THE NEWS.

THE EAST.

PIG-IRON sold at Pittsburgh, the other day, at $25 per ton, and bar-iron will be advanced to 3 cents at the next meeting of the association....A syndicate of members of the Manhattan Club of New York has purchased Booth's Opera House from the estate of Oakes Ames, paying $850,000.

FOR injuries sustained while alighting from a train on the Boston and Albany road Miss Mary Parker, of Newton, Mass., has been awarded $13,000 damages.

THE bonded warehouse of Covert, Acher & Co., in South street, New York, stored with silks, tobacco and spirits, was destroyed by fire, the loss being $2,000,000 or more. Three firemen were injured. The building No. 359 Broadway, occupied by dry-goods firms, was burned, causing a damage of $260,000.... Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon, who has just died at New Haven, was born in Detroit in 1802. He graduated at Yale in 1820, and four years later became pastor of the Center Church, with which he has ever since been connected. He leaves nine children....Henry B. Comley, of Philadelphia, who was bitten on the finger three years ago, has just died of hydrophobia. ....Frederick Lauer, a well-known brewer, of Reading, Pa., has failed for $300,000.

MATTHEW STEWART, a wood-chopper, of Rutland, Vt., has returned from New York with a goodly pile of money paid him by the administrator of A. T. Stewart's estate to settle his claim as an heir....Scarlet-fever of a rather malignant form is raging in New York city. Too health authorities are doing their utmost to check the spread of the disease.

THE WEST.

ADVICES received at the Indian office in Washington are to the effect that small-pox is rapidly spreading among the Indians in the belt of country extending from Montana to Idaho.

MAYOR CARLTON, of Port Huron, reports that in the burned district of Michigan winter wheat looks very finely, but for lack of fences is being badly trampled by cattle. The shanties are of green lumber, sixteen by twenty feet. Families have a reasonable quantity of bedding and a full supply of clothing. The provisions on hand will last until the middle of January. Sickness is on the increase. Many clergymen have been efficient in attendance to the temporal wants of the sufferers. Food for stock will last through January. There is no need of seed for spring sowing. At least $200,000 is deemed necessary for winter maintenance.

KNOWLES, CLOYES & Co., wholesale grocers, at No. 25 River street, Chicago, failed, with liabilities said to be $325,000 or $350,000. The cause is said to be an inability to carry on a business of $2,000,000 annually on a capital of $100,000.

COL. IRA H. PIERCE, one of the prominent lawyers of Montana, a nephew of the ex-President, died at Miles City, of apoplexy.

THE authorities of Caldwell, Kan., have offered rewards of $2,000 for the arrest of the cowboy raiders, and the Mayor has made application at Washington for the aid of the military forces in Indian Territory in making the capture....Twenty-five deaths from small-pox have occurred in the infected district below Wahpeton, Dak., and blood is reported to have gushed from the eyes, ears and noses of the patients.

THE SOUTH.

MR. AND MRS. J. W. GIBBONS, who resided near Ashland, Ky., went visiting, leaving a daughter 14 years old, Miss Emma Thomas, 17 years old, and a son, Robert Gibbons, at the Gibbons homestead. During the night villains came to the house, outraged both girls, saturated the clothing with oil, set the house on fire, and killed young Robert Gibbons, who attempted to give an alarm. All three of the dead had their heads split open with a hatchet. There is no clew to the murderers. A reward of $1,000 is offered for their capture.... A shooting affray, growing out of a dog-fight, occurred at Hickmwood, Tenn. Pistols were used freely. John Cecil was shot dead. Three West brothers, W. Smith and a man named Thompson were shot, probably fatally.... During a quarrel the youngest son of Gen. Joseph A. Mabry, of Knoxville, Tenn., was shot and instantly killed by Don Tisby....The store of Prince Brothers, at Green Plain, Va., was entered by burglars, who murdered two clerks and fired the premises.

PHILLIPS, MARSHALL & Co., of London, have purchased 1,300,000 acres of land from the State of Mississippi. The lands lie mostly in the Yazoo delta, and comprise some of the richest cotton and timber land in the South. It is the intention to improve, cultivate and colonize these lands.

WASHINGTON.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR left Washington on the 23d of December for New York. It is said that he was guarded by three detectives, employed by overzealous friends, while on the way to New York....The wife of ex-Justice Swayne, of the United States Supreme Court, died in Washington a few days ago.

SECRETARY KIRKWOOD has issued to the heirs of John Paul Jones, a famous Captain in the navy, twenty-seven pieces of bounty land scrip....The Postmaster General has decided that a wife's letter to another man, dropped into the postoffice under suspicious circumstances, cannot be given to her husband by the postal authorities.

A WASHINGTON correspondent telegraphs that one of the first of the criminal prosecutions to be instituted in the star-route cases will be against what is known as the Dorsey combination, which is made up of ex-Senator Stephen W. Dorsey, John W. Dorsey, his brother, Joan M. Peck, John R. Miner and J. H. Watts. The amount in which, with Brady's assistance, the Government was defrauded by this combination runs up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it is said that the Department of Justice is in possession of ample proof to sustain the charge that the Postoffice Department funds were "expedited" out of the treasury in a manner nothing short of downright robbery.

A CHRISTMAS manifesto issued by Guiteau, the assassin, is very characteristic of his bombastic conceit and blasphemy. He pretends to have done his work as Christ and Paul did, to be as patriotic as Washington and Grant, and patronizes "the Deity" to the extent of being "well satisfied with the Deity's conduct of this case thus far."

S. P. ROUNDS, of Chicago, has written to a friend in Washington, telling him he need work no more to help secure his appointment as Public Printer, for he has received assurances from the President direct that he will be appointed....The congregation of the church in Washington where the late President Garfield used to worship have decided on a plan for the erection of a new memorial church. Enough funds are on hand to warrant a beginning. It is proposed to erect the edifice on the site including that of the old church. It will be eighty-five feet wide and 110 feet deep.

POLITICAL.

A REPORT comes from Washington, said to be based on the authority of a gentleman who has had an interview with the President, to the effect that the names of ex-Senator Sargent, of California, and William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, have been fully decided upon for the positions, respectively, of Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of the Navy. The only hitch in this programme that is likely to occur, it is said, is the intense repugnance of Gen. Grant to Chandler, whom he looks upon as the leader of the forces which prevented his nomination at Chicago, and to whose appointment as a member of the Cabinet he is bitterly opposed....It is said that in diplomatic correspondence shortly to be published there is a certain dispatch sent to our Minister to China (Angel) which will likely create some unfavorable comment on ex-Secretary Blaine. This dispatch has reference to certain of the differences between China and Japan, in which Gen. Grant had a hand. Mr. Blaine, in his dispatch to Angell, said that Grant was at the time merely a private citizen, traveling for his own pleasure and in his private capacity, and with no more power to represent the Government than any other private citizen.

THE President's friends believe that the constant strain of being interviewed by office-seekers is telling on his health.

GENERAL.

ONE of the graveyard insurance companies of Pennsylvania had the impudence to propose to Stason Hutchins, of the *Post*, of Washington, to obtain Guiteau's signature to an application for a policy of $100,000, offering the journalist 20 per cent. of the profits in the scheme. The agents offered to fill up any blanks in the application for which Guiteau might refuse to furnish facts....Three noted Mexican bandits, two bearing the name name, Manuel Asando, and the third named Lucas Franco, were captured near Renosa, Mexico, by vigilantes, who had them hanged.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT cables Secretary Frelinghuysen that two new expeditions have been sent out from Yakutsk in search of the shipwrecked crew of the Jeannette, who are fourteen hundred miles away. The whereabouts of Lieut. De Long are not known. The telegraph does not extend beyond Batsk, and there will be no further news from the sufferers for three months

THE steamship Westphalia, with 1,200 immigrants on board, has arrived at New York, reeking with small-pox. Health Commissioner De Wolf, of Chicago, and Dr. Rauch, Secretary of the Illinois Board of Health, have telegraphed to the Health Officer of New York, requesting a strict quarantine, and protesting against the afflicted ones being allowed to come West.

AFTER an exhaustive examination of the Pullman Car Company's books, seized by the customs authorities at Montreal, Can., the charge of smuggling dwindles down from $100,000 to $200 for goods which were brought in during the past eight years, and upon which duty was not paid through the neglect of the company's servants and of the customs officers on duty.

THE committee of the American Bar Association will, it is said, at its meeting in New York in February, adopt a plan proposed for the relief of the United States Supreme Court, in the establishment of a court composed of fifteen Judges, to hear and decide most of the cases that now go to the Supreme Court.

LIFE in Mexico: Nine Mexicans, employed by the Chicago Mining Company in Sonora, were killed by roving Apaches. Salferido Muroado was hung by a band of vigilantes above Brownsville. Four engineers of the Central railroad were killed by Apaches in the Candelario mountains, Mexico. At Tepiji thirty men assailed a house, killed Ignacio G. Aragon, in charge, and stole $8,000. Most of the robbers were captured.

FOREIGN.

PARNELL has been quietly transferred to the jail at Armagh. Dr. Kenny, who attended the imprisoned suspects, has received £1,000 from sympathizers. Some workmen repairing a Protestant church in County Cork were attacked by the people, and a house in which they took refuge was wrecked.... Gen. Count Ignatieff has ordered no expense to be spared by Russian Government officials in attending to the wants of the survivors of the Jeannette, and in bringing them into the Temperate zone. Mr. Bennett, of the New York *Herald*, has asked Gen. Ignatieff to draw on him for any sums required for this purpose. The crew are located 4,000 miles from St. Petersburg, and it will take a traveler one month to reach them traveling by wagon. An energetic effort will be made to rescue the men who embarked in the second cutter, now missing.

THE difficulties of the French in Africa are increasing. The troops which the Emperor of Morocco sent out to capture the rebel Chief Ben Amena fraternized with the rebels in proclaiming "holy war" against the French, and subsequently defeated the tribes who refused to join them. The rebellion is spreading, and the Moorish monarch is powerless.... At Carlton, Ireland, Miss Reynolds, charged with taking a two-rent cure sixpence, refused to give bail to keep the peace, and was sent to jail for one month....Another revolution has broken out in Santo Domingo and still another in Venezuela. A revolution has just been suppressed in Hayti.

DURING the celebration of high mass in the Church of the Holy Cross, at Warsaw Russian Poland, a man was seized while picking pockets. In order to effect his escape, the culprit cried "Fire!" Immediately a great panic seized the congregation, who rushed for the doors. During the confusion, thirty people, mostly women, were crushed to death, and nearly a hundred others were seriously injured. The pickpocket, who proved to be a Jew, was badly beaten by the crowd. The lower class of the people were much excited against his coreligionists, and several of them were maltreated. Four shops kept by Jews were gutted, and the windows of several of their houses broken....A St. Petersburg dispatch says that "a plot has been discovered for assassinating the Czar in Karavanian street, which it was expected he would traverse while proceeding from the palace to the Michael Riding-school on the occasion of the recent fete of St. George. It has not yet been possible to obtain full details as to the plans of the conspirators, who were all arrested a few days ago at a meeting of revolutionists in the outskirts of the town. From information which the police possess, it is authoritatively stated that nothing could have saved the life of the Czar had he passed along the street when expected to pass.".... While the steamer Catalonia was on the way out of Queenstown harbor, she ran into the bark Helenslee, from San Francisco. The Helenslee sank, and nine of her crew were drowned, the remaining sixteen being saved by the Catalonia. The latter had her bows stove in.

DUBLIN and nine other counties in Ireland have been proclaimed under the Arms act. The Privy Council declares that service by mail of notices to quit is sufficient. Phillips, the League accountant, has been released from Dundalk jail on condition that he accept no further employment of that kind....Emigration from Germany in 1882 promises to become more colossal than in 1881. Fourteen thousand tickets have already been taken for transportation by vessels leaving Bremen for America in the spring. Almost an equal number of emigrants go from Hamburg.... Twenty-three Russian conspirators, who are believed to be the leaders of the Terrorist party, will be tried together in St. Petersburg before a special sitting of the Senate....In order to forestall foreign interference, the Italian Government is considering how to guarantee the liberty of the Pope in Rome....Russia proposes to guard her Chinese-Siberian frontier by forming colonies of armed peasants, who will be free from taxation....The Government of Japan is about to establish a central bank, with a capital of $20,000,000.

ADDITIONAL NEWS.

IN view of the enormous duties levied by Mexico upon American mining machinery, Gen. Grant is rejoiced at the announcement that Senor Romero is to visit Washington to negotiate a reciprocity treaty. The General declares that he will not again make the trip to Mexico until he can go by rail, and that President Gonzales has sent Romero to consult with him as to the International railroad and internal improvements generally....Arcate, a robber chief, with thirty of his band, were captured near Chihuahua, Mexico, and promptly executed.

MAJ. W. J. DAVIS, Secretary of the Louisville School Board, and Capt. J. E. Briggs, member of a banking firm, who were both prominent officers in the late Confederate army, have united in a communication to the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, stating that the Confederate funds which were removed from Richmond was distributed among the officers and soldiers of Breckinridge's command. This quite disposes of Gen. Johnston's statement that Jeff Davis enriched himself from the Confederate treasury.... An affray at Belfont, Ala., forty-four miles from Chattanooga, resulted in the probably fatal shooting of W. D. Martin, his son John, and C. M. Fennell. The victims are merchants of Belfont, and the shooting was caused by jealousy....In Jones county, Ga., a young farmer, white, interfered at a colored dance, and was fatally stabbed by three brothers. Before he died he shot his assailants dead.

THE Standard Coal and Iron Company, which is about to be organized in Boston with a capital of $50,000,000 has already purchased eight furnaces and 25,000 acres of mineral lands in Ohio.... At Biddeford, Me., Lott Moore killed Miss Belle Cushman and himself with a revolver. They were engaged to be married, and jealousy is the supposed cause.

THE sons of Senators Bayard and Mahone, with four other young Washington bloods, got into a row with a policeman and were locked up until a friend came and bailed out the party, who were all more or less intoxicated.

MR. FORSTER, the Irish Chief Secretary, replying to a recommendation of an English Radical (not Liberal, as stated in the cable dispatches) for the release of the Irish suspects, says that the state of Ireland would not justify any such course of procedure.

HENRY C. WENTWORTH, for many years General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Michigan Central railroad, and one of the best-known and ablest men in America in his department of the railroad business, died at his home in Chicago, aged 46.

Garfield's Attendants' Bills.

There has been some guessing done as to the items which make up the bill of costs of President Garfield's illness. "It can be stated now on good authority," says a Washington telegram, "that some of the items are as follows: To Dr. Agnew, $30,000. He charges $5,000 for the first operation. Dr. Hamilton's bill is $25,000. Dr. Bliss is content with $8,000, or about $100 a day. Dr. Reyburn would probably take less, say $5,000 or $6,000. The army officers will be paid by brevet rank, and possibly increased pay. One question which remains to be settled touches the status of Drs. Boynton and Edson. Both are physicians, and both took the duties of nurses. Shall they be paid as doctors or as mere attendants? Dr. Boynton is a man of independent means, and might not care, apart from considerations of pride and etiquette. Mrs. Edson is comfortably well off, but would no doubt accept a liberal fee with great grace. The services of Dr. Boynton and Mrs. Edson were of the greatest value, as it is notorious that the patient was kept alive more by careful nursing than any very intelligent surgery."

It is remarkable how physicians love music. One hardly ever comes without bringing a viol in. They are the cymbals of their profession.

THE GHOSTS OF TO-DAY.

The Mysterious Warning in the Earl of Airlie's Family.

[London Telegraph.]

Mrs. Ann Day (formerly Gladden), 31 Burgoyne road, S. W., writes questioning the statement of Mr. McLeod that the traditional warning of impending disaster in the Airlie family consists only of the sound of a drum. She says:

"Early in the year 1845 I went to Cortachy Castle in attendance upon Miss Margaret Dalrymple, who was paying a two-days' visit to the Earl and Countess of Airlie. We arrived in the evening, and Miss Dalrymple had only just time to dress for dinner. As she rested for a few minutes on a sofa, however (this she told me some time after we had left the castle), she heard distinctly, as if immediately beneath the floor, the sound of fifes and afterward the beating of a drum. While at dinner she remarked to Lord Airlie, who sat near her, 'What is that strange music you have about the house? You assuredly have an excellent piper.'

"Lord Airlie, without replying, dropped his knife and fork and retired from the dining-room. Later in the evening the place seemed all in confusion, and I learned that Lord Airlie, after leaving the table, went to the library and dined in solitude.

"The next morning, while the family were at breakfast, I was quite alone in Miss Dalrymple's room, and as I stood before the fire I heard, as I thought, a carriage drive up, and stop dead, directly under my feet. Immediately there followed the sound of another carriage driving up and stopping in precisely the same manner. And then, as if following the vehicles, came the tramp, tramp, tramp, of marching soldiers. Then I heard some shrill notes of the fife so distinctly that I looked round instinctively, expecting to see a piper in the room. In another moment I was still more startled by the beating of a drum. About this there was something indescribably disagreeable; it seemed as if the drummer was making his way through the floor. Being a perfect stranger to the place, I thought there might be a coach road and an entrance door to the castle, near the room in which I stood, and that some distinguished guests were arriving or departing. On looking out of the window, however, I found there was no door or coach road near, and not a human being was to be seen. I concluded, therefore, that the sounds must have been echoed from a distance.

"The next morning, before our departure, Lady Airlie came to the door of Miss Dalrymple's room, to give her a £5 note for an orphan school in which she was interested. Neither of us ever saw the Countess again. She was confined of twins at Brighton some months afterward, and died. It was not until Miss Dalrymple, a few days after we left the castle, asked me if I had heard 'the strange music there,' that I disclosed my experience, and then for the first time I learned from her the tradition about the Airlie drummer boy. She told me that she herself had been totally in ignorance of it until her allusion at the dinner-table to the music she had heard elicited from another guest an explanation."

Growth of the United States in Ten Years.

The following table presents the final official figures of the population of the United States at the tenth census, with a column showing, for comparative purposes, the population of 1870. The figures for Indian Territory and Alaska are omitted, as their inhabitants are not considered citizens. All Indians not subject to taxation are also omitted, in conformity with the Census law:

	1880.	1870.
Alabama	1,262,505	996,992
Arkansas	802,525	484,471
California	864,694	560,247
Colorado	194,327	39,864
Connecticut	622,700	537,454
Delaware	146,608	125,015
Florida	269,493	187,748
Georgia	1,542,180	1,184,109
Illinois	3,077,871	2,539,891
Indiana	1,978,301	1,680,637
Iowa	1,624,615	1,194,020
Kansas	995,069	364,399
Kentucky	1,648,690	1,321,011
Louisiana	939,946	726,915
Maine	648,936	626,915
Maryland	934,943	780,894
Massachusetts	1,783,085	1,457,351
Michigan	1,636,937	1,184,059
Minnesota	780,773	439,706
Mississippi	1,131,597	827,922
Missouri	2,168,380	1,721,295
Nebraska	452,402	122,993
Nevada	62,264	42,491
New Hampshire	346,991	318,300
New Jersey	1,131,116	906,096
New York	5,082,871	4,382,759
North Carolina	1,399,750	1,071,361
Ohio	3,198,062	2,665,260
Oregon	174,768	90,924
Pennsylvania	4,282,891	3,521,951
Rhode Island	276,531	217,353
South Carolina	995,577	705,606
Tennessee	1,542,554	1,258,520
Texas	1,591,749	818,579
Vermont	332,286	330,551
Virginia	1,512,565	1,225,163
West Virginia	618,641	442,014
Wisconsin	1,315,497	1,054,670
Arizona	40,440	9,658
Dakota	135,177	14,181
District of Columbia	177,624	131,700
Idaho	32,610	14,999
Montana	39,157	20,595
New Mexico	119,565	91,874
Utah	143,963	86,786
Washington	75,116	23,955
Wyoming	20,780	9,118
Total population	50,155,783	38,558,371

The Assassin and His Wife.

Mrs. Theodore Dunmire, the divorced wife of Guiteau, publishes a card in relation to the visit of herself and her husband to the assassin. She says:

As we entered the jail he advanced, and shaking hands, received us very politely. I inquired if he was feeling well, and remarked, also, that he had grown much thinner and looked a good deal older than when I last saw him. In reply he said his health was good. Guiteau then inquired the ages of my children, and first stooped and kissed my 3-year-old boy, who was standing near him, and then kissed my little girl, whom I was holding, and then remarked they were nice children. My husband, who was standing near him during the interview, then said quite impressively, addressing the prisoner, "I am sorry, Guiteau, to see you, or any other man, in the condition you are in." The prisoner, smiling sadly, replied, "The Almighty will protect me." The prisoner then said he was glad to know that I was well and comfortably settled in life, and said: "Annie, I wish you much prosperity. I wish you well."

Some remarks were then made with reference to the climate of Leadville, where we reside.

Mr. Dunmire then shook hands and said: "Good-by, Guiteau, it is not likely that we shall meet again." To which he politely bowed. I then bade him good-by, and remarked: "It makes me exceedingly sorry to meet you under these sad circumstances," when the prisoner smiled in a subdued manner and said: "Annie, the Almighty will protect me." We then quietly withdrew, leaving the prisoner alone with his God.

Fatal Steamboat Explosion.

An explosion occurred at West Point, Va., on the steamer West Point, plying between that place and Baltimore, which resulted in the total destruction of the boat and loss of nineteen lives. A force of stevedores was engaged in discharging the cargo of the steamer, when a terrific explosion occurred near the forward hatch, blowing out the starboard side of the steamer and almost instantly enveloping the forward part of the vessel in flames. There were twelve colored men in the forward hold, all of whom, at her explosion, were killed or burned to death. Five other men jumped overboard and four were drowned. When it was found there was no hope of saving the steamer she was cut loose, and the tide drifted her two miles up the Pamunka river, where she continued to burn until everything combustible was destroyed and her iron hull broken in two amidships. Of the nineteen lives lost eighteen were colored. Three others were injured.

A King's Daughter Who Teaches School.

Among the few persons that we met was the daughter of Joseph Bonaparte, ex-King of Spain. Her mother was Mme. Dellefaille, who was for many years the owner and occupant of a charming residence on a bend of the Indian river, near Evans' Mills, a village ten miles north of Watertown, and who, as tradition says, while Bonaparte was a resident in that section of New York State, traveled to Europe with him as the wife of his private secretary. The daughter, Caroline, who is a lady of elegant accomplishments and refinement, is the wife of Howell Benton. I was told that the Bentons are now residents of Watertown, and that Mrs. Benton, the daughter of a King, devotes her time to teaching a class of young ladies French, drawing and music, for which her skill and accomplishments eminently qualify her.—*Watertown (N. Y.) etter.*

Cows and Cow Branding.

There are several kinds of cows; for instance, there is the town cow, a very enterprising animal, that breaks into the front garden at night and crowds her stomach with valuable shrubs and costly tropical plants, and that sleeps on the sidewalk in conveniently dark places, where people can fall over her without getting out of their way. Then there is the country cow that you see, in chromos, standing meditatively in shallow streams or pools of water with her tail furled in the shape of a letter S over her back, or being driven home in the twilight along shady lanes by barefooted boys—that same cow that, out of the picture, is always breaking into the cornfields and being chased by dogs and infuriated farmers. And there is the cow with the crumpled horn, and the ambitious cow whose lunar feat is recorded in the ancient nursery rhyme, but more important than any of these is what might be called the literary cow—the one that, ornamented with fragments of the English alphabet, roam over the Texas prairies; she has no pedigree and is seldom found at agricultural shows or stock exhibitions. She is built in the Tudor style of architecture, and is principally composed of lean rib roasts and soup bones attached to a wide spreading pair of horns. Her time is mostly taken up in eating grass and in trying to lose herself.

A Texas cow, when she is new, is worth from $10 to $15. She is called old after she has lived eight years, unless her enterprising owner files the wrinkles off her horns; then she can be driven to town and sold for a new cow guaranteed to give three gallons of pure milk per day.

There are millions of cows in Texas. Some men own more than 100,000 head of cattle. There are several cattle owners who each brand from 5,000 to 20,000 calves every year. The owner brands his calves with either the initials of his name or a combination of letters, figures, and hieroglyphics, and when he sells, he puts his brand on a fresh place on the animal; this is called counterbranding. Then the new owner puts his brand, consisting of three or four two-foot letters, on a blank space. After a Texas cow has been sold five or six times, she looks as if a sum in algebra had broken out all over her. There are two kinds of branding-irons and two modes of branding; one iron is of the shape of the letter or letters forming the brand, and, being heated, is stamped on the animal's side or hip, and held there until it burns through the hair and almost through the skin. The other, called a running brand, is a long piece of iron curved at the end. With this, the curved end being red hot, the person branding writes the brand much after the free and fluent style in which shipping clerks mark boxes. In the most common mode of branding, the animal is thrown down and the head held to the ground until the owner's trade mark is blown in the bottle, as it were. The less common way is to drive the animal into a narrow passage, called a chute, just wide enough for it to squeeze through, and while it is in this tight place it is cauterized.

After all this trouble taken by man, with a view to improve and ornament the cow, the ungrateful brute tails to show any appreciation of the kindness, and even groans and kicks when the artist applies the iron. So dissatisfied does she seem, that one would almost be compelled to believe she does not care to receive and circulate the English alphabet. There is no enterprise about a cow anyhow, except in chewing up the family underclothing, and in the matter of lifting a garden gate off its hinges, or a milk maid off her stool.—*Texas Siftings.*

"Tak Notis."

It sometimes happens that the horny-handed prospector knows little or nothing of the forms required by law when locating a claim, and in such instances the honest old boys just drive ahead and do the best they know how. A grizzled old bunch of antiquity struck a lead near Gunnison, Col., and left the following notice written on an old envelope and stuck in a split stick:

"TAK NOTIS!"

The undersined clams this lede with all its diffs, spurs, angels, sinosities, etc., etc., from this stait a 100 fete in each direcshun, the Same being A silver baring load, and warning is hereby given to Awl persons to kepe away at their peril. Any posons found trespasing on this Clame will be persecuted to the ful extent of the law. This is no munky talk butt I will assert my rites at the point Of the sticks shuter if legaly Necessary to tak head and good warning. Accordin to law I post This Notiss.

"JOHN SEARLE."

Wished He Hadn't.

First boy—"What ails ye?"

Second boy—"Naw-nawthing."

"Yes there is! You've been bawling!"

"No, I h-hain't."

"What is it, then?"

"Naw-nawthing, only yesterday I gave that Jones boy a licking, and this morning his father bought him a goat. All the boys are over there, and the goat is bunting all the boys, and all the boys and goats are bunting each other, and I'm left out in the c-cold 'cause I licked the boy who runs the animal!"

A Wise Deacon.

"Deacon Wilder, I want you to tell me how you kept yourself and family well the past season, when all the rest of us have been sick so much and have had the doctors visiting us so often."

"Bro. Taylor, the answer is very easy. I used Hop Bitters in time; kept my family well and saved the doctors' bills. Three dollars' worth of it kept us well and able to work all the time. I'll warrant it has cost you and the neighbors one to two hundred dollars apiece to keep sick the same time."

"Deacon, I'll use your medicine hereafter."

At Yorktown.

The Yorktown celebration recalls the memory of old "Uncle Nelse" a colored veteran who used to act as guide over the field at Yorktown "befo' de wah." He had heard the story of the surrender so often, and talked over it so much, that early in life he became persuaded that he was really there and saw the whole affair, and a dialogue with a party of visitors would run in this wise:

"So, you're quite certain, uncle, that you were here and saw it all?"

"O, sartin fo' shuah, massa."

"Is it possible! Well, now, tell us all about it."

"Well, you see, Massa Lawd Cawnwallis he stood right dah, and Massa Gineral Washington he stood right heah. Jes' so soon ez Massa Lawd Cawnwallis seen Massa Gineral Washington, he pulled off his hat, and he sez, sez he:

"'Good-mawnin', Massa Gineral Washington.'

"'Who is you?' sed Massa Gineral Washington, looking very cross.

"'Why, I'se Lawd Cawnwallis, sah,' sez he, a-bowin' and a-scrapin.'

"'Is ye, ye son-of-a-gun?' sez Massa Gineral Washington; and pullin' out his sword he chopt his head clean off."—Toledo Blade.

THE King of Denmark is truly a paternal monarch. Finding that during the recent severe weather the royal foot guards were suffering greatly from Could and Coughs, this good old gentleman ordered a supply of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for them, and now the sentries are happy.

An Æsthete Got Kicked.

They stood on the porch at midnight

"Ah, sweet mine," he sighed, "lily of my soul, dowdrop of my happiness, let the intensity of our affection intensify to intenseness, and let us live to love, that loving we may live in the ethereal ethereality of a passionless passion, purified to angelic purification."

"Rather ever, hero mine," she answered, depositing her wealth of golden hair upon the shoulder of his six-dollar ulster, "and our lives so sweetly perhaps, just now, will be joined in the superlative certainty of conjunctive bliss conjugated in happy wedlock."

"Dear heart of mine," he rapturously exclaimed, pressing her to his new satin necktie, "this is too too!"

"And this is too, too!" abruptly broke in the girl's father, coming down in his boots, and giving the young man two kicks which landed him out in the street—and separation like a pall thenceafterward fell upon those two young lives. —*Steubenville Herald.*

"ACCEPT OUR GRATITUDE."

DR. R. V. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.: *Dear Sir*—Your "Golden Medical Discovery" has cured my boy of a fever sore of two years' standing. Please accept our gratitude. Yours truly,

HENRY WHITING, Boston, Mass.

The Deadly Aconite.

An English lady, traveling among the Himalaya Mountains, frequently met with shepherds driving flocks of sheep. Noticing that each sheep was muzzled, she inquired the reason. She was told that it was to prevent grazing by the way, and thus becoming poisoned by the aconite plant, which grows everywhere among the herbage. So deadly was its nature that if the naked feet of the natives only press upon it, they frequently swell so as to prevent them from walking. Sometimes the natives who collect its root for sale have been known to die on their way back from the market town.

DR. PIERCE'S "Favorite Prescription" is not extolled as a "cure-all," but admirably fulfills a singleness of purpose, being a most potent specific in those chronic weaknesses peculiar to women. Particulars in Dr. Pierce's pamphlet treatise on Diseases Peculiar to Women, 96 pages, sent for three stamps. Address WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N.Y.

GAMBETTA seems to be the Mirabeau of France. Luxurious in his tastes and habits, friend of the people and a friend of order, an aristocrat and a Democrat, a patriot and at the same time an object of puzzled fear. The points of resemblance are great, particularly in the matter of oratory. He is a far younger man than was Mirabeau when he entered public life. It is not easy to judge what will be the outcome of his career. It will be full of the conflicts of passion, genius and accident.

DR. PIERCE'S "Pellets"—little liver pills (sugar-coated)—purify the blood, speedily correct all disorders of the liver, stomach and bowels. By druggists.

Youthful Train Robber.

A lightning express was booming along at the rate of sixty miles an hour. Every car was full, many standing in the aisle with that meekness and patience only seen on an American railroad, to accommodate the fellow who wants four seats all to himself.

The lamps blazed fitfully over the passengers' dusters, which seemed to fit fully as well as traveling dusters usually do.

The conductor had passed through (which was more than he could allow anyone else to do without the requisite pass,) punching people into wakefulness in order to that he might punch their tickets.

The train boy had filled the passengers' laps with books, to keep them from bouncing in their seats while going over rough places.

The brakeman had put his head in and shouted: "The next stopping place is —!" the name of the station being lost in the slamming of the door.

The boy who is always dry had made his fifty-second pilgrimage to the water tank.

And the woman who wants air had just torn off her last remaining finger nail in trying to get her window up.

This was on a railroad in the State of Arkansas.

Suddenly the car door opens.

A youthful figure appears, holding something in his hand upon which the light glitters. He present it in a significant manner and cries:

"Now, gentlemen, your money—"

Fifty men turn pale and cry: "Don't shoot."

Twenty females scream with one voice and some faint.

There is a hasty thrusting of watches and pocketbooks beneath cushions and into boots.

Strong men fight for a place under the seats where they can secret themselves.

"Gentlemen," again cries the boyish voice, rising high and clear above the screams of the women and din of the train (gasps for mercy from some of the men,) "let me sell you some of this excellent tropical fruit," and he extends in his dexter hand—a banana!

It was the train boy, pursuing his useful and harmless vocation.—*Cincinnati Saturday Night.*

"Don't Know Half Their Value."

"They cured me of Ague, Biliousness and Kidney Complaint, as recommended. I had a half-bottle left which I used for my two little girls, who the doctors and neighbors said could not be cured. I would have lost both of them one night if I had not given them Hop Bitters. They did them so much good I continued their use until they were cured. That is why I say you do not know half the value of Hop Bitters, and do not recommend them high enough."—B., Rochester, N. Y. See other column.—*American Rural Home.*

A VERY corpulent man passing through one of the meat markets was assailed with the usual cries: "Buy, buy—what d'ye buy, sir?" when an arch fellow stepped up to the man of fat, and said: "If you do not want anything, sir, only say you buy your meat of me, and my fortune will be made."

Has Everything Failed You?

Then try Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure.

AN EXCHANGE speaks of "a male train." The sex of trains has always been a matter of some doubt; but a train should not be called a male because it smokes and "chows."

THOUSANDS of ladies have found sudden relief from all their woes by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

THE farmer that "ran rapidly through his property" wore a red shirt, and had his brindle bull behind him.

KIDNEY-WORT effectively acts at the same time on kidneys, liver and bowels.

It is understood that the six Governors of New England are all total abstainers.

DR. WISCHELL'S Teething Syrup has never failed to give immediate relief when used in cases of Summer Complaint, Cholera-infantum, or pains in the stomach. Mothers, when your little darlings are suffering from these or kindred causes, do not hesitate to give it a trial. You will surely be pleased with the charming effect. Be sure to buy Dr. Winchell's Teething Syrup. Sold by all druggists. Only 25 cents per bottle

DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP

Paper Blankets.

Everybody knows that a layer of newspaper over a bed affords as much warmth at night as the ordinary counterpane. Various attempts have been made of late years to turn this to account, but owing to the crackling nature of the paper and the impossibility of securing free ventilation beneath paper coverings the idea has been abandoned again and again. A Manchester (England) firm, are however, credited with having overcome these objections, and have invented a paper blanket which furnishes a perfect ventilation as takes place beneath an ordinary woolen blanket. The new covering is made of two sheets of paper, between which a layer of wadding, chemically prepared, is inserted in such a way that it cannot gather together in lumps, while the edges are strongly whipped, so there is no possibility of a separation of the two pieces taking place. The paper is manufactured from the strongest fiber known, and is softened by a special process until it is free from the objectionable crackling and rustling sound of paper. It is true there is a slight crisp feeling when new, but this soon wears off and the coverlet becomes soft and limp. At the same time the strength is much greater, having regard to the material from which it is manufactured. As far as looks go the new blanket has all the appearance of a woolen one, while the warmth it affords exceeds that possessed by its predecessor when the size and weight of the two are brought into comparison. It is, moreover, much cheaper.

THE most delicate, the most sensible of all pleasures consists in promoting the pleasure of others.

On Thirty Days' Trial.

The Voltaic Belt Co., Marshall, Mich., will send their Electro-Voltaic Belts and other Electric Appliances on trial for thirty days to any person afflicted with Nervous Debility, Lost Vital ty and kindred troubles, guaranteeing complete restoration of vigor and manhood. Address as above without delay.

N. B.—No risk is incurred, as thirty days' trial is allowed.

INDIGESTION, dyspepsia, nervous prostration and all forms of general debility relieved by taking MESSMAN'S PEPTONIZED BEEF TONIC the only preparation of beef containing its entire nutritious properties. It contains blood-making, force-generating and life-sustaining properties; is invaluable in all enfeebled conditions, whether the result of exhaustion, nervous prostration, overwork or acute disease, particularly if resulting from pulmonary complaints. Caswell, Hazard & Co., proprietors, New York.

FOR Headache, Constipation, Liver Complaint and all bilious derangements of the blood, there is no remedy so sure and safe as Ellert's Daylight Liver Pills. They stand unrivalled in removing bile, toning the stomach and in giving healthy action to the liver. Sold by all druggists.

HO, YE BALDHEADS!—There is just one way, and no more, by which you may be cured—the CARBOLINE, a deodorized extract of petroleum. It will positively produce new hair; there is no substitute for this marvelous petroleum hair renewer.

THE sales of the Frazer Axle Grease are constantly increasing, thus indicating that the public thoroughly appreciate its good qualities.

TEN THOUSAND prominent citizens of Chicago are wearing the Magnetic Insoles. See advertisement.

For Rheumatism, Sprains and Bruises, use Uncle Sam's Nerve and Bone Liniment, sold by all druggists.

RESCUED FROM DEATH.

William J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., says: In the fall of 1876 I was taken with bleeding of the lungs, followed by a severe cough. I lost my appetite and flesh, and was confined to my bed. In 1877 I was admitted to the hospital. The doctors said I had a hole in my lungs as big as a half dollar. At one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALSAM FOR THE LUNGS. I got a bottle, when, to my surprise, I commenced to feel better, and to-day I feel better than for three years past. I write this hoping every one afflicted with diseased lungs will take DR. WILLIAM HALL'S BALSAM, and be convinced that CONSUMPTION CAN BE CUR