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merican trolley cars, built in Phisburg, are to be run on a line mention Caixo, Egypt, with the Ayramids. If ever the Sphinx is to break the silence of centuries, he may be expected to speak out in amaze. ment when he sees the natives of the oldest country dedging the electric of the newest, while the Nile boots are left tied to the banks and the Egyptian donkeys are turned out to hant for a living in the desert.

A sympathetic critic of our literature has said that the people of the United Makes have had to act their Iliad and have not had time to sing it. They bave passed through several stages of political progress culminating in the position of a colonizing power, and the intervals between their orises of growth have not been long enough for the setement of literary canons nor promotive of general literary culture. Until tecently the territorial sections in which certain economical and political doctrines were more or less powerful, represented the antagonism of feelings and ideas which prevented unity of national aspiration. Since the Civil War the country has been developing industrial business by means of the railroad systems which have promoted the largest domestic trade in the titself is composed merely of a few world; and now, for the first time in its history, it has become politically one by reason of a war which has brought together North and South, as well as East and West, in an intimacy of national relation which did not exist a year ago, observes the New York Commercial Advertiser.

While the dress goods industry of this country is in a somewhat unsatisfactory condition, that of France appears to be far worse situated, observes the Dry Goods Economist. Manufacturers in Roubaix report a very unprofitable business, and though their confreres in Germany and England have also suffered from bad trade, the latter were undoubtedly better off than the Frenchmen. Want of adaptation to modern requirements is the cause ascribed by the .Economiste Franceise. While there are establishments in France as well equipped as -in Aleace or Sectony, on the whole a much larger proportion of the looms in Germany are of the best and most This is largely recent construction. because the German woolen manufacture is of more recent growth than that of France. It is also claimed by the Economiste that, because of the comhation of spinning and weaving in the same mills, France cannot pro-Suce the immense variety of fabrics now required so economically as is done in Germany and England, where spinning and weaving are to a very large extent separate industries. This is a matter which has recently begun to receive attention from American manufacturers.

The multiplication of locomotive agencies goes on apace, and is realizing such a forecast with a rapidity Aever before known. Canal, steam engine, electric and cable cars, bicycle and automobile have not only combined against our, four-footed friends for competition in long and short distances, but are competing among themselves for the largest share in the victory. In the most highly civilized countries the heast of burden for long distances has been eliminated by the railway, and for shortdistances the process will be practically completed by the street car and the automobile. The great trunk lines across this country, the Canadian Pacific Railway across Canada, the trans Siberian line in Asia, the coming railway from Cairo to Cape Town -and other great lines yet to he builtin Asia and Africa, portchd the final displacement of the nomad life which originally gave animals their chief The work of elimination is thus being sketched on broad lines by colonizing necessities, and the filling. in process will go on with the developdetails will be adjusted by local conwells for great continental highways of be operative in smaller ayeas Marie & Colonia

AT BIGHT. Would that I owned the castles. All of my livelong days. Castles that rear their turrets

There in the grate fire's blaze, Peopled with lads and lasses, None of them past sixteen-Age of the great romances, Greatest the world's ere seen.

Lads, every one a gallant, Courtiers of sturdler heart-Wedded to love and honor, ' Daring the Fates to part.

Each lovely lass a princess— Princess of joy and grace— Gleans from a heart that's melting Lighting each fairy face.

Then 'twould be worth the living-This life-for millions of days. Were but the world we live in That of the grate fire's blaze.

## JUANITA.

A Story of Old Mexico. The little town of San Carlos is so much like most other little Mexican towns that it hardly needs any careful description. Lying as it does in the heart of that vast wilderness of Old Mexico, a tiny patch of green on the face of the sun-scorched earth, it seems insignificant to a degree, and naturally it is not down on the map such towns rarely are. Its few fields, bravely struggling against the heat and drought, are but sparsely watered by a little creek which flows from a ravine close by, and which seems to disappear into a thirsty earth a few hundred yards farther on. San Carlos gray abode houses clustered together around a square little plaza, and the remnants of what had once been a tiny chapel, built hundreds of years before by the old Spanish fathers, and. still standing, a crumbling, time-worn monument to their memory.

Yet primitive as was the little town,

here Juanita had lived all the happy. eighteen years of her life, and right here she was contented to stay until she should be laid away beside her sleeping grandfathers and greatgrandfathers in the little graveyard beside the chapel, for she loved the dear old place; and-possibly because she knew nothing of the great world beyond-she never even thought of leaving it. Then, too, there was another and still stronger reason. Her father, old Don Jose, had promised her to the son of his oldest and dearest friend, who had fought with him years before in the war with the hated Americans and who had been wounded in the battle of Cerro Gordo before the famous old City of Mexico itself. Now secretly—this was just what the young people had desired. Pedro and Juanita had grown up together from childhood. They had been constant companions, and were they not the handsomest couple in the whole broad valley? Had not Juanita all her father's lands as her dowry, which, united to those which Pedro owned, would make them the largest land owners in the village? It was certainly a most desirable match, and the two old men congratulated each other, as old men will who have seen their fondest hopes fulfilled, and empted many a sparkling cup to the health of Pedro and his fair young

But now Juanita was sorely troubled. Everything had gone along smoothly as ever until one day something had happened which bid fair to upset all their plans for the future. On a certain bright morning there had ridden up to the door of her father's hut one of a band of Americans who were prospecting in the gray mountains that lay away over to the west. He was a fine looking young fellow, and for a man who had been prospecting for two years under the fierce sun of old Mexico he was remarkably fair, and then his blue eyes had a frank expression about them which was far different from the ever-suspicious glance which characterized the men of that quaint country. He wore the! usual dress of men of his occupation, loose blue flannel shirt and corduroy trousers tucked in at the top of his heavy boots, a red handkerchief knotted carlessly around his neck and huge Mexican spurs dangling from his

Juanita had been standing in the little opening on the opposite side of the house and had not seen him until he was almost beside her, so that it appeared to her as if he must have suddenly sprung from Mother Earth.

Harding had seen her about the same instant she had seen him, and as revolver and waited. The Mexicans be doffed his wide sombrero and asked were within thirty yards before they in imperfect Spanish to see the don, saw him, and then as they opened fire unconsciously his pulse quickened. with their uncertain aim, he slowly Juanti was really a very beautiful raised his own weapon and pressed the Mexican girl, by far the most beauti- trigger. With a bitter curse on ful creature he had seen during the lips one of the men pitched forward whole course of his stay in that dis- from the saddle and fell to the mally arid country, and the expression ground. One more shot came from on the girl's face flattered him not a the remaining man before the revollittle. Still he had almost forgotten | ver spoke again, and Harding heard a ment of trade and civilization. Minor her when he had finished bargaining smothered cry at his side as the rider King.—New York Journal. with her father for provisions for him- less horse plunged past him and vanditions, and the same principle that self and his men, which he did at last ished up the ravine. Then he put up succeed in getting only at the payment his revolver and turned again to Juanof a fabulous sum, and when he turn- ita. ed and saw her standing where he her he started and would

all was quiet in the village she had and they closed forever. tance behind him his companions lay ster in Yale Courant. sleeping, and on a flat rock which answered for a table, some one had overturned the coffee pot and a dark, oozy stream was slowly running down the written some day about the attempts side. One of the men moved a little which have been made to acclimatize looked around at him. Then as the from his pipe, wrapped himself up in the rats which ate the cane plantawas sleeping soundly.

ing of restlessness which for a time next attacked the birds (learning to had possessed Juanita had nearly been climb trees in the process), until the into San Carlos. Poor little Junnita! Then arose the "ticks," or chigoes, All her attempts to forget him had which the birds used to keep down, been in vain then, for as she saw him and the island groaned under a fresh come into the plaza her heart gave a plague. The ticks, however, finally dark face and heightened its beauty. | Ilzards were seen once more, and in asked if Don Jose were in. As luck vasted as much as ever by rats. I a friend, and the two fell into conver- complete history as this, or else a evident ease of her companion finally One of these plagues, that of the set her last fear at rest, and when gypsy moth, arose from six eggs, standing that they were to meet again it has cost Massachusetts, in which down by the old well hidden away this accident happened, many thoucarelessly out toward the hills.

a slight change in the direction he was one introduced into Madras, as a good taking and so little by little headed for the ravine.

father and Pedro sat smoking, and Times. had come as she had promised, but | she must hurry, for the time was short and her absence would be noticed. Little by little, between questions and life history, of Pedro, of her father's wishes and lastly of her own new she had just confessed, until he took her in his arms and kissed her.

In the same instant they were startled by a sound behind them. Don! Jose, his face pale with fury, stood scowling at them. Chokingly he ordered the girl away, and when she was gone he turned to Harding. "Curse you," he said, "you shall pay for this—Santa Maria! du Americano!" land disappeared as quickly as he had

There was no mistaking that, and the young fellow knew that if he stayed where he was his life would would keep her out, and Blank decid not be worth the waiting. His first fear was for Juanita. Loosening his revolvers in his belt, he mounted his pony and rode slowly toward San Carlos. Some moments had passed in this way and he had almost reached the mouth of the ravine, when he saw a figure coming swiftly toward bim. An instant later he recognized ing or two later the cow was in the Juanita. The poor child was almost exhausted from running. "Go! go!" she sobbed; "they are go-

ing to follow you. Don Jose and Pei dro, they will kill you if you stay! Ah no, not now," she cried, as Harding neighbor on the other side for \$30 held out his arms to her, "they will find me here with you and then"and then, as the impulse seized her, she flung herself into his arms and sobbed as if her heart would break.

She had not been a moment too soon, for even as he spoke the sound of galloping hoofs reached them, as riding furiously, their two pursuers dashed into the ravine.

With one arm supporting the trembling girl, Harding coolly unslipped his

She was strangely quiet as she gap. wagon, and thirty-two per cent. less had be not felt the piere ed up into his face and matted. A then a petroleum motor.

ing little black eyes of Don Jose for | quickly syrending stain over her fair tened upon him. As it was, the old young breast told bim the reason at a man detected the start and ordered clance. That last bullet of Don Jose's his daughter hastily into the house. | had found a mark, and as the shouts Ever since that time Juanite's of elerm reached them from the vilthoughts had been in dire condict with lage, whither the borse had gone, the one another, and late tuat night when light faded slowly from Juanita's eyes

crept noislessly into the little chapel, | For some moments Harding did not and, kneeling before the time-worn move, then he laid her gently down image of the Holy Mother, had pray- beneath a lonely fittle willow, kissed ed, with tears streaming down her once the fair bloodless lips, and mountcheeks, that she would direct her and ing his pony rode out of the ravine help her to forget. But far up among past the dead bodies of the two Mexithe hills on the great range that over- | cans, and with his head sunk deep on looks San Carlos the prospector was his breast turned his horse's nose tostanding alone, whistling softly to ward the distant mountains, on whose himself and gazing down into the summits the last beams of the wanwide plain at his feet. Some little dis- ing moon still lingered.—H. A. Web-

· Plant and Animal Plagues.

Qu'te an interesting story might be in his sleep. Harding started and strange plants and animals, and then to eradicate them. There is the moon rose slowly above the peaks be- | famous mongoose episode of Jamaica. hind him he turned, knocked the ashes | The mongoose was introduced to kill his blankets, and without more ado | tions. Having done this and multiplied very rapidly, it proceeded to kill Nearly a week passed and the feel- all the snakes and lizards as well. It forgotten when again. Harding rode poultry and wild birds disappeared. great bound for joy and she flushed attacked the mongoose, which began under her olive skin to the tips of her [ to decline; the birds began to reappear dainty tingers. The flush suited her and attacked the ticks; snakes and thought Harding, as, dismounting, he the end the cane plantations were dewould have it he had gone over to see is not often that we get quite such a sation. She was shy at first, but the longer time is wanted for development the old don did return they parted the which a collector had placed on a best of friends and with an under-paper, blowing out of his window, and in the little ravine outside the town, sands of dollars a year ever since, After an hour's talk with her father whole gangs of men being organized Harding again left the house and, to collect the larvae and burn them in swinging himself into the saddle, rode | plles. Just at the present moment the subject is engrossing the Government A mile or so from the town he made | naturalist of Madras. Years ago some idea, the yellow-flowering cactus, or "prickly pear." Now the prickly pear Just as the sun went down Harding has become a nuisance, and it is proreached the well, and after turning posed to do a useful stroke by introhis pony to nilible the juley blades of ducing the cochineal beetle to destroy grass which grew around it, threw it. Dr. Bourne, however, has grave himself down to wait. He had been doubts as to the result, for the right there perhaps two or three hours when kind of cochineal refuses to flourish. the bushes were parted gently and and the wrong kinds threatens to be Juanita came toward him. She had come a greater nuisance than the cacslipped away, she said, while her tus it likes to devour.—New York

## Struck a Bargain.

"Blank's uglier than a bear," com plained one board of trade man to an promisings, she told him all her brief other recently. "What's the matter with him, anyhow?"

"Haven't you heard? I'll tell you one love for him, and when at last she on the quiet, but never intimate to could say no more she stood looking him that you know a thing. It would up at him, her eyes full of the love be all your life's worth. You know he owns a fine home out north of the boulevard?"

"Off to the right, near Highland

"That's the place. He has a neigh bor on either side and one of their owned one of these cows that never wants to stay where she's put. She was constantly breaking into Blank's back yard, tramping the lawn to pieces, breaking the shrubbery, and us ing the side of the house, in liqu of a straw stack, to rub against. fence that would not deface property ed that something must be done. He could not bear the idea of a neighborhood row, so he went to the owner of the cow, told him that she had become an intolerable nuisance and that he would gladly give \$20 to have her disposed of. The offer was promptly accepted, and the money paid. A morn yard again, destroying things just as test to understand that the fight must and said: 'I thought you promised me to get rid of that cow at once.'

"I did and I have. Sold her to your Pretty good deal, wasn't it; \$50 for a "Blank's been mad enough to shoot!

ever since."-Detroit Free Press.

A Curious Portrait of Charles !. A curious picture has turned up at Birmingdale, England, which reveals for the first time the astonishing fact that after the execution of Charles I his head was neatly stitched to the body, a silk cap was placed over the flowing locks, and then the portrait of the martyred sovereign was painted in oil. This strange picture is now in the possession of Mrs. Leonard Mac kay, of Birmingham. Mr. Mackay obtained the picture from the Holt fam. ily, who for years had preserved it in Ashton Hall, the family seat, near Birmingham. The portrait is pronounced an excellent likeness of the

Cost of the Electric Wagon.

Experiments made in Paris show that an electric wagon costs forty. larms is credited with an output of seven per cent. less to run than a horse 20,000 ducks a year.

TEXAS RANGERS.

History of the Porce and Something of He

The east sud north Texas members of the Legislature are in favor of abol-Ishing the State ranger force. The members of the West and Southwest Texas who know and appreciate the great value of the rangers not only are opposed to the proposed abolishment of the force, but are anxious that the appropriation for their maintenance be increased and that the number be increased one hundred men. At present there are four companies of rangers in the field. Each company consists of eight men, including the captain.

The law creating the State ranger force, officially known as the Frontier Battalion, was adopted by the Legislature on April 10, 1874. This law provides "that upon satisfactory evidence being furnished the Governor of this State that hostile Indians, Mexicans or other marauding or thieving parties are depredating upon the lives or property of the citizens of any county or countles upon the frontier of this State the Governor is hereby required, and shall organize or cause the same to be done, seventy-five men for each county that may be so infested, and that the whole number of men shall not exceed 750."

Each member of the ranger companies is required to furnish himself with a suitable horse, one six-shooting pistol, army size; blankets, clothing and camp equipage. The State furnishes all necessary ammunition and also provides each officer and private with an improved breechloading cavalry gun at cost. The captains receive \$100 a month, the sergeants \$50, and the privates \$30.

At the time the ranger force was created the Rio Grande frontier was infested with numerous bands of hostile Indians and Mexican outlaws. These marauding bands were committing numerous crimes upon the peaceable settlers and the authorities were unable to cope with the thieves and murderers. The stockmen were the principal sufferers. Bands of Indians and Mexicans would round up large droves of cattle, boldly driving them across the Rio Grande and dispose of them in Mexico. It was alleged that many of the county authorities were in league with the outlaws and for that reason the stealing was permitted to go on without interruption. When the call was made for men to

join the ranger companies some of the most noted Indian fighters in the State volunteered their services. The first companies to be organized were sent to the Rio Grande border countles, where they were engaged for several years in a ceaseless warfare against the Indians and outlaws. These littlebands of State troops soon became such a source of terror to lawbreakers | was spent in perfecting them. The that many of them fied from the State. | were all of the style commonly:know ] To the rangers is due the credit of as "hall" clocks, about six feet in having reduced smuggling along the height, handsomely finished and rec-Rio Grande to a minimum. They ren- ognized separate piece of furniture in dered great service to the United which the owner always took rest States authorities in ferreting out and | pride. capturing noted smugglers.

The rangers still are of great usefulness to Texas. They are busy trailing murderers, thieves and other criminals. | hair, They also perform a splendid service to the stockmen in the matter of recovering stolen stock. The records of the Adjutant-General's Department show that the rangers have recovered 1,239 head of stolen cattle and horses in the past two years. It was through the efforts of a company of rangers that the political feud in San Saba county, which was the cause of thirty-four men being killed in that county within the past eight years, was broken up. In Galveston, only a few weeks ago, the county authorities refused to inter-

fere in a prize fight that had been arranged to take place between Choynski and Hall. The Governor sent Captain McDonald and a detachment of his ranger company to Galveston to see that the law was not violated. Cap tain McDonald and his men gave the pugilists and the promoters of the con have been comparatively few train and stage robberies committed in Texas and this fact is due to the efficiency of the rangers. The rangers are in | world. the saddle every day in the year. Last year each member traveled more than 2,000 miles on horseback.

Relative Proportions of Letters.

To those who have never considered the subject it might appear that each letter is of equal importance in the formation of words, but the relative proportions required in the English language are these:-A, 85; b, 16; c, 30; d, 44; e, 120; f, 25; g 17; h, 64; i, 30; j, 4; k, 8; l, 40; m, 30; n, 80; o, 80; p, 17; q, 5; r, 62; s, 80; t, 90; u, 34; v 12; w, 20; x, 4; y, 20; z, 2. It is this knowledge of how frequently one letter is used compared with others that enables cryptogram readers to unrayel 30 many mysteries.

. Raising Ducks Without Water.

Ducks do not need water to thrive. .There are many duck-raising plants in ! this country where thousands of the Towl are bred each year for market, and where there is not even a puddle for them to flounder in. One of these

Ice cold water taken into the Len of any animal retards its digestion.

Every cough makes your throat more rank and irritable. By cough congests the lining membrane of your lunch. Cease tearing your times. and lungs in this Way. Put the parts at rest and give them a chance to heal. You will need some: help to do this, and you will find it in

From the first dose the quiet and rest begin; the tickling in the threat ceases; the spasm weakens; the cough disappears. Do not wait for pneumonia Fand consumption but cut short your cold without delay.

Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plaster should be over the lungs of every person troubled with a cough.

Write to the Doctor. Unusual opportunities and long ex-perience eminently qualify us for giving you medical advice. Write Tell us what your experience has been with our Charry Pectoral. You will receive a prompt reply, without

Address, DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

The Oldest Clock. The oldest clocks of American manufacture were made by Giedon Robertz of Bristol, Conn. According to the best authorities, no clocks were manufactured in what are now the United States prior to 1800, at which time Mr. Roberts first placed his timepieces or the market. His clocks were with the greatest care, and much time

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt is a woman L. in her early thirties, of medium heights fair complexion and dark eyes and

Strikes In.

The chill of frost strikes in and carries with it aches and pains. St. Jacobs Oil will follow close behind and drive them out of the system. It will search and cure,

What the chrysanthemum needs to make it a handsomer flower is a box

Don't Tebacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be mag netic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York

When a woman has had six children she begins to feel less contempt for the woman who hasn't had any.

Lane's Family Medicine, Moves the bowels each day. In order to be healthy this is necessary. Acts gently of old. Blank hunted up his neighbor not come off and it did not. There on the liver and kidneys. Cures sick headache. Price 25 and 50c.

The Chinese detective force is a secret body, and the best organized in the

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 250. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money

The Duke of York has the right to wear fifty uniforms.

Something Very Soothing. There is something very snothing in the use of St. Jacobs Oll for the cure of Neuraigia. It soothes the pain, while it strengthens and restores the weak nerves, It is prompt and sure.

It hurts a person less to be iled

about than it does to lie about others,

A farmer near Decatur, Ala., has raised a hog which weighs 1,524 pounds.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Larative Bromo Quinine Tubless. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 250

The rainbow is always bent on dis-

Knocks Coughs and Colds. Or. Araold's Cough Hiller curse Coughs and Colds. Preysots Contamption. Mildregalets.

Vice-President Hobert

Walking and payer rides