#### RABBIT EYES

WASHINGTON MAN'S SIGHT RE-STORED BY GRAFTING.

Membrane from Animal Takes Boot and Once Again Afflicted Merchant Will Be Able to See-Triumph for Surgery.

Washington, D. C .- Most men see the world through their own eyes Hereafter Wilton Heinard, a resident or northeas: Wasnington, will see the world through the eyes of a rabbit. By tone of the most delicate skin grafting operations known to modern surgery Heinard has had fastened upon the sightless balls of his eyes, seared by burning lye, the transparent cornes from the eyes of a Belgian hare. Sight as promised him again after more than a year of total blindness.

Late at night on April 16, 1904, Mr Heinard, a prosperous dealer in the Eastern market, was attacked while on his way home by a negro whom he had formerly employed. His assailant dashed a strong solution of lye in his face Mr. Heinard was badly burned and hospital surgeons declared his sight entirely gone. Specialist after specialist was consulted, only to report the case apparently hopeless Finally one declared there was but one possible operation, and the success of that could not be promised. This was that the cornea from the eyes of Belgian have be grafted on to the balls of Mr. Heinard's eyes. The injured man decided that his condition could not be worse, and it was determined he should go under the surgeon's knife.

While the patient was being prepared for the operation a rabbitry was established in one corner of the hospital grounds, and in it a specially selected breed of Belgian hares was in-Btalled.

On the day appointed the selected rabbit and the man were placed side by side on the operating table, both under the influence of anesthetics, and, section by section, the gossamer-like cornea from each eye of the hare was lifted and "planted" over the sightless eyeballs of the man. He lay in a darkened room until it was determined that the healing process had set in and that the first stage of the operation was a success.

Mr. Heinard was allowed to go to his home, the only instructions being that he should rest until it was assured that the "new eyes" were as his own. He went to the hospital and was again but under the knife, but this time the operation consisted of merely scraping the serrated edges and delicately manipulating the artificial membranse to secure the required convex or concave

Adjustment of probably powerful \*lasses to meet the altered conditions will follow-and then Mr. Heinard is practically assured of vision-through the eyes of a rabbit, but none the less vision.

## ONLY ONE REAL D. A. R.

Pennsylvania Has But One Daughter of Revolutionary Soldier Who Still Survives.

Lancaster, Pa.-Mrs. Lydia A. White. of this city, is the only living daughter of a revolutionary soldier in Pennsylwania. Mrs. White is now 79 years old, was born in Lancaster, and is the daughter of George Leonard, who died in 1847 In his ninety-third year. He had served In the revolutionary war under Washington's immediate command, and Mrs. White relates many anecdotes of the great commander, told her by her

Mrs. White was twice married, but her only living child is Mrs. Sarah Wiley, of this city.

Mrs. White enjoys perfect health, has all her faculties well preserved, and still attends to household duties. She frequently attends meetings of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Amerkan Revolution.

Until a few years ago Lancaster had another "real daughter," Mrs. Amos

## TO TEST NEW SIEGE GUN.

Said to Throw Sixty-Pound Projectile Without Carriage Jumping-Feature Is Long Recoil.

Washington, D. C .- A new type of siege gun has been completed by the ordnance department at the Rock Island arsenal and has been shipped to the Sandy Hook proving grounds for a test. The new weapon throws a 60-pound projectile. This is five pounds heavier than the projectile now thrown from the fiveinch siege guns, which are to be replaced with the new model if the gun proves satisfactory.

The chief characteristic of the new gune is its long recoil. It is said that this gives a steady carriage and that the carriage will not jump when the gun is fired, as is the case with the gun now in use. This will permit of a more rapid fire, as it will not be necessary to place the carriage in position after

Dead Man Given a Divorce. The fact that Philip Fletcher dropped dead on a Louisville (Ky.) street did not prevent Judge Miller Jefferson, in the circuit court, from granting him a divorce from his wife, Mary Fletcher, on the ground of abandonment. For some reason, not explained, Attorney Minton, who represented Fletcher. failed to notify the court of the demise of his client, so the divorce mill ground out a legal separation for a dead man from his living wife. Fletcher's wife will come in for a small insurance amount, because her husband died before the divorce was granted.

## JILTED BY THREE IN A DAY

Sexton's Choice Had Eloped at the Last Moment, and He Hated to Waste the License.

Owingsville, Ky .- The four Spence sisters, daughters of Rev. Allen Spence, an elder of the "Holiness" religious sect of the Moore's Ferry section of this county, evidently think there is better fish in the matrimonial sea than Lewis Sexton, a young farm hand, and have each jilted him in turn.

Sexton came here a few days ago and secured a marriage license to take Miss Clarinda Spence as a wife. Sexton had with him the written consent of the girl, and secured the license without trouble. He did not go after his promised bride at once, but concluded to wait until the next day, as he thought his license would keep without ice. Next morning Sexton put on his "Sunday best" and went to the Spence residence, where he was informed that Clarinda, believing that as Sexton had not appeared the night before he had concluded to desert her. and Edgar Highly, a former suitor, having appeared on the scene, she had eloped to Ohio with him and been

Sexton was inconsolable for an hour or so, but at last said that he supposed as the license contained the name of Spence it would make no difference to him which one of the Spence girls he married, and he alternately proposed to each of his former sweetheart's three sisters, but was rejected by each. His pleadings of the wasted license availed nothing, and he was forced to return home without a wife.

Sexton's first wife died only a few months ago.

### UNBINDING FEET IS A FAD.

Chinese Women Coming Around to Modern Way of Thinking in Regard to Footwear.

Peking. - When a little company of the foreign women living in Shanghai formed themselves into the Tien Tsu Hui (Natural-Feet Society), they were greeted with derision by everybody. But they gave and collected little sums of money, gave prizes for essays, selected tracts and had them printed, and themselves circulated them throughout the length and breadth of the vast empire—as big as Europe.

When Chinese men in their tens of thousands assembled for their annual or. triennial examinations little assortments of these tracts were given for each competitor to take back to his native village. At last the dowager empress issued an imperial edict. Then, one by one, the great Chinese viceroys issued proclamations against binding generally in response to an interview or a letter from the organizing secretary of the Natural-Feet society.

And now, by post, a letter from the far west of China says: "China is changing in a rapid way; unbound feet is the order of the day for little girls now; for eign style of clothes for boys, and drill everywhere." While from Shanghai comes the most delightful report of the most encouraging side of the movement. The rich Shanghai officials have started a Tien Tsu Hui girls' school for the girls of good family who have either not bound their feet or have unbound them, with the hope that the girls there educated may eventually become teachers in other schools all over China.

# REGAINS SPEECH IN ANGER.

Mute's Bedmate Takes All the Covering and Causes Needed Burst of Words.

Stockton, Cal.-Angered at being robbed of covering by a bedfellow so excited Dave Miller, a deaf mute who recently came to this city from Salt Lake City, that he regained both speech and hearing.

Miller became a deaf mute following an attack of typhoid fever over a year ago. He was on his way from Bakersfield to Sacramento to work in the car shops there and stopped over in this city for a few days. He shared his bed in a lodging house with a fellow sufferer from financial stringency. The night was cold and Miller's bedfellow rolled up in all of the covering, leaving the deaf mute inclosed in nothing but silence and shivers. Miller awoke soangry that he forgot his misfortune and attempted desperately to curse the despoiler of his warmth. Something in his head snapped and Miller cursed volubly and distinctly. He also heard.

## TEUTON UNIVERSITY ROLL.

There Are Now 42,390 Students in Twenty-One Institutions in Germany.

Berlin.-There has been a remarkable increase in the number of students attending Germany's 21 universities. The total number of matriculated students is now 42.390, as compared with 29,117 ten years ago.

The University of Berlin has the largest total, the number of matriculated students being 8,081. Bonn has 2,908 and Heidelberg 1.443. The faculty of law was the best attended, having 12,139 students, as compared with 4.975 a decade ago.

One of the most remarkable facts of these statistics is the rapid, continuous decrease in the students of Protestant theology. Within the last decade these have decreased from 4.437 to 2.186, while the students in Catholic theology have increased from 1,079 to 1,680.

Sails 560 Miles in Airship. A Spanish aeronaut named Dure has crossed the Pyrenees in a balloon. He ascended at Pau and descended at Gaudic, in Granada, covering about 560 miles in 14 hours.

### CURES BY HIS TOUCH

PARISIAN SAYS HE IS IMBURD WITH STRANGE POWER

Commercial Traveler Declares That Great Success Has Attended His Charitable Endeavors-Said to Be Demented.

Paris - Albert Saltzman, of Paris, in acquiring an extraordinary reputation among the poor of the capital and provinces for curing all diseases and healing all wounds by the touch of his hands. This man, who positively refuses to accept pay for his cures, is only a traveling salesman in wines and Spirits.

It appears well authenticated that he has cured several cases of what seemed absolute blindness and many of paralyais, of tumor and of injuries received by falls from great heights. The pious people of Huetgoat, a town in Brittany, vow, he cured 200 sufferers there.

"I content myself by invoking the divine power upon those who come to me with faith that the Creator cares for His creatures," said Saltzman. "One day ten years ago a man fell from a housetop. As he lay bleeding before me a voice cried within me: 'Go to this suffering man and heal him.' Then I knew power was given me to be the vehicle of that healing that belongs only to the Creator.

"I laid hands on the fallen man. A shock like that of an electric current seemed to flash through all my being. Astounded, dazed, the man arose, thanked me profusely and walked away. I never saw him again, but since then, as you know, the same power has continued to go out from me and the poor bless God."

Saltzman spoke modestly, with seeming sincerity, not boastfully. He continued: "Every day 200 letters from all over France bring me requests, prayers, that I visit the ill and the injured. I file their letters and when my business travels take me near to the writers I heal them. I make rich patients give according to their means to their local charities, for I will not sell the divine favor."

A physician of La Salpetriere hospital takes the startling position that Saltzman is insane, although his cures are authentic. Possibly the doctor's theory is that Saltzman communicates to the superstitious and ignorant his faith in his power, which really does not exist. and their faith, acting on and through their nervous systems, cures nervous diseases, including diseases apparently organic but really nervous.

"Still, to cure so works good," was remarked.

"No, it does much harm," the doctor reforted. "The growing confidence in quackery aggravates many maladies. Persons who might have been cured by moral and material means within the employment of modern science suffer and die, victims of their stupid beliefs."

# CLOCK PRESAGES A DEATH

Timepiece Strikes One, and Three Days Later Veteran Manufacturer Passes Away.

Springfield, O .- A strange phenomenon at the home of the late Alphonse Ferrell, a veteran manufacturer and pioneer citizen, is causing much discus-Mr. Ferrell was sick several months.

In his bed chamber was an old clock. which had not been wound up for at least two years before his death. It was kept as a relic, as it was purchased by Mr. Ferrell shortly after he went to housekeeping some 40 years ago.

On the third night before he died the old clock struck once at midnight. Mr. Ferrell had suffered a relapse, and the watchers at his bedside thought that the end was near. The clock striking startled them. The next night and the following one the clock struck once at the midnight hour.

Those on watch investigated and became convinced-that no one had wound' it up, as the key could not be found. Mr. Ferrell died Tuesday afternoon. That night the clock struck again at 12 o'clock. The next night Alphonso Ferrell, a nephew of the deceased, and Mrs. Cooper Ludlow, another relative, sat up. The clock struck one at 12 o'clock. At no other hour does the clock strike, and the family is at a loss to know why the clock commenced striking just three days before Mr. Ferrell's death.

## HATLESS FOR FORTY YEARS.

Aged Civil War Veteran Possesses Unique Record-Called "Hatless Wonder."

Vineland, N. J .- Theodore Freieinghuysen George Washington Abel. named in honor of Theodore Freieingtuysen, who once represented Pennsylvania in congress, has acquired auother title, the "hatless wonder." He is an inmate of the soldiers' home here and has not worn a hat for 40 years.

Rain or shine, in zero weather or sunshine, Abel walks from the home into town bareneaded, claiming that nature intended man to live that way. Although 68 years old, Abel is hale and hearty and seldom has a cold. He

served throughout the civil war and after one battle was one of 16 to answer roll call out of a regiment of 1.040, the rest being killed and missing.

British Money for Russia. "Money talks" is a common expression among business men. In these circumstances the fact that a British syndicate is prepared to invest £60,-000,000 in Russian enterprises can only be described as eloquent, as the capitalist is notoriously the most nervous of men.

#### PHONOGRAPHIC TRICKS.

Interesting Tricks That Are Performed with a Talking Machine.

Some interesting and amusing "stunts" that may be performed with a talking machine, graphophone of phonograph are described. In addition to the machine itself, says the Scientific American. The author notes, a recorder and a few blank records will be needed. The first trick, which he names the "Speech by Tom Thumb," is thus performed:

"The machine must be speeded up as high as possible, and an announcement recorded on a blank in a deep, loud voice. The machine should be quickly slowed down to eighty revolutions per minute, and the speech or monologue recorded at that speed, care being taken to articulate distinctly. When the blank is full and reproducer may be substituted for the recorder, and the machine be brought up again to high speed at which the announcement was made. When the record is reproduced at this speed the the result will be the loud voice of the announcement, followed by a rapid, pinched-up little voice making the speech.

The second trick described is the reproduction of a whistling duet, in which both parts are performed by the same person. This is effected as follows:

"Put on a blank, and after the speed is at about 160 revolutions whistle some popular piece of which you know the second part. When the record is full set the recorder back to the beginning again without stopping the machine. When the recording points gets to the commencement of the piece the first part will sound faintly in the recorder, thus giving the cue and the pitch for the second, which should be recorded not quite so loudly as the first.

"Several modifications of this experiment will suggest themselves. The first may not be perfectly successful, but that need not be considered a drawback, as a spoiled record can be easily cleaned with a rag and a little kerosene. The rubbing should be lengthwise of the cylinder till the lines are all removed, after which a soft cloth is wrapped around the record to give a polish. Hard or gold-molded records may also be cleaned in this way, which fact suggests another amusing trick.

"This will call for two records. preferably talking selections, which are exact duplicates. One of these is 'doctored' by cleaning off the latter half, the rest being protected by a piece of writing paper wrapped around and secured by an elastic band. On this blank space various remarks should be recorded, which should be very different from those originally there. The good record is to be played through first. While saying that you will repeat it the second one is quickly substituted in the machine, and, of course, starts off exactly like the first one. When the 'doctored' portion is reached, however, a change will be noticed, but cannot be accounted for by the hearers.

"By taking two records of entirely different character, cutting each in two, and putting on a haif of one and a half of the other, we can often jump from the sublime to the ridiculous by quickly flipping the reproducer across the gap from one to the other. With care the thinner half one of these records may be slipped halfway on, in a reversed position, and when made to run true will produce everything backward. A curious thing about such records is that the voice one hears in the proper direction is instantly recognized when reversed, but is, of course, unintelligible."

Truth About Moonshiners. Novelists who have written about moonshiners have cast about them glamor that is not real. We are led to infer from works of fiction, says the St. Louis Giobe-Democrat, that the moonshiner makes whisky and refuses to pay tax on it purely on principle. He does it to show that he has a free and untrammeled soul, according to the writers. And he is always possessed of a pretty daughter. As a matter of fact, the moonshiner makes whisky and avoids the tax for revenue only and his daughter is a "fright." The whisky, too, is atrocious. The oleomargerine-maker is a nicer person than the moonshiner; he is not so averse to water that he never takes a bath and he does not regard murder as a pastime. So we would commend him to our writers of romance as a worthier subject than his mountaineer protetype. He is more accessible and safer and in time can be made a picturesque

## Smokeless Pipes.

It would scarcely appear that a factory could build up a profitable trade in pipes which could not be smoked under any circumstances through the fact that the stems were made solid instead of hollow, but there is a factory in England which makes thousands of gross yearly. They are sold to the shooting galleries, where a pipe has always been found one of the cheapest and at the same time most satisfactory targets. One shrewd potter found that he could make the goods cheaply by not piercing the stems, and practically occupies that field all by himself.

## The Ways of Men.

Few doctors are willing to take their own medicine; when a lawyer gets into trouble he hastens to hire an attorney, and it is hard for people to admire an artist who paints his own portrait.—Chicago Record

### ACCIDENTS AT FIRES.

EXPLOSIONS OFTEN DO THE WORST DAMAGE.

A Very Interesting List of Disasters Which Contains Some That Are of Unique Description.

An accident, which of its kind is probably unique, occurred in April, 1903, during a fire at Portland, Me. A railway accident led to the ignition of a huge tank containing 6,000 gallons of crude petroleum, says the Detroit Free Press. Fearing that it would explode and

scatter fire a wide area, the navel authorities brought up a one-pounder gun and bombarded the tank in order to let the oil run out. The first shot fired missed the tank

and killed an unfortunate spectator, Subsequent ones, however, effected their purpose, and ridding the tank, allowed the blazing oil to escape. For a fire engine to cause a fire

seems the very height of irony. Yet such a case actually occurred not long ago near Worcester. The engine in question belonged to an insurance company and was in process of being converted into a motor for self-propulsion.

The day before the work was finished there was a call from Kempsey village where a farm was on fire, and the engine, in spite of its incomplete condition, started.

No spark protector having been fixed sparks escaped, and these set fire to a load of straw which was passed on the road. Next two ricks became involved, and, finally, the water-tube of the motor brust and the unlucky engine came to a complete standstill barely 200 yards from the scene of the original fire!

Another story of a strange chapter of fire accidents comes from Cavanacaw, in Armagh. A dog, running into a farm sitting room, barked at a cat, and puss, terrified, sprung on a table, upsetting a lighted lamp.

The burning oil saturated the poor beast's fur and, maddened by pain, she dashed around the room, which was already in a blaze, sprang through the window and rushed into the stackyard.

Rick after rick was fired by this living torch until the whole place was alight and very serious damage was done. The farmer's son, too, was badly burned in his efforts to extinguish the flames. A London was works was once the scene of a curious fatal fire accident.

A boiler full of molten tar gave way

and, its contents catching fire from the furnace, spread in a tide of flame down the sloping floor of the sulphate room. One of the workmen, caught between the flames and the wall, seized a ladder and, faising it to the window, sprang up it. Unhappily, the window had iron bars and before

these could be removed the ladder

burnt through and the poor man fell back into the furnace below Every one will remember the great Baltimore fire, the most terrible conflagration of 1994. After this was extinguished there was naturally great anxiety among the proprietors of the burned buildings to know how the contents of their fireproof safes had

Most extraordinary were the finds. In one jewelry had been melted, while a box of matches was intact, and a silk handkerchief was not even disculored.

One of the most disastrous fires of late years was that which followed a chemical explosion at Griesheim, in Germany. The explosion took place in the Griesheim Electron factory, and almost simultaneously the whole building was in flames.

Fire engines came galloping up, but as they approached the men were seen to fall from their seats. Spectators running after them dropped as if shot, and, meanwhile, the blaze increased, involving fresh buildings and even crossing the river into the village of Schwandeim. What had happened was this:

The sudden mixture of vats of different chemicals under intense heat had filled the air with a gas of so terribly poisonous a nature that those who came within its deadly influence were suffocated at once. Fifty-one dead and three times that number injured was the result of that terrible

## Japan's Obligations.

The western powers are not models of scrupulous justice toward each other and toward weaker nations, but such an offense as Japan would commit in supporting, or even permitting, if she could prevent, the driving of the occidentals from China would certainly be looked on as unpardonable. For one thing, at the very start, says the New York Times, it would snap the alliance with Great Britain. The British government would be forced to regard such an offense not merely as a failure in friendliness but as an act of flagrantly hostile import. And her grievance, though greater in degree, would be of precisely the same kind as that of Germany, France, the United States and Russia.

Training the Boy. "I saw you punishing your boy today. What was it all about?" "I caught him in a lie."

"Oh, well, you can't expect a boy to tell the truth all the time," "I know, but when he doesn't tell the truth I want him to be bright enough not to be caught at it."-Catholic Standard and Times.

#### HERMIT OF THE HOOSACS.

Death of Man Who Lived Forty-Two Years Alone-Ends Life in Wilderness.

Pittsfield, Mass.-After living for 42 fears alone in the wilds of the Tyringsem hills, George Tichnor, the hermi'. is dead. He had quarter Indian blood in his veins, and an early love affair made him morose, and he heard the call of the wilds.

When a child his parents died and to was sent to the Tyringham Shakers to be reared. He remained with the sect until the civil war, when he enlisted and saw three years of war. Before going to war he fell in love with a pretty Shakeress, and there was an agreement that at the expiration of his sulistment they were to marry. Tichnor came back to Tyringham in 1863, only to find that the Shakeress had loffed the gray cloak and habit and narried another man, and left the viinity. Despondent, Tichnor sought seclusion on Long mountain, one of the peaks on the Hoosac range where he built a log house and withdrew from rivilization. For years he rejected all idvances, and would allow no one to enter his hut. Rarely he appeared in Tyringham for supplies. He lived on fish and game and worked at times as woodchopper for lumbermeu.

Of late years he had grown infirm. and L. B. Moore, whom Richard Watson Gilder calls "the Father of the Tyringham Valley." induced Tichnor to leave the top of the mountain and build another but a mile from the village. Moore became the only friend of the hermit, and kept him-supplied with food. When ex-President Grover Cleveland spent a summer in Tyringham Moore arranged a meeting between the former president and the hermit, and the president became interested in the man of the woods.

Tichnor's appearance was as odd as his mode of living. He was over six feet tall and perfectly erect. His beard and hair were long and snow white. Over one eye he wore a cork the size of a silver dollar, held in place by a wire. He walked with a long staff which reached to his head.

BOY KILLS MOUNTAIN LION Beast Which Had Disturbed Banchers

for Weeks Is Slain by Mere Lad with Aid of Rifle. Los Angeles, Cal.-Arthur Gooking, a 15-year-old boy whose home is in An-

telope Valley, killed a large mountain lion under peculiar circumstances. Gookins lives with his mother and sister on a ranch at Neenach, where he has a fine herd of Angora coats. The family has been troubled of late by coyotes, and in order to catch the wolves Gookins set several traps. On making the round of the traps, accompanied by his sister, the lad saw that one had been disturbed, and following the marks in the sand trace.

the trap to the bed of a small ravine. Looking over into the gully young Gookins was amazed to see a splendid full-grown mountain lion caught by the front foot in the trap, which had become entangled in the bushes. As soon as the wounded lion saw the lady the big cat made a spring for the side of the gully. Gookins is a good shot and quickly aimed and fired. The ball plowed through the lion's brain and the beast fell dead.

Ranchers in the valley had been annoyed by the beast for several weeks. Hogs, goats, and young calves had been killed. The lion measured eight feet seven inches, from tip to tip.

PARASITE TO SAVE FRUIT.

Chinese Destroyer of Purple Scale Brought to California on Orange Trees Sent Abroad.

San Francisco.-Several months ago a parasite which kills the purple scale, a deadly foe of orange trees in southern California, was found in China. Many of its eggs were sent to this city by an agent of the state horticultural department, but did not hatch.

This suggested an attempt to bring the parasites here alive, and a number of orange trees were shipped to China from this state and upon their arrival were transported several hundred miles into the interior, to the province which is the home of the enemy of the purple scale. There the parasite made its home in the imported trees, which were then taken back to the sea coast and after a time were placed on a steamer for San Francisco.

The trees arrived here on a steamer in good condition after their long journey by sea and land, and are being watched with great care. If the parasites on them live and thrive the problem of relief for the southern California orange groves has been solved. If not a second shipment of trees to Chinas will be made.

Worse Than Great Battles.

According to statistics just made public 17,700 men have been killed or maimed in the Allegheny mills during the last year. Similar conditions have prevailed for several years, according to statements The list of men injured t during the last year is greater than; the casualty list in some of the world's battles. It is understood an effort has been made to suppress reports or details of incidents in hundreds of cases. Not until the statistics appeared, therefore, dad the exact condition of affairs become known.

Aged Musician Dead. Henry Holmes, formerly musical instructor to Queen Alexandra of England, and for the last 17, years a resideat of San Francisco, is dead. He was born in London in 1839, and was creator of the celebrated orchestra of

the Royal college of music.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS