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The elerks of the Grand Hotel in Sau Francisco, says that the most cheerful man that ever stayed there was M. Dowling of Minneapolis, recently a guest, and he had \$600 worth of wooden legs and arms. He wore them all himself. Without them he would not, to all appear ances, have made much of a showing. Set up on his high cork legs, however, and with his arms pieced out with the same material, he would burst into the fold like a ray of light on a dark, cloudy day. He was the victim of one of the playful blizzards of Minnesota. When it was over and he was gathered up from the snow it was difficult to tell what pieces would withstand the allurements of the gravedinger. Some of him surthe snow it was amount to tell what pieces would withstand the allurements of the gravedigger. Some of him survived, however, and then he set about to see what he could do. Both legs were off close to his-body. His left forearm was gone, and all he had remaining was the smallest stump of the thumb on the right hand. He practised for a white walking with the heavy leathern boots which everybody has seen legless men wear. Finally he raised enough money to buy cork extremities. Mr. Dowling likes a joke, and when stopped on the street in San Francisco and importuned for arms by men with one leg, or arm. street in San Francisco and importuned for arms by men with one leg, or arm, or both legs or arms gone, would immediately take them to restaurants and load them up with a big dinner, all the time listening to their tale of misfortune with the greatest interest. When it was all over his face would lighten, and, much to their astonishment, he would legin shucking his legs and arms, exposing the hypocritical material of which they were made. At the same time he ing the hypocritical material of which they were made. At the same time he would teil how glad he would be if he was only as well supplied with legs and arms as they were. He would next tell them to brace up, take heart, and begin learning something useful to support themselves. Mr. Dowling cannot use a cane, because he cannot hold one. There fore without aid he is forced to make his way. He has learned to do it so well that he can outrum any able boddied man. the winder and he is preced to have that he can outrun any able-bodied man, however skilful he may be, who will hop while he runs. He has learned to grasp a pen or pencil with the small stump of a thumb, and he writes a beautiful band

athomb, and he writes a beautiful band very rapidly.

WILLIAM E. KNIGHT, fabiliarly knewn as Billy" Knight, a Philadelphia drug gist, who died recently, was one of the scheredros" of that city, says the Led ger "He bad a regular list of beggars, who came at appointed days and received a mobest pension from the old druggist to associately one of these vagedonds, many of them unworthy of the charity bestowed on them unworthy of the charity bestowed on them, would return before his day, when, with a mild reprimand, usually in the shape of information that it was not his time to call, the beggar would receive some money. His customers usually addressed him as 'Doctor,' and he prescribed for all who asked his salvice, and often, when his patient was mable to pay for medicine, the prescription was filled, and renewed, if necessary, without charge. If there was one characteristic more strongly marked than another if the dead druggist, it was his utter disregard for his personal appearance. Although he sold soap and other atticks usually considered necessary for the toilet, he evidently felt that they were not essential for his happiness. The lat he wore would have been fitting for a dandy of 1872, while his clothing was anything but fastidious. His twinkling lat he wore would have been fitting for a dandy of 1872, while his clothing was anything but fastidious. His twinkling eyes shone out of a weazened, grizzled, and unshaven countenance, while no comb had ever apparently attempted to guide the silvery strands which strangled simlessly over his nearly denuded head. Another peculiarity of his was his lack of interest in monetary matters. A handful of small change placed on his counter in payment for a bottle of medicine was never counted, but brushed off carelessly and thrown upon a shelf, with the remark "I guess it's all right."

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/ Ix a pool enclosed by one of the large greenhouses at Greystone, the Yonkers (N. Y.) country home of the late Samuel J. Tilden, lives an educated black bass. John Forson, the head gardener at Greystone, caught the bass on a hook two summers ago, and by exercising considerable care succeeded in saving its life. In the big palm house, where stately topical plants rise to the height of thirty feet above a jungle of rare plants from the hot countries, this bass now disports itself. During its two years of confinement in luxury the fish has learned to obey the commands of Mr. Forson, and a whistle from his lips will bring it from the dark recesses of the pool in a twinking. A snap of the fingers will cause its of disappear just as quickly. If a worm or cricket is held above the surface of the water even to the height of a foot the agile bass will lear for it and greedile. or crecket is held above the surface of the water even to the height of a foot the agile bass will leap for it, and greedily gulp it down. Mr. Forson says the fish seems fond of him and willing to sport with him as long as he stays by the pool. It has seemed a surface we are the surface when the surface we are the su It has several tricks that it performs at the will of the gardener. The only companion the bass has in the pool is a sun-lish. Several German carp were there when the savage black fellow was introduced into their society two years ago, but the introduction was advantageous but the introduction was advantageous only to the latter. The carp were soon caten up. The one sunfish either defended itself with vigor against the bass, or catered into a truce, for the two live-logether in harmony now.

inals surviving judicial execution. More than six centuries ago Juetta de Belsham hanged for three days, was cut down and pardoned, the superstitious people believing that God had decreed otherwise. Obadiah Walker, a former master of New College, Oxford, England, tells of a Swiss who was hanged thirteen times, every attempt being frustrated by a pectilisarity of the windpipe which prevented strangulation. Ann Green, who was hanged in Oxford in 1850, survived the ordeal, was pardoned by the crown and was soon after married. In 1808 one John Green was hanged in London and recovered on the dissecting table of Surgeon Birard. A fitting close for this "note" is the story of "Half-Hanged Maggie." She was hanged in Edinburgh in 1740, came to life while being taken to potter's field and lived for years afterwards.

THE Dayton, Ohio, Herald's West THE Dayton, Ohio, Herald's West Carrollton correspondent writes: "Miss Ethel, daughter of D. W. Pease, is the possessor of a malt secut. Early in the spring the cut descreted his place in the house and took up his abode with the pring the cat described his place in the house and took up his abode with the chickens, remaining day and night in the chicken yard. He soon formed an attachment for an old black hen, which was reciprocated, and the two became inseparable. Thus matters went on for some time, when the hen, remembering that the usual season for multiplying and replenishing her species had arrived, selected a nest in the poultry house and made known her intentions in the usual way. She was at once supplied with the necessary eggs and commenced business. This, it was supposed, would end the rather strange flirtation and Tommy would return to his mat on the porch, but not so. Judge of the surprise of the family on going to the poultry house the next day to find that his catship had taken possession of the adjoining nest with the nest egg and was sitting in the most approved fashion."

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ONE specially high peak of the Andes affords a peculiarly fine view of the sunrise, and on two sides of this peak huts have been built within an hour's climb of the apex in order that travellers having scrambled up the mountain side may rest over night and go at it fresh in the morning. An American reached the summit of the mountain from one of the huts just at surrise one morning and found himself face to face with a stranger who had tolled up from the but on the opposite side. Both gazed in silence at the sight below, and then one said to the other: "There is only one other rice that equals this, ir my oppinion" "Just what I was thinking, said bic companion. "What's your other view" "That to be even at sumir from Fort "cusenes, n at Merristown. New Jersey," said the fire. Why, that's unine, ten," said the other, and then, standing together on that lenely peak, the two compared notes, and discovered that they were neighbons in the little. Jersey town.

A MONKEY witness is shortly to appear A MONKEY witness is shortly to appear in a murder trial at Sattara, India. A traveling showman, who biving depended on five monkeys and a goat, was murdered uear Batiti, the whole troupe, with the exception of this one monkey, sharing the fate of their master. The monkey ran up a tree and there watched the assassin bury the showman, the goat and the others monkey. When the awful deed was finished and everything had become quiet, this intelligent "misawful deed was finished and everything had become quiet, this intelligent 'missing link' ran off to let the 'patel' of the nearest village know what had happened. By serecches, yells and gesticulation the monkey made the officer understand that something was wrong. The 'patel' followed the monkey's lead to the scene of the tragedy, and it is now being kept for the identification of the assussin. This curious plan of detection reminds one of the time-honored story of the dog of Montargis. The people of India, it may be observed, have great faith in the detective instinct of monkeys. ive instinct of monkeys.

RECENTLY there was a very interesting crowing contest between roosters in Bel-gium. The poultry raisers of the vicinity of Liege are such admirers of the music which their roosters furnish that they which their roosters furnish that they decided to hold a competition at Liege in order to prove definitely whose rooster was the champion crower. All the birds entered in the competition—and there was a great number—were placed in cages, one in each cage, with a trustworthy man in front of each to record the crowing. The contest lasted one hour, and the cock which crowed the greatest number of times in that period received a valuable prize. The winner of the prize crowed 134 times, or more than twice a minute. The Youth's Companion thinks that any one who has seen a young rooster mount a barnyard fence and crow until the housewife comes out and throws a milk-pan at him will not and crow until the housewife comes out and throws a milk-pan at him will not be inclined to impeach the accuracy of this count unless he thinks it is an understatement.

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John Shields was returning home from fishing in Rone's Run, near Clyde Hill, Penn, toward evening. He was walking along the edge of the brook, near an old bark-road crossing, carrying the trout he had caught on a willow string, when suddenly something gave a sharp tug at the fish, and pulled them from his hand. He turned quickly, and was astounded to see a mink hurrying to the water, dragging the fish with him. Shields sprang forward to save the fish, but the mink was to quick for him, and jumping in the creek disappeared beneath the water with his prize, and Shields lost the supper he had worked hard for several hours to catch. Such a bold act on the part of an animal so notably shy and suspicious as the mink is known to be, has set all the old Clyde Hill hunters and trappers to wondering.

Mexico. The story of this latter As:
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spot, if on a journey of more than usual
importance to himself, as, for instance,
in pursuit of lost cattle or to visit a sick
relative, he procures a stone or pebble of
some unusual shape or color and deposits
it in the "postoffice" with a wish for the
ultimate success of his trip. How long
this custom has been in vogue among
this tribe no one can fell, but some idea
sf its antiquity may be derived from the
fact that the "postoffice" now contains
not less than \$0,000 of these "lucky
stones," and many have been scattered
and displaced and some have been used
many times. many times.

HOW MINES ARE SALTED.

A Coarse Thread Let Out the Secret in One Case in Utah.

One Case in Ttah.

An amusing story is told by the famous geologist, Clarence King, of an investigation he made of an alleged silver mine in Utah, says the Kernsus City Times. He undertook the tusk at the instance of certain capitalists who proposed to buy the property, which was represented to be of enormous value. Appearances were certainly very much in its favor. On the way down the shaft the walls on every hand gleamed brightly with shining ore, in the light thrown by the lamps, and the sides of the drift were equally beautiful to the eye of the observing expert. However, while examining the rock more critically he noticed by chance a course thread hanging out of it.

Ordinarily threads do not grow in rock and the finding of this one led to the discovery of the whole swindle, for the fact was developed that the owner of the mine had taken a great quantity of galena reduced it to nowle made it with

fact was developed that the owner of the mine had taken a great quantity of galena, reduced it to powder made it with water into a plaster, and carefully stuccoed the entire walls of shaft and drift with the material. The plaster was carried for this purpose in gunny sacks, a thread from which got mixed up with it. Perhaps even funnier was the salting of a mine in Colorado, which was bought by ex Senator Tabor by order from some friends of his in Denver. Chicken Bill, a prespector of rather disreputable nototiety, did the job, performing it so successfully that \$40,000 were paid over to him for the property without any question. He was so clusted over the transaction as to be unable to keep the secret, tion as to be unable to keep the secret, communicating it to a number of inti

communicating it to a number of intimate friends.

In this manner the news reached Denver, and the people who had employed Tabor as their agent in the matter refused to receive the mine. So Tabor finding it left upon his bands, determined to make the best of the situation and proceeded to dig further in the hole. He pictured the rock ton feet further and cause upons a body of one which preved to be one of the richest ever froud in this state.

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the richest ever found in this state. The gullibility of porsons who buy mines has passed into a proventy. It is said that such properties have actually been salted with half melted silver dollars and sold to investors who did not realize that the precious metal was not found in nature with the stamp of the mint upon it. Undoubtedly the most scientific method of accomplishing this sort of swindle is to apply the silver in the shape of a nitrate solution. When it is ready for use, some salt is put into it, and it is squirted over the rock, the salt causing an immediate precipitation of the metal in a manner that is equally conspicuous and deceptive to the eye.

Hints for Boys.

A gentleman advertised for a boy to assist him in his office, and nearly fifty applicants presented themselves before him. Out of the whole number he selected one, and dismissed the rest. "I should like to know," said a friend, "on what ground you selected that boy without a single recommendation?" "You should like to know," said a friend, "on what ground you selected that boy without a single recommendation?" "You are mistaken," said the gentleman, "he has a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him, showing that he was careful; gave up his seat to that lame old man, showing that he was kind and thougtful; he took off his cap when he came in, answered my questions promptly and respectfully, showing that he was polite and gentlemanly; he picked up a book, which I had purposely laid upon the floor, and replaced it on the table, white all the rest stepped over it or shoved it aside; and he waited quietly for his turn, instead of pushing or crowding, showing that he was honest and orderly. When I talked with him I noticed that his clothes were carefully brushed, his hair in nice order, and his teeth as white as milk; and when he wrote his name I noticed that his finger nails were clean, instead of being tipped with jet like that handsome little fellow's in the blue jacket. Don't you call these things letters of recommendation I do, and I would give, more, for what, k, eas, tell about a boy by using my eyes ten minutes than all the letters of recommendation he can

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