

MARK TWAIN should not go abroad in search of interesting objects of his wit. When he asked a countryman of Columbus who was sounding the praises of the admiral, "Is he dead?" he doubtless fancied that in his own land such questions would be scorned as impertinent instead of answered as innocent. One of the decorations in a Gotham window was a portrait of Columbus draped in black. Below it

One need not go to the far west to get land at low figures. The County Commissioners of Carbon County on Tuesday sold 10,000 acres of unredeemed mountain land. The tracts are in different parts of the county. Some of it was sold for less than three cents an acre. The sale was different from the usual treasurer's sale of unseated lands. The County Treasurer every two years puts up at public auction unseated lands for the taxes that are charged against them. The purchaser cannot buy a tract for any less amount than the taxes and the former owner can redeem the tract at any time within two years by refunding to the purchaser his money. All tracts not sold at the Treasurer's sale are turned over to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners hold the tract for five years, and if during the meantime the taxes are still unpaid, it is then advertised, put up at auction and sold for whatever it will bring, regardless of the taxes that are charged against it. That is the kind of a sale that was held on Tuesday. The only requirement was that a tract must not bring less than \$10, so as to pay the costs, etc., of advertising.—allentown, Pa., Chronicle-News

The first even that attracts the attention of our American institution is the fact that political bribery, which once was considered a crime, has by many come to be considered a tolerable virtue. There is a legitimate use of money in elections, in the printing of political tracts, and in the hiring of public halls and in the obtaining of campaign oratory, but is there any homunculus who supposes that this vast amount of money

crushed a ship of war; but it is no superstition when I tell you that the history of many of the dead nations proclaims to us the fact that our ship of state is in danger of being crushed by the cephalopoda of national depravity. Where

WHEN chickens are scattered about the brooder they are all right; when huddled together, they are cold; when sticking their heads out under the curtain, they are too hot.

"What was that you said?"
 "Yes, all brrrass."
 "Yes, all billass," chimed in an unlearned by-stander, and Ah Choy's satisfaction was doubled.

Presently, however, his pride had a fall, for he pronounced the word "village" as if it had been spelled "woolwich," and his patron felt obliged to correct him. Ah Choy was crestfallen, and when the Englishman proposed moving on he forgot

A man found in a snafu on the outskirts of Sacramento was taken to the hospital, and when stripped for a bath each leg was found encircled with a garter made of canvas doubled and the edges sewed together. The garters had apparently not been off his legs for many months, if for years. Each contained fifteen \$20 gold pieces, making \$600 in all. He also had 88 in his pockets. He had every appearance of being a tramp.