#### FISH WITH NO TAIL Queer Discovery in a Muddy Pool in

how, even if she ain't a madame."

is hard to please everybody.

Devoushire, England. A few weeks ago one of the most extraordinary fish ever known came to light in Devonshire, says the London Rambler. It was a chub, found in a muddy pool, and certainly it was an hideous a thing as one could well imagine. It was imprisoned in a sort of cage formed of the roots of an elm tree that projected under the water, and it had evidently wormed its way into this prison when quite small. Being unable to find its way out, it had been forced to grow in the shape of its cage instead of the natural form that all chub should take. With no room to perclop, the fish's tail had disappeared altogether, save for a little deformed stump that had wedged its way besween the roots of the tree. The back an had also vanished, for there was no room for it to grow in. The whole body of the luckless chub was disherted and had grown into the gnarled and twisted form of the root cage. The scales were incrusted with mud and arranged in layers, like roof slates.

It is a puzzle to imagine how the fish sed and lived during its growing years in that watery prison, and what it did when times were hard and no food came by. It seemed contented enough and was certainly healthy and strong, in spite of its distorted shape.

#### THE ATTRACTIVE WOMAN. What One Observer Thinks and Says About Her.

That superabundant brain and surpassing beauty may but seldom be combined: yet it does not follow that all women of good sense and sharp intellect are necessarily plain, says an exchange.

That bright thoughts enliven the most ordinary face until the reflection of the mind shining out in all its radiance makes one forget that the features are not pure Grecian, and leads us to believe that such a woman is in reality a great beauty.

That the vivacious creature of varying moods and quain; fancies is the one to charm. A man forgets all the type of beauty she may or may not possess, so interested does he become in the pleasing study of a mind that renders her face ever winning, irresistible and pleasing, because, like the surface of a ake, there comes a change with every varying emotion.

That the attractive woman should culgivate the mind for a grace of soul and education of spirit counts for more han limpid eyes, a rosebud mouth and a dimpled chin.

That she should ever be teachable, for there is not one jota of lovableness in he man or woman who thinks he or she knows it all.

## NEVER HEARD FROM.

## Ships That Have Sailed from Port

Not to Return. some four years now since the lest mysterious disappearance of a great ship, says the Pittsburgh Disnatch. This was the Naronic, a freight steamer of unusual size, which sailed the Atlantic and was lost in 1893. Pieces of wreckage from this vessel have been Dicked up, however, which has not happened in all such cases. Among the mysterious disappearances of the past were the steamships President, City of Glasgow, Pacific, Ocean Monarch and Dity of Boston, the tronclad Captain,

and the Liberia and Barton. Twenty-seven years have passed away since the City of Boston was placed on the missing list, but some are now living who had friends and rela-

tives on board of her. The City of Boston cleared at the port of New York on Tuesday, January 25, 1870. She sailed for Liverpool by the way of Halifax, with 12 cabin and 45 teerage passengers. Since she left Halifax no vestige of her has ever been seen except a plank upon which was scratched a message saying that the thip was sinking. Her exact fate will hever be known.

## "Made in England"

'According to the American Wool and Cotton Reporter there is in Rhode Island a hosiery mill whose entire outout for the coming year a New York Jobbing house has contrasted to take on the condition that every stocking is stamped with the legend: "Made in

### MAKING CELLULOID. The Chemical Constitution Is a Mat-

ter of Doubt. Though the chemical constitution of celluloid is a metter of doubt, the art of manufacturing this peculiar modern product is explained in a few wordsan article made by the combined action of pressure and heat, or with the aid of solvents, in that case in the cold, says the Trade Journals' Review. The camphor is dissolved in alcohol, as little as desible, and the solution sprayed through a rose on to the pyroxyline, the latter perfectly dry, a second layer of pyroxyline being then added, moistened again with camphor solution, and so on; the gelatinous lump is worked between iron rollers, to which it adheres, and the layer is alit longtitudinally and rolled again.

The cakes, 0.4-inch thick, are cut into plates, about two feet by one foot, and pass for 24 hours into hydraulic presses, which are doubly steam jacktied. The mass is now sawed into plates, which are dried at about 95 degrees Fahrenheit for a week or two, and finally cut into smaller pieces, from which the articles are stamped. Further, according to a writer in the Gummi Zeitung, the method pursued is believed to consist in pouring 100 parts of ether on 50 of collodion wool and 25 of camphor, the covered mass being then stirred in earthenware vessels with rubber sticks until a homonantly to the street. The conductor geneous gelatinous mass is obtained, and then rolled. Apart from dyestuff and other additions, the average celluloid consists of two-thirds pyroxyline and one-third camphor.

## BALLROOM VERACITY.

Unfortunately for His Vanity He Overheard a Bit of Conversation. He was not the most graceful dancer in the world, and the first waltz around the room he stepped on her toes, caught her gown, and his general awkwardness was so marked that people began to look at them, says the Detroit Free Press. He blushed, bit his lip and stammered out:

"I—I'm so sorry, Miss Gracely, that I've spoiled your dance. Really, it's been so long since I danced that I've forgotten how. Please pardon-"

'Why, Mr. Scraper, I'm sure you're graceful dancer. I've really nothing to pardon. I've enjoyed the walts so much. If that awkward Mr. Paddle would keep out of folks' way dancing would be easy enough. He and Miss Waddle take up the whole floor. Mr. Scraper, you are one of the best dancers on the floor to-night."

At which Mr. Scraper felt much relieved and began to think he was overcautious in watching himself. But five minutes later he wanted to go home, when, in passing Miss Gracely, in a corper, with Mr. Paddle and Miss Waddle, he heard her saying:

What a clown that Mr. Scraper is! Did you see him trying to dance with me? Such motional Oh, dear! It did mortify me so. And my poor feet! They're black and blue. Just watch him now. People that can't dance ought at least to confine their antics to their own homes."

#### "THEM THINGS IS OURN." Police Court Lawyers Brought to

Task for Their Bad Grammar. A very noted politician-lawyer was arguing a case once before Justice Prindiville. It was a replevin suit and the lawyer was making what he thought was an impassioned ples, says the Chicago Chronicle. He contended that the property in question belonged to his client. He waved his arms and sawed the air. As the peroration to his speech he shook his fist at the justice and bellowed in stentorian tones: Them things is ourn."

Instantly the opposing counsel sprang to his feet, his voice trembling with indignation. "I object, your honor," he cried, "to the gentlemen's language. I am surprised to hear such a statement in a court of justice. I ask that the gentleman be compelled to correct the statement which he has just made-a highly improper state-

ment, as your honor well knows." Justice Prindiville leaned forward, and the political attorney, greatly bewildered, said: "What's your objection?" The justice repeated the question, being himself a trifle mystified as to what the lawyer found objectionable in the language.

The objecting cousel drew himself up proudly and said: "He should have said: 'Those things are ours,' not "Them things is ourn," your honor." The counsel who had slaughtered Uncle Sam's English scowled, the justice smiled and the trial proceeded.

Magnetised by Lightning. Among the curious effects ascribed to lightning is the magnetization of parts of rock struck by it, says the Detroit Tribune. The existence of such magnetized rocks has long been known, but the supposition that their condition was due in many cases to lightning has only resently been confirmed by a curious observation of Dr. Folgheraiter among the walls of ancient buildings on the Campagna near Rome. He found atrongly magnetic points and zones in the walls, precisely like those occasionally encountered in rocks. The fact that the magnetization often included more than one block of stone in the wall was regarded as proving that the magnetic property had been acquired after the building was erected, and the agency of lightning was indicated by neighboring cracks in the walls.

Bullets of Wire. Mashonaland natives, who are now aghting the British, seem to be provided with small-bore rifles. They are pulling down the African transcontinental telegraph wires and cutting

them up into bullets. Depositors in Switzerland. In a total population of a little over in cash deposits.

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### GRIGIN OF "COCKTAIL" The Way the American Drink Came

Into Existence. The origin of the American "cooktail" is admittedly obscure, and many attempts have been made to trace it says the American Epicure. An ingenious but unconvincing explanation that has lately been going the round of the press gives it medical significance. The old doctors, they say, had a practice of treating certain diseases of the throat with a pleasant liquor applied with the tip end of a long feather plucked from a cock's tail. They finally began to use this preparation as a gargle, and the name cocktail clung to it. The gargle gave way to an appetizer—to a mixture of bitters, vermuth and liquor that is still in occasional demand.

For my own part I prefer infinitely, the story of the Mexican beauty. According to this legend, the original cocktail was made from pulque, an alcoholic beverage distilled from the juice of the maguey, or agave. The liquor, so 'tia said, was discovered by a Toltec noble. who sent some of it to the king by the hand of his daughter. The monarch drank the pulgue and looked at the maiden. Whether the lady's looks gave pleasanter flavor to the liquor, or whether the taste of the liquor made the lady seem to be fairer, is not certain; the king, at any rate, fell in love with both, started a pulque plantation and married the girl, whose name, Xochitl, thus became associated with the national intoxicant. The rest is easy. When Gen. Scott's troops came to Mexico they drank the liquor, liked it, and, with the easy adaptability of the Saxon, simplifled its Azteo name into "cocktail," which they carried back with them to the states.

### AMERICAN ENTERPRISE

Stirring Example Shown, by the Klandike Developers.

The energy with which the invasion of the Klondike gold fields is being pushed is illustrated by the enterprise of a New York company, representatives of which are now on the way thither, carrying material with which a cable road from Dyea to Lake Lindemann is to be constructed, and which the engineer in charge says will be in operation five days after his arrival, reducing the cost of transportation 60 per cent. At the same time, reports the New York Tribune, representatives of a Montana live stock syndicate will be pushing forward a new trail through the Stickeen river valley, setting a large force of men at work upon the construction of a road over which stage lines will pass in the coming spring. When that time arrives and the Yukon ice breaks up, the immense river will be crowded with all sorts of craft, hearing men and material to the new El Dorado and bringing back the wealth which it pours forth in such a flowing golden tide. That far northern region, so recently brought within known geographical limits, is certainly going to be opened to the world's enterprise and occupancy in the promptest and most energetic fashion. So far as the production of precious metals is concerned Alaska is certainly stepping to the front in the most magnificent manner. One of these days Russia will begin to be sorry that she ever sold it to this

# THE AMERICAN GIRL IN FICTION.

As a Heroine She Is Smart, and Delights in Managing Men. Bometimes the characteristic type of

the American heroine of fiction is vulgar, sometimes cold-hearted, or unkind, or willful, or indiscreet, but she is never stupid, writes "Droch" in Ladies' Home Journal. That is the verdict of contemporary observers on the American girl. Whatever she may be or do she always has her wits about her; she is "smart." While her father delights in managing factories, stock operations, or railroads, she delights in managing men. And in every kind of fiction which she dominates the men seem to be uniformly glad to be managed by her. Often in fiction she has been lacking in certain graces—chiefly the supreme grace of tact. But there are signs that our novelists have discovered that the American girl possesses this grace also, and so it happens that to-day she trails through fiction not only with fine clothes, and a beautiful face, and generous deeds, and witty, if impertinent, remarks—but there is developing around her a gracious manner, an unconscious simplicity that shows itself in consideration for the weaknesses of others-in addition to that keen knowledge of their soibles which was always hers. What we have yet to hope for is that her wealth or her poverty may be made less obtrusive and less a significant part of her always attractive personality.

Boston's Bachelor Mayors. There have been four bachelor mayors of Boston. The first was the late Henry Lillie Pierce, who was elected in 1872, and again in 1877. Then came Dr. Samuel A. Green, who was elected in 1881. The third was Edwin Upton Curtis, mayor during 1895. Mayor Quincy is the fourth. Two, Mr. Curtis, whose engagement to Miss Maude Waterman has been announced, and Mr. Quincy are candidates for reelection. Perhaps before the election Mr. Curtis will have turned benedict. The second and eleventh mayors were also Josiah Quincys.

Fencing and Absent-Mindedness. Fencing is an exercise recommended to maidens who lack self-control. There s no doubt it teaches agility and develops physical graces. It might prove a cure of "absent-mindedness" if that complaint survives an age of bicycles and trolley. In town, at least, one must keep one's wite from wandering and never become so absorbed in thought that one forgets the dangers' 3,000,000 Switzerland now has over 1. of a street crossing. Truly the day of 000,000 depositors in savings banks, the "absent-minded" is over; the sun with an average for each family of \$275 went down on it when pneumatic tires were introduced.

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