

Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Normal Industrial Institute since 1881, is one of the best known negroes in the United States. He is a graduate of Hampton institute of Virginia where he taught until elected by the Alabama authorities as head of the Tuskegee Institute which he organized and made a success. Mr. Washington has been honored with dearees by Harvard and Dartmouth universities; he has written considerable

NEW RIFLE STANDS TEST BE. FORE SOCIETY'S OFFICERS.

Click of Hammer and Thud of Bullet Only Sounds in Firing Rifle During Demonstration by Hiram Maxim, the Inventor.

New York.-in absolute silence, save for the sharp, short click of the rifle chammer as it fell and the thud of the impact of the builet on the target, Hiram Percy Maxim repeatedly disrharged his noiseless firearm.

mark, Mr. Maxim demonstrated to Alfred Wagstaff, president, and the board of managers of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals the possibilities of the new meapon, a 32 caliber rifle.

His demonstration was given in the effices of the society at Twenty-sixth street and Madison avenue at the rewest of members of the board of nagers, who are seeking a slaughtering weapon that will dill without causing pain. Heretofore firearms whave been impossible on account of

the loud report. Mr. Maxim's silencer comprises a series of aluminum cells, fitted with Interior equipment that automatically tuts off the powder gases from audden escape after the bullet has passed from the rifle barrel. The gases escape slowly, and consequently without noise, through "silence cells" fitted to

Experiments are soon to be made by officers of the bureau of ordnance in the army with a silent rifle the Inventor has made for military sharpshooters. This weapon is more complicated in construction than the *laughtering rifle, since the degree of sound in warfare must be an absolute tominum.

. In making a silent rifle for the army many difficulties will have to be invercome that are not met in this slaughter gun," said Mr. Maxim. "In this gun only the report has to be overcome, but in an army weapon I must start farther back and first overfrome the sound of the falling hammer. To do this in turn requires a change in the cap of the cartridge so that it may be discharged with a shove instead of a snap."

It was through his study of the automobile and the problem of reducing the noise of its machinery that Mr. Maxim hit upon the principle of constructing a gun that could be fired without noise.

STOPS TRAIN TO SAVE KITTEN.

Crowd Gathers About Engineer to See What Had Happened.

Cincinnati. - "Billy" Holmes, hig. brawny, and smoke and grease-begrimed, is the hero of a half-hundred women and children who live in the vicinity of Elsinore avenue and the tracks of the Cincinnti, Lebanon & Northern ratiroad.

Holmes is an engineer for the C. I. & N., and when he stopped his onsine and freight cars attached to save the life of a kitten he added a good deed to the long list of them to his credit and ran the risk of losing his

The tender heart of the engineer and a little black and white kitten beld up traffic on the road for nearly 30 minutes, but nobody made a prolest when they learned that the delay was caused by the engineer saving the life of a kitten.

Holmen' engine was approaching the crossing at Elsinore avenue about 3:80 at a fair spead, when stolmes discovered a kitten that had wandered get of an office walking on the track Holmes never killed a cat or any

other creature in bis lite, and he didn't friend to begin at this late date, so he threw on the reverse.

LA SALLE'S WILL IS FOUND.

Representative Porter of New York Unearths the Document.

Niazara Falls, N. Y .- Representative Peter A. Porter has found the will of S. Sieur de La Salle, the French discoverer, who launched the first vessel which satted the great lakes. The document is undoubtedly the first will made by a white man disposing of property in the new world. This is a translation of the will:

Robert Cavaller, Esquire, Stept de La Salle, seigneur and gouvenor of Fort Frontenac in New France-considering the great dangers and continual perils in which the voyages I undertake engage me, and wishing to acknowledge as much as I am able Using a stack of old directories as a f the great obligations which I owe to M. Francois Plet, my cousin, for the signal services which he has rendered to me in my most pressing pecessities. and because it is through his assistance that I have preserved to this time Fort Frontenac against the efforts which were made to destrive me of it, I have given, granted, and transferred, and give, grant, and transfer these presents to the said M. Plet in case of my death.

> The seigniory and property of the ground and limits of the said Fort Frontenac and its depending lands and all my rights in the country, of the Miamis, Illinois and others to the south, together with the establishment which is in the country of the Miamis, in the condition which it shall he at the time of my death, of the Ningara and all the others which I may have founded there, together with all barges, hoats and great boats, movable and immovables, rights and privileges, rents, lands, buildings and other things belonging to me which shall be found there; willing these presents. for my testament and declaration in the manner in which I ought to make it, such being my last will as above, written by my hand and signed by my hand after having read it and again read it.

Made at Montreal the eleventh day of August, 1681.

CAVALIER DE LA SALLE. CAN HARDLY WAIT TO WED.

Widow Wants to Marry Fifth Man Ba fore Fourth Is Buried.

Baltimore, Md .- The fifth wedding of the widow of John Ludwig Ernest Janecke was to have taken place re cently, preceding the funeral of her fourth husband, which was held a day later, but she was finally persuaded to postpone it until after the obse

Janecke, who was 60 years old and a veteran of three German wars, died His home was in Towson, Baltimore county. He wore five medals awarded by the German government for brav ery as a soldier in the Schleswig-Hol stein war, the war between Prussis and Austria, and the Franco-German war. The funeral was conducted by the Kruger bund, of which he was a member.

Friends of the veteran were as tounded to learn that the widow had actually obtained a license to make George Frederick Peter, a septuagen arian, her fifth husband. Upon learn ing that the wedding was to take place a day after Janecke's death these friends indignantly protested and the widow consented to postpone her marriage until a week after the veteran's burial. The widow marrier her first husband on his deathbed She says she does not consider mar riage a failure.

Forgets Names of Sisters.

Santa Barbara, Cal.-In a will filed here Mrs. Mary Ryon leaves the bullof her \$50,000 estate to three sisters whose names and residences she had forgotten. Two of the nisters, who have been found by the executor, are Mrs. Rate Whitney and Mrs. Anna Doud, both of Brooklyn. The where abouts and the married name o Bridget Laddy, the third sister, are unknown.

NOTHING LIKE THIS IN LIFE.

Things Don't Come So Easy for the American Father,

The American father of the heiress greeted the count who was a suitor for her hand with dignified frigidity. "Sare." said the count, "your daugh, ter has done me se honnaire of consenting to be my wife. I am called to

complete se negotiations." -"All right," wearily said the father. "How much of a cash settlement do you expect?"

"Nossing, sare." "What! How much will I have to

pay for your poker debts?" Nossing, sare; I do not gamble." "How much will I have to put up to settle breach of promise cases brought by chorus girls?"

"Nossing, sare: I do not filrt." "How much will I have to pay to

rebuild your castle?" "Nossing, sare; it is in fine repair." "But there must be some expense

for me. Out with it." "No. sare: nossing. I simply love your daughter and she loves me, and we wish to be married. Is not zat enough? Is it not enough to ask you to give me your daughter wizzout your expecting to-"

"Come to my arms!" exclaimed the American father, and tried to fall upon the neck of the delighted count.

But he awoke on the floor, having tumbled from the bed as a finish to his amazing dream.-Judge.

SURVIVED THE LOSS OF BRAIN. Brooklyn Man Lest Four Ounces as Result of Injury.

With his brain smaller by four ounces than when he fired a bullet into his head on April 3, Jacob Ritz within a few days will be discharged, cured, from St. Mary's hospital in Brooklyn, says the New York Press. His case has drawn the attention of physicians from all parts of the city. The hospital doctors said the recovery was one of the most remarkable on record.

It was thought that even if Ritz survived he would lose sight and taste, as the bullet passed through the part of the brain controlling these senses. Repeated texts, however, have shown his sight has not been impaired and that his taste is as sensitive as ever. A bullet plowed through Ritz's

brain, fracturing the skull on both sides and passing through the frontal lobes. He lay unconscious for severa! days. A tumor formed between the brain and skull and pressed upon the injured lobes. A rubber tube was inserted in the bullet hole in the right temple and the tumor was drained off. Before Rits began to recover the physicians removed, through the bullet bole, part of his brain, weighing in all about four ounces.

Psychology and Religion.

We venture to say that the time has come when the church must enter more deeply into the personal lives of people and make a freer use of the means of modern science and the gospel of Christ placed at her disposal if she is to continue even to hold her own. . . The teachings of modern psychology and physiology as to the essential unity of human nature and the mutual relations of mind and body have sunk so deep into the popular conscience that the church can no longer address men as disembodied spirits, and no scheme of salvation causes the heart to beat with hope which does not include the whole man, and which does not begin now. . . If the nineteenth century was materialistic and critical, the first half of the twentieth century promises to be mystical and spiritual.-Rev. Dr. Elwood Worcester.

Men Are More Romantic. Men are said to be more romantic than women, as what woman ever cares to read poetry aloud? And how many poor women have spent hours of martyrdom listening to some man pour forth his soul in some one clse's verse. The majority of sweethearts find it easy enough, but to wives it is generally nothing else than a bore. which should not be the case; at least, the wife should not allow the hubsand to find it out, and should regard her own lack of interest as a fault.

in "Religion and Medicine.

An American Venice.

It is a surprising thing to know that New York city, although not known at the American Venice, contains more islands than any city but Venice, for within its boundaries are \$1 separate and distinct islands, most of which, encircled by deep water, will afford unlimited shipping accommodations and dockage for the commerce for future years, to reach undreamed of propor tions, judging from past and present growth.-National Magazine.

The Base Ball Spirit. "The base ball spirit is a wonderful

and impressive thing," said a New Haven barber. "New manifestations of it continually crop up.

"Tad Jones, the great Yale catcher, flopped into that red plush chair there the other day. "Shave, sir? said 1.

That Indefinable Air., "There's no use talkin'," said Farmer Corntassel, as he knocked the ashes out of his corncob and laid it on the

"'No,' said he. 'Throat cut. Vale

young feller polish." "Do you think our boy Josh is im-"Yep. He kin smoke a pipe in a way

that makes it look real stylish."

mantelpiece, "there's nomething about

a college education that does give a

CHAUFFEUR YOU READ ABOUT.

But His Like You Will Seldom See in Real Life.

Mr Blank had advertised for a chauffeur, and he passed over a dozen general appearance seemed to fill the bill, and then said to him:

the ordinary chauffeur." ---

applicants until he came to one whose "Sir, I want a man different from

"Yes, sir. I thought from the reading of your advertisement that you did. I am different." "In what respects?"

"If you have a wife, I shall not flirt with her. "If you have a daughter, I shall not

cajole her into eloping with me. "If your wife tries to find out through me where you go certain nights i shall be mum.

"If any dudes ask me how much money you are going to give your daughter when she marries I shall tell him to go to. I shall not come to your house to

court the parlor maid. "Should I be out in the auto alone, and a son of a gun should want to race me, I shall decline.

"I am a first-class liar regarding speed when arrested by the police

"I never give things away to the newspapers. "If divorce proceedings are institut-

ed I go on the stand for you." He was told to remove his cost and vest and undergo inspection, and when it was found that his angel wings were fully developed be was hired on the spot for \$100 per month.-Reboboth Democrat and Chronicle.

AS HE REMEMBERS DICKENS.

Senator's Recollection of Novelist on the Lecture Platform.

How Charles Diekens appeared while on the lecture platfrom in Washington, D. C., in 1865 is described in the "Memoirs" of ex-Senator Cole of California: "The lecture room was crowded, but I was favored with a seat near the front, where I had a fair opportunity to see and to observe some of the peculiarities of that great author. Mr. Dickens was dressed is a highly (achiens his av ning attire, not all in dark colors, and in appearance rather toppish. His vest was of a hue to exhibit to the best advantage a heavy gold chain which extended from the middle both ways across his chest. His neckweer was of a cut and color to be called flashy. His hair was rather long and wavy, and was arranged to stand out at the sides above the ears. His features are well represented in the numerous pictures seen of him, and it will be observed they have quite a uniform appearance. He read single chapters, without comment or fatroductory remarks, further than to announce the work, as from 'Copperfield, 'Nicholas Nickleby,' 'The Pick Papers' or 'Little Dorrit.' book in each case lay open before him. but he paid little or no attention to the text."

Defense of the Surgeon. In a recent lecture at the Harvard Medical school Dr. Maurice H. Richardson ser forth the absolute need of resorting to the knife in certain cases The idea that the surgoon lacks senou bility and is more or less indifferent to human suffering and may even perform an operation when not absolutely necessary he declared to be all wrong. He said that the contrury was shown by the fact that the simgeon is constantly laboring to make his profession unnecessary by prevent ing the recurrence of the diseases for which he operates, as well as by endeavoring to cure without resorting to. operation. "A popular delusion that the surgeon is simply looking for anopportunity to keep busy all the time." Dr. Richardson added, "results in thou sands of deaths of sufferers who are persuaded by friends not to submit to operation, until it is too late to save the patient."

New Fire Detector. A new fire detector of unusual kind is a fine copper wire encased in fusible metal, which, in turn, is covered with insulating material and inclosed in a copper tube of one-tenth of an inch. The tube is string like a bell or mounted in short sections on porcelain blocks. When the temperature increases the sensitive temperature-160, 200 or 570 degrees Fahrenheitthe fusible alloy is softened and forced through the porous insulation against the copper tube, ringing the alarm continuously until stopped.

Ta-Ra-Ra's.

Country Cousin (at telephone)-Good-by, Cousin Bob; I've had a lovely time in New York; sorry not to have seen you, though. Cousin Bob-l am, too, Mahel; but

never mind; the next time you come I'll show you a good time. I'll buy you some cocktalls. Country Cousin-Cocktails? What are they? Do they wear them on

Cousin Bob-No; they're head orna ments.

Insomnia.

Insomnia is the not uncommon fate of the brainworker who, after years of continuous mental strain, retires from active life. The reason is that mental activity demands a large supply of blood for the brain, and the blood vessels gradually accommodate themselves to this large supply. But, when the hard work is over, the brain does not always realize that it needs less nourishment, and hence the condition of excessive mental activity which is what insomnia is.

Editor lands and at \$4.00.

BUYING POOR WOMAN'S SMILE.

Homely Mr. Gwillkintoes Accomplishes This at Very Little Cost.

"Can a woman's smile be bought? Well, yes," said Mr. Gwillkintose. "sometimes, and it may be for little money.

"Here is a woman who for weeks has been sitting on a downtown doorstep selling shoestrings. This is a disused door and so she interferes with nobody and nobody interferes with her, and so she sits there, with her stock spread over the greater part of the step, while she sits at the other end, holding on her arm an infant.

"And it always seemed to me that trade must be dull with her, because I never saw anybody buy of her; and finally I thought It was up to me to buy something and sort of help trade along a little. Because, you see, while the profit on shoestrings is very large, still you don't make anything at all unless you sell some.

"So I thought I'd buy a pair, which was easy to do, for the reason that she had a good stock. Not a skimpy little mess thrown down there on the doorstep to attract attention to her and the child, but a real assortment to choose from; and it wouldn't be any

charity to buy of her. "So I stopped and looked the stock over and selected strings of the exact length I wanted, and I found these there with tips of the particular kind I like best, she looking on while I was making my selection; and when I handed over the nickel she looked up a little at her customer and signified her thanks with a pleased little smile, for every nickel counted, and I am afraid that business had been duit with her."

PLATES WORTH SMALL FORTUNE.

Have the Valuable Peculiarity of Constantly Growing.

"If you could eat your dinner off a service like this; now!" said a collector of porcelain, taking a strange, bright plate from a cabinet. "Why, such a service would be worth \$100,000 or more."

The plate's surface was covered with an irregular and glittering crystalline growth a balf inch high. Beautiful crystals, in their graceful outline suggesting quaint pagodas and gnarled trees, rose up everywhere from the porcelain pattern.

"It is," said the collector, "a grow ing plate. It is one of those plates whose clay, containing aluminum and magnesium, causes an outgrowth of crystals under the examel. Such plates are very rare. I paid \$2,000 for this "Only a half-dozen growing plates

are known. One, that belongs to a Boston collector, is valued at \$4,500. Another, that had belonged to a poor New York woman who attached no value to it, sold at auction in '91 for \$3,700

"It is interesting to have a growing plate in your collection. This speci men here has put forth three crystals under that little blue mountain design since it came into my hands."-Illus trated Sunday Magazine.

Appearances.

"One day down in Texas," said a civil engineer, "I was sitting on the porch of my hotel with a fresh youngster from the north. On his right sat a plain old man, smoking a cob pipwith the kernels left on it

""Ye gods," said my friend; "wha! do you think of that for nerve. Sit ting right up against a gentleman and puffing his old dope right in my face Here, you, clear out with that pip-Move clear over on the other side so the smoke won't blow this way. You are making a nuisance of yourself. "All right," said the old man, meek-

ly. "I'll move." "He did so. John, said I, do you know who that old gentleman is you talked to like that?

"'Nope, don't know and don't care. ""That is the governor of Texas.' it really was."

Electricity from Human Body. That electricity, heat and other are one and the same fluid is the assertion of Frederick Hovendon of London. who also claims that every person exhales electricity from the finger tips and that he can take moving pictures of the process. To do this he fills a square glass box with cigarette smoke, mixed with air. The experimenter thrusts a finger through a hole in the bottom of the glass box and a powerful arc lamp is turned on. The ether or electricity is immediately seen issuing from the finger tips and photographed.-Popular Mechanics.

Pleasant Morning Chat.

Overheard in Broadway: "When I scuffle with him, just be fore I strangle him, you rues forward. knock the bottle of poison from my band, and say: 'Fair play, fair play.' Then grab the two pistols, rush to the window, left center, and yell: 'Stand back! I shoot to kill!' That's the sig nal for the cabin to be blown up by dynamite, and I fall on top of Bunco Bill's body with blood streaming from my mouth. You tear the papers from his bosom, and as the roof falls on you, shout: "The girl is mine!

A Study in Natural History. Three-year-old Roger had seen a

mouse before, but never one in a trap. Going into the kitchen the other morning, he discovered a strange-looking f centrivance on the floor, with a tity mouse caught fast in it. For a minute he looked at the thing in puzzled silence. Then he observed, thought-

fully "Well, I didn't know there was a mouse in our house with a red thing like that on him!"

TIPPED THE YOUNG ARISTOCRAT.

Condescension of Customer Displeased the Lordly Chauffeur.

Since it has become usual for younger sons of the English aristocracy to engage in the automobile business, it is extremely difficult for the ordinary purchaser to distinguish between the professional chauffour and the aristocratic driver who occasionally exhibits a car to a client. There are at least 30 young Englishmen of noble families studying the fine points of motoring and taking customers for trial runs, with the result that some

amusing mistakes are made. Recently a young cousin of the duke of Beaufort was instructed by his employer to exhibit a car to one of the London newly rich, the wife of a retired tradesman. The young man made himself agreeable, and when the car returned to the big house in Belgravia, the customer alighted and, pressa half-crown upon the chauffeur, said. "There, my lad! and take care not to

spend it foolishly!" The young man drove back to his' employer, a son of Lord Liangattock, and indignantly recounted his experi-

Well, you can consider yourself jolly lucky," was the consoling rejoinder. "The last time I saw the lady she gave me only a shilling."-Exchange

ROBIN A FAMED VENTRILOQUIST. The Most Accomplished Mimic Among

Birds.

The familiar robin is at times a ventriloquist. The bird seated only a few yards off is singing and the sound appears to come from some other bird at a distance. When sing ing thus the beak is kept closed and only the ruffling of the feathers of the throat shows that the robin is singing at all. Such a power might be useful, especially to a bird like the blackcap, which sometimes sings

when sitting on the nest. As regards mimicry the starling is our most accomplished mimic. He will sing so like the song thrush and blackbird that it is hard to tell the difference and in autumn he gives a fine imitation of the curlew

The blackbird, as a rule, is not a mimic, yet Yarrell relates that it has been heard to crow like the cock, and the writer of these notes had the pleasure of hearing it do so on one occasion. Sometimes the imitation is unconscious as in the case of the jackase penguin, which, according to Darwin, makes a loud noise "very like the braying of an ass."-London

What Made the Puppy Sick?

A puppy that was brought to the Animal Rescue League In Boston, suffering from some unknown ailment, had the contents of its stomach removed and there were found the follow ing articles that had been swallowed just in play: One large tack, a large nin, two sewing-machine bobbins, a lump of coal, half a needle with threat and a hunch of something that looked like the bristles of a brush. Those who have the care of puppies should remember that they need watching as closely as bables to see that they do themselves no harm in this way.

" Rapid Transit.

Banks and Hillings, deeply interest ed in the automobile question, were discussing the relative merits of electricity and gasoline, when Harding strolled into the club.

"Say, Harding," said Billings, carnestly, "if you were to buy an automorbile, to what kind of power would you give the preference, gasoline or ejectricity?"

"Both too slow," replied Harding "I'd have mine go by sound, hecause sound is odorless and travels 742 miles an hour."-Hustrated Sunday Magazine.

Futurity.

Time, 2 a. m. Voice outside secondstory window: "Help! Hello, Jane! Gitme outa

thish." Voice inside window, wearily "Tommie, go get the extension ladder and the froning board and make a bridge to the tree. Your father would go to the club in his airship to-night, and he's been flopping around in a circle for a half hour, and now has lighted in the tree. Tell him not to try to walk on the plank, to crawl, and ' not to try to bring the airship in the

One Point Settled.

window."

"And now, Cryptomeria," said the young man, still holding her hand, but? with a note of anxiety in his voice, ; "where shall we go for our wedding fourney?" "Some quiet little place in the coun-

try, not far away, Gerald," she answered, "will suit me a great deal better than a long and expensive trip." "We are going to be very happy, \

dear!" said Gerald, with a sigh of re-

lief.—Chicago Tribune.

- How Did She Know? The young man carefully removed the cigars from his vest pocket and

placed them on the plane. Then he opened his arms. But the young girl did not flutter to them. "You," she said, coldiy, "have loved before."-Pittaburg Post.

Leyal. "Queen Elizabeth was the greatest woman the world has ever seen," remarked the historian.

"That shows," remarked Mr. Meekton a little haughtly, "that you never met my wife."-Washington Star.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS disandre se Louislans et care tons los Etals idu Sudo ille unblishió estre dons las commerce des avantaces: exceptionnels. Crix de l'abounement les l'anti l'entid est l'abounement les l'anti-