AROUND THE HOUSE.

To polish kitchen knives nicely, mix a the birarbonate of soda with the brick at and rub them thoroughly.

stand floors should be polished, rub-slate floors should be polished, rub-og first with a smooth, flat piece of one stone, and finally polish with rot-

Coffee is used for mixing blacking for estove, in order to make it stick closer of the blacking for the story. Most housekeepers prefer to the sub-fashioned blacking to any of the cold-fashioned blacking to apply as it respectively. The subset of the sub

and cretainly be cleaned as often as one amonth.

The proper washing of silk stockings is matter of moment, now that they are someonly worn. White silk stockings hold be washed in a strong lather made feastile soap or any gooff white soap of white soap of soap was a stocking in the lather and rub the solded spots genily with the hands. They rinse them ery thoroughly to free them from all cookings in the lather and rub the solded spots genily with the hands. They rinse them ery thoroughly to free them from all cookings may be dead to the hands to make them monoth and the hands to make them monoth and least them is shape, but do not fron them, elack stockings may be washed in the sear way, but should be kept separate from white stockings in the washing, seekings when they are dry with a cold iron, always making the passes one way to make them smooth and glossy. It is a great mistake, however, to iron any stakings. It always makes an ugly stakings if always makes an ugly them into shape, fold, them up and allow them for themselves to the limb.

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Italian Mountain Village

The little Italian hamlets that cluster The little Italian hamners that cluster the conthern slopes of the Alps are all lead, dirty looking places. The lower leads of the alps are all carries of the alps a post of the active, sheep or poster levels are seen on a farm.

the manner and methods of harvesting as diverse and laborious, especially those as the lot by the peasants, who are too per to own or to kgep a less or ox; all decays must be gathered and stored by head.

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The mean a steep hillside a man and woman are seen dragging a cart beavily leaded with hay their farces, arms and logs were schonned by their farces, arms and logs were schonned by the sun one could hardly lose them ever to have been white. In a stdjeining field some veorem were rarry log the care treasure in large brokets steeped to their leachs. As they can treasure in large brokets steeped to their leachs. As they can treasure in large harders are placed to their leachs. As they are treasure in large harders are placed to their leachs. As they are treasure in large harders are placed to their leachs as they are treasure in large they do would be monatain, the hearter, extend their bure brown feet, being compately hidden by the load.

The incline is so heavy that the fields cannot be plowed; when the sods are traid over the people do it by spade. The grain is cut with a sickle. Not a lade is wasted. It is as precious to have peasants as threads of gold; if they can any domestic animal it represents their life, which in turn means food for transcless and family. Often the milk from the cow or sheep composes two firms of their diet; the cream is made has batter, which is sold or exchanged. The winters are cold in northern Italy. It must not be imagined that the climate is laimy and warm, for the mercury oftens stack for days together, far below the frezing point. The hovels rarely have thimneys. The people cannot afford to keep large fires; a handful of twigs and sac stubible cooks the food, then the cals are carefully covered until the next mad.— New York Mail and Express. pewn a steep hillside a man and woman

Quaint Weather Signs.

Weather warnings in India are very quaintly expressed. In Jodhpore the in-labitants declare that when rain is com-ing the chameleon changes color, snakes clinb a tree, the sparrow sings, the north wad blows, the fish swim on the water surface.

If at sunrise there are stripes of red if at sunrise there are surples of red light in shape of fish, or at sunset red mys diverge from the west, "rivers shall have foam"—i. e., much rain will fall, says the Detroit Sun. When the northmast wind blows in August, the east wind in September and the sea wind in the beautiful for the search of the sear

in September and the sea wind in October, the crop is twenty annas (i. e., saisfactory) in November.

If there are many clouds and flashes of lightning on July 18, "clean your gracary and only keep enough grain for feed and plow," as the year will be good; but if the wind blows strong on July 28 man mows strong on July 28

A Canary Captured by a Spider.

The strength of some of the spiders which build their webs in trees and other which build their webs in trees and other leaves around Santa Ana is astonishing. One of them had in captivity in a tree at the corner of Fifth and Ross streets, venterday, a wild canary. The ends of the wings, tail and feet of the bird were bound together by some sticky substance, to which were attached the threads of the spider, which was slowly but surely drawing the bird up by an ingenious pully arrangement. The bird hung head downward, and was so securely bound with little threads that it could not struggle and would have soon been in the tile of its captor had not the writer hapof its captor had not the writer hap-ned along and rescued it. [Santa And ade.

WILL HE GET THERE:

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Great interest centers in the question, Will Captain An Irews, the Sapolio Colum bus reach Palos in his little boat?' Las week we told of his start, and how plucking he wrote by an incoming sailer which passe him many hundred miles from shore. we can add to that report the following news item just as it was published in the Commer-sial Advertiser, of New York;

SPOKE THE SAPOLIO.

CAPTAIN ANDREWS MAKING HIS WAY TO HURLVA AND PALOS.

LONDON, Aug. 19 (Dalziei's Special News).

—Advices received to-lay from Corunna state that the steamer Vers. Cruz, which arrived there on Aug. 11, from Havans, re ported that on Aug. 5 she fell in with a small boat named Sapolio, manned by Captain William A. Andrews.

In answer to questions of the Captain of the Vera Cruz, Andrews said he had sailed from Atlantic City, N. J., with the intention and hope of arriving at Huelvu and Palos de Moguer, on the Rio Tinto, by next October, in time for the occasion of the publie feetivals in connection with the Columbus

centenary.

The Captain of the Very Cruz offered Andrews any provisions be required, but the latter replied he did not want any, and only desired to be reported. It will be recollected that it was from

Palos that Columbus sailed in 1493 when he set out on his discovery of America.



The above report was later confirmed ables from Madrid, one of which said:

The Captain of the Vern Cruz describes Captain Andrews as hale and hearty. Cap tain Andrews, he says, resented a question as to whether he wished to be taken aboard the steemer, declaring that he was certain that he could reach Huelva without assistthat he could reach Hus va without assistance in time for the October fetes. He asked only one favor that the Captain of the Vera Cruzshould hand a letter to the American Consulat the first Spanish porthe entered. Cantain Andrews then tied his he entered. Captain Andrews then tied his letter to a piece of scran iron and three it about the Vera Cruz and ofter mutual farewalls and wishes for a proposition of the following lat. August 6th the "Sapplie" fell in with the German ship "Adolf, Captain A "Chiespang, who witee that on that date he supplied "aptain Andrews with "fresh water to ship bread each of the water than the date of the captain and the water than the captain and the same of the captain and the same of the captain and the captain and

that on that data be suppoind 'aptain An drews with 'Iresh water, troch breat', egg. and claret, also with a lenternand a length of line, captain and boat being all right' We give it just as written, showing that our German friend can be as lineral with his letters as with the fresh bread, which must have proved so grateful to the daring lone-voyager who carries no fire, and on whom the baker does not call in the morning.

The New York Herald, in an editorial ar-

The New York Heraid, in an emitoral meticle on August 20th, rather unjusty comented on Captain Andrews trip. It said:

The cable dispatch published yesterday giving news of the intropid Captain Andersity of the intropid Captain Andersity of the form the company against the captain and ion, of dary fame, has given encouragement

if not assurance, to his trien is.

There can be no scientific va usin voyages There can be no scientific value in voyages of this sort and no results can come from them that are of much interest to the general properties, save the properties a six selfoot boat may in exceedingly calm weather cross the Atlantic. * • Were Captain Anderson to prove by his attempt that a transatlantic voyage was infinitely more pleasant and rapid in a small boat than in an oceau pilace, then the community might an ocean palace, then the community might be grateful. Mist interest now centres in the possibility of his finishing his trip alive.

Just how Captain Andrews not Anderson, as the Hermal has it) could select sixty days of "exceedingly calm weather" remains for the Reraid weather makers to mains for the Herica weather makers to show. If this voyage draws out such an extraordinary contribution to mentine science, it will almost equal the discovery of gravitation. But there are other things are tation. But there are other things to be claimed in behalf of the venture, some of which are well stated in the following letter written in reply to this criticis.u:



Elitor N. Y. HERALD:

Almitting that Cast. Andrew may not benefit science, add that he may not convince travelers that a small boat is superior to an ocean palace, I would con tend that every passenger in an Ocean Grey-bound should sleep easier in his comfortable been successfully crossed in a cocklessel; and may not many lives be saved by this inclination. plain object lesson, showing that a wooden host is unsinkable? On lake, and river, and bey, hundreds go down annually who lose

alize this simple fact. And is there not a lesson to be learned in courage, in endurance and good seamanhip? Dose not any man who successfully controls the elements add, to man's confidence and benefit the whole community?

Visitors to the World's Fair, at Chicago. Visitors to the World's Fair, at Cheago, will eagerly seak out this American Columbus and up for themselves his little folding boat, the "Sapolfo," with which has securing the seas to show the world that modern men and modern metho is are far ahead of the year 1492.

W. A. NUZUM.

How large is a drop of rain? Probably most people have a notion that raindrops are nearly all of one size, although it is a matter of observation that in what is called a misty rain, or a drizzle, the individual drops are very small. The question of the size of raindrops is not so untracted as might be supposed and important as might be supposed, and Mr. E. J. Lowe has collected many facts bearing upon it, and presented them to the Royal Meteorological So-

ciety.

He employed in his experiments sheets of slate, made in book form sc as to be readily closed, and ruled in inch squares. The impressions of the drops were caught on the slate, and afterward carefully copied on

Hediscovered that the size of rain drops varies from a speck so small-as to be almost invisible up to a di-ameter of two inches.

Every reader has probably noticed that the raindrops preceding a thunder storm frequently assume gigantic proportions, though he may not have suspected that they could ever attain so great a size as Mr. Lowe has discovered that they do.

Other interesting facts about raindrops which have been brought out by Mr. Lowe's experiments are that drops of the same size do not always Every reader has probably noticed

drops of the same size do not always contain the same amount of water, and that some of the largest drops re hallow.

The importance of these observa-tions from a scientific point of view lies in the learing of the facts thus ascertained upon the question of the ascertained upon the question of the manner of precipitation of the aqueous varier of the atmosphere From another point of view they are important as illustrating natures power to introduce variety into her works even when her hand is to the works, even when her hand is nordy up forming draws of the

ALMOST EXTURE

It seems to the possitions at times had the order of all things is not far off. Let alone, being told that the sen can not last much langer, aciantists have discovered that the coal fields are almost extinct, that whalebone, which is necessary to familiar humanity, is nearly gone, and it seems about time for the wise man to craw into his hole and give up the unequal contest. The catalogue of things which are failing is daily increasing. At present H. O. Forbes sounds a note of warning about the guttapercha trees in Australia. In Borneo alone, he says, "some five and a quarter millions of trees are yearly destroyed by natives in procuring this product. In little over the period necessary for a tree to reach naturity their destruction has approached. It requires no extraordinary foresight to preliet the early total failure of this product which is indispensable in many manufactures, industries and arts, and for which there is no known substitute. The Netherlands government has already begun to propagate and preserve for science and civilization those precious denizens of her Eastern foresis to which they are mostly confined. If the rate of destruction continues to praceed as fast as in the last quarter of a century, guttapercha will have disappeared from her bazars before the trees now being cultivated are fit to tap. Since these trees, as I have said, take thirty years to attain maturity, it is evident that few private capitalists or planters can afford to let their money lie dormant so long. It is clearly an industry for governments to undertake."

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By one door only can the King en-

By one door only can the King enter, and this closes hermetically when he comes in, and ventilator valves in tall pipes in the roof open, as does also a sluice beside a large reservoir in which the glass house stands.

The transparent edifice then becomes submerged, and the King finds himself in a cool and perfectly dry habitation, where he passes the time in a magnet-pleasing to himself.

in a manner-pleasing to himself.

Recognizing the Situation.

"Is it not gratifying," said Caraway, genially removing some dust from Hook's shoulder, "is it not inleed most comforting to reflect that our friendship, despite the vicissitudes of life, still remains as strong that the property of the still remains as the property of the still remains as the property of the propert unimpaired as it was in the be ginning?

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"I should say so," assented Hooks.
"Will \$20 do this time, do you think?"

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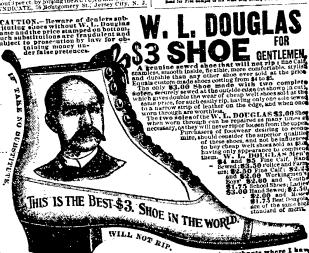
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