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eat and live in peace.

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"My little girl was sick for several months with typhoid fever, and after she got over it she was weak and did not eat. My husband got her a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, saying it would make her eat and give her strength-and it did. She had taken it only a short time when she was well and strong. Everyone who sees her is surprised at her improvement because she was so weak and thin, but now is fat and healthy. I am giving her Hood's Sarsaparilla now for eczema and | the boys to help around, and suc- from her post. the trouble is fast disappearing. My husband has taken it for rheumatism and it has done him good." Mrs. CLINTON B.

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HETTY'S MISTAKE.

family fished for themselves.

sea, they recovered.

ways came out right.

bacco jar "in case."

in a different way.

Hetty and her mother washed.

It was a great comfort to mother

In the old times these hard-

cover her head and sob bitterly.

when father first came wooing.

She dealt out even handed justice and expected it in return, and When the clothes would freeze on her pretty mouth shut a little firmer the little house by the sea; she had the line and the thin ice would and her chin pointed a trifle more grown quite gray; her face as she roll in like lead, the sky hangs sulcrackle under her feet, Hetty would every years. She hadn't planted grew older, grew finer. keep bravely on. She always kept any of the conch shells on her fabravely on, that was her nature. ther's grave; her mother and the out. She had come to believe that Her mother had once said that boys had done that. They had cried her life was settled. The years be-"wait a minute" had been left out so hard at the time that she hadn't fore her would be like the years be- toast, to hum a cheerful tune, and of Hetty. She always went right liked to ask them why they did it, hind her, spent in watching the turn the geranium pots so the scarat a thing without stopping to but she had often wondered.

learn how or take breath. Her mother told the minister that Her father didn't. her daughter was a great comfort to That is, he didn't when he was her, but when the clerk son came here. He had fished for a living home over Sunday she would put and rarely caught it, and one stormy her head down on his shoulder and night when he should have rowed cry a little and he would pat her for the shore with all the power in back and gulp. He had eyes like him he had "waited a minute" for a his father. pull at the jug, and after that his

hated it.

return, on time.

They used to walk to the graveyard on pleasant Sundays, but they After he had floated in and they never asked Hetty to go. Once the younger brother had started to for starch and new clothe spins. had buried him with many tears and a double row of conch shells carry a pot of geraniums, but about his grave, for a long time | Hetty had told him sharply to put | the inner room stopped her. they couldn't speak of him without | it down, she had a chance to sell it | choking, but, as there was the same | and wouldn't have it wasted. amount of chowder in the pot and

She was sorry for them in their oughter had a wife long ago." more bread and potatoes now that sorrow because she loved them, but the jug was at the bottom of the she had no sympathy for the dead. She hadn't forgotten or forgiven the clips on the head, or the empty | more than one Joe, though only one

That is, Mrs. Fox did the rub- chowder pot. When the clerk son was old bing and Hetty helped and kept

with pins and a soft board, and al- around turned out bad. His poor mother clung to him to blind and shaking.

shells between them. earned bits had gone to fill the jar feeble and to Hetty fell the larger floor.

Once, when Mrs. Fox had dropped more than the usual amount in its boat and nets between him and pov- to explain, when she struggled back the boat through the sand and out capacious mouth, she patted its side erty, came and laid his youth and to her misery and found the fright- into the water. and said "Poor father," and sighed. great loving heart humbly at her ened faces about her. But Hetty, who had been looking feet, she told in plain words, "No- She drank the water they brought it, but doesn't take anything to bail two until, half an hour later, the fumes, but it is not sustained by head!"—Harper's Round Table. at an old red mark on her mother's she couldn't love a poor man," but her, thanked them with shaking it out. arm, like the cruel grasp of a man's when Joe-to whom this view of lips, but would not let them go strong fingers, blazed out at her the case was a new one-had taken home with her. Only a few bitter words, forced | Hetty had broken down over the she had frightened them and would from her through love for her

mother, but causing Mrs. Fox to her clenched teeth. did You make me different from | breaking down; shut herself up in | She had been thinking all day, me to care? Do You think it was and faced it. A lovable fellow, a bit weak- fair? I can't go on like they do; "It will kill me, thank God!" she natured, but very proud of having like mother did, and have a man whispered, clasping her hands over ing her skirts down heavy about won the captain's daughter, and starve me and beat me and forgive her bounding heart. "And leave her, but she makes no effort to save other seat; but a moment or two seem to give that State a decided making many promises to "keep him! I'd hate him! I'd kill him! him alive with that other woman!" herself. I'd wait until he was asleep and do came the next awful thought. "In The white face and staring eyes expression on his thin face. "She trade. About one-quarter of the dress with a pink ring through it, and put shells on his grave and scorned—the place she, Hetty Fox, can see the church spire lifted above he sank into his seat and said noth-

away and she had been living in it makes me hurt and ache all over, the children to love, knitting him This was her own dress she was ing him. I would-he'd get differ- in heaven he would be hers! Havironing-hers had a pink dot and a ent just as they all do. I'm glad ing him come home nights tired out square in it. Soon a quick step that I laughed at him and hurt him, with the daily struggle, to be petted would come springing up the path, it would kill me if I knew I loved and soothed, to creep into the sheland the iron would be left to cool him. I've got to live out my life ter of his strong love and rest conclean, but, dear God, keep him out tent! To perhaps die at last in his ation never leaves her face. Then she would slip away to put of my sight. When I see him I arms! His wife! All this for this on the freshly-ironed dress, tuck her feel that I must put my arms other woman, who could not love

other times when he forgot to bring | him up, but I don't dare." After that she went her own any roses, when there was always a baby in the cradle and little in the lonely way sterner than ever and cupboard, and the pink dotted people said "that Fox girl got dress had been made into a curtain | queerer every day."-

long ago washed out and faded-of Her life seemed to her hopeless. these things her memory would The gray sea in front of her, the But Hetty couldn't be supposed | misunderstood, uncomprehended. to know all that. Her memory of As for Joe, after the manner of 'Dad" wasn't a pleasant one. He his kind, he got over it.

had eaten more than his share of the chowder. He had often given summer boarders sailing in his boat, starve me-and love me; to even her a clip over the head when she shipped aboard when a chance hadn't dodged quick enough, and offered, and hung about the village he had so often come home with an when it didn't.

He was neither very good nor empty net when they were so hunvery bad. Simply a rather clean-She had often wondered why her minded man, living out his life like that lonely room, he would have mother was so distressed in time of the trees and other vegetation about him, and never dreaming that Her mother would cry and walk this strong-natured woman's fate on the shore wringing her hands was woven to his through invisible from his thoughts than Hetty Fox and she used to walk by her, and threads of her great love.

When he was at sea she spent her She didn't know anything about "Any one would think you had a heart said, "Joe was an awful handhe roses and the other times. It man out," complained her mother, some man." was good now to have enough to impatient of the many journeys to the door, where she could watch the Hetty had a thin face and quick,

nervous hands. After father had water. gone it was she who really took the head of the house, though she was back to it, though every lash of the only fifteen. It was she who in- waves seemed to strike her soul. duced the proprietor of the summer | Once, when he was ill and near hotel to "speak a word to the ladies | death, she watched him night after about mother's doing washing at night through the low window of and teased her a little about her cheap prices," and she persuaded his room, stealing home to rest only housekeeping. She bake bread that same proprietor to take one of when the faint dawn frightened her with those little hands? Why, he

When luck went against him and | playing with dolls! ceeded in getting the other one in the village store, where he did up he was "broke," she took the money bundles and measured calico and she had saved bit by bit and sent it her roundly, just to see the pretty By that sharp system of a soft and he never could find out where Ah, poor Hetty! poor white-faced board and paper of pins she kept it came from.

her customers in respectful awe. She exacted full pay for each arti. of her existence. To him she was care if you beat your heart out cle, but gave immaculate work in

When she was thirty-five her mother died, leaving her alone in

The fire of her youth had burned | world. man she loved, the man she had not let flowers will flash into the room. dared to marry for fear of hating-

Then the turning point came in her life, as it comes to us all. Some Some people know it is coming, and | with his dark clothes.

get ready for it. Hetty didn't. She had been taking some work home, and stepped into the store

with a white face. "Joe!" But nonsense! there was the cozy waiting room.

to her poor soul. But she strained her ears for the enough he married and moved out next words, and they came, knock- her hands tremble as she draws her She had a system of her own, West, but the one that helped ing the homely store, the very wraps about her and sets out facing

world, from her sight, leaving her | the wind. the last, and when he died buried "Joe Landers is a good fellow, and daughter each week to have a him next to his father, where she and will make any woman a good but Hetty, she has gone sailing in few coins to slip into the old to- divided her tears and the conch husband," said the other voice, and her father's old boat.

Hetty suddenly flung her hands She had grown suddenly old and out in a pitiful way and sank to the pleasure trip, but Hetty doesn't judge, down in Georgia, that I ain't plate is ready for use. The dangers fied in hastening after the nurse "She had overworked herself, had When Joe Landers, with only his been in the sun too much," she tried seems to come to her as she pushes their names; and don't ever ex-silver, and there is a general belief the little one could command her

his bewildered self out of her sight, "She was all right; was sorry ironing board and sobbed through get home and rest a bit." She walked away quite steadily,

roses in her belt, and away they around him; I must say, 'I love him as she did, and she had given land of youthful dreams. All the and hurts me; it's death to give he would be different!"

How poor and wasted her whole ife seemed! "Oh, God!" cried Hetty, "I was clasped hands, and so sinks out of a coward, and I am punished. It is sight. a woman's fate to suffer. I hoped to escape it, and in this way I suffer

more. I should have suffered as daily toil for existence about her- his wife, but it would have been natural, human suffering. I love him, I love him! Oh, Joe-my Joe-I want to be your wife! To have He fished in the summer, took the | you neglect me-and love me; to beat me and let me crawl back to your feet-and love me!"

> If Joe Landers had wanted re venge and could have looked into had it, but he didn't.

He was sitting by his pretty sweetheart, and no one was farther Time had dealt kindly with Joe. The touch of gray in his hair made secret life in prayer for his safety. his eyes darker. As his little sweet-

> They were talking of the little house they would furnish, the flower beds he would plant for her, the organ he would buy when they got a little ahead.

She was young and childish-looking and he was very proud of her. He pulled her down beside him,

And when she pouted he rallied to him as "a present from a friend," dimple deepen by her pretty mouth. woman! what part have you in this To her he was the centre, the sun | man's life? What does Joe Landers "Hetty Fox, the gal what give him against the bars of your love for

The day creeps up sluggish and wet from the gray sea. The waves len and heavy over the dreary

It is a day to stay indoors, to keep a cheerful fire, to have tea and It isn't a good day to get-married,

but it isn't good luck to put it off. All the villagers seem to have crowded into the church. The people glide around it so gradually, bride looks young and chilly in her they don't realize until they find white dress, and the bridegroom themselves in different waters. seems to have put on ten years

Away off down the wet road that turns to the sea, a solitary figure comes toiling slowly along. It is Hetty. She looks like an old wo-As she was leaving, a voice from man, and pauses now and then for breath. She goes through the vil-"Joe's a pretty old coon to marry lage without looking to right or a young thing like that; but, he left. Once she stops to look at a small house. No one is in sight Hetty leaned against the counter | and she passes through the gate. Through the window she can see

> A little rocker and a larger chair fended, "but it is Brown." stand before the fire. Hetty draws a sobbing breath;

The village is deserted. They have all gone to the wedding-all herself.

Dirty weather to choose for a mind it.

It leaks woefully. She notices

As she pushes out ftom shore

her face has almost a happy look. The words that give Joe Landers for life to the girl by his side are being spoken and the woman who You see, this cousin's the only liv- seven, Pennsylvania five and Massaloved him too well to marry him, is "Oh, God!" cried the girl, "why and managed to get home without drifting out to the great, dark sea. She has dropped the oars over lady ain't the one there's no use my kind in the South, California the poor woman, of the other times other girls? Why did You make little house, shut the world out and sits quietly in the fast-sinking trying any farther in this car, for only one on the Pacific. Quick-

The water comes in faster, hold- too young."

is almost to her waist now, for she but I can't marry him and risk hat- closer and closer to her until even has slipped from her seat to the bottom of the boat. Her hands are clasped tightly to her heart, a sobbing breath is forced from her as she feels herself sink-

ing, but the look of grim determin-

Suddenly, clear and ringing, comes the sound of the bells across the water. It is over and Hetty would go to sail in his boat to the you-I love you!' It chokes me it up because she was afraid-afraid stretches her arms out in yearning despair.

"My love! my love!" she sobs. her face hidden at last in her

THE CAMEL'S REVENGE.

STRANGE STORY OF A STUPII BEAST'S ANGER.

The camel is stupid save when angry, and then seems to become suddenly possessed with an intelligence almost preternatural in carrying out its vengeful designs. Palgrave relates the following story of a camel's revenge, which serves to illustrate this point:

A lad of fourteen had conducted a large camel, laden with wood, from one village to another, at a half-hour's distance. As the animal loitered or turned out of the way, its conductor struck it repeatedly, and harder than it seemed to have thought he had a right to do. But not finding the occasion favorable for taking immediate quits, it "bode its time."

That time was not long in comng. A few days later the same ad had to reconduct the beast, but unladen, to his own village. When they were about half way on the road, and at some distance from any habitation, the camel suddenly stopped, looked deliberately around in every direction to assure itself that no one was within sight, and, finding the road far and near clear of passers-by, made a step forward, seized the unlucky boy's head in its monstrous mouth and, lifting him up in the air, flung him down again on the earth with the upper part of his skull completely torn off and his brains scattered on the

Having thus satisfied its revenge, the brute quietly resumed its pace toward the village as if nothing were the matter, till some men, who had observed the whole, though unfortunately at too great a distance to be able to afford timely help, came up and killed it .- St. Paul's.

HIS SEARCH.

A novel reason for curiosity was lately given by a tall, lank Westerner to a New England spinster on a southern bound train. The Western man took the seat beside the New Englander, it being the only one unoccupied. She did not look at him, but though her eyes were fastened on her book she felt his gaze scrutinizing her face.

After a moment he said genially,

"Howdy do?" The spinster glanced up from her book, and seeing the guilelessness of the elderly face, said, half unconsciously, "How do you do?"

Westerner. "And what might your name be, ma'am ?"

returned the spinster, with dignity,

asking?"

erner, confidentially, "I've got a amalgam, which adheres to it. After tion and so little of the cry-baby cousin about your age, I should the amalgam becomes hard the about her that her mother felt justi-

in some such way, ma'am." Westerner spoke again as he rose, the figures collated by the insur-

bag in hand. "I see a seat over there by a middle-aged lady," he said, "and I'm a last Federal census twenty-six mirgoing to see if maybe she's the one. | ror making factories, Illinois had ing relation I've got, and I should chusetts two. Louisiana had at like to run across her; but if that that time the only factory of that all the rest of the women folks are silver being extensively used in So saying, he went over to the California has for its supply would

later he returned with a crestfallen advantage in this particular line of Trappe every Sunday morning.

HENRY YOST, News Agent,
Collegeville, Pa.

Through the open doorway, and I knew he was better on. I in house, it his arms, loving him, bear-prayer.

Henry Yost, News Agent,
Collegeville, Pa.

How rapidly the water rises! It land spinster good-by and departed. which is obvious to every intelligent they are ripe.

TWO OLD FRIENDS.

An anecdote is related of the late that women are their chief users. Jacob Tome, a Maryland philan- The fact is that a very considerable thropist. Mr. Tome, it appears, was in his early life a hostler. By ndustry and thrift he soon acquired is due the extent of the business, a moderate fortune and sometime before his death was one of the richest men in his part of the

Among Mr. Tome's acquaintances while working around the stable was a carpenter named Samuel Walker, who had a better faculty for spending money than for sav ing it. Later in life he thought it expedient to remind Mr. Tome in the presence of a crowd that he was at one time only a stable-man.

It was on the occasion of an entertainment at the Port Deposit Opera House, and the citizens of the town were crowding around the ticket office window when Mr Tome approached. A murmur passed through the crowd, and many stepped aside, giving way to the noted philanthropist so that he might secure his ticket at once, instead of having to wait his turn.

They were glad to show their respect for the man who had gained the name .- Self Culture. the top round in fortune's ladder and who knew how to assist his fellow men, as many in the crowd could testify.

One man, however, kept his place. This was Mr. Tome's old friend Sam Walker. Instead of giving way he remarked in a tone loud enough to be heard by all present "I'm not goin' to give up to Jake Tome; he ain't no better than I am. I used to know him when he was

nothing but a stable boy." Mr. Tome did not reply until after he had secured his ticket and made way for those who had so courteously withdrawn for him. He then said in a quiet tone: "I used to know a man by the name of slightly notched at the quick. But Sam Walker, who was a carpenter and I understand that the same Sam Walker is a carpenter still."

The people applauded this mild rebuke, and Sam Walker slunk

Around the edges of the table is a

groove, in which mercury may flow

and drop from one corner into

bowls. The table is first made per-

fectly horizontal, and then tinfoil is

carefully laid over it, covering a

greater space than the glass to be

coated. A strip of glass is placed

along each of three sides of the foil

New York had at the time of the

newal differs proportionately with THE SALE OF MIRRORS. the length of the fingers. Thus it is more rapid in the middle fingers IN THE UNITED STATES IT REACHES \$8,000,000 A YEAR. than any other. In the fingers on either side of the middle finger the The sales of looking glasses in period of renewal is about equal the United States amount to about and slower. It is even more slow \$8,000,000 a year, and the industry in the little finger, and the slowest gives employment to more than 2,000 persons (very few women or Comparing the same fingers on girls among them), about one-half the different hands, it will be found of whom are in the State of New that the nails on the left hand fin-York. Mirror making is a simple gers require about eighty days process, but though simple, is not longer to renew than those of the without its elements of danger. The right hand. present method is as follows: A In one particular the growth of smooth stone table is arranged to the nails and hair and beard are be easily canted a little on one side governed by the same law-that of by means of a screw set beneath. growing more rapidly in summer

than in winter .- Philada. Ledger.

WHY SHE WEPT. An amusing incident occurred recently at the Lenox home of a Boston family. They had urged some friends who were driving through the Berkshires to stop to prevent the mercury from flowing | with them to lunch. This they off. The metal is then poured from | were finally persuaded to do, a little "I'm pretty well," replied the ladles upon the foil till it is nearly girl three years old being of the a quarter of an inch deep. The party. Soon after they were all plate of glass is slid on from the seated at the table Mr. Ultradude, It might be anything, I presume," open side, and its advancing edge a guest in the house (a man of curlis kept in the mercury, so that no | ing locks parted in the middle), apand yet not able to feel exactly of- air or floating oxide of the metal or peared and took his accustomed other impurities can get between seat, which chanced to be just oppo-"Thank'e," said the Westerner, the glass and the clean surface of site the high chair occupied by looking somewhat disappointed. "I the mercury. When exactly in Ethel. The child, after a glance or hope there is no harm done by the place it is held till one edge of the two at the newcomer, began to show table has been elevated ten or twelve symptoms of weeping, and a mo-"Certainly not," said the spin- degrees and the superfluous mer- ment or two afterward burst into ster, unbending a little in spite of cury has run off. It is left for sev. such a flood of tears that she had eral hours and then placed upon a to be taken from the room. Ethel "You see," explained the West- frame, the side covered with the has so bright and sunny a disposiever seen; and I might come on arising from mirror making come and child to know the cause of so Something like her old strength her some time just by asking folks chiefly from the use of the quick- unexpected an outbreak. When pect to see her unless it is in just that this occupation is especially voice she managed to confide to injurious to health in consequence her mother between her sobs, "I's After which silence fell upon the of the danger of poisoning from the so 'fraid of that boy with a girl's

MARRIED PEOPLE'S TEMPERS

A recent inquiry was made into the tempers of married people. Out of 205 couples who were examined 52 per cent. of the wives had good tempers, and only 46 per cent. of the husbands were goodhumored. Out of the bad-tempered men 32 had good-tempered and 22 bad-tempered wives. Worse than mirror making, the facilities which all, 23 per cent. of the wives were fretful, 13 per cent. violent, and 6 per cent. very masterful.

Cucumbers are native to the East She had been ironing a white it! I couldn't cry if he should die, her place—the place she had are turned to the village, where she ain't the one, either," he said. Then quicksilver produced in the world China and Persia They were Different Philadelphia papers delivered the air had come in fresh and salt those wishing to purchase in Collegeville and through the open doorway, and HENRY YOST, News Agencia, Paperson, 総 THE INDEPENDENT 総

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E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, Jan. 5, 1899.

EX-ATTORNEY GENERAL Wayne MacVeagh is reported to be seriously ill with pneumonia at his Washington residence.

didacy for the United States Senate to succeed Quay.

rill, from Vermont, closes the life chapter of an able and conscientious statesman who served in the the Poor in re-appointing Dr. M. Y United States Senate since 1867 Weber, of Evansburg, physician to and in Congress during the war the Almshouse for a period of six period.

Spain since 1511.

GOVERNOR HASTINGS' last annual message was presented to the Legislature Tuesday. It deals with numerous State topics of interest. Among sundry suggestions he urges as a remedy for political banking that the State keep its own money and pay out the appropriations as fast as due. This is a good suggestion.

WE believe it has not yet been publicly announced that a further expansion of Uncle Sam's territory, together with a corresponding increase of national responsibility, will result in a contraction of the privileges of certain combinations of capital now enjoying the fostering care of a protective tariff, at the expense of the general public.

PHILADELPAIA is now on a fair way to recover its prestige of former years as a commercial city. The export shipments of corn for the year closed amounted to 28,-500,000 bushels, of oats 5,765,387 els, and rye, 1,121,727 bushels, and there are orders and grain charters reaching ahead for several weeks into the new year.

F. CARROLL BREWSTER, perhaps the most distinguished member of the Philadelphia Bar, died Friday on a train at Charlotte, North Carolina, while on his way to Florida. He filled successively the offices of Solicitor Judge of Common Pleas Court and Attorney General of the Commonwealth. At the time of his death he was solicitor for the Girard estate.

DIMNER BEEBER, of Philadelphia, was on Monday appointed by Governor Hastings to fill the vacancy on the Superior Court bench caused by the death of Judge Howard J. Reeder, of Easton. The commission expires the first Monday in January, 1800. Following the appointment came the resignation of Banking Commissioner B. F. Gilkeson, presumably because he was not named to fill the Superior Court

When the House of Representatives at Harrisburg was organized, Tuesday, our townsman A. D. Fetterolf was unanimously chosen Resident Clerk. His re-election without contention to the position he has filled with such distinguished credit, alike to himself and the public, was a fitting recognition of past services well performed, and this action of the House affords Mr. Fetterolf and his friends especial gratification.

THE recent annual report for the year 1898 made by State Treasurer Beacom, reveals the fact that the expenditures of the State exceeded the income by about \$650,000, and that the revenues fell nearly a million short of the estimates of the State's fiscal officers. There is a practical problem in the Treasurer's report for every member of the present Legislature to take into serious consideration. Increased economy in the expenditure of public money is the only correct solution of the problem.

Town Killers Classed.

are classed into eight separate those who oppose every movement that does not appear to benefit them; eighth, those who seek to injure the credit or reputation of individuals."

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of the conqueror for more con- humanity, as well as for the safety uests and more territory, and the of life and property in Cuba. direction of the same force applied | The death of Senator Morrill, of additional slices of the earth, is continuous service in the House likely to be at any period changed and Senate, removes the most in-JOHN DALZELL, Congressman for the purpose of keeping in con-fluential Republican anti-expansionfrom Pittsburg, has announced to trol those who are presumed to be ist from the Senate. He has always members of the Legislature his can- under the governing power of the opposed the idea of expansion and conqueror. When this change of was one of the few members of his direction is once inaugurated there party who voted against the annexwill not be wanting evidences of ation Hawaii, while Senator Hoar THE death of U. S. Senator Mor- governmental disintegration.

THE action of the Directors of months only, while all the other appointments made were for one THE Spanish flag was on Sunday | year, seems to require a little more hauled down from the public build- than mere passing attention. If ings and ramparts of Cuba and Dr. Weber is qualified to fill the thus dated the end of Spanish rule position of physician to the Almsin the Western Hemisphere. Cuba house-and no evidenc has been had been under the dominion of adduced that might question his entire efficiency-he is certainly qualified to discharge the duties of that office for a year. If this reversion to the questionable plan of dividing the medical attendance in a single year at the Almshouse between two physicians has been made as a half-way effort to accomplish a political purpose, or as a plan by which to score a personal thrust the Directors of the Poor are to be censured. In any event their action will not improve the medical service at the Almshouse.

> THE bi-ennial session of the General Assembly opened at 12 o'clock, Tuesday, in the new State House at Harrisburg. In the House John Farr, of Lackawanna, was chosen Speaker, and William P. Snyder, of Chester county, was chosen President pro tem of the

necessary to elect. Nine Republi- surgents. can Senators and 46 Representaparticipate in the caucus.

can be defeated two weeks hence,

or two months hence. This is the situation now, fairly

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30, '98 .the decision of the Cabinet, last ourselves. week, to have 50,000 volunteers mustered out as soon as the arrangements to do so could be perfected, do not regard the outlook for early mustering out of any of the regiments as encouraging. All they could learn was that the red tape mill was at work to determine which regiments should be selected to be mustered out. They know from experience just how slow that mill can be made to grind when delay is desired, and the prediction is being made by many that no volunteers, or at least no considerable number of them, will be mustered out be-

fore Congress acts upon the bill to increase and reorganize the regular army, and when that will be no

evolutions of progress in the direc- Much pressure is being brought tion of a higher civilization, are not to bear upon President McKinley to be always reckoned as indica- to get him to authorize the pay-The acquisition of territory by charged against the revenues of conquest, by a superior force of Cuba, which will be collected by us

after making a speech against annexation voted for it. Mr. Morrill was always consistent, always persistent in advocating his views, and always a strong partisan, yet he never made a personal enemy dur-His imprint has been left upon in the building. many of the most important laws enacted during his service in Congress. There is much interest felt in Washington in his successor.

law of the late W. H. Vanderbilt, who is said to have acquired a resihas heretofore always chosen men of brains rather than wealth for have been sent to the Senate from printed in blue. anywhere of late years. Senator Morrill's funeral will be held in the Senate Chamber.

The news from the Philippines indicates that Aguinaldo may soon shake the dust of the islands from his feet and go to Europe, where it and sacred music written are renmoney captured by the insurgents stitutions and business establishmain in office when they discov- enteen they are dropped from the ered that he intended to oppose the choir. To say that in that famous Tuesday evening a Republican U. S. and he has been unable to get edifice one hears the grandest music caucus of Senators and Representa- others to take their places. Gen'l tives in relation to the election of a Otis reports to the War Depart- fall of apt description. United States Senator was held and ment that the alleged government Senator Quay was put in nomina- mentioned by Aguinaldo is practition as the party candidate, receiv- cally a thing of the past. This ing 98 votes, with 9 votes cast for doesn't indicate success for the B. F. Jones, of Allegheny, and 2 Philippine junta, which Aguinaldo's Irish barrister, who was very absent 3BARGAINS B. F. Jones, of Allegheny, and 2 Philippine junta, which Aguinaldo's Irish barrister, who was very absent for C. L. Magee, of Pittsburg. agent, who has already been snub- minded, found him shaving himself Upon a motion made by Magee the bed by the President, and by the with his face to the wall, and asked vote for Senator Quay was made Peace Commissioners, in Paris, is unanimous. The vote for Quay is in Washington for the purpose of more than a majority of the Repub- establishing. Admiral Dewey and there." "Bless me!" exclaimed lican membership of the Legisla- General Otis have been instructed ture, but the total caucus vote of to go ahead and take charge of the fore." 109 is 19 votes short of the number | Philippines, regardless of the in-

tives, 55 in all, were absent from Perkins, who is violently opposed "it was broken six weeks ago." the caucus, and are presumed to be to the ratification of the treaty of not bound by its action. Senator peace, that he will vote for its rati-Martin, of Philadelphia, did not fication, if instructed by the California legislature to do so, is taken The Republican Representatives by many to mean that the Senator from Montgomery, Messrs. Fetter- has doubts as to whether he is cor olf and Sexton, were absent from rectly representing the sentiment of his State in opposing the treaty, just The election for United States as many regard Senator Hoar's Senator is about two weeks dis- statement that he will vote for ratitant. As the issue stands at pres- fication, if the treaty is amended by ending to-day the receipts aggre ent Senator Quay's election is not a a clause that will prevent the foregone conclusion, yet it is more Philippines ever becoming a State 790,574 for the same period last than probable that he will again be in the Union, as an adroit move to chosen to represent Pennsylvania get himself back in line with the in the United States Senate. In sentiment of his State. The treaty the absence of a combination of will go to the Senate as soon as 032,620 for the entire fiscal year. Democrats and anti-Quay Republi- Congress reassembles and there is and \$490,634,010 in 1867. With cans, it is rather difficult to see, at nothing in sight to indicate that it the exception of these two years this time, how Quay, with 109 votes, will be amended before being ratified, although it is certain that five or six Senators are preparing to they ever reached \$400,000,000. make bitter speeches against the pansion. The most of the antiexpansionist Senators will vote to which should be settled at once, Senators and Representatives who and which has nothing to do with have called at the War Depart- expansion, which they regard as a \$16,900,000. The receipts from in-

WHITE HOUSE CLOCKS.

SOME OF THEM ARE FAMOUS AND HAVE HISTORIES. "The clocks in the White House," remarked an official clock winder to a Washington Star reporter, "are by no means the most uninteresting things about the house, though but little has ever appeared about them in the newspapers. Strange as it may appear, but one of the old clocks is of American manufacture. though all that have been purchased of late years are. The one clock referred to was made in New York and was purchased when James Monroe was President. It is one man can say with any degree of of the permanent fixtures in the certainty at this time, as party Green Room and has been there branches, as follows: First, those lines are being drawn on the bill. ever since it was purchased. As a who go out of town to do their That will not delay the bill in the timepiece it compares favorably jawbones tremendous, and the teeth shopping; second, those who are House, but it would be fatal to it in with any of the foreign-made clocks, have been pronounced by a local opposed to improvements; third, the Senate, where the administra- though it was made at a time when those who prefer a quiet town to tion does not control a majority. America was not as famous for its one of push and enterprise; fourth, A member of the administration is timepieces as it is now. The most those who imagine they own the quoted as having said that if the interesting clock there, of course, Weaver, Dr. Bookwalter and Dr. town; fifth, those who deride pub- army bill failed in the Senate at from its history is the clock in the Shuler, have examined the bones lic spirited men; sixth, those who this session an early extra session Blue Parlor, which was once the the the tree is a large that oppose every movement that does of the next Congress would cer- property of Napoleon Bonaparte, than the skeleton of a prehistoric not originate with them; seventh, tainly be called. If the Senate gets who presented it to General Wash- man, who undoubtedly was one of those who oppose every movement to wrangling over the army bill, the ington. The frame of it is made of the Mound Builders, the relics of

reliable. "The clock in Private Secretary Porter's room is admired for its for a season in the securement of Vermont, after forty-four years of cathedral gong rather than any- a half mile from Miamsburg, when or fifteen years it has been heard.'

Saved Five Hundred Lives.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 2 .- It is not often that it falls to the lot of a stationery engineer to play the part of a hero, but that is what happened to Lee Chalfant, substitute engineer at Wolff Brothers' Shoe Factory, to-day. Though badly scalded he leaped through blinding clouds of steam, raked the fires from under the boilers and prevented an explosion that jeoping his long service in Congresa. ardized the lives of 500 employes

New Silver Notes. The new 1899 issue of one dollar silver certificates are printed from The names most prominently men- entirely new designs, and are practioned are those of General Grout | tically free from the defects of the and Dr. Steward Webb, a son-in- old issues. The numerals are very large, and thus the danger of being raised is materially reduced. The distinguishing feature of the face of dence in Vermont several years ago the note is a spread eagle with the solely for the purpose of trying to United States Capitol in the dissucceed Senator Morrill. Vermont tance. Miniature portraits of Lincoln and Grant, surrounded by laurel wreaths, are placed on the lower line of the face of the note, and one Senators, but very few poor men large numeral and the seal are

A Wonderful Church Choir.

From the New York Journal. In the choir of St. Peter's, at Rome, there is not a female voice, and yet the most difficult oratorios dered in such a manner as to make is believed he has sent a large one think Adelina Patti is leading. boys. They are trained for the trol of their vocal chords, and some of the best singers are not over the world has ever known sounds commonplace, so far short does it

He Had Not Missed It. The answer was: "To look in the "Why there is no glass glass." Burrowes, "I did not notice that be-Then ringing the bell, he called the servant and questioned him respecting the looking glass which had been hanging on the The announcement of Senator wall. "Oh, sir," said the servant, San Francisco Wave.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS.

OR THE PAST SIX MONTHS THEY HAVE BEEN LARGER THAN IN ANY YEAR SINCE 1866.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The forthcoming statement of the government receipts and expenditures will show that during the half year gated \$245,961,890 against \$207, year. According to the Treasury records these receipts are the largest since 1866, when they reached \$558, 000,000 and only seven times have

The receipts from customs during treaty and the whole policy of ex- the six months amounted to \$96, 045,839 as compared with \$62,825. 021 for the same period last year. For the month of December the ratify the treaty, because they re- customs receipts aggregated \$16,gard it as an international matter 764,325, which was the highest point reached under the present Dingley law, and the largest for December since 1888, when it was ment this week, in connection with domestic matter to be settled among ternal revenue sources amounted during December to \$22,621,319, the largest since the war of the rebellion. The total for December

A SKELETON IN THE MIAMI.

was \$41,404,794.

A NOTABLE DISCOVERY IN MIAMI VALLEY.

A discovery of the greatest scientific interest was made recently when the pickaxes of Edward W Gebbard and Edward Kauffman, of Miamsburg, Ohio, disturbed the long repose of a skeleton that had been buried for no one can tell how many thousands of years. The body that once proudly strode on earth possessed of the living strength found for its framework, was surely not of a race of which history has given us any record.

The skeleton is that of a human being, who in life must have been of immense size. The face is almost gorilla like in its angularity; the dentist, Dr. Harlin, to be as strong

and perfect as any he has ever seen. A number of local practitioners

WHAT are commonly viewed as available by the first of next July. clock, purchased when President teeth has caused the doctors to con-Lincoln was in the White House, is clude that the prehistoric man was an object of interest in the Red a root eater, for no masticator of Room, and is of ebony and gold. meats could have retained to the It strikes the quarters, halves and estimated age of the man the pertions of that form of progressive ment by this government of the hours. In Mrs. McKinley's room fect molars with which the jaws are evolution which is both substantial soldiers of the Cuban insurgent is a clock which has been running fitted. The skull itself is like no army, the money so paid to be without the slightest intermission skull that any living man carries for nearly thirty years. The clock around on his shoulders, in that it at the foot of the stairs leading up is of extraordinary size and conto the President's office is the one tour. With the massive jawbones, arms, no matter under what guise, after January 1. It is argued that that the public generally sees. It strongly marked orbital plates, and is calculated to whet the appetite this should be done as an act of is rather modern in construction, of odd facial angles, the face would the 'regulator' pattern, and is very present a striking appearance could it be restored by an artist in wax.

The discoverers of the skeleton were digging gravel in a pit about thing else, but it is a good clock the pick of Edward Gebhard struck and has so proven itself for the ten | the skull. A careful investigation | by the two men, who, from previous discoveries of Mound Builder relics knew enough of the importance of the find to at once set about unearthing the skeleton, revealed the rest of the bones, forming an almost complete skeleton.

> ied in a sitting posture, for the knees were drawn up and the head had fallen between them. Beside the skeleton was a small flat stone about three inches long and two inches wide, with a hole drilled through one end apparently for the fitting of a handle. The use of this stone is not apparent to the local scientists. Some think it was a charm buried with the body, while others believe it to be the weapon of the dead man, although why such a giant as this prehistoric individual evidently was should carry so unimposing a club is a question. It is important that this stone, so clearly fashioned by hand, was found in close proximity to the skeleton, for it settles at once all doubts as to whether the great skull originally adorned the body of a man or a mammoth monkey.

At present the bones are on exhibition here. They are serving as a star attraction, for the people are very proud of the fact that once in this neighborhood there lived a race of prehistoric giants who erected the largest earth mound in the country and then disappeared, leaving behind them fragments of stone, pieces of pottery and woven cloth made of bark to show that they once were the owners of the valley. How long this was ago, where the Mound Builders originally came from, what they looked like, whether or not they will be amount of cash taken from the The choir is composed of sixty proven some day to have been the long-looked-for link between man at various times from religious in- work from the time they get con- and the lower animals, are questions that the residents of this locality would like above all things to have ments. His cabinet refused to re- nine years old. At the age of sev- some scientist decide. The discovery of the skeleton, with its peculiar shaped skull, will prove of great service in the investigation so Ladies' - and - Children's far as it concerns the appearance of the Mound Builders.

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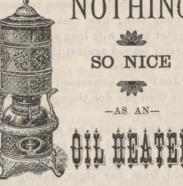
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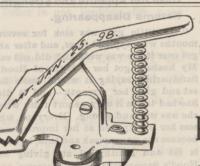
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CHURCH SERVICES.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3.15 p. m.

On and after Sunday, December 4, morning service will be resumed at St. Paul's Memoria near Oaks, at 10.45. Afternoon worship through out the year at 3.30. Sunday School at 2.30. Holy Communion the first Sunday in the month. All welcome. Benj. J. Douglass, rector Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. J. S. Tomlin son, pastor. Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Preach ing, Sunday, at 10.30 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock

Prayer and class meeting, Thursday at 8 p. m. St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev S. L. Messinger, pastor. Weekly services as follows: Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior C. E. prayer meeting on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.30. Congregational prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Catechetical class on Saturday at 2 p. m. All are cordially invited to escaped during the night.

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev C. R. Brodhead, pastor. Sunday School, 9.3 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., p. m. Preaching, 7.30 p. m.

Lower Providence Baptist Church. Preach ing services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., every Sunday, Rev. Wm. Courson, pastor. Bible school, 9.30 a.m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7.30. Shannonville Mission, every second Sunday evening at 7.30; Bible school Sundays, at 2.30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Tues days at 7.30 p.m.; Rev. S. O. Perry, pastor.

Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, church prayer meeting, 7.30 o'clock, and the C. E. nonthly business meeting at 8.30 o'clock Thursday evening, quarterly consistory meet ing at 7 o'clock. Saturday afternoon, cate chetics, 1.30. Sunday-Sunday School 9 o'clock a. m.: preaching at 10 a. m.; the Junior C. E prayer service at 2 p. m.; and the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, Mr. Eli S. Riegner, leader, at 6.30 o'clock. The pastor will conduct services in the Skip- and hot water heaters. packville church Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock.

HOME AND ABROAD.

-In the

-Matter of frigid weather

-Young 1899 -Made a good start.

-At Culbert's drug store, Monday morning, the thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero.

-And it was just cold enough for everybody; and cold enough to freeze the water in the steam pipes in the INDEPENDENT office.

-The freeze-up made existence more than interesting in this office Monday forenoon.

-Merchant Fenton's trotting scaled a hedge fence at Wilson Undercoffler's place, one morning last week. The delivery wagon was considerably damaged.

Ex-Coroner H. B. Long, of Norristown, was in town Thursday.

-We are in receipt of an interesting letter from L H. Clymer, of Keuka, Florida, formerly of Upper Providence. The letter will be published next week.

-The Schuylkill Valley Traction Company will sell their three buildings at Skippack Park to the highest bidder. Send your bids to R. M. Douglass, General Manager, Norristown, Pa.

-His father-But dot girl has no moneysh. The lover-But she is so hand-

some! His father-Vell, handsome is

vot handsome's vorth .- Puck. The snow fall of Saturday night afforded pretty good sleigh ing for several days.

_"And what would you be now if it weren't for my money?" "A bachelor."-Puck.

to take care of its poor in 1898, an discomfort. increase of \$4456.63 over 1897.

-During the year 1898 in Montgomery county there have been 2578 births and 1714 deaths.

-W. Dewees Wood, of Pittsburg, brother to Howard and Alan Wood, of Conshohocken, died of pneu monia, Monday night. He was an iron manufacturer.

borough and township officials will held on February 21.

-Elmer Underkoffler, tonsorial artist in neighbor Scheuren's shop, has been off duty for the past week on account of an attack of grip.

-A New Year, or "watch party," was held December 31, 1898, at the residence of Enos H. Detwiler, By one of our reporters. Ironbridge. Refreshments were

Upper Providence, now of Bridge- sented a scene of pleasure and hap- day evening, January 8. Program: port, visited this borough and called

at this office, Monday. -The Rev. Dr. Lamar, a southern orator of high repute, will preach in the church of this bor-

ough, the 22d inst. been appointed solicitor by Sheriff rejoicing when father, children, and Resolved, "Who is more likely to John K. Light. County Treasurer grandchildren gathered together, all succeed in business, the country Hallowell has named Irvin P- Knipe intent upon one purpose—the hap- man in town, or the city bred man

-Dr. H. P. Keeley recently concows were killed at Schweiker's place, Skippack.

not to be sneezed at all the time, and more people are now inclined to read the signs of goose-bones.

sistant postmaster, Norristown, for ersford; E. S. Poley, wife and delicately painted flag in the background, the past four years, retired from daughter Marion, B. W. Weikel, makes a pleasing feature which anyone will Vanfossen, \$3.96.

companies for poles in the borough Added to Trinity's Congregation. of Norristown is legal.

-Numerous friends of A. Lincold Landis, of Grater's Ford, under sentence for arson in Philadelphia, refuse to believe him guilty. He received many Christmas gifts from these friends as evidence of this belief in his innocence.

-Mrs. Hichurch-Don't you think our minister is becoming heterodox in his views? Hichurch-Yes; but just see how the church is filling up! We may

be able to do something with that mortgage, after all.—Puck.

A Long Trip for Poultry.

Worcester, some time ago shipped a his parents disinterred and sent to breeding pen of five Anconas to his home in Pottstown. His body Arizona. He has about 50 young was given a military burial in the chicks and 400 eggs hatching, as a soldiers' lot in the Pottstown cemegood starter for 1899.

Disappointed Fox Hunters.

A large number of fox hunters from various Schuylkill Valley hunts gathered at Limerick Square Monday afternoon to participate in a drop hunt, but when the appointed time drew near to let Reynard go it was announced that he had

A Curiosity.

A curiosity is at hand from the hennery at David Buckwalter's place, this borough. Apparently it is only a soft-shelled egg, unusually large in size, but entirely encased within is a hard-shelled egg of the Mr. Kramer will welcome the reusual dimensions. The curiosity turn of the basket and contents and represents an egg within an egg.

Off to the West.

M. O. Roberts, of the Roberts Machine Company, this borough left yesterday (Wednesday) on a business trip to the West. He expects to visit a number of places in Michigan, where there is an increasing demand for the Roberts steam

A Prosperous Auctioneer.

Auctioneer L. H. Ingram called more sales during 1898 than in any previous year since 1890 and 1891, when he took a part in the boom in the horse bazar business, during which time he won positions in competition with from ten to twenty anctioneers at different trials.

Declared a Dividend. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Norristown Title, art, Jr., George Yeakle, Charles H. unrecognizable. At the inqust held Trust and Safe Deposit Company, the usual semi-annual dividend of 3 all reappointed. The county tax R. Umstad held an autopsy and per cent. was declared, payable by check on and after January 2, 1899. Out of the earnings for the past year the sum of \$10,000 was added to the surplus account, making the surplus \$80,000.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$14 00(@,14.50; flour, \$2.25 to \$4.25; rye flour, \$3.10; wheat, 71c. to 76; corn, $43\frac{1}{2}$ c.; $4\frac{5}{8}$ @ $5\frac{5}{8}$ c.; sheep, $2\frac{1}{2}$ @5c.; lambs, 5 | generally. @6c.; hogs, western, 5@51c.

A Special Meeting. At the annual meeting of the Jefferson Express Horse Company, held at Jeffersonville, December 26, 1898, it was decided to hold a spe- his purpose, the movements of Mr. cial meeting of the Company at the Buckwalter frightened him away. Jeffersonville hotel on Monday, The next morning a bag was found February 6, 1899, at 2 o'clock for -Sadie, the only daughter of the purpose of getting the expres-Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hunsicker, and sion of the members in reference to as lively as usual the thief might a number of other little folks of obtaining a charter for said Com-Ironbridge, are quite ill with grip. pany. A full attendance is desired.

Large Funeral. The funeral of David H. Alleborough, Monday, was largely at Pottstown, and gave the following ated at the house and Revs. Bean | 1517, other addresses 142, funeral terment was made. Undertaker tificate 299, baptisms 352. Pastor one, none of those in attendance at church building in which Mr. -It cost Berks county \$56,116.49 | the funeral experienced any serious | Wieand preaches was erected in

Press League Banquet.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Press League of Bucks and Montgomery counties will be held at the Monument House, Doylestown, on Saturday, January 21. -The spring elections for city, ing, next door to the Monument implements. There is evidence No seamstress was elected. The House. There will be an election of officers and a paper on the subby general discussion. The banquet will be served at 7.30.

A New Year's Gathering.

The pleasant home of Mr. An--David Schwenk, formerly of thony C. Poley, of Trappe, pre- Mennonite school house on Saturpiness on New Year's Day. While Recitations-Ira Ashenfelter, Milthe atmosphere was extremely cold, ton Reed, Eva Horton, John and the winds howled fiercely, yet | Landes, Hannah Ashenfelter : Read. not one was prevented from being ings-William Hunsberger, Wederpresent to gather round the fireside burn Gristock, Sara Gennaria, Harry of home and help gladden the heart | Fetteroif; Instrumental solo-Amy of a much loved and respected par- Ashenfelter; Vocal Solos, Alberta -Jacob Strassburger, Esq., has ent. It was an an occasion of great Horton, Abram Allebach. Debatepiness of all concerned. After ex- in the country?" Affirmative Chief, changing the usual gifts, good C. May Horton; Negative Chief wishes, etc., all were seated around O. W. Hunsicker; Affirmative Asdemned thirteen cows, suffering the well laden, home table, and all sistant, Kathryne Gotwals; Negafrom tuberculosis, belonging to Al- did full justice to themselves and to fred Hallman of Limerick. The Miss Mattie's good cooking. After relating the experiences of the past year and discussing future pros--The cold weather prophets are pects, all started for their homes, feeling that the day was one to be long remembered. The members of Hood's Sarsaparilla Calendar for 1899. It is Mrs. H. C. Hoover, \$7.10. Total low. The Susquehanna river is the family are: Mr. A. C. Poley, not only useful, but artistic and beautiful, \$236 40. father, and daughter Miss Mattie; and up to date. The charming "American -William Todd, Jr., who was as
J. Vincent Poley and wife of RoyWilliam Todd, Jr., who was as
J. Vincent Poley and wife and delicately pointed flag in the background.

William Todd, Jr., who was as-

Five new members were received into full fellowship of Trinity morning, the pastor, Rev. J. H.

\$60,000 In Trust.

Hendricks, D. D., officiating.

Under the will of the late Ambrose Dettra, of Norristown, the administrator, N. H. Larzelere, Esq., will hold \$60,000 in trust for the widow and children of deceased, whose life was insured for about \$100,000.

Brought Home to Be Buried.

After the burial in the Norfolk Naval Cemetery the remains of F. G. Bean, the poultry fancier of James J. Buck were by request of

Outgoing Officials Banquet Their Successors.

Sheriff Johnson and County Treasurer Godshall provided a generous feast in the Grand Jury room, at Norristown, on New Year's Day, to their successors, Messrs. J. K. Light and H. W. Hallowell, and other court house officials.

Dropped From a Trolley Car.

Last Saturday evening a basket, containing several magazines and a number of other articles, belonging to L. R. Kramer, of Lower Providence, dropped from a trolley car between Norristown and Eagleville. reward the finder for his or her trouble

Fire at Lansdale.

A fire at Lansdale, Thursday morning, resulted in the destruction of the Chenille Works plant at Blaine and Green streets, involving a loss of about \$20,000. The plant went into operation about two years ago, and usually employed about fifty hands. For several months previous to the fire the hands worked overtime to fill the orders on hand.

Meeting of County Commissioners

At a meeting of the County Commissioners, Tuesday, Charles M. Reed was elected President of the Board. The Commissioners made dangled headforemost from his the following appointments: Solicitor, Wm. F. Solly, Esq.; Clerk, D. H. Hitner: Surveyor, Alan W. Corson; Transcribers, Daniel Stew-O'Neil. The bridge watchmen were Sunday by Coroner Kurtz, Dr. J.

Song Service. Mrs. J. H. Barrett sang acceptably a solo at the song service in Trinity Church, Sunday evening, New Year's address in which he reviewed the leading achievements and events historic of the year just closed. He also referred in an oats, 35½c.; butter, 22 to 25c.; poul- optimistic spirit to the magnificent try, live, 9@10c., dressed, 12@14c.; possibilities of the future to inditimothy hay, 38@58c., mixed, 40@ viduals, politicians of the better 45c.; straw, 33@45c.; beef cattle sort, churches and governments

Didn't Take the Rabbits.

Last Saturday evening an attempt was made to steal a number of tame rabbits from the premises of David Buckwalter, this borough, but before the thief succeeded in near the rabbit pen. Had Mr. Buckwalter been able to get about not have escaped so easily.

A Busy Pastor. Rev. C. S. Wieand celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his pastorbach from his late residence in this ate of Zion's Reformed Church, vacated by Mr. Troutman. tended by relatives and friends. statistics relative to his charge dur-Rev. J. H. Hendricks, D. D., offici- ing that time: Sermons preached and Johnson at the lower Mennonite sermons 200, marriages 112, re-Meeting House, Skippack, where in- ceived by confirmation 222, by cer-Bechtel had charge of the remains. Wieand was presented with a sum Though the day was a very cold of money by his congregation. The 1792.

Six Cows, One Horse, Perish in the Flames.

ject of "How can we best advance corn. Several bags had been filled to accept. the interest of the Members of the and had been placed on a pile a con-League?" by Alfred Paschall, siderable distance from the barn. It Doylestown. This will be followed is believed that the thief returned to fill another bag when he accidentally dropped a lighted match on a pile of corn fodder.

Crescent Literary Society.

The next meeting of the Crescent Literary Society will be held in the tive Assistant, Amy Ashenfelter.

A Fine Piece of Color Work.

An experienced art critic gives it as his opinion that there will be no handsomer piece of color work issued this aear than

Judge Swartz Approves The

Recommendation. Judge Swartz has handed down Church, this borough, last Sunday an approval of the recommendation vs. Dr. H. F. Scholl, of Green Lane, of the grand jury in reference to a new hospital at the county alms- for damages and malpractice was house. The recommendation was charged by the plaintiff, whose that a hospital be crected at a max- broken leg was treated by Scholl. imum cost of \$50,000. Judge The litigation resulted in a verdict Swartz's approval means that a new for the plaintiff, amounting to

A Lamp-Lighter's Misfortune. Last Friday evening Frank Ringler, who has charge of the street lamps of this borough, had the misfortune to fall from a step ladder, while lighting the lamps in the lower part of town, and dislocated and fractured the knee joint of his right leg. Mr. Ringler was removed to his home, where Dr. E. A. Krusen attends him. This misfortune will confine Mr. Ringler to the house for at least six weeks. Sevbroken.

A Shocking Accident. Wednesday morning of last week prietor of Wagonhurst's mill, near to A. Shamrock, Berks county. While he was trying to put a belt on a pulley in the mill his clothes were caught and he was drawn around a shafting which tore off his right arm and fractured his skull, resulting in almost instant death. He was 38 years of age.

A Good Word For Bachelors and Old Maids.

Whether based upon introspection as well as observation, or not, the following from the Man-About-Town of the Norristown Defender deserves to be read and appreciated: "The bachelor, as a rule, isn't the crabbed, selfish creature he is often pictured The affection which others may centre upon a few he diffuses amongst many. This world is much the happiereven at Christmas and New Year's -because of some of the old bachelors and old maids that it con-

A Fall From a Wagon Due to Paralysis.

The lifeless form of William Usher, a butcher residing near Rambo, of Washington Hall. King - of - Prussia, Upper Merion, butcher wagon when his horses found their way home Friday evening. The head reached the ground and was so crushed as to be almost rate for 1899 was fixed at two mills. announced that death had been due to paralysis of the heart, and the jury rendered a verdict accordingly. In falling from the wagon the unfortunate man's feet had become wedged between the wagon pole and Dr. Weinberger gave an earnest and the wagon. He was 37 years of age and leaves a wife and five

DEATHS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Wm. Broker, aged 79 years, a shoemaker by trade and formerly of Lower Merion, died on Sunday. David Powell, aged 81, formerly

Tuesday. FROM FAIRVIEW VILLAGE. Mrs. David Custer is bedfast

of Port Kennedy and Norristown,

and Wm. Groff aged 55, died on

with the grip. John J. Hartman purchased the Metz property for \$950. Miss Mary Zimmerman, who has

been suffering for several weeks past with a felon on her right thumb, is much improved. Frank Troutman will have public sale of his personal property soon. It is reported that Ambrose Rittenhouse will move to the place

ANNUAL MEETING OF DIREC-TORS OF THE POOR.

VARIOUS APPOINTMENTS MADE. The annual meeting of the Directors of the Poor was held at the Almshouse Monday. Frank Eppeheimer was re-elected President of the Board. The Directors made the following appointments for the year: Stewart, A. D. Alderfer; Matron, Mrs. A. D. Alderfer; Secretary and Solicitor, E. E. Long . Physician, The second destructive fire of Dr. M. Y. Weber, of Evansburg, six last week in the vicinity of Gulf months; Dr. Burns, of Royersford, Mills occurred Thursday evening, six months; Engineer, B. A. Groff; when the large barn on the farm of Watchman, David Curry; First The business meeting of the League | the late Wallace Henderson was de- Farmer, Owen S. Moyer; Second will be held at 3.30, in one of the stroyed, together with six cows, Farmer, Irwin Brunner; Nurses, perienced throughout the State for lodge rooms in the Hellyer Build- one horse and crops and farming James R. Conard, Miss Wolmer. that the flames were started by a lady who has charge of that departthief who was in the act of stealing ment will be elected if she desires since the memorable winter of 1868.

1898 aggregate \$34,921.24.

COLLECTIONS FROM REFORMED CHURCHES. The result of the collections from Reformed churches for Novem- morning. ber, announced by Mrs. J. K. Weaver, Treasurer of the Women's

as follows: Norristown, per Mrs. Abraham temperature has not been so low Schwenk, \$8.31; supplies, \$3. Reformed Church of the Ascension, Norristown, per Mrs. Eli Cassel, \$41.60; supplies, \$3.10.

Trinity Church, Norristown, per | was sixteen degrees below zero. Mrs. John S. Geller, \$10.50; supplies, \$2 50. Trinity Church, Collegeville, per Mrs. F. M. Hobson, \$86.05.

St. Luke's, Trappe, per Rev. S. L. Messinger, \$12.24. St. Paul's, Fort Washington, per day registered from twelve to thirty Mrs. Theodore G. Shriver, \$20. eight degrees below zero, the great-St. John's, Lansdale, per Mrs. est cold being experienced at Jami-Aaron M. Kratz, \$30.60. Heidelberg Church, Schwenks-

was the lowest temperature re-

The Montgomery county court has decided that the taxing of telegraph, telephone and electric light graph, telephone and electric light graph. Additional from Port Kennedy corded in Clinton county. Small

Dr. Scholl Granted a New Trial.

Judge Weand has granted a new trial in the case of Wm. H. Force this county. The suit was brought hospital will be erected in the near \$3505. The petition for a new trial alleged misconduct on the part of a juror in consulting a medical book during the course of the trial, in allowing other jurors to see the book, and in conversing with a physician out of court upon the sub- How short is this life, compared with the ject which gave rise to the suit.

Answers to That Problem.

Of course F gets all of his money. If B has a dollar and a credit of five with A, and a debt of 5 to C, his credit account should pay his indebtedness, and he ought to have a dollar left; the same is the case eral years ago the same leg was with C, D and E, but as the problem reads B, C, D and E have their account squared but their dollar is gone. A pays his debt with only one dollar of his own money and a shocking accident caused the gains \$4-one from B, C, D and E death of Oscar J. Frederick, pro- each. So the last four lose each \$1 A. Subscriber.

The losers are B, C, D and E, Given so freely, and purchased with blood, By Him who now sits at the right hand of and each lose one dollar. MARTHA F. LANDES. Yerkes, Pa., Jan. 1, 1899.

DEATHS.

Francis M. Brooke, President of the Valley Forge Commission, died at his home in Philadelphia, Thursday. He was a life member of the Montgomery County Historical Society, having been the first per son to become such by the payment

of \$25. Hugh DeHaven, a member of the well known Upper Merion family, ville, Friday. After the fox chased ously injured, is named Herrmann. died on Saturday afternoon, at his by hounds and mounted riders went residence, near King-of-Prussia, in into the ground in the Valley Forge his 79th year. He had been an invalid for several years, with a complication of diseases incident to ad- north with a half hundred hounds vanced years, being confined to his in pursuit. The fox took to earth a bed a long time. Deceased was a mile north of Diamond Rock with lifelong farmer.

NOTES FROM TRAPPE.

Miss Mary Rambo, of Lee, Mass. is visiting her mother, Mrs. Jane Benj. T. Miller moved to Lans- the best of the season. Each fox hears. dale, where he is employed as one ran many miles.

of the carpenters at work on the new High School building. Benjamin Bean has moved from the Stillhouse property to the resiin white, and New Year's Day was dence of Abram Harley, Lower a beautiful one, with very seasou-

Providence. D. C. Shuler will remove from his present residence to the house lately occupied by B. B. T. Miller. He will also have his jewelry store in

the same house. Quite a number of our people are taking advantage of the fine sleigh

ing. groom their candidates for Council for the two Williams.

SPRING ELECTION POINTERS. grip for a Christmas present, and

County Commissioner's Clerk gift, proving we are not impervious Hitner has posted in the Commis- to those ills that tend to weaken sioners' office a circular containing and remind us we cannot expect to important information bearing upon remain on this earth for a continuthe coming spring campaign. Following is an abstract of the circular:

nomination papers for the boroughs with the county commissioners, 28 days before election. to strengthen, and plenty of ice is February 3-Last day for filing what is wanted to make times borough and township certificates lively. of nomination with the county commissioners, 18 days before election. February 6-Last day for filing poses starting a feed store and coal township and borough nominations | vard has bought four acres of land

January 31-Last day for filing

poses of the last corner of land nation or nomination papers for township nominations on or before February 9, 12 days before the with the notion of taking a spin election with an empty sleigh, and as the The County Commissioners shall

days before election.

before the election. THE COLD WAVE OF YOUNG

1899.

send to the Sheriff an official list of

all the candidates at least ten days

THERMOMETERS MARKED MANY DE- sick with the grip at his home at GREES BELOW ZERO IN VARIOUS

PARTS OF THE STATE. The cold wave of Sunday night and Monday was the severest exmany years. In some sections there was no record of such intense cold The snowfall of Saturday night The orders issued during the year and Sunday morning, which was from six to thirty six inches deep in different counties, afforded excel-IN THE NAME OF CHARITY. lent sleighing, and creeks and riv-

ers were frozen over everywhere. In some parts of Schuylkill county the thermometer registered thirteen degrees below zero Mondy forsaken you, and your enemies

In Centre county Monday's cold weather was a record breaker. At Auxiliary of Charity Hospital, is Howard the thermometer registered nineteen degrees below zero, and at you can. Great care is necessary Christ Reformed Church, West Snowshoe twenty-six below. The there since 1868. The cold wave was of remarka-

ble intensity in Luzerne county,

and at Bear creek the temperature In some parts of the Cumberland Valley the temperature was twelve degrees below zero. In the northern part of Columbia county three feet of snow cover the ground and the thermometer Mon-

they were intended to be used, and son City. not abused. But there's a balm Williamsport thermometers regisfor all our woes; so the story goes. ville, per Mr. Albert Bromer, \$20. tered fifteen degrees below zero, and From the head to the heel, and make you feel You just arose from the dead; frozen for miles, and the skating is It's not a quivering, quaking qualm, Or oil from the leaf of the palm,

For the INDEPENDENT.

Of good resolutions repeatedly broken.

For many have gone, who just one year to-

Enjoy the same blessings; but now, where

Oh, the chairs that are vacant, the hearts

And bleeding, for many have lost their first

In battle, perhaps-for the bravest and bes

Our hearts must be filled with forgivenes

If we ever would enter that bright throne

As the brightness of day is succeeded by

Then, may we all keep our lamps trimmed

For the Bridegroom may come before next

A Double Fox Hunt.

The most exciting fox hunt of

hills, another fox jumped out of a

thicket of laurel and struck off

the hounds close on its heels. No

effort was made to dig either fox

out, as the hunters belonging to the

hunts in this community are op-

posed to disturbing the foxes' re-

treats, as they believe it drives

FROM OAKS.

able weather for the season. We

hear the merry jingle of the sleigh

bells and the happy voices of the

occupants of the sleighs, and we

think old things have passed away

and all things have become new, for

is it not New Year's time? Should,

would or could we not rejoice even

f the grip, with its vice-like grip,

obstinately refuses to let up; we

to church, had the grip. Our neigh-

bor, Mr. Norris Brower, had the

The thermometer marked four

and eight degrees below zero in

It is reported a party who pro-

It is reported Mr. Slotterer, who

is principal of our schools here, is

Trappe. We inadvertently spelled

of the Christmas entertainment,

Mrs. George Smith, who had a

Mrs. I. R. Weikel has not left her

Doctor Rambo attends both cases

If you have that feeling of gone-

ness that you can reconcile your-

self to the fact your friends have

have escaped to the woods, then

you have the grip. Flaxseed tea,

with lemons, sugar and licorice

water is a cure. Drink it hot as

while using to keep in the warm,

for an exposure will surely be fol-

main indoors for a week or ten

days, as it may add to the length of

run any risk of being put under the

ground; for when you die you're a

long time dead, videlicit, Old Uncle

Ned, who died long ago, and Massa's

in the cold, cold ground. A good

strong whiskey punch, or several

punches, will relax its hold, al-

though many people may be op-

posed to spirituous liquors in any

form, they are harmless if used as

It will heal and anneal

But a most pleasant narcotic,

tor is getting along. The reports

An exquisite exotic,
'Tis the balm of Gilead.

and for the week or two past has

time he can call his own.

room for a fortnight. Has the grip

with Sch, which is not corret.

The New Year came in all robed

So we, too, eventually pass out of sight;

sorrow.

reflect.

spect-

next:

expect;

are they ?

born-

Peace.

above;

night,

and burning,

Trappe, Dec. 31, 1898.

New Year's morning.

that are torn

we get are not very encouraging. Dr. Ruderow of Philadelphia at-PASSING AWAY. 'Tis Saturday night, the last night in the | tends him.

The disease is prevalent here, and And the months that are gone ne'er again there is no sign of its abatement. will appear Rev. J. Z. Gotwalts and wife en-While bells ringing in the New Year on the tertained their sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, and To some will bring joy, unto others deep great-grandsons and granddaughters

This night of all nights, we should pause and The Shannonville Castle, K. G. E., had their installation of officers And of our past lives take a brief retroon Monday evening. Of thoughtless remarks, inadvisedly spoken

on New Year's Day.

A public installation of officers of Post 45, G. A. R., of Phænixville, will take place on Friday evening. And the Reaper may come, when we least

A newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Sutphin, of Hopewell, N. J., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dilts, of Perkiomen. Mr. Sutphin is a Conditions by brother to Mrs. Dilts.

Mr. John Shull treated the little folks to a sleigh ride.

John Bateman butchered a hog which weighed 425 pounds. Supervisor Hallman has been Gave their lives for Humanity, Freedom and

> Yocum's Corners. splendid sleighing.

brick-batting the roadway near

Locomotive Blown Up. --- Engineer Killed.

ALLENTOWN, Jan. 3 - Between two and three o'clock this morning a Philadelphia and Reading freight engine was blown up at Bower's station. The engineer was killed and the fireman and conductor badly injured. The engine was drawing a freight train from East Penn Junction to Reading. Just what cause the explosion of the boiler is not known. The engineer's name is William Weaver. The injured conductor is Joseph Roberts, the season occurred near Phoenix- and the brakeman, who is also seri-

SOME GOOD ARAB MAXIMS.

Never tell all you know, for he who tells everything he knows often tells more than he knows. Never attempt all you can do, for he who attempts everything he

Never believe all you may hear, for he who believes all that he them away. The two hunts were hears often believes more than he

can do.

Never decide upon all you may see, for he who decides upon all that he sees often decides on more than he sees .- Mexican Herald.

A QUADRUPLE KNOT TYING. FOUR BROTHERS MARRIED FOUR SIS TERS AT THE SAME TIME

AND PLACE. CANAL DOVER, Ohio, January 3. -A most remarkable wedding has just taken place at the small village called Trail, ten miles north of here, FOR RENT. are thankful and rejoice, also, grate- four brothers being married to four The politicians are beginning to ful that Divine favor has been be- sisters. The four knots were tied stowed upon us, a continuance of at the home of the four sister at the coming election. More work life been given us. We did not get brides, who are the daughters of a prosperous farmer named Hochstetter. Their ages range from 18 yours truly had it for a New Year's to 28 and the ages of their respect-

ive husbands vary only slightly. The grooms are the four sons of John Somers and are energetic Norristown, Dec. 23, 1898. 29dec2m. young men of good habits and some means. The ceremony of marrying the four couples occupied almost an hour, the same clergydifferent places hereabouts on man performing all. The four Tuesday morning, and as the days brothers and their wives will live

Deafness Cannot be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitututional remedies. Deafness is with the county commissioners, 15 of Mr. John E. Brower, which discaused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. Objections to certificates of nomination or nomination papers for cownship nominations on or before February 9, 12 days before the mal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by proprietor passed into his store the catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed borse and empty sleigh passed out Brower's lane, but was brought up with a round turn at Oaks. This was about all the excitement that we know of on Monday.

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particulars call on or addr 8sep. A. C. POLEY, Trappe, Pa.

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sons independ to the cold begins at stone's throw of each other. Estate of Sarah Fink, late of Upper Providence township, Montgomery county,

JOSEPH FITZWATER, Executor, Port Providence P. O., Pa.

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ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Maggie C. Kindy, late of Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters of administration

Or his attorney, Oaks, Pa. F. G. Hobson, Norristown, Pa. 22dec.

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ADAH B. KINDY, Administratrix, Or her attorney, F. G. Hebson, Norristown, Pa. 17no.

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RIPENING OF FRUITS. The process of ripening of fruits and their preservation for certain lengths of time are not thoroughly understood by all, for which reason the French Academy of Science offered a prize on the subject, which was awarded to M. Berard, whose paper has attracted much attention in all fruit growing countries. Though lengthy, a summary of his claims may prove valuable to those who are not aware of its existence. Fruits do not act on the air in the same manner as do leaves. Fruits at every stage of their growth, both in light and darkness, suffer a loss of carbon, while leaves absorb carbon. The loss of carbon, by fruits is essential to their ripening, for should the function of throwing off carbon be suspended (as demonstrated by experiment) the ripening stops and the fruit dies or will dry up on the tree. Fruits which are inclosed in shells ripen, however as the membranes which form the husks are permeable to the air, the atmosphere within the shell furn

ishing the same quantities of oxy gen and nitrogen as the air we breathe. When fruits are sepa rated from the tree and placed in atmosphere deprived of oxygen they will not ripen, but the power of ripening is only suspended and may be induced to act by placing the fruit in an atmosphere capable of taking carbon from it, but if left too long in the deoxygenated situation it will lose the power of ripening, even though it preserve the same external appearance.

From these facts the inference is plain that most fruits, and especially those which do not require to remain long on their parent trees, may be preserved for a long considerable time and their use prolonged. What is claimed as a very simple process of preserving fruit is to form a paste of lime, sulphate of iron (copperas) and water, placing the same at bottom of glass or stone jars and then introducing the fruit pulled a few days before it would otherwise become ripe. Such fruits, however, are to be kept from the bottoms of the bottles or other vessels, and as much as possible from each other, and care taken to properly close the jars tightly with corks and cement. The paste absorbs the oxygen of the air, consequently the fruits will be preserved for a longer or shorter time, according to circumstances, peaches, apricots and plums from 20 days to a month, and pears and apples three months. If either of these fruits be withdrawn from their confinement (after their respective periods) and be exposed to the air they will ripen well, but if these periods be much exceeded they will undergo partial alteration and will not ripen at all. No water is used in the jars or vessels except that required to make a paste of lime and copperas, the proportions of which are not stated. It will cost but a trifle to experiment with one jar of fruit, but keep

in view the fact that, unlike canned

goods, the fruit by this process does

not keep for an indefinite period. When fruit is long exposed to the air it decays, in such cases the fruit first changing the oxygen of the surrounding air into carbonic acid gas, and then the same gas is evolved from its own subsistence in large quantity. Oxygen is necessary to the rotting or decaying of fruits. When the fruit cannot ripen except on the tree its ripening is not caused by any chemical change of its substance while still green, but by the change or addition of new substances furnished by the capiliary vessels of its parent stem. When fruits appear to have lost the acid taste and quality which they possessed in their unripe state it is because that taste is hidden by the large quantity of sugar which they receive during the process of ripening. In those fruits which ripen after separation from the tree the sugar is also found to increase, but it is at the expense of the substances previously compos-

ing the fruit. Gum, lignin and water are the only substances present, and as they diminish in quantity it is but fair to suppose that it is those substances which are one bank account which they do converted into sugar. As the lignin contains the greatest proportion of carbon it is from it that the oxygen derives its carbon in order to form carbonic acid—a change so essential in the ripening of fruits. It is tile and also increased in value. In not believed that in those fruits which ripen on the tree all the sugar is sent into the fruit by the tree, but that the substance of the fruit ceived money. All farms are, to a acts upon the air or vice veasa, forming sugar, like fruits that are The alteration which the lignin undergoes during the process of ripening continues during the decay of the fruit. During the process of Is caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrify in the decay the lignin becomes brown, the stomach. Then follow dizziness, heada and its decomposition, as well as that of the gum and water, forms large volumes of carbonic acid gas. The sugar (if any exists) also decomposes, the disappearance of stone 'Phone No. 624 at my residence, or which causing the peculiar taste of Bell 'Phone at Shepard's Perkiomen Bridge rotten fruits, during the decomposition of the sugar the carbonic acid All animals killed in most humane man- has evolved therefrom combining

WHEN TO SET OUT FRUIT TREES.

All things considered, we believe one of the best plans of manage. ment with fruit trees is to purchase them in the fall in good season, heel them in carefully and then set them out in the spring. One of the principal objections to spring planting is that in a majority of cases the trees cannot be shipped from the nursery as early as is desirable for setting out. By securing them in the fall and heeling in, they are on hand ready for transplanting at the first opportunity. During the winter the ground may be plowed, and if necessary manured, stakes may be set where the trees are to be planted, so that when the soil is in condition for work the planting may be pushed along as rapidly as possible. On the majority of farms work is always pressing in the spring, and it is an item to make preparations possible in ad

Trees heeled in will grow fibrous oots through the winter, and in this respect at least will be all the better for the work. In heeling in care should be taken to dig the trench wide enough to admit of all the roots without bending or twisting and deep enough so that when covered well the roots will be safe from freezing. Better lay them in a slanting position rather than to stand them up straight. See that the soil is fined and worked in thoroughly among the roots. This is essential, as allowing the roots to become dry, is certain death to the trees. Good drainage should be provided, as it is very detrimental to the health of the trees to allow water to stand around the roots.

The tree should be secured sufficently early so as to be heeled in properly before freezing weather

PITTING POTATOES. Potatoes keep better in a pit than anywhere else, but they must be well protected to prevent zero weather from catching them. They should never be covered deeply enough to allow them to become at all heated or they will start to grow. The first covering should be not more than six inches deep and this should not be increased until the ground has frozen enough to bear up a man. Then put on a covering of straw, over the soil already on, and put on more soil, patting it down to make it shed rain. Leave the pit until actual winter has com and the ground is well frozen, and then over all put a foot of fresh manure from the stables. Don't be afraid of driving the frost in, for this will not happen. Keep the manure on until the potatoes are needed in the spring, for the covered pit will not thaw out nor will the manure allow it to freeze any more, and the potatoes will not sprout until time for planting in the

spring if left in the pit. Potatoes that are to be used for seed should be placed in a pit by themselves so as to leave them undisturbed until taken out to plant.

SEEDLING PEACHES.

In the peach orchard, and whereever this fruit is eaten, the seed, or as it is usually called, the "pit, will commonly be thrown upon the ground, where the frosts will crack it and enable the germ to come forth. Even if not covered at all, the root naturally strikes into the soil, so that it is ready to supply moisture whenever the growing shoots demand it. These seedling peach trees are quite common in out-of-the-way places. Sometimes a valuable new variety is thus pro duced, though our experience of natural peach trees grown from the seed is that most of them are poor. It is a safe proceeding to bud the young tree when it has grown from spring until July or August. In that way you may know in advance

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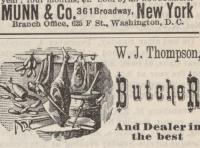
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