing gradge between him and the man-faced drill monkey from West Africa, the creature which is probably called manfaced because his countenance looks like a burned fritter and has the map of the great West Africa jungle clearly marked all over his phiz. Mr. Drill began the quarrel by reaching through the bars of his cage and emptying the paper picker's bag all over the ground one day when it was left too near the cage. Since then the paper picker has cast surly glances at Mr. Rrill, and scolded him occasionally.

The other morning a visitor with three big papers under his arm paused in front of the cage and laughed at Mr. Drill. The latter held out his arms for the papers, which were promptly handed to him. Retreating to a perch high up in the middle of the outside cage, Mr. Drill began slowly tearing the papers into bits about as large as postage stamps and scattering them to the wind which whistled through his cage.

The winds whisked them out of the cage and along the walks and over the ground till that part of the park looked like dump heaps on a breezy day. There wasn't a square foot anywhere around that didn't have its little white bit of paper.

When the man with the stick saw the acre of white paper dorting the park like daisies in a medow, be straightened up with an angry flush on his face "Rereah-rar! Huh " screamed the

monkey, dashing up and down the side of his cage and turning handsprings in hilarious joy. Then he sat grinning and chattering while the paper picker toiled.

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TALE OF JOHNSTOWN FLOOD Boy Sought for Fifteen Years Is Found After Mutual Search by Brother. Akon, O Fred R. Cowden, after 15 years' search and after having trave

eled through 35 states and to England.

received word in this city that his long-sough: brother, Paul Adrian Cowden, was in Indianapolis. The information came from the guardian of the two brothers, F. G. Williams, of Altoona, Pa., who searched for both of them for many rests to give them the \$4,000 toft to them as the result of the drowning of their parents in the Johnstown flood. Paul was found by Williams six years ago and received his maney a year ago. Fred received the news of his windfall when he heard from Williams a few days ago. The amount he will receive is+\$3,500, the \$2,000 left 15

years ago nearly doubled. The search for the prothers was a infitual one, as Williams Lat tracet Fred through 05 stotes and First staryed out one year-after the sohnstown disastia and by blacking boots and selling newspapers and reporting raised money to visit all parts of the country in his search. At the time of the flood Fred, then 14 years old, went into the country to fish and escaped. while the other son was miraculously

saved and the parents drowned. Fred will vist, his newly found brother at Indianapolis sherily and in August the brothers expect to meet the guardian in Pittsburg and close up the legal affairs of the estates oin his. letter Wallams says to Fred, "I admire your persistency in searching and am positive that it will be a happy reunion when we come together. I wus appointed the guardian of you and your brother 15 years ago and have traced you through 15 states, but was long outlied. Your brother is married and living in Indianapolis and is 22 years old.

TOO SMART FOR THE DUKE

Beautiful French Woman at Monte Carlo Traps Nicholas in Clever Scheme.

Monte Carlo .- All Monte Carlo in laughing at Grand Dake Nicholas, who was forced to help the Rusisan revoluzionists with a gull of \$350. It happened in this war:

At the roulette table his imperial highness noticed: a very beautiful French woman, who, however, repelled his advances. As a resource the grand duke whispered to the croupler, at the same time handing him ... and the croupler placed the money on No. 13. The roulette whizzed around.

"Madame," said the croupler to the woman, "take your winnings, \$350," and he pushed the little heap of gold , before the pretty girl. /

"This 's an error," said the woman: "I did not bet anything." "But I assure you."

On this Grand Duke Nicholas, with a broad smalle upon his face, said: "Pardon me,/madame, but the money is yours. I saw you place it. You must

have forgotten the act." "Two against one," smiled the womar. "k am \$350 richer then. Well, they shall be devoted to a good cause. I will send them through the usual channels, to the revolutionary committee in Russia and will be pleased to state that Grand Duke Nicholas helped

Australia's Exposition. Melbourne's exposition of Australian manufacturers attracted 400,000 visitors in four weeks and yielded a met profit of \$15,000.

me to acquire this little fund."

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS