#### Friendship With Senator Not Likely to Be Spontaneous.

Ex-Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, is known as a man of uncompromising adherence to his own ideas of right and wrong, and, like many men of his kind, has little diplomacy. carrying at times a large chip on each shoulder. These qualities made him one of the chief irritants of the upper house of congress during his membership. Senator Hoar's sweetness of temper, however, was not lost on the irrascible Chandler, and no difficulties ever entered into their relations. Hear, inverer, was not blind to his colleague's failing.

A senator from the middle states, fresh from an encounter with Chandler, sunk into a seat beside Hoar, exclaiming: "By thunder, Hoar, I've had just about enough of that autocrat from New Hampahire. You're about the only man here who can bear him. How do you manage to endure

"Well," replied the Massachusetts man, with one of his familiar smiles, I like Chandler; I really do; but, my friend," and here he lowered his voice, "I must admit that it's an acquired taste."

## LONG LIFE EASILY ATTAINED

#### Prof. Metchnicoff Has Simple Scheme to Secure Longevity.

It is well known that the average length of human life has been considerably prolonged in the last century owing to a better unerstanding and better fudfilment of private and public hygienic conditions. Few, however, attain old age, especially that of 100 years or more, and among these very few enjoy all their physical and mental powers Prof. Metchnicoff, of the Pasteur institute of Paris, shows the causes of decrepitude, of premature weakening. He demonstrates that certain cells constituting the human organism become mutinous and deyour the nobler cells of the body. He points out a special danger, the intestinal germs and the poisons or toxine elaborated thereby, which penetrate the system and cause the hardening and degeneration of tissues: The professor goes further and says that man can educate and improve these intentinal germs and their tox. ins. The most practical and easy way is, said he, to drink a beverage which contains the germs of lactic acid fermentation, whose antagonism to the bad gorms he has demonstrated.

Great Men Fond of Tea. Like all things in the world tea met with opposition at the first thought or knowledge of it. There were some who called it a fifthy custom, while others held that it would beauty. Samuel Johnson tells us that he was "a hardened and shameless tea drinker, who for 20 years diluted his meals with only the infusion of the 'fascinating plant; who with tea amused the evening, with tea solaced the midnight, and with tea welcomed the morning." Thackeray, Shake speare and Lamb were all devotees to the teacup. "Meanwhile, let us have a sip of tea. The atternoon glow is brightening the bamboos, the fountains are bubbling with delight, the soughing of the pines is heard in our kettle Let us dream of evanescence, and linger in the beautiful foolishness of things

Sixpences on a Tombstone. Sunday marning 21 old widows of the parish of St. Bartholomew. West. Smithfield, went to the churchyard at The close of the morning service to pick up the sixpences which are anmustly deposited on the tombstone of a parishioner who died several centuries ago.

The origin of the custom dates back to Saxon times, and it was revived some years ago by Mr. Butterwick. The little graveyard is raised several feet above the level of the pathway. and to mount to this eminence the elderly danies are assisted up a stepladder lodged against the stone coping of the wall .-- London Daily Chronicle.

Long Words or Short. Which shall we prefer in speech and writing? Almost everybody will vote for the short word, and almost everybody will be voting for the best candidate. The short words are usually the strong words. They make up in muscle nad liveliness what they lack in size. And they are readily in the eyes of men who have thoughts that they wish to lodge in other minds A man who should run out into the street and yell "Conflagration! Conflagration! Conflagration!" when his house was burning would be thought to be making a jest of the affair. And - so in all matters where ideas are to be handed out quickly and clearly, the short word has first choice

### Fish as Pets.

Many boys and girls who cannot keep ters have been able to make gets of will birds and animals. Even fish in a bond will come to know , on if you reed them regularly, and there are follow you round the edge of the bond and at last grow so tame as to take food out of the hand. They will even some into the shallows and allow themselves to be patted. You will find it eastest to make friends of fish if the carp family

### Shocked.

"A girl our west was driven insane by the sight of a railway train, the

"Gee". It must have been on time." - Houston Post.

TAKES RELIGION FROM SCHOOLS. AT LAST THE REASON'S PLAIN!

#### British Court Decides People Need Not Pay for This instruction.

London.-A decision given by the court of appeals leaves the question of religious education in Great Britain in a peculiar position. The education act of 1902 was intended to compel local authorities to pay for religious instruction in the voluntary schools, and led to the notorious "passive resistance" movement under which numbers of nonconformists refused to pay the rates levied to cover this expenditure for church schools. In the meantime the county council of the west riding of Yorkshire, refused to pay teachers for the time devoted by them to religious instruction. The board of education then sought the assistance of the courts in the matter, with the result that the court of appeals decided in favor of

the Yorkshire council. If this decision should be upheld by the house of lords, whither the case now will be carried, it will practically accomplish by a stroke what the bill now in parliament of Augustine Hirrell, president of the board of education, aims at, and, furthermore, it possibly may enable a large number of "passive resisters" to bring so-

tion for false imprisonment. The entire trouble appears to be due to the careless drafting of the bill in 1902.

#### RAINMAKER TO GET \$10,000.

#### C. M. Hatfield Meets with Success in Alaska.

Dawson, Alaska -- If C. M. Hatfield, the rainmaker causes enough rain to fail to keep the suice boxes full and make the season's mining profitable. he will receive \$10,000 from the Yu-

Mr. Hatfield has chosen King Solomon's Dome as the most advantageous point for his operations. This is the highest elevation in the district and at the bead of the principal creeks. He has now been at work for nearly three weeks, and rain has been reported from some point in the district overt day.

Of the \$10,000 which is to be paid Mr. Hatfield, one half has been subscribed by the Yukon council and the balance by prominent miners. A committee has been appointed to decide whether or not flatfield carns his money, George T. Coffee being the referee. The only visible part of Hatfield's work is a tower. He makes a mysterious inspection of it every day by means of a ladder. Hatfield does not claim to make the rain. He says he attracts and precipitates the moisture by means of electric vibration, assisted by chemicals.

#### BUBINESS WOMAN AT 70.

#### Mrs. Warren, of California, Takes a Little Run Down to Maine.

Norway, Me -The sprightliness of 70-year-old Mrs. Rebecca Warren, of California, who is here on a visit to the home of her childhood days, puts Norway's old ladies to shame. Mrs. Warren has amassed a fortune and

is still in active business life. Mrs. Warren married in Chicago and went with her husband to California when two years later she became a widow. She opened a lodging house in San Francisco and ran it for 11 months, when the house was destroyed by fire, leaving her penniless,

for she had carried no insurance. She borrowed money from friends, and opened another house for lodgers. and when it was running well, she sold out her interests in it for \$2,500. This suggested a scheme to her, and she entered regularly into the business of renting houses and filling them

with roomers and then selling out. At the end of a few years she had \$17,000 in bank. Her next successful venture was as a whole buyer and shipper of fruits. It was Mrs. Warren who sent to eastern markets the first consignment of navel or-

### WORLD'S DEEPEST SHAFTS.

#### Three of Them in the Copper Country of Michigan.

Marquette, Mich.-The Michigan copper country possesses the world's three deepest vertical mining shafts. The deepest of these is No. 3 at the North Tamarack property, its measurements being 5,200 feet. To the south at a distance of 4,000 feet is the No. 5 shaft of the rame company. This ranks as the second deepest vertical shaft on the globe, its measurements being 5,080 feet from the collar

to the bottom level. Second only to these great openings is the Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet & Hecla company, which is down 4,200 feet and in which the copper losa was not encountered until a depth of 3,300 feet had been attained. The deepest incline shaft in the world is the No. 4 of the Calumet & Hecla.

This shaft itself from the collar to the lowest level is sunk on the plane of the lode for a distance of 8,100 feet, while from a drift at the bottom a winze extends downward 190 feet to the boundary of the property, giving a measurement of 8,290 feet from surface. No. 4 shaft passes by the Red Jacket shaft at the fifty-sixth

Man Reforms at Age of 95. Winthrop, Me.-Ellis M Clark has decided to quit chewing tobacco after \$1 years of the habit. He was 95 years of age the other day, and to celebrate the event called together his friends with the announcement that he intended to sign a pledge. The pledge proved to be his declaration that he will no longer use tobacco.

#### Spinster Talls Why Her Sisterhood Sticks to Tabbies.

"If I had a dog," mused the old maid, as she surveyed her sleek, sleeping puss, "there are several things I would not do. I wouldn't go calling with him on a friend that owned a cat. In fact, I wouldn't take him calling at all, to see him run around my friend's house and chew up a pair of rubbers or anything else he might

"I wouldn't permit him to jump on a"caller's dress, leaving his dirty footprints on her best gown, and some-

times tearing it with his paws. "I wouldn't tie him up and go off for the day, while he made life miserable for the neighbors with his steady

howling. "I wouldn't take him shopping and get him mixed up with all the other

shoppers. "I wouldn't permit him to hop on! the seat beside me in a car, so that, the next woman who sat down after he had vacated would cover her gown! with dog hairs and probably take on a flea or two.

"I wouldn't interrupt conversation to call attention to how cunningly he cocked his bead on one side, or how white his teeth showed when he

"I wouldn't permit him to salute me with his tongue, and then say, rapturously, 'See how he kisses me!'

"I wouldn't tell about his valorous deeds in killing cats, and make no mention of the many times that a two-by-four kitten had made him turn

tail and run for his life. "I wouldn't well, I wouldn't have a dog anyway, as long as there were cats in this world." And she went out to get the sleep-

### NOT ALTOGETHER HIS FAULT

ing puss a saucer of cream.

Mountaineer's Appearance in Court by No Means Voluntary.

A brawny moonshiner from the north Georgia mountains was on trial. Though weighted with the outward evidences of many years, the old tellow was straight in form, keen of eye, and ready of tongue. It was his first offense, or at least the first time he had been caught "with the goods The judge determined to be light on him, and administer a small fine, accompanied by a lecture and

some soft words of warning "Old man, I am going to be light on you this time, because it is your first offense, and you are old enough to know better I warn you, however, that if you ever come before me again, it will go hard with you."

Sudden humor wrinkled the grim old mouth and made the eyes twinkle. as he drawled in that inimitable mountainese: "Bleeged to yo', judge. But honest. I never come this 'ere time; I was fotched.

### One Thing She Had Learned.

One of the young architects who delivers a lecture on modern architecture in the series of free public school lectures in New York had just shown his audience the beauties of the Cologne cathedral the other night. when he thought of an experience he once had on a similar oceasion.

"It was at the conclusion of my lecture," he told his audience, "that a woman came to me, explained that she, too, was a student of architecture, and thanked me for enlightening her on one point that she had never been able to understand before. I have always wondered, she said to me, where the colonial style of architecture comes from. Now, of course, I see that it comes from Cologne."

### Reading Made Easy.

In a study of the physiological aspect of reading the curious fact has been brought out that the characteristic features of letters are found for the most part in the upper halves, so that as the reader's attention is here directed he is often able to read a line with the lower half of the letters covered. It has, accordingly, occurred to some French scientists that some considerable improvements could be made in typography, working along these lines, and that increased legibility and rapidity of reading would result. Some of these suggestions have received a practical application in some European advertising signs, where legibility is a prime essential and the results have been most satisfactory.-Harper's Weekly.

Wedding Guests "Called Down." A Gold Coast journal describes . wedding and a feast following it in a manner befitting a custodian of morals and manners: "It is reported that most of the gentlemen who attended refreshed themselves avariciously, and the manner in which they acted does not speak well of their gentlemanly principles. These gentlemen may please beware to avoid a repetition on future occasions."

### What Cotton Takes from Earth.

An ordinary crop of cotton takes from the soil, in one acre of ground, more than 26 pounds of chemical saits. There is withdrawn from the earth nearly nine pounds of phosphoric acid, more than nine pounds of potash, more than a pound of sulphuric acid, nearly two pounds of time, and over three pounds of magnesia, besides other salts.

### Popularity.

"Why is that Russian official petting on so many airs about his popularity?" No one has thrown a bomb at him for three weeks."

# HALF OF LIFE IN JAIL

#### "BIG BILL" MASON, NOTED CRIMI-NAL, AGAIN BEHIND BARS.

#### Was Well Known in Chicago Gambling Circles-Arrested in Wisconsin, Sent to Waupun, But

Made His Escape.

Laporte, Ind.-The doors of the Indiana state prison have opened again to one of the most noted criminals in the country. His real name is Richard Kooran, but he is best known as "Big

Bill" Mason. Mason as W. T. Wright was sent up under the old law to serve seven years. After about three years he escaped and was finally located at Cherry Hill. Pa. He was given no possible chance after and went out only at the expiration of his term.

"Blg Bill" Mason is particularly well known in Chicago, where was the scene of many of his exploits. Around 'Mike" McDonald's and George Hankins' gambling houses he was known as the high "roller of faro."

He has pursued all the branches of crime, and while he has been successful in them all he has spent nearly 25 years in prison. So that in the balance he strikes in his fifty-fifth year the account is beavily against him. In the Northfield bank raid, in which he participated with the Younger and James boys, he was "the kid." In all of Mason's arrests he was well provided with "bail money" and was able to get the best of criminal talent at the bar to fight his cases. It was his hoast that he never pleaded guilty

- After a wild spectacular career Mason appeared in Chicago and made his headquarters at Dave Thornton's 'House of 'David" in Clark street. He was always well provided with money and ostensibly his business was to make a show of it by buying drinks for anybody and everybody

Meanwhile he was playing fore in McDonald's place, and occasionally in Hankins' place across the street. He was gen raily a winner and was accustomed to leave a sun of pupey in Thornton's to the credit of fellows who were down and out. Usually it was, he said, 10 per cent. of his winnings. If he lost he put a \$10 bill there anyway for the same purpose, saying that the land and the gampler allke loved a cheerful giver and he wouldn't have

luck if he were not ready to divide. Mason at this time was about 25 or 26 years old. In appearance he was a striking ngure, six feet tall, straight as a dart, broad shoulders and with the easy movement and grace of a panther. But his face was against him. It was hard and cruel of ex-

Before he left Chicago, however, he determined to make one hig olay, and before that the house of H. F. Whitcon, president of the Wisconsin Central railroad, in Milwaukee, had been entered and robbed. The spoil was traced to a "fence" in Chicago about the time Mason made his big play at

Hankins' faro bank.

The "fence" gave Mason away. While the Milwaukee police were arranging to arrest him at Thornton's niace the hangers on at the gambling house planned to rob him. Four of them attacked him, but he beat them all and escaped to the street just as the police came up and took him. He was taken to Milwaukee and there induced two detectives to enter his cell on the pretense of giving up. He selzed them both and threw them violently against the rear wall of the cell. In a moment he was out in the corridor and running toward the main entrance. One of the detectives shot him, but he got away. A few nights afterward a badly wounded man dragged himself to the door of the house of J. I. Case, in Racine, owner of Jay-Eye-See, the trotting horse. He was delivered up to the police and sent to Waupun state prison for eight

Wanpun is regarded as one of the safe prisons of the United States, but Mason sawed his cell door, sawed the bars from a window out of the cellhouse, a task that under the circumstances must have taken some weeks, scaled a wall and was free. The prison authorities had previously learned that "Big Bill" had escaped from the Los Angeles prison and kept a close watch on him. Early one morning in 1898 there was a police fight in New York which ended in Mason, Thomas Reilly and James Coffey being captured. That battle is a tradition of real glory to the New York police force. Since then Mason has spent nearly all his time in prison.

### EXISTS ENTIRELY ON CRACKERS.

#### Vermont Woman Eats 325 Barrels of Then in Sixty-Three Years.

Readsboro, Vt.-Over 500,000 crackers have kept life in the body of Mrs. Cynthia C. Jillison of Readsboro, Vt., for more than 63 years.

She is now more than 73 years of age, and has subsisted on a cracker diet ever since she was ten years old. The unusual distinction of having eaten more crackers than any person who ever lived is hers.

Her body is built on crackers, her youth and middle age nurtured on them, and now in her declining years she still wards off the grim reaper with a cracker.

During her lifetime she has eaten as many as 325 barrels of crackers.

"Crackers for breakfast, crackers for ginner and crackers for supperand my friends have long called me 'Polly.'" is her own comment on her subsistence.

## BLAMED IT ALL ON GRANDPA.

#### Parishioner Evidently Had Taken to Heart Pastor's Sermon.

They are telling a very goor story in a certain church congregation of one of the large cities. Recently the pastor of a church preached a sermon on temperance. He expressed himself of the belief that intemperance was frequently a disease, and that sometimes those afflicted could trace back the invention of their desires to their grandfathers. He said he had known instances of sons of sober, temperate men who became victims of the drink habit. On tracing back it was found that their grandfathers had held strong desires for

Now, the sermon made quite an impresion, particularly upon a member of the congregation who was known to have occasional love for liquor. Not long after the sermon was preached the minister was walking home at night, and he met the member of his congregation who had lapiws from sobriety. The man was decidedly the worse from lignor, but he recognized his clergyman, and, not waiting for him to speak, said: "Good evening, Mr. - Don't you think for a minute that this is me that's drunk. This is my grandfather. I'm all right"

### TIRED OF PROLONGED SILENCE.

#### Mourner Dispelled Gloom of Funeral by His Remark.

It was a sultry afternoon for a funeral, and everyone but the corpse was restless and uneasy. Harry Kay, the deceased came from Yorkshire, England, early in the '70's and settled on a farm near Scarleson Me. They were waiting for the minister to arrive and begin the last rites, and the conversation of the mourners, as is usual at a funeral, had been carried on in whispers, and the pauses between were growing longer. Still no minister appeared to break the mo-

notonous Atlance Finally, the stillness and inactivity growing more oppressive than be could bear, a ruidy faced farmer. changing kning and chilting

in his chair looked up suffer as with a twinkle in his English blue eyes and said, with a good old Yorkshire drawi-"Oo spoke larst?"

Not A. Kipling's Mulvanev. Patrick Mulvaney was on the wit ness stand during the trial of Capt. Hammer and Hubbard before Judge Cabannias, says the San Francisco Chronicle. Mulvaney objected to going on record as Patrick. He preferred "Pat," as his friends at Fort Bragg did not know him by any other name. Mulvaney, besides being a\_ gent with the fire deimac was miry and humorous. As he was leaving the stand, Judge Cabannias asked

"Have you ever been in India, Mr. Mulvaney?"

"No. sor." "Then you don't know your great

compatriot Mulvaney" "No, sor." "Have you ever heard of Rudyard

Kipling, Pat?" "No. sor, I have not, But, yer anner, he don't live in Fort Brage, I am sure av that," and Mulvaney left the dais with a puzzled look, amid roars of laughter from the assembled crowd.

Keeping Fruit Without Decay. It is claimed in France and England that fruit which is subject to early decay can be kept sound for a remarkable period by the immersion in cold water containing three per cent, of the commercial solution of formol. The bath in the water so tinctured with chemicals lasts only about ten minutes. Then, when the fruit has a skin which is eaten, like cherries, berries and grams, it is placed for five minutes in clear cold water and afterwards spread out to dry. If the skin is not to be eaten. as in the case of oranges, for instance, the formol solution is used without any subsequent bath in water.

### Preserve Putnam's Cottage.

The Putnam cottage in Greenwich. Conn., is to be dedicated as a museum. by Putnam chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. This is a small house whose legend is that Israel Putnam was occupying it as his quarters. when surprised by British cavalry, and: he dashed away on his trusty maredown the precipitous steps of "Put's hill," was shot at, but turned at the foot of the steps and shouted: "I'll bang ye to the next tree when I get The cottage is about 200 years Te."

### All Goods at Second-Hand:

There is a curlous old market near Parts in which everything is sold at second-hand. Working girls can fit themselves out there from head t foot. As a writer says: "Momi car sell her old feet hat and buy a stray one, exchange her old dress for a new one, and, if she likes, buy a steak and a salad for bor dinner, a paper has of fried potatoes, sweets and some flowers for her window. Democracy is king here, and no more attention is paid to the millionaire who is looking for something marvelous which he may pick up cheap than to the man with the wooden leg who wants a new left boot in exchange for a dozen sar-

### Their Reason.

"I wonder why the members of the douma went to Finland and then came

dine tins, five gloves and a stocking."

backs to St. Petersburg." "Perhaps because they hadn't been long at the business of representing the people and thought they had to have something to show to collect their ralleage."

### PEWS IN OLD MEETING HOUSE.

#### Ages, Sexes and Conditions Careefully Segregated by Our Ancestors.

Around three sides about on a level with the pulpit in the old meeting house at Hatfield extended the galleries, reached by staircases on the northeast and southeast corners, where in the front scats sat the singers, trebles on the north and basses on the south, and counters and tenors on the east. The next two rows of seats were occupied by children, girly in the north and boys in the south. and frolicsome youngsters they were, if we may judge by the frequency with which the town was obliged to renew the brass tips to the staves of the tithing men, three of whom were always on duty to keep the youth from

Behind the children and still higher, in square pews against the wall, sat the young men and maidens, the latter on the north and the former on the south. One gallery pew was reserved for colored men and one for colored women, and, queerest of all, a high square new over the north stairway was assigned to old maids and a similar pew over the south stairs to old bachelors. Just how many years these two classes had to number before they were promoted from the lower seats in the synagogue the records do not state, but that they sat in those exalted seats Samuel Dwight Partridge, to whom we are indebted for the description of the old meeting house, as sures us is beyond question. square pews on the floor were assigned to householders, according to wealth and social position. - Springfield

#### COUNT AGE MATTER-OF PRIDE.

#### Chinese Seek Rather to Add To Than Diminish Years.

& goes without saying that American women would not relish the system the Chinese use in reckoning age. According to their method a baby down not need to live a full year tefore it is a year old. It is called a year old an soon as it is born starts off with a The continue to it, so to stone An soon as the first day of the next year rolls around the haby is two years old. Then if a haby should be born on the last day of the calendar year, he supposing it was a boy-would be one year old. When the next day, the first day of the new year, came he would be two years of age, though, as a matter of fact, only 48 hours old Since the Chinese months are all lunar months, of 28 days each, this year is about a month shorter than ours, so thar before one year of the time has rolled around the baby would be three years old. Boston Transcript.

Seaguils Attack a Man. A Danish sailor has had a discrew cape from meeting death from flock of seagulls. His ship, the Flandria, from Cronstadt to Cobenhagen. was within 50 miles of her destination when he was washed overboard by a heavy sea. He was a powerful swimmer and divesting himself of his aluthing propared to make a stoll partie for life. No sooner bewever, had the man got clear of his garments than a great flock of seagulisgatherest around and began as fleres. attack upon the intruder into their quiet domain, whom they recked at remorselessly with their beaks. For six hours the man contrived to keep dimself affoat, warding off his persencutors as best he could, one or two ships passing without noticing him. When at last a Russian steamer, the Elisa took him on board his strength was afterly exhausted.

### The Hair Fashion.

"Never did I realize before what mayes to fashoin women are," remarked one who likes to be an individual. "If you have plenty of money, and can order all your things made, of ocurse it is all right; but a woman of modest income, who duesn't want to dress herself in the conventional style, has a heart breaking time of it. This spring and summer the tacs are all made to suit one style of hair dressing, and they are absolubely impossible with any other style. If you are original enough to want to do your hair differently, you must for bare-

### Old Lady's Hard Position.

hended—that's all."

A woman who was ill and bund herself in a trying position explained her woe to a friend. "You see, my daughter Harriet married one of those homeypath doctors and my daughter Kate an allypath. If I call the homey path, my allypath son-in-law and his wife will get mad, an' if I sall my allypath son-in-law then my homespath; son in law an' his wife will get mad. an' if I go ahead an' get well without either of 'em, then they'll both be mad, so I don't see but I've got to die outright."

### On Tact.

Chancellor James R. Day was once ' advising a young undergraduatet of Syracuse university to cultivate tact. "But, alas," he said, "I fear that advice on such a subject must always be wasters. On tact the last word was spoken by Barbey d'Aubreville when he said:

" 'If tact could be bought, only those already possessed of it would want to buy it."

### 1 Turn Out Hollow Lead Soldiers

By a secret method a London firm in able to make hollow lead soldiers. This greatly reduces the cost of production, and the trade in these toys, which once belonged almost exclusive is to Germany, is now rapidly increas ing in England. The weight of the hollow soldier is one-third of the solid

## L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS