MECORD IN PICTURE TAKING

bemarkable Achievement of Mr. F. Dundas Todd, a Victoria (B. C.) Photographer.

Victoria, B. C.-What is stated to the longest distance photograph meer produced was recently taken From Victoria, the subject matter be-Mount Baker, distant from here miles. The photographer, F. Dun-Todd, spent 18 months before he finally was successful in taking his mubject, walking each morning during that time to the top of Reservoir hill. On a clear, calm morning, when the tweering summit of the Cascades was clearly defined against the sky-line, 12 photographs were taken from Shot-Built's hill, Mr. Todd having decided woon this point after many futile visto Reservoir hill.

The record longest distance photograph previously taken was one in mwitzerland, over a distance of 65 miles. The present picture covers 75 miles, and whereas the former was when over land the latter possesses The drawback of having had to shoot mcross 40 miles of water, which prothuces a mirage effect in photos. In mr. Todd's photograph eight or nine innes of different values are clearly defined. First is seen the land below motbolt's hill, then a sheet of water mraken by Discovery and Chatham Madands; beyond these more water, and then the end of San Juan island. which a house is distinctly visible. Further away still a portion of Lopez Island is discernible, then come the mothills of the Cascades, while crown-Yang all, standing out in clear and dis-**Eact** relief in all its snowclad majestr. is Mount Baker.

The picture was taken at midday caring two hours of absolute calm. The camera was an old one, invented mome twenty years ago. The focal Tens was 68 inches in length. Special plates were used. The ray filter with which the photograph was taken was designed by Prof. Wallace of Yerkes Deservatory, who presented it to Mr. Todd.

Mr. Todd has won several medals for photographs he has taken in Scotmand, England and the United States.

ADDS TO CONSCIENCE FUND

Tennessee Preacher Sends Forty Two-Cent Postage Stamps to Street Car Company.

Byracuse, N. Y.—"Conscience money" came to C. Loomis Allen, general manager of the Syracuse Rapid Transit Company, in the form of 40 Awo-cent stamps, purporting to have been forwarded by Rev. H. E. Tower,

m Tennessee clergyman. The letter, which was the first inmance of restitution for evaded car fares on the local street railway commany, read:

"Marvville, Tenn.-Dear Sir: Some whene ago, while a resident of your city I evaded several fares on the street ear. Inclosed please find 40 stamps

"I am serving the right Master now and desire to make all things right as mar as possible. If you are not the wight official to pay kindly pass it on the proper official. Yours in his

mervice. "REV. H. E. TOWER, (Evangelist)."

BIVORCES HER DEAD HUSBAND

Peculiar Decree Secured by Woman to "Bind Her Hold on Homestead-Collects Insurance.

Grangeville, Idaho,-A peculiar diworce suit was decided by Judge Excele, who granted a divorce to Mrs. Anna G. Murphy, whose husband, J. W. Murphy, has been considered dead nor five years.

Six years ago Murphy suddenly dissuppeared and has not been heard of since. Mrs. Murphy recently exericised her widow's right to file on hand, and to make sure that no complications arise, instituted action for

Mrs. Murphy has also continued during her husband's absence to keep his Me insurance assessments paid up. and at the expiration of seven years from the time of his disappearance will be able to collect the insurance.

War Declared on Fly. Washington.—A concerted countrywide attack is to be made on the? house fly this year, according to Chief Entomologist Howard, who testified the other day before a house commit-

When spring begins hundreds of scientists, aided by laborers, drugs and chemicals and mechanical "kilimrs," will try to drive the household

post out of existence. Dr. Howard says the campaign will be opened in the country districts and the department will issue a farmers' bulletin giving advice as to the ills for which the files are responsible and how to eradicate the pest.

Busy Blind Workman. Beverly, N. J.-So nearly blind that he can scarcely distinguish daylight from darkness, James J. Carr is working at the Wall Rope works in the midst of machinery where one false step would mean his death, yet he is ane of the ablest workmen in the

alace. Carr has no fear of making the false step, for with an acute sense of touch he is more careful than those with

good sight. Before Carr lost his vision he was recognized as one of the best ropemakers in the business, and when he applied for his old job, although almost totally blind the foreman hired

UNIQUE SCHOOL FOR BRIDES

College of Housegraft, Latest Educational Enterprise, Established In London.

London.-A school for brides is the latest English educational enterprise and as the brides are taught domestic economy and housewifery, there ought to be rejoicing in this country of unskillful cooks and incompetent house-

The new school calls itself the College of Housecraft, and though it is founded in the hope that newly-married young women or girls about to enter matrimony will patronize it, it is open to other women. At present besides prospective brides there are ordinary middle class girls who have been well educated and are trained in sports and accomplishments, but are lacking in rudimentary, knowledge of home-making. In many cases they are planning to go to the colonies to take some position in domestic service, after they have gained a knowledge of

housewifery. The college is arranged like a regular house and run without any servants. The pupils do all the work. Six months is the full course, but shorter terms are arranged as in the case of the society women, while some students are allowed to come as day

workers or can attend special classes. The students wear a plain uniform of brown linen with mob cap and linen apron in the morning and of brown cashmere with muslin cap and apron in the afternoon. They sleep in little curtained cubicles, but those who wish it can have separate bedrooms at a weekly additional charge of \$1.25.

BEAR AN EFFECTIVE CURFEW

Timid Remain at Home at Night While Armed Expedition Search for Animal.

Clayton, N. J.-Reports of the presence of a large black bear in Jericho swamp, near here, have acted like a curfew on the timid, who will keep under shelter after dark until Bruin is captured, which will be soon, say the hunters, who, 50 strong, will explore the vast swamp in hope of apprehending his bearship.

The bear was discovered the other night by Louis G. Fisher, who, with Thomas A. Downs, Thomas Stalford, David Moore, Corbett Fisler and Ashley Ashbridge, was on a for hunt. It was after midnight before the hounds took a trail, and Fisier rushed ahead of his comrades into the swamp, holding a lantern aloft to show the way. A big black object, which the hunters declare was a bear, with a powerful paw knocked the lantern from Fisler's hand and extinguished the light fust as 18 hounds arrived and pandemoni-

The hunters rescued Pisler and dragged him to a place of safety, while the bear and the hounds rushed into the deep swamp. The chase was kept up until daybreak, when the tired hunters returned to town with several

FIGHTING OVER HIDDEN GOLD

Treasure Found in Cellar In West Virginia Now in the Courts---Several Claimants.

Wheeling, W. Va.-The finding of \$25,000 in gold by William McClain, an Ohio contractor, who, after discovering the money, conveyed it out of this state, has precipitated litigation.

The money, in six earthen jars, was found while McClain was excavating in the cellar of Dr. Gunther Schuhardt, who was murdered 20 years

It was known that the old man had considerable money. Attorney Henry M. Russell of this city, administrator of the dead doctor, filed suit in the common pleas court at St. Clairsville. O., demanding that Contractor Mc-Clain turn over the money to him. The Wheeling Stamping Company,

owner of the property at the present time, and the workmen who made the find, all have filed claims.

TO BREED THE TAILLESS CAT

Peculiar Experiments Being Conductad to Determine Darkness Upon Animal Life.

New York .- To determine the effects of darkness upon various forms of animal life, experiments are being conducted with insects and fighes at the Carnegie branch for experiment evolution at Cold Springs Harbor, L. I.

The experiments are in charge of Dr. A. M. Banta. A concrete cave has been built, 42x10 feet, and eight feet in height. It is five feet underground. It is equipped with tanks in which live fishes of various kinds have been placed, while crickets and other insects have been placed in compartments that are dry, but without a ray

of light. Other odd experiments have been in progress for some time, one of them being the effort to breed a tailless cat.

Farmers' Whittle Club. Owensville, Ind .-- A whittle club has been organized among the farmers living in the Twineham school neigh-

borhood. Guy Lofton is the president of this novel club: Perry Hays, vice-president; Earl Lofton, secretary, Ford Gillison, keeper of whittling material; Edgar Woods, knife sharpener.

One of the rules of the club is that any member who brings the subject of tariff reform, Panama canal and other national questions for discussion while the club is in session will be fined not less than one cent nor more than one box of cigars.

COMET IS HARMLESS

When It Hits Will Make Pretty Show, But Do No Damage.

Peculiar Electrical Conditions May Be Looked For About the Middie of May-19th of May Date of Passage.

Washington. - Astronomers have fixed the 19th of May as the day of the passage of the earth through the tail of Halley's comet, at which time the celestial visitor will be at its most brilliant period on its perihelion passage through the solar system.

Comets come and go, and while in the solar system assume various shapes of circles, knots, twists and streaky tails and then leave those on the earth forever in doubt as whence they come and whither they go-s conclusion of the physicist and astronomer.

But this spring when the comet comes it will afford the rare chance, as the earth passes through its tail, of learning much in regard to comets and their accompanying phenomena. This will include distinctive markings as bright patches, streaks, straight and twisted, many and various shapes of tails and any other phenomena as may present itself to the observer.

In the passage of the earth through the tail of Halley's comet there will be a polarization of its light, light fluctuations, earth currents, which mean a marked change in the electrical condition of the atmosphereauroreal displays may be expected for several days at the intersection of the earth with the material of the comet.

The color of the sun will be temporarily modified in the earth's passage through the tail. Twilight panorama, luminous clouds, dust particles in the air and the apparent brilliancy of zodiacal light may be greater during the pasage through even so rare a substance as the tail of a comet. The auroral line will perhaps show up to be the most interesting and the most spectacular phenomena in the passage of the earth through the com-

Dr. Humphreys of the Mount Weather observatory, speaking of this phenomena, says: "Evidently the source of this line is not definitely known. but conceivably it may be rendered more brilliant by the passage of the earth through the tail of a comet, and therefore it would be well for some favorably situated observer carefully to measure its brilliancy on several consecutive nights, so selected as systematically to overlap the calculated date of our supposed passage through the tail of Halley's comet."

The late Prof. S. P. Langley said: "The encounter of the earth with a comet's tail would be like the encounter with a shadow, and the chances of a collision with the nucleus is remote

Some time about the middle of May the earth will pass through the tail of Halley's comet.

The real gist of the stunt will be known only by the mathematical astronomer, and if there should be a hitch in the performance they would hardy have the opportunity to explain

the slip-up in the laws of gravitation. Far away in the depths of space, so remote from our planetary system, lies the future comet. Across the abyse which intervenes between the comet and the sun the law of gravitation extends its sway. After the lapse of centuries, or thousands of years. the comet is seen to be rapidly approaching-it whirls around the sun, and then recedes further and further, perhaps never again to return to our

OLD INDIAN WANTS AID NOW

Victor of Many Battles Bays "Money no Good After; Heap Good Now."

Walker, Minn .- Old John Smith, an Indian brave, victor in many battles and possessor of several personally collected scaips, was here from his Mud lake allotment in upper Cass county and was on his way to interview Agent John Frater regarding his pine holdings. The redman is nearly 100 years of age.

"Me die soon," said the old buck; "happy hunting grounds in little while! Want money; no good after dead; heap good now," continued the wizened warrior as he loaded a ponderous pipe with kinnikinic and thrust the long stem between his toothless

The Indian is known as being one of the oldest Indians of his tribe. Notwithstanding his age, he is able to get around with those of much younger years, and while his face is wrinkled with the passing of many suns there is still the clear eye and certain litheness of limb which the well preserved members of the tribe maintain until the Great Father calls them.

John bosats of killing six Sioux Indians in the early days, the fight occurring at Portage lake, seven miles from here.

Hard Relationship Puzzle. Minneapolis, Minn.-John Ericson, Br., widower, and John Ericson, Jr., his son, a year ago married Mathilda Swanson, a widow, and Hulda Swan-

son, her daughter. The son married the mother and the father the daughter. Now a son has been born to each.

They live on the North side of Minneapolis and the entire district is going crazy trying to figure out the relationship.

SARCASM IN DRIVER'S RETORT

Explanation of Horse's Condition Was Amusing, But Hardly Had Con-Vincing Ring.

A middle-aged lady who is interested in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals happened on one of the ferry-boats that keep the river in motion between this city and Camden the other morning, and when she saw a South Jerseyman drive aboard with a horse so unmercifully narrow and thin that it didn't even make a shadow on the deck the good woman's tender sympathies prompted her to immediate action.

Pushing her way through the crowd to the decrepit rig, she sixed up the emaciated animal from every point of view, and then, turning to the owner, who had clambered out of the wagon and propped himself against the engine-room, said:

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself for driving a poor horse like that. It should be at home and in the sta-

"What is the matter with her, lady?" was the easy response of the owner, who didn't seem a whole lot perturbed. "What is the matter with her?" demanded the S. P. C. A. lady, with in-

creasing warmth of tone. "Can't you see how skinny she is? She looks half "The hose is all right, lady," calmly rejoined the South Jerseyman, as a sweet smile floated through his scant crop of whiskers. "You see she got

up so late this mornin' that she didn't her time to put on her rats, pads an' extenders, or she would hev been as purty an' plump as ther next one."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

THIS PILGRIM KNEW THE SEX

Somewhat Roughly Disturbed Troubadour's Dream, but His Remarks Were Charged with Wisdom.

"I am searching for the woman who will love me long and true," sang the troubadour, who strummed upon his harp. "She must have a face that's pretty and an eye of azure hue and her tongue must not be whetted 'til it's sharp; all her words must come as music to my quickly beating heart and she must be simple in her tastes and ways; she must love me long and c.ten and must never yearn to part if upon some other maid I chance to gaze." Just as he was singing further, came a pilgrim old and bent, with a yard or two of beard and staff of oak. "What, I hear you loudly asking," said the pilgrim to the troub., "sounds to me just like an overwhelming joke. You're not looking for a heart, you are looking for that which you don't surmise; go and jump into the river, get your system out of whack and when you have joined the angels in the skies, look for her whose tongue is silent, she whose tastes are extra plain, who into a jealous fit will never burst; then just wed her, but remember if you'd capture such a dame you will have to look for her in heaven first."

Plant Breaking Up an Island. Strength is not a thing usually connected with maidenhair fern, yet if its roots have not sufficient room they break the pot in which the plant grows. Blades of grass will force the curbstones between which they spring up out of their place, and in a single night a crop of small mushrooms have lifted a large stone. indeed, plants have been known to break the hardest rocks.

The island of Aldabra, to the northwest of Madagascar, is becoming smaller and smaller through the action of the mangroves that grow along the foot of the cliffs. They eat their way into the rock in all directions, and into the gaps thus formed the waves force their way. In time they will probably reduce the island to

Hypnotism and Will Power. People used to think that persons who could be hypnotized were deficient in will power, that it was some thing of a stigma on their menta! equipment. The experts know better now. A writer in the Woman's Home Companion goes so far as to say that the more will power a person has the more readily he can be hypnotized.

Dr. Voisin, a French alienist, found that he could not hypnotise more than ten per cent. of the inmates of the asylum with which he was connected. Whereas an English experimenter named Vincent hypnotised with ease 96 per cent of a large group of university men.

Fitzgeraid's Summary, Edward Fitzgerald, the translator of the Persian poet, Omar Khayyam, was a more or less genial opponent of

One day he said to his friend Miss Ellen Churchyard of Woodbridge: "Do you know, Nell, what marriage

matrimony as a state.

Miss Churchyard thought not. "Then I'll tell you," said he. "Marriage is standing at one's desk, nicely settled to work, when a great big bonnet pushes in at the door and asks you to go for a walk with it."-Youth's Companion.

A Lucky Miss. The Guide-There, ye've missed; 1 kin hear him makin' off through the

Young Hopeful-Well, it doesn't matter; it was probably only the guy'nor. He was somewhere over in that direction, wasn't he?-Harper's -Weekly.

MODERN OUARTERS FOR CATS

Chicago Woman Builds Seven-Room House for Feline Pets and Provides Many Luxuries.

Chicago.-Chicago may claim the distinction of having, probably the most remarkable cat fancier in the

world. Mrs. W. Eames Colburn, wife of the head of the banking firm of W. E. Colburn & Co., has built a model seven-room house for her feline pets and provided her 35 prize cats with all the luxuries of urban life.

A liking for cats forbade her giving up one of her pets, but impels her to frequently add to their number. Gradually the house grew to be overruh with them and the time came for her to say good-by to some of her friends. This she refused to do, and but one al ternative remained. A seven-room house was built adjoining her home at 7306-Bond avenue. The feline domicile was built with the same care and expense as though the owner herself

were to live in it. The entire front of the home is a large library, fitted with upholstered couches, silk draperies, lace curtains and heavy rugs. Steam heat and gas, as well as a modern bathroom, were included for kitty's comfort.

The 35 members of the cat family share six bedrooms, each fitted with little brass cots, mirrors and costly hangings. Each pet has its own bed, with silk spreads and downy blankets.

Head of the household is Lord Barisford, a large white \$1,000 Angora, "who rules with an iron hand," settling all disputes and brooking no insubordination. His mate, Connie Lock, is the pride of his life, and might well make his rivals jealous. She is a pure white Persian with large brown eyes.

The only militant member of the colony has precipitated so many rows in the home that he now lives in the family home with Mrs. Colburn. This is Kee Kee Vita, a short-haired Siamese with pretty, innocent blue eyes, but possessed of a violent temper. He left the marks of his disposition on many a prize animal before separated from his kin.

Mrs. Colburn has always derived much pleasure from spending her time tending the pets until her health failed recently. A woman has now relieved her of the cares of the cat family and spends most of her time in the little

MAN WITH MANY COUNTRIES

Professor of French of University of Minnesota Does Not Know Where He Belongs.

St. Paul, Minn.-Instead of being "a man without a country" Prof. Julius T. Frelin of the French department of the University of Minnesota is a man of too many countries to suit his present notions.

He was born in Alsace when it was a province of France. A year later, as a result of the war with Germany, residents of Alsace, by the treaty of Frankfort, were allowed to choose their native land. The elder Frelin chose France, but continued to reside in Alsace until the time limit for moving set by the treaty had expired.

At the age of 15 Prof. Frelin came to the United States and in due time was naturalized. Last summer while on his way to visit his former home in Alsace he stopped off at Petit Croix. France. A gendarme promptly gobbled him and politely requested his presence at the gendarmerie, where he was told he was "insoumis" to the military law of France. He was imprisoned for two days on a diet of black bread and water, and then provisionally released on the request of the United States ambassador.

The profesor returned to Minnesota, and he has now learned that his father's failure to move from Alsace within the stipulated time makes him amenable to the military laws of both France and Germany. He expects to go to France next summer to serve a month's imprisonment and then to pay a nominal fine in Germany to relieve him from all obligations so that he may visit his former home without embarrassment.

Reads Bible Sixty Times. Reading, Pa.—Having already read the entire Bible sixty times, Mrs. Rebecca Huber, of this city, started on the volume again with the new year. She is already able to quote whole chapters without referring to the book.

Mrs. Huber is \$1 years old and spends her spare time in reading and sewing. Tiring of the one occupation, she begins the other. Mrs. Huber is a member of Salem Evangelical church and attends services regularly. She is the mother of seven children, five of whom are living.

Mrs. Huber says if young folk would read at least a chapter of the Bible each day there would be far less wickedness in the world.

Eats Enormous Quantity.

Washington.-"Boots" Repetti, an employe of the Washington navy yard, in the presence-of witnesses; ate the following the other day on a wager:

One roast turkey, weighing nine pounds; one quart of cranberries, three quarts of sauerkraut, one lost of bread, one half pint of sweet oil, one-half gallon of raw oysters, one pint of catsup and 12 stalks of celery. After eating all this Repetti washed it down with two gallons of beer and

four glasses of ice water. Repetti has made another wager to give an exhibition, when he will undertake to eat a barrel of spinach and eight pounds of ham in 40 minutes.

START RADIUM BANK

London Institution Will Rent Precious Element to Scientists.

Promoters Experience Trouble in Obtaining Sufficient Quantity of Curative-Yield

5 8mall.

London.—A response far beyond the expectations even of the promoters of the scheme has attended the institution in London of a radium bank. place where that ultra-precious element may be stored in security and hired out to medical men, scientists and others who wish to use it but cannot afford the \$80 a milligram which is its present market price.

The actual locale of the bank is ultimately to be in the neighborhood of Cavendish square—in the heart of "doctorland"—but for the present temporary offices have been opened in Moorgate street. Here a reporter found himself one of a host of anxious inquirers after the modern philosopher's stone.

"We have been perfectly amazed," said the manager, "at the stir that the announcement has already caused, although it was only a day ago. I have been besieged by applicants. principally, of course, by medical men for whose use the bank is being chiefly organized.

"As you know, the enormous expense of radium is and will be for some time the great drawback in its use, both for medical and scientific purposes. For an average operation some fifty milligrams are needed, costing about \$4,000, and it is therefore only at one or two of the large London hospitals that it can be used to any extent.

"So a little body of men have decided to establish this bank, from which we shall 'let out' radium at \$200 for one day's use of 100 milligrams, and for each subsequent day at half per cent. on the value of the amount used. Securities will, of course, have to be given, and it is happily one of the characteristics of radium that its faculties are to all intents and purposes inexhaustible.

"Apart from getting the required radium," continued the manager, "the whole thing is supremely simple. There is no need of spacious strong rooms. Half a million worth takes up no more space than a duchess' tiara. and we shall only stock it to the value of \$250,000.

"But the getting it is the difficulty. Hitherto the main source has been the pitchblende from the Joachin That mine, in Bohemia. This yields one part in 3,000,000, but is practically monopolized by Austria. The discovery of radio-active autunite, now being worked by an English company, in the bed of a stream near Guarda, in Portugal-where 'miraculous cures' used to happen, not unconnected with the radium-has added to the supply, but not to a very cheapening extent,

"So far as England itself is concerned, there are two Cornish mines that have yielded a little, but the available supply of pure radium is intensely limited, owing to the enormous difficulty of extraction. Aithough radium exists in air, sea water. and almost everywhere, there is hardly a pure ounce in the world. Undoubtedly one of the first things that we shall have to do is to set about finding new sources of supply.

"As to our bank, it will be organized very much after the model of the similar institution in Paris, through which most of the radium used in England has hitherto come, and of other radium banks which are being established in New York, Berlin and

SOLVE HIGH PRICE PROBLEM

Chicago Man and Wife Make Life Contract with Son for Foodstuffs and Other Necessities.

Chicago.-Otto Meyer and his wife. Mary, have solved the difficulties attending the high cost of living as far as they are concerned.

They have lived for years on a 36acre farm near the village of Riverside, Cook county. By a deed filed in the recorder's office the other day, Meyer, for a consideration of \$6,000 in cash, conveys to his son the farm. But in return for this the elder Meyer is to be furnished with all the necessities of life, including a house, regardless of the market prices, as long as he or his wife live. A part of this unique deed reads:

"The grantee is to provide a sufficient supply of fruit, a sufficient supply of vegetables of all kinds to be delivered on demand; one dressed hog of 300 pounds weight, and one forq quarter of fresh beef to be delivered December 15 each year."

Barber Finds Long-Lost Brother. Chicago,-"I won't charge you for that shave, because you're my longlost brother."

Thereupon Thomas Rich, barber, wiped the remaining flecks of lather from a patron's face, stood him up and said:

"How are you, Ernest?" "I'm pretty good, Tom, how are you?" Then they shook hands and went

home to supper. "As soon as I had him shaved I found a scar on his face I put there myself when we were playing Indians 20 years ago," Thomas Rich said. "We were separated when bove and had lost each other for 20 years."

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS