During the great rebellion, Sir John Trevanion, a distinguished cavaller, was made prisoner and locked up in Colchester castle. Sir Charles Lucas and Sir George Lisle had just been made examples of as a warning to "malignants, and Trevanion had every reason to expect a similar end. As he awaited his doom he was

startled by the entrance of the jailer. who handed him a letter. "May't do thee good," growled the

fellow. "It has been weel looked The cigaret field bared his pare to before it was permitted to come to arm, and the other laid the lean

read it.

"Worthie Sir John,-Hope, that is ye best comfort of ye afflicted, cannot much, I fear me, help you now. That me. 'Tis not much I can do; but poisoned it." what I can do, bee thou verie sure wille.

"I knowe that, if dethe comes, if smoker sullenly. ordinary men fear it, it frights not you, accounting it for a high honour try again." to have such a rewarde of your loyalty. Pray yet that you may be spared this see bitter cup. We pray that you may be,

"I fear not that you will grudge any sufferings. Only if bie submission you can tarn them away, 'tis the part of a wise man. Tell me, an if you can, to do for you any things that you wolde have done. The general goes back on Wednesday. Restinge your servante to command.-R.

Now, this letter was written according to a preconcerted cipher. Every third letter after a stop was to tell. lā this way Sir John made out: "Panel at east end of chapel slides."

On the following evening the prooner begged to be allowed to pass an hour of private devotion in the chapel. By means of a bribe this was accomplished. Before the hour had expired the chapel was empty-the bird had flown .- Tit-Bits

What Absinthe is. Several French medical authorities maintain that habitual drinkers of absinthe exhibit far greater deterioration of both the mental and bodily functions that can be accounted for by the amount of alcohol consumed, and have suggested that the action of Belgium in prohibiting its sale should be followed. In France absinthe is the favorite liquor of the dram drinker. Its fatal fascination for the inhabitants of that country, so bounfifully supplied with the natural wine of its own vineyards, is hard to explain. Those whose tastes lie in the direction of something stronger would if they were well advised, drink brandy distilled from wine, for this does not produce the deplorable effects known collectively as absinthisme. against which the medical profession of France have for years been warning their countrymen.

Absinthe is said to have been introduced into France about sixty years ago by soldiers to whom it had been recommended as a febrifuge during the long war which resulted in the conquest of Algeria. , It has, as many of our readers doubtless know, a peculiar yellowish green color, a powerful odor and a very marked aromatic taste in which oil of aniseed seems to prevail. Many formulae for making it have been given. They generally resolve themselves into one of two processes namely either (1) the distillation of alcohol in which the pounded leaves, roots and flowering tops of various aromatic plants have been macerated, including wormwood (Artemisia absintheium); angelica root (Archangelica officinalis), sweet flag root (Acorus calamus), and star anise (Illicium animatura), with the subsequent addition of oil of aniseed and sirup; or (2) the simpler method of dissolving the essential oils of wormwood, anise and coriander in rectified spirit, adding sugar and water, and coloring with chlorophyll. Absinthe is seldom drunk in a hurry by a thirsty and preoccupied individual standing at the counter of a public house. It has to be diluted by the consumer, and this may be done with various adjuncts which give some opportunity for the display of dexterity, just as in mixing a salad during dinner or peeling an orange at dessert.-From the Lancet.

8,000 Mice to the Acre. If there is a pied piper in the United States who is out of a job he may fail into a good berth with Uncle Sam. It all depends on his ability to get away with field mice as successfully as the pied piper of old disposed of the domestic mice of the little village of Hamelin. The western alfalfa belt of Nevada is overrun by mice, and the farmers are unable to cope with the ravages of the little creatures. The expert sent from the Department of Agriculture to suggest means of eradicating them has failed. He reported to Dr. Henshaw of the biological survey that there were probably as many as 8,000 mice to the acre. He said that in following the plough fifteen minutes he was able to catch with his hands more than 375 young mice. Owls, hawks, badgers, and foxes, which feast on mice, have been killed out by hunters, and the little rodents of the held have been left to flourish and multiply in the midst of their favorite diet. It is said that the department probably will substitute poison for the flute, if no piper appears. Chicago Inter

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MEN THAT ARE POISONOUS An Experiment That Convinced an

Inveterate Clearet Smoker. "You smoke 30 cigarets a day?"

"Yes, on the average." "Yet you don't blame them for your run-down condition?"

"Not in the least. I blame my bard

work." The physician shook his bead. He smiled in a vexed way. Then he took a leach out of a glass jar.

"Let me show you something," he said. "Bare your arm."

black leech upon it. The lench fell Sir John took the letter, and the to work busily. It's body began to jailer left him his lamp by which to swell. Then, all of a sudden, a kind of shudder convulsed it, and it fell to the floor dead.

"That is what your blood did to that leech," said the physician. He I wolde say to you, is this only; it took up the little corpse between his ever I may be able to requite that I finger and thumb. "Look at it," he so owe you, stand not upon asking of said. "Quite dead, you we. You

> "I guess it wasn't a healthy leed in the first place," said the cigaret "Wasn't healthy, ch? Well, we'll

And the physician clapped two leeches on the young man's tain arm." "If they both die," said the patient, 'I'll swear off-or, at least, I'll cut down my daily allowance from 10 cig-

arets to 10." Even as he spoke the smaller leach shivered and dropped on his knee dead, and a moment later the larger one fell beside it.

"This is ghastly," said the young man. "I am worse than the pestilence to these leeches."

"It is the empyreumatic oil in your blood," said the medical man. "All cigaret fiends have it. Smoke reasonably, and this oil will disappear, and you will be no longer deadly to the leech. Furthermore, your appetite will return, you will sleep better, and your muddy color will clear up. It is not hard work but hard smoking that has brought these troubles down on you."

"Doc," said thet young man, re garding the three dead leeches thoughtfully, "I half believe you're

Redeeming the Dromomaniaca,

If anybody is a "dromomaniae" without knowing it, he need not remain long in ignorance. Mrs. Russell Sage's latest philanthropy will clear it up, She has given \$50,000 to start a fund for the reclamation of tramps, and seems very much in earnest about disbanding the army of supposed to be a film over the eye,

The genus tramp is to be studied, analyzed, classified, cleaned up and eliminated. Mrs. Sage is going about 10 end. it just as seriously as she is dealing with the general scheme of philanthropy-digging down to first principles. She will have developed a sort of natural history of the tramp, and apply to his annihilation the methods of the natural sciences. She will go after him as the government has gone

after the boll weevil. And why not? The tramp is surely proper Object of scientific research. A Western Reserve professor has written a ponderous tome on the American lobster. And is not one hobo of the value of many lobsters? The national committee of 100 that has been selected to gather "bum" data may be expected to do its work thoroughly. There is no doubt of the efficlency of this body. Among many names notable in the field of dromomaniac research is that of Dr. Ben L. defiman," king of the tramps" and a

tower of literary strength. Reitman has already contributed vastly to "bum" literature. His "Plea for a Proper Classification and Appropriate Treatment of the Itinerant Vagrant" is a classic. He has studied and labelled the whole limbo of wanderers. He has analyzed the neuropathic bum, the psychopathic vagrant the anaemic dereliet, the brakebeam wanderer, the ambulatory paranoise, and all the rest. Eighteen years on the road have qualified him.

in a Public Library.

Did you ever observe the girl behind the counter of the juvenile department of the public library? Did You ever realise what a task confront ed her daily? Did you ever stop to think what a combination of gray matter and patience was needed? Well, the girl has taken a little of her crowded time to tell the public her experiences of just five minutes of a Saturday, for it is on Saturdays that she finds her task most trying.

"I have started thrice today to write five minutes experience and thrice have I been interrupted for five minutes more," she says. "It seemed that each time I began a score of grimy little hands each pair tightly clasping a fingermarked, dog-eared picture book, have thrust themselves! under my nose, here and there an impatient demand that the 'li-berry teacher' should mark off their books or find them "The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy Winkle' or 'Peter Rabbit.'

"And so the 'li-berry teacher' with a half spoken thought of duty before pleasure' (with sounds a little more wrathful than philosophical) rises to the call of Young America and with seeming cheerfulness rummages around till Mrs. Tiggy Winkle' and 'Peter Rabbit' are aroused from their slumbers to another day of strenuous

ently which will weigh about \$ 000 pounds less than wooden cars of the

Not to Many Persons With Sere Eyes

COMMON ERRORS ABOUT LYES.

One of the most noteworthy advantages of the present apoch is that more eyes are almost unknown; likewise cross eyes. Even so short a time se a generation are it was a common thing to see people of all ages and conditions with inflamed eyes. As for etrablamus, one does notice a case of the famous Frankenstein ledge in it now and then, but it is very exceptional.

A generation ago cross eyes were thid thus afflicted was obliged to go hrough life with one eye looking inyard, or outward, as the case might ie. It was not only a deformity, but a misfortune in other ways; for a person who is badly cross syed sees out of only one eye.

Novadays, however, save in rare instances, the matter can be set right by a simple purgical operation. It is mainly for this reacy that one sees so few persons who are cross eyed, is compared with a lew years ago. As for sore eyes, they are cured, or prevented by glasses which correct he troubles, such as riear sight or asigmatism, which are the cause of the mischief.

Perhaps the most curious of the many about popular notions about eyes is that which causes people to refrain from wearing needed glasses for the reason that "I they once put them on they will always nave to use hem." In such a belief there is only one germ of truth. When lasses that are needed have once been adopted, nobody in ever willing to give them up, simply because the improvement of vision, or gain in comfort, is such that they quickly make themselves indispensable.

There is scarcely anything about which popular ignorance is so profound as it is in regard to eyes, Ey er so many people will confess to wearing glasses for satigmatism; but ask one of them what satismatism is and the answer, if any, is a random guess. Yet astigmatism is simply an irregularity in the curvature of the cornes, which is set in the front of the eye like a watch glass. One often hears it said that oculists occasionally take our eyes, clean them, and put them back; yet nothing could be more impossible, without destroying sight. When "old sight" comes, as it does to all normal eyes at lifty years or earlier, complaint is made that the sight is failing; but the fact is that the eyes are as good as ever, but need mild convex glasses to help the focus at the near point. Cataract is whereas it is really an opacity of the crystalline lens behind the pupil. To such absurd beliefs, indeed, there is

Marbin of Carrara.

wholly given up to the marble trade. It is situated on the Avenza, about five miles from the Mediterranean coast, thirty miles northwest of Pisa: and it is surrounded by the marble h.Hs which have made it famous. In the province of Carrara there are nearly 1,300 quarries, of which over but are near the town of Carrara.

The marble is a white saccharoid limestone, which derives its values to the sculptor from its texture and purity. The marble used for this purpose is only obtained in a few of the quarries, where the stone is of particularly fine quality.

The quarries are on the sides of the mountain, a branch of the Apennines, at heights varying from 500 to 3.500 feet. They are served by a mountain railway of ten miles in length, opened in 1890, which descends

from 1,500 down to the sea. The marble is exported at the average rate of 160,000 ton annually. Hesides the quarrymes the marble finds employment for hundreds of cutters. magons, polishers and other work-

The quarries have been warked from very ancient times. The Romans knew the marble as Marmor Lunense, from Luna, an Etruscan town in the

neighborhood. Transit, until the railway is reached, is naturally a serious difficulty. The trucks bearing huge blocks of marble from the quarry to the railroad are drawn by oxen, as many as seventeen yoke being sometimes em-

ployed to carry one block. Another difficulty to be met is the need to cut the marble in large blocks since for certain purposes—sculpture. for example—the smaller blocks are useless-Detroit News-Tripune.

Undiscovered Le Mans.

An enormous square full of a confusion of farmers and pessents in and in the preparation of vellura blouses, cattle, carts, women in white parchment and some kinds of leather. caps; on one side, a line of cafes; on the other, a line of trees; at the far end, high above the busy market, siient and serene in the bustle and stir and noise, gray with age, splendid in beauty the buttressed, pinnacled east and having only a country school sidend of a mighty church—this is always the first picture that rises before and attracted the notice of the authorme when I hear or read the name of omice! world. Prominent scientists Le Mans. The town of Le Mans is only as-

as far away from Chartres as chartres is from Paris. It is close to Brittany. It is the ancientes pital of the andient province of Maine, which zave its name to one of our oldest states? and was the convenient battlefield for the long fight of France with England. But like so many other places, Steel box cars have been built rec-nemorable, charming, interesting Lie en voters outnumbered the men. Of only which will weigh about \$,000 being still belongs as far as the tour. The candidates elected in these 14 Mans still belongs as far as the tourist goes; to undiscovered France. The constituencies only one was the

NEST OF LABLES

It Was Dissevered on the Family Franksistate Longs, Crawford

bout the White Mountains is New Hampahire recently then since early pioneer days and the only need of the national bird known is New Hampshire was discovered on the creet of Crawford Notch.

The species is the baid earle of the mountains, from which the traditionregarded as a hopoless mistortune. A al emblem of the United States was designed, but it is not sarbed no extensively in trousers as represented by artist Saint-Gauden's bird on the new gold coins!

game laws of the state prevented the general rife shooting which once prevailed, especially throughout the "north country,"

were attracted by a pair of large sagles flying about in evident anger and distress, and they searched for the nest till they found it in a cleft in the rocks on the highest point of the cliff. There was an almost perpendicular rise on all sides to reach the broak, and the birds avidently supposed the site to be beyond molectation.

Several younger sagles were seen in the vicinity, but they were all beyond the age requiring the fostering care of the older birds, and hustled across the notch to get away from the latruders.

The older birds, however, hung about the lumbermen and showed evidence of a willingness to take part in a mixup if too serious danger threatened their home in the rocky

The men got near enough the nest to note the general characteristics of its construction, but no attempt was made to despoil it, and those who have since been to the spot, say that the birds have returned to their abode and are now living in comfort.

The locality of the next is almost inuccessible, except to the most hardshed woodmen and mountain climbers but it may easily be found by those who have the fortitude to attempt the climb up Frankenstein ledge.

It is neveral years since any of the birds have been shot in northern New Hampahire, although numbers frequently have been seen about Leke 20ne to pilot place to a so or net. The man a seen with the summer. Ratitionake laland is a favorite feeding and you hardly there have the seen and seed to be a seed to hibernate. The island is made up of ledges and is reputed to be the home of thousands of reptiles. It is one of the few bodies of land in Lake Winnepessukee which does not boost The Tuscan town of Carrars is summer cottages or camps. Houseon Herald. ~

Follow Instructions.

A prominent physician tells of all amusing experience of the early days of his practice when he was residing in a small town where, by far the mai jority of the workers were coal main-

"I was greatly distressed by the mnsanitary conditions prevailing in their cottages," says the doctor, "and among other things I tried to explain to each household the importance of maintaining a wholesome atmosphere in their sleeping rooms.

"I laid in a stock of thermometers where they were most needed. I took pains to point out to sach family in turn just how the thermometer would indicate the proper degrees of testperature.

"As I was making the rounds one day I inculred of the woman head of one establishment whether she had followed my instructions.

"Yes sir, answered sne, I'm very careful about the temperatura watch the thing all the time as hangs up there." "What do you do when the temper

ature rises above 682" "I take it down, sir, an' put it out side till it cools of a bit." -Modern Ding them in the le Society.

Pumice Stones.

Pumice is a mineral, agreeing in chemical composition with obsidian. of which it may be regarded as a pecultur form, rapidly cooled from a melted and boiling state, and it gan-

erally contains some prophyry. The stone is very hard, and at the same time very brittle, but its most singular property is that of floating on water. In the arts it is used for polishing wood, ivory, metals, glass, slates, marble and lithographic stones,

Boy Astronomer Discovers Cometa. With only a home-made telescope J. farmer's boy scarcely out of his tesses, fairly well without tests, smell bear and having only a country school eding, or teeling, but once sign has tive ucation, has discovered two comets someour joy in life is practically seed E. Mellish of Cottage Grove, Wis, a have become interested in him, and opportunity has been made whereby he can pursue more effectively the study of his favorite science.

At the last general election in New Zerland there were 263,597 men and 212,875 women on the roll. There actually voted 221,611 men and 175 948 women. In 14 contests the wons-

OF THE UNITED IN THE BOOK OF THE trained maryants. It is no if yo Certain portions of the White Moun-tains afford a natural habitation for that brains bettom have greatened to the sagle, the numbers of which have inresty increased since the stringest kindness. He directs was mailtagly Whe mouth of the transit hediar the stalls. Here your ticket a large inpressive dosessent, printed on white Aper and reconsider a sex record The nest of Frankenstein ledge was a taken by a peak young woman. located by men in the amploy of who has been waiting for you. Now-Charles H. Morey of Bemis. They illy she is in block, with a dainty white apres, here collar and cuffs, and an exceedingly chic little white are cap. There are alight variations il this dress, his regards polits, in the rent Louises thesers. In some the maide frocks are of the prevailing "the nee is the hee in one theeten and

brown in abother. Of course, the maid has a plat and walls opensieston; live out of six Louden girs knys.
The gratic-voiced, soft-socked prisesual bundle of programmer bundless. to her kusom with mas hand and your folipohi in the other stiller should be a fa unnel in front of you and your femiles ins companion unlike you into your place and murmura. Would will like within a programme, sin' Market it for please. Thank you sir's Backet in the landed you the programme and the like will be programme and the like will be a like a like and molted way. Like a tally let it be said that the progr is worth the strussees for uniste the co-example advartising parables. On with the characters, exemps and other, and information about the play made of in among tooth poyder, which and sharing soap pulls on services pages, to which New Yorkers are to customers, the Toulest Sheatin per dwo middle pages and the adverti ments elegations to that we gra- let obliged to read them, whether you are

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Georges, is the leader in a new mind of disheries in which, the next is mine of pork and the victims is a light (loodwin momenty disables in title to the original less and all that when he were one is handle in trivia he had no less of

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