BAN OSTRICH THAT TROTS.

1 . ned Bird That Is Entered Against Past Horses on Eastern Bace Tracks.

A trotting ostrick, known as Black Dismond and valued at \$5,000, has been natonishing race track goers in Detaware of late. Harnessed to a track wagon and driven by its owner, W. W. Ford, formerly of Dentware that now of Florida, this bird is doing exhibition uniles at 2:40 and even better, reports

New York exchange. He has appeared at Smyrna, Dover

and Milford.

A trotting horse was entered against the ostrich at Smyran, but when the time for the race arrived the horse did not appear. The ostrich, however, pulled Mr Ford around the track at a 2:40 pace. The first heat was unsatisfactory, as the bridle broke twice and it was necessary for Mr Ford to climb out over the shafts and grasp the ostrich by the neck after a leap in the air to stop him. When once the ostrich is beld firmly by the throat like a serpent, it is powerless to resist.

When Mr Ford took his feathered steed to the Delaware capital they created a sensation. An immease crowd gathered at the baseball park to watch the big bird draw its master in a wagon. Only a command was required to start the ostrich. With its bead poised nine feet and four inches in the air, the bird raised its great, slaewy feet quicker than the eye could follow them and trotted across the park and back again, then across again and again, with much of the grace and regularity of a young

trotter on the turf. When the ostrich appeared in Dover, drawing his master and the fourwheeled track wagon, work suffered. The people were so wonderfully attracted that they neglected business to look at them.

Baseball finances were at a low ebb 'in Dover when Mr Ford and Black Diamond arrived. Their appearance just before the Dover-Milford game, however, greatly increased the receipts.

For a race the ostrich is harnessed to the track wagon in much the same manmer as a horse. The reins, which Mr. Pord holds fairly tight, extend from his hands out over the bird's rick plumage to an especially constructed saddle. which was really a breast strap. There they run through two rings and take an unward course four feet into the air, where the steady, almost motionless head is held at a lofty perch. The reins are attached to a bridle with martingales and throat latch, but there is

The training of the bird was begun when he was very young; in fact. as FOOD as he had been taken away from whe rest of his cover. Since then he has "been used at regular intervals, but not too often or too long at a time. He has developed remarkable ageed, Mr. Pord having several times driven him under the wire at 1:12 for the half mile.

FACTS -CONCERNING SLEEP This Writer Says a Nap at M.d. Day Is Sometimes Better Than a

Good Meal

The scholar and professional man, like the anxious bousewife, is ant to carry his cares to bed, and meamnia beromes a curse. Men and women who are busied in setting and gaining the merchant, the banker all alike, fail to secure that est-ontro, which can manage the mind as well assesp as awake, says the

Normal sleep should be purely a mby accompal repose similar to the rest of animals who go to sleep with the darkness and awake with the light Some one has said that sleep is like hurger and thirst representing a dimiimpution of energy throughout the entire body. I hardly think this can be true. but in my jadgment alrep rather suggeers the diminution of energy of the brain, and he is a wise man who takes the hint when brain fag sets in of an revening and goes comfortably and prop-

erly to bed Of course it goes without saying that might is not the only time for sleep Men and women who are busy could stes, just a few minutes before or after the poonday luncheon to catch a little map, and, indeed, I am nearly sure that the noonday map is worth far more than the noonday meal, for the digestive processes are surely hundered during the periods of mental activity and it is the exceptional person in this busy world est ours who is not called upon to use all bis brain and brawn to make a living. It has been my habit to advise mothers. to steal awhile away from every fournbrous care," and, even if sleep falls to be wooed to take about 20 minutes every day in absolute peace and quiet-Tase diverting the mind from all anxieties and relaxing all the muscles. A habit of this kind is easily acquired and we might have fewer neurasthenic women, whose nerves make life hideons to their families if a word like this spoken from considerable experience,

Washing by Bicycle A bleycle is used to do the family washing for the family of a resident of Boinburgh, Va. His wife has a rotary washing machine, and to this his bieyele is ingeniously attached. The clothes and some and water having been put in the machine the man mounts his estationary wheel lights a rigar and pecals for about an hour. At the end of that time the washing is done.

French Millionaires

In France last year 497 millionsires died But they were milhopaires in france only, and 1,000,000 francs is only \$200,000

Great Water Drinkers. It has been estimated that an oak of average size during the five months M is in leaf every year, suche up from the earth about 123 tone of water

STRENUOUS CALLING.

PROFESSIONAL DUN HAS WORST BUSINESS ON EARTH.

Se Says an Expert, Who Relates One of His Encounters with a Bellicose Woman Debtor

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"Thin is the worst business on earth." said the manager of the bad debt cotlection agency, reports the New York Sun. "I'm going to get out of it just as soon

as I get things straightened out " "But you seem to be making money; what more do you want?" asked his

VISITOT. "Well, yes, there's money in it. But. let the people once get the idea that you are smart, then they'll say you're tricky. and from that they get to saying worse things, and eventually you're looked upon as a usurer and sharper.

That's why so many men fail in this line. I've been at it since 1886, and I'm the only one that has kept going right along in this section of the east for the same number of years. Just as soon as you get to be successful people begin to distrust you."

"In some of your collections you run a risk, do you not?"

"Well I should my we did. But if you don't run a risk and take big chances at that, you cannot make this business go. I have been obliged to run for my life time and again. I've been in court time and again, too, if not on charges against myself, on charges brought through my agents. These things rost money and reputation.

"A woman is worse than a man to dun. The woman will first bluff you. by intimating that you have insulted her, and if that fails then she'll fight and

fight bard -"I recall a case in Luxerne county. Pennsylvania. A piano dealer placed a claim in my hands and told me to get either the money or the instrument In going out I was obliged to ride on a stage coach. I asked the driver where

the party lived. 'Have you a bill to collect" was his response. 'If you have, you'd better keep your eye peried, for the woman there is a tartar-assaults two or three collectors a day

"I got off the stage at the botel and made further inquiries, as I was disposed to think that the driver was exaggerating matters. Hearned from the hotel man that the driver had told the truth and that I had a tough tob before me. There was a \$75 fee in R. though, so I determined to see it out.

"The house was in a remote part of the town. When I entered a young girl said her mother was out, but she went after her and soon a big, masculinelooking woman was standing in the doorway. She surveyed me critically for a moment, evidently guessing my mission. Her greeting was: Why have you entered my house like a third?" "I explained what I was after and

she declared I was a robber and would kill me if I attempted to pass her. She flow into a rage and, selzing a club. struck me and was evidently determined to add another to her list of vanquished rollectors

"Across the room was a door in the floor, leading into the cellar. I reached this and she followed, raining blowsupon my shoulders and back. Before she goold divine my purpose I had the cellar door open and then grasping the

woman pushed her into the callar "I looked the door quickly, went upstairs and dragged the plane out to the parement I soon had it loaded on a wagon and drdy off leaving the woman

a prisoper in her own house. "I got my fee but had to stand a lawsuit in which I spent it, but I won out in court."

RULING SPIRIT OF ITALY.

The Commune Is the Most Elistorical and Natural Form of Popular Life.

Italy is now a monarchical state, and for the present moment no other form of government can be better desired for her, says Angelo de Gubernatis, in Atlantifer This monarchy, which unites and defends her, is constitutional with democratical tendencies, and ought thus not only to guard the rights of the astion but also protect those of the free towns. In the middle ages the free towns passed, turn by turn, from under the protection of the emperor to that of the pope, according as they declared themselves Guelf or Ghtbeiline Guelfs and Chibellines now no longer suist, and the communes are no longer in warfare against one another, though their muinal jealousy still continues. Royal proection is thus rendered easier than was nace that of the emperor or pope. However it is now more necessary to impress on the public mind that the commune is the most historical and natural firm of Italian popular life. And this conviction, grounded in the conscience of the people, should also penetrate the spirit of national government too ant to centralize! As a general rule, the southern provinces wrest from the central government every kind of service and benefit, whilst, on the other hand, the northern provinces are often left to their OWN TOROUTCES.

The initiating spirit, varying from one province to another, is very strong in the north and in the greater part of centra italy but scarcely exists in the south where, as already observed goverament in supposed to provide everything allumination, schools, hospitals -and to construct roads and seaports And why not? Did not the Roman empire, in its time provide the citizens with panem at circanaca".

Marriage Law in China. Persons bearing the surname, although they may not be related in any way, are forbidden to marry in ('bina.

YOUNG TRAINED TO GAMBLE

Calldren Held Up to the Tables to Play at the "Ferias" in. Mezico.

The most enthusiastic and successful gambling tournament, or Mexican ferta, ever held at Zapata, came to a close the other day. There were more different kinds of games of chance, more and bet-Annanch Sakte and heten teen than more. ever witnessed in these parts before, says the Galveston (Tex.) News of recent date

The plan followed is for some person, unually a successful gambler, to obtain from the proper authorities permission to use the public square or plass for a feria. Having obtained this, he then proceeds to sell concessions to people for the erection of temporary quarters on the square for restaurants, roullette monte, red lemonade and the like.

This brings in to the impresarto guite a sum of money, part of which he must use to pay for lights, music and official protection. A good portion of this money is also used in advertising the The restaurant and gaming tables are

arranged around the outer edge of the plaza, and a band stand, or seats with a light, is placed in the center for mustclaus, jeaving a wide promenade, where the people pass the time dancing and listening to the music when not playing some of the sames

The most popular of the games for woman and children is called "loteria" It is much like the American game of keno, and is about as fair a game as anyone could gamble at.

The professional cambler does not take much to this game, as he has no chance to get in his sleight-of-hand work. He is, however, at no loss for games where his nimble fingers can bring him much bonor and a goodly sum of the hard-samed money of the fool who tries to live by honest work and thinks he can beat the professional gambler at his own came.

All ages, sexes and conditions of people may be seen playing at the same game. Sometimes a mother or father can be seen holding up a small child in order that it can reach the top of the table to try its luck on some game of chance

Horse racing and cook fighting create more enthusiasm than anything else. and every impresario always arranges to have a continuous performance of this sport during the day to keep the excitement at its proper pitch to make the victims as easy mark at night

There is no odium whatever atttached to gambling in any of its forms by the people in this section as a rule. In fact. a successful gambler is looked upon by a majority as quite a bero, and, like his better known and more popular brother of the trust and stock exchanges. is in line for promotion to some high polittical office.

THE END-SEAT MAN REBELS Will Bot Have Anybody Standing in Front of Rim in the

Street Car.

New Yorkers are so good natured as a rule and have become so used to have ing their feet troddes upon in the crowded surface and elevated cars that it is very seldom that anyone utters a remonstrance against crowding. In the open cars at is no uncommon thing to see five people standing between the

seats, says the Sun. An effective stand against this practics of doubling the capacity of the carwas made the other day when a big man took an end-seat on an open car bound uptown on Third avenue. The other

seats were full. The man at the end opened his paper and was preparing to make himself comfortable for the long ride to Harlem, when a voung man started to get in front of him, with the intention of standing up for his ride. He didn't succood, for the big fellow promptly stretched his arm across and took hold of the back of the seat in front and re-

fused to let the young fellow in. "You can't get in here, young fellow," he said. "The seat is full and there's no room

"That's all right," was the reply "T want to get in there and stand un.

"No you don't," returned the big fellow. "I don't propose to have anyone standing in front of me. I've paid five cents for my seat and that entities me to all the space in front of me to the back of the next seat, and I propose to enjoy it. Now." he added as the young fellow. started to reply, "there's no use talking about it. You can't get in and that setties it. I don't think you are big enough to get past me if I don't want you to, and

I won't let you do it." The young fellow looked at the man for a minute or two as though he'd like to tackle him and test his ability in the fighting line, but he finally thought better of it and appealed to the conductor. The conductor requested the big man to let the other fellow pass in front of him, but the big man firmly refused, and rode on his way to Harlem in full entoyment of his paper and the seat he had. paid for

Workers' Wages.

The worker in a Massachusetts factory gets 27 per cent of what he produces, while the ishorer in South Carolina gets only 19 per cent; yet the Massachusetts laborer produces in one year \$715 more for his employer than the laborer in South Carolina.

Mot Boarders. First Boarding House Mistress-I've seen it figured out that people can live

on 12 cemis a day Second Boarding-House Mistress-Ah! but you can't get them to do it.-Brooklyn Life.

Breezy. Baces Well, I see you've been investing in an electric fan Exhert-Ob, yea: I thought I'd blow myself --- Yonkers Statesman.

SODA WATER CLERKS

WHEN SEASON IS OVER THEY DISAPPEAR PROM VIEW.

Like Bricklayers or Any Other Class of Laborers They Are Discharged When Winter Comes.

It was all righe enough now during the summer days to look at the sods. water clerk and think he has a good thing of it. But wait till the winter, and see what you think. You will be reminded of the old song about the "birdle," and wonder what he will do then, poor thing, says the Brooklyn.

Eagle. After the season is over the soda cierks vanish from the army of wage earners, to resppear for work again a few months later, looking scarcely less seedy than when they quit The soda water season only lasts five months. A warm day in April is likely to precipitate it with a rush, and a cold day in September blights it as suddenly in the warm and busy season several thousand men find employment in Greater New York and other large cities making and boitling sods water and other throat washes with which the multitude assiduously slakes its thirst on a hot day. While they work they earn anywhere from \$12 to \$20 a week.

The season over their services are no longer needed, and they are discharged. Like bricklayers, many of them spend an idle winter on the savings of a busy summer and whatever trust they can get at the corner store. But the majority of men in the plenitudes of to-day never give a thought of to-morrow's needs and cold weather

brings them a bard lot. While a certain portion of skilled iabor is required, the majority of hands employed in sods water establishments come, as a general rule, from the bottom strata of the laboring classes. Of tate years the machinery and a general use of the siphon, so far-as city trade is concerned, has so simplified the work of the manufacturer that little experience in the work will soon make a person proficient

Nevertheless there is a large element of danger in the employment and to a green hand not a little bodily pain. Despite the multiplicity of "fountains" in drug stores, refreshment shops and department stores, a vast amount of sida water consumed every day is sent from the factories in bottles, and it is surprising to learn through how many different hands a bottle must pass before it is ready for the consumer

Whether an empty bottle is "returned" or comes out of the packing straw new from the bottle manufacturer it is carefully washed rinsed and dried by men employed to do this work and nothing else. It requires more practice than a novice would imagine to do it rapidly and thoroughly. The -washers do not know what it is to have on devictables while at work. They dress themselves in cast-off garments and aplash about all day until they are

as wet as so many wharf rate After the bottles are dried they are stacked in crutes and carried off to the "fillers" If intended for lemonade lemon soda, or any special flavor, they go first to another squad of men, who dip in the required amount of sirup: with a ladie. The serated water is thennumped into the bottle- just as it comes from the generators with a pressure of 50 pounds or more to the square inch. If a bottle has a flaw in It or if the man handling it is careless, the glass will burst into fragments and scatter all over the room. An are dent of this kind usually means trouble cometimes serious trouble for others than the man who happens to be handling the bottle. In most factories the men protect themmeives with devices for guarding the head and arms, but every season adds to the list of the disfigured for life through their own or somebody else's careleseness.

After the bottles are filled and wired they are labeled and polished, and put away in cases ready to be sent off in the delivery wagons as fast as ordered. The process of filling siphons and patent botties of numerous make is much simpler. more easily done, and with less risk. But they are not suitable to all branches

Happily Located. ----Rastus-Am yo' lot cast in pleasant places amongst yo' new neighbors.

Descon Snowball-Deed yes, sah. Brudder Rastos. The fambly nalxt me on de lef' hab got a watermillion patch. and de fambly on de right done got fo' hundred chickens. Mah neighbor on de right am deaf, and de brudder on mah tef' goes to chu'ch six nights out ob de week an' lose so much sleep he sleep like or log de seventh night. Yes, sab. yo' mout say mah neighborly sur roundin's was mos' obsequious, sah, mos' obsequious, foh a fact! -- San Franelsco Bulletin.

Cost Enough.

Laura is the name of a Reading (Pa) maid whose love of finery is very pronounced, and who had her heart set on obtaining a ring. Her importunities finally brought their complete reward in the form of a pretentious gow-gaw. A caller several days later, with the aid of the little miss, noticed the acquisition, and remarked: "What a pretty ring; is it a diamond?" "Well, I guess it ought to be." replied its possessor, indignantly "It cost 75 cents." --Golden Days

Right Back. First Lump of Delight-My bushand in so jenious. Second Lump of Delight-How ab-

mard! "Why isn't yours?"

Edition Labdonastales 35.00.

"Of course not." "How humiliating!"-New Yorker.

IN AN AWKWARD POSITION.

Stage Villain in Wild Western Town Headed Off by Unappreciative Andience.

"We were playing in a small town in the far west of America some years ago," said an actor, "when our leading man had rather a rough experience All the miners of the district were in the theater. Well, the villain had been persecuting a poor maiden through two acts. in the third act he came to the powerful

scene of the play. "At last,' he said, 'I have you is my power, and nothing on earth can save you I, who was the slave, am now the mester!

"So saying, he advanced toward his trembling victim.

"Mercy!" she moaned. 'Mercy?' he retorted. 'You had no mercy for me, and I will have none for Tou! "At that moment a gruff voice was

heard from the gallery: 'You varmint' I'll settle with you.' "There was the crack of a pistol, and a

bullet whiszed near the heavy man-'Plug the son of a gun, boys!' continued the voice, and a shower of builets saluted the stage villain.

"He didn't stop long. In the wing he met the stage manager, who was white with anger. 'You have broken up the scene,"he

" 'Well?" " Go back to the stage, sir, and wait for your exit."

'I think not' "'I telt you I won't have the man in my company who is so easily disconcerted. Go on with the scene, or your leave the company to-morrow."

That was serious. To be stranded in the formaken town was calculated to make the villain hesitate. "Till go back," he swid."

"He tore off his wig just before going on, and, stepping down to the footlights with an injured expression of counterance, he said:

'Ladies and gentlemen'-there were no ladies there, but that didn't mat-resume the scene. Before doing so, however I want to call your attention to the fact that the young lady and myself are merely acting parts. In reality we are the best of friends. I bear no ill-will for your display of heroic chivalry. I trust, however, that you will curb your generous sentiments for if you should hit me the play would be interrupted If any of the gentlemen will meet me after the show in a saloon, they will find out I am not a had fellow."

"Loud cheers greeted this speech and the play was resumed."

NOT PRACTICAL FARMERS. Good Profits Made in Small Fruit-Growing by Men Who Go by Theory.

"Parming, young man, is a tradenot a profession. It doesn't depend on theories. It depends on practice you can put it down as gospel that these stories in the magazines about men who make radependent fortunes off of one crop of strawberries, or meloas; or sparrow grass, or anything

else, are so many fairy tales." With that the commission merchant tooked complacently around his stand. measured the crates of berries with his eye lit a cigar, and waited for a reply It came, but not from the reporter, says

the Chicago Tribune "I'm not so sure about this theory business." said the man across the way. "I've seen a good many farms that wouldn't pay under practical farming than yielded good, paying crops when one of these agricultural professors took charge of them

"There is such a place down state aways. Nobody could do anything with it.

"Well a young fellow with glasses came sailing along and he bought the place. Everybody laughed, of course But he is a rich man to-day. And what do you suppose made him rich? Why. sparrow grass. And he grew it by the-

In a moment or two the discussion included half a dozen marketmen, and these are the conclusions which the reporter felt were justified by their sev-

That the profits in growing small fruits depend almost entirely on the care with which they are packed for shipment

That the big profits go to the producers of "extra" goods and that in more cases than otherwise, the preducers of these "extra" goods are not what the neighbors call "practical armers "

Russia's Fiorses

The Russian edict forbidding the exportation of horses on account of the war with Japan has very disadvantageously affected several sections of Germany, particularly those of northern Germany, which portion of the country has been accustomed to depend for its general supply upon importation of horses from Russia. In the year 1903, 42,600 horses, valued at 17,000,000 marks (\$4,046,000), were imported into Germany from Russia. ---London Telegraph.

In a Pinch.

"Darling," exciaimed the happy husband, after the minister had pronounced the fatal words, "I am not worthy of

"Of course you are not," she replied; "but after a girl has celebrated ber twenty-fifth birthday for five consecuhive years she can't afford to be too particular." -- Cincinnati Enquirer

Advised. He-It seems to me I have tried everything I know to gain her affections

She...They say that absence makes the heart grow fonder. Try that way for a change,—Casseli's.

MUST BE SPARRERS.

ACTORS TAKE LESSONS FROM EXPERTS IN MANLY ART.

Modern Melodrama Calls for Knowledge of "Mitt" Work, in Which

Many Stars Are

Adepts. ma retired actor started a gymnasium on the West side of town about six months ago. It was his idea to cater exclusively to members of his profession. He was surprised, saye the New York Sun, at the number of applications he received. To-day he has a membership of nearly 100, composed of actors in local companies. Two simtiar gymnasiums have been opened, and

they seem to be thriving. The chief exercises taught are boxing, wrestling and fencing Expert instructors are employed and they receive good salaries. Boxing and fencing seem popular among the actors. This is due to the fact that the modern drama requires that the actors should have a knowledge of these arts. Besides, they serve to keep them in condition.

Recently a well-known professional pugillat who is starring in a melodrama written to order was confronted with the task of selecting an actor to play the part of the villain in the show The role called for a sixfooter, capable of holding his own in a sparring bout The prize-fighter, who has the reputation of being one of the stiffest punchers in the bustness, visited one of these gymnasiums and asked the proprietor to recommend to him a capable man. After looking over his list of members, the proprietor suggested a middle-aged actor who had been on the stage more than 20 years, and was once a star himself. The puglist was introduced to the actor, who proved to be very strong and broad shouldered, and of the required height. So, without further questioning, the actor was es-

raged At the initial rehearsal the first thing the pugilist did was to throw a pair of gloves at the feet of the actor and invite him to a bout. The actor, somewhat surprised, picked up the gloves, and in apparent timid fashion, began to adjust them.

"I suppose you know you are to be the villain in my show," said the fighter, carelessly, with a wink to his friends. In this play you make strong stall for my girl. I win her out, and then we have a fight. Now as my friends want to see me in ac tion. Eve got to give them the real thing, or as near it as-"

The sentence was not finished, for at this juncture the actor filed a protest. He said he was not prepared for a strenuous bout but would not mind a friendly tilt.

"Ther's all right" said the bruiser "I won't hit you very hard, but you it good enough to set the gallery go ing and get the applause. See!"

Whether the actor saw or not is not recorded. But he soon gut ready The gloves used for the trial were or dinary boxing mitts of about weven ounces. While the sitapper was busy fixing his costume, the actor quickly shoved the parking from the back or his gloves toward the fingers away from the knuckies, so as to give a firmer impact to the blow, an old pagillistic trick, and announced that he was ready for husiness. Then selos

and fighter went at it Ar first the actor seemed a triffs nervous but he soon began to de nobly. He blocked all of the bruiser : leads, landed a couple of drives on the stomach and on the head, and altogether made himself very useful.

The fighter was agreeably surprised but professional pride prevented him from going into ecstasies over the act or's showing. He told the candidate that he would do, and he was sure would improve before the season was over. The actor and the pugillat understand each other now, and their nightly essay has the essence of the real thing about it.

Most of the theatrical stars and lead ing men know-how to box. Some of them are experts and some of them if they choose, would not have any difficulty in holding their own in the fastest amateur company

An Everlasting Light.

A 36-eandle-power light which will never go out has been discovered by an inventor in London. While experimenting with photographic chemicals some years ago Magrady's attention: was setracted by a glow in a small globe. The glow was caused by a chemulat which the discoverer keeps a secret Magrady enlarged the glow and perfected the light by placeng it in airtight glass He says there is no reason why the fight will not remain brilliant forever if the glass is not broken. A company has been formed to manufacture the light in various sizes. A patent hood fits over the light and sides it when the light to not needed -N. Y. Herald.

Wit of a Scotch Beadle. At an anction sale in a Scottish willage the auctioneer was trying to sell a number of domestic atensils, including a porridge pot. As usual, he was making a great fass. Finishing, his keen eye caught a well known worthy, the beadle, standing at the back of the crowd, and he shouted out: "Maister McTaviah, make an offer for this pot! Why, it would make a splendid kirk beil!" "Aye," replied the beadle, "if your tongue was in it!"-Scottish Amy ricen

Our Limitations.

The eye of each individual marks his ewn horizon. Likewise each man lim-It's his career by the boundary he him-

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS