#### LOVE'S LABYRINTH.

A Case Wherein a Man Elopes with His Own Wife.

Bingularly Romantie Experience of Arthur K. Lee-Wife Forced to Choose Between Mother and Husband.

Three years ago Arthur K. Lee, of New York, and Miss Tessie Brown, daughter of Charles Brown, a rich contractor, met in Chicago. With them it was the old, old story of love at first night, but the girl's parents objected to the marriage, and there was an elopement, and now Mr. Lee, after a separation of several months, eloped with his own wife. There is much romance in the story of these lovers. After the hasty marriage the parents of Mrs. Lee received the husband and happiness reigned supreme for a time. Then Mrs. Lee, who is a handsome but eather delicate young woman, came to Utica, N. Y., to receive treatment at St. Luke's hospital. Her husband accompanied her, and soon afterward her mother, Mrs. Brown, came to visit her daughter. An estrangement between husband and the mother-in-law folmowed, and finally Mrs. Lee left the hospital with her husband. She was not fully recovered, and about a year ago returned to Utica to undergo a surgical operation.

Th husband and mother-in-law met again, and history repeated itself. Then Mrs. Lee was requested to choose between her husband and her family and preferred the latter. Mr. Lee immediately went to his ranch in Deming. N. M., and his wife returned to Chicago and brought suit for divorce. In October last she again came to Utica, and after a conversation with a friend formal letters were exchanged by wife and husband. They met in Utica in December and matrimonial differences were satisfactorily settled. An elopement was then decided upon and the event was to take place a week ago, but the maternal eye was bright. It was not until Mrs. Lee obtained a letter from a Chicago attorney stating that she would have to appear in Chicago before February 1 that she obtained permission to leave her mother, who is ill at her summer home near Utica. The letter was received Tuesday, and Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs. Lee eloped for the second time.

Mr. Lee is a wealthy young New Yorker and a brother of Charles H. Lee, of the hide and lenther trust. His grandfather, Gideon Lee, was mayor of New York. The father of Mrs. Lee lives in Chicago and they are now en route 30 that city.

#### GOES TO HIS DOOM.

Fox Squirrel Digs Its Way Into Eagle's Cage at Lincoln Park and is Killed.

A fox squirrel, which had tramped down from Niles Center district, wandered into Lincoln park, Chicago, the other forenoon. It skipped around until it came, to the cage of the eagles and hawks, near the animal house. It thought the eagle's house would be fine place to get into, and it began digging under the wire netting at the side of the cage.

Born in the idea that only work conquers, it scratched under the cage and came up inside. Scarcely had its head appeared within the house when a great golden eagle, which was roosting at the top of the cage, closed its wings and dropped like a shot. The squirrel fell within the clutches of the powerful talons. The eagle flew to the top of the cage with its prey. The rest of the winged inmates of the house be-

gan a fight for the carcass. The golden eagle tore a piece from the head of the squirrel, and then, in the stress of the combat, dropped the carcass. The victor recovered it and flew to the highest perchagain. Hawks and eagles flew about and fought hard for a bite of the little red body, but the conqueror held his prey and ended by devouring the squirrel. A hundred men and women stood about and watched the struggle.

# COLONISTS RETURN.

Mard-Luck Experiences of Men Who Went to Seek Their Fortunes in Cabe.

Among the passengers who arrived at New York the other day on the Munson line steamship Curityba from Nuevitas, Cuba, were returning colonists from La Gloria, all apparently discouraged with their experiences in Cuba. Among the number were B. S. Childworth, Ohio; Albert Schauk, Mansfield, O.; W. T. Gould and J. W. Rhoades, Illinois, and J. W. Welding, Chicago.

Mr. Schauk stated that he had started to reach La Gloria from Nuevitas, but he could not stand the hardships, and after going half the distance turned back. The land, he said, after one had paid six prices for it, could not be cleared for less than \$40 an acre, and several years would be required to make it productive, and even then, unless new facilities were constructed, there would be no way of getting the product to a market without paying many times its actual value for freight.

Grounds for Grumbling. A Syracuse paper refers editorially to a man who had "to rise at five a.

in the morning." Still, his case wasn't so bad, thinks the Chicago Times-Herald. If he had been called upon to get up at five a. m. in the evening he might well have grumbled.

Evidently on the Bias. In Mexico it is proposed to create a fund for the widows of condemned eriminals by charging the public for admission to the executions. The Mexican philanthropist, says the New York Frees, evidently has a Chinese mind.

### KING POTT OF AFRICA.

A Beer Leader Who Geeupies an E alted Position in the Transvaal.

The town of Lourenco Marques for some time past has been chosen as the head center of the Transvaal secret service. The spies and informers of that notorious gang, says the Cape Times, come and go with all the liberty, swagger and self-assurance, as if they were in the suburbs of Pretoria. Delagoa bay is a so-called neutral port, with a daily train and postal service direct to Pretoria and Johannesburg. There is also a telegraph service, which apparently is at the command of Mr. Pott, the Transvaal consul general and consul for the Netherlands and Free State. It has been said that the Transvaal consul general has a secret service wire directly connecting Lourenco Marques with Komati Poort, and it is well known in Delagoa Bay that Mr. Pott is possessed of the most reliable information of Boer "successes" many hours earlier than any man in Africa. This is extremely detrimental to Brit-1th interests in South Africa. Mr. Pott is the direst intermediary between Dr. Leyds at The Hague and the Boer-cum-Hollander regime in Pretoria. This worthy Hollander has a perfect knowledge of English, Portuguese, French and German. He is comptroller of Transvaal customs and railway, director of the Transvaal nationad bank and head of the Dutch East African company. By virtue of his long residence in Delagoa Bay, Mr. Pott is a persona grata in all Portuguese official circles. Some two years back the Portuguese newspaper, O Futuro, published in Lourenco Marques, dedicated a special article to Mr. Pott, in which he was eulogized as "King a'ott of Africa."

#### SAVED TWO TRAINS.

The Heroic Deed of a Modest Watchman on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

It does not take heroics to make a a hero; it only takes a man bent on doing his duty in the face of odds. Such a man is among the employes of the Canadian Pacific railway in British Columbia. He is a watchman, and he puts duty first and life second. The Michigan Christian Advocate tells the story of his devotion:

Not long ago a bridge on his section of road caught fire and tumbled into the raging mountain river. It was midnight, and the watchman was alone in the mountains. Coming toward that yawning gap was the limited express from the east, while from the west an excursion train containing 400 American journalists also drew near.

The excursion train was due first, and it was coming from the side opposite that on which the watchman

stood.
The man did not hesitate. He plunged into the swollen stream, reached the other shore, ran to the flag station and signaled the excursion train. Then he disappeared in the darkness.

Back to the river he ran without a noment's pause crossed again. Another rapid run to the flag station on that side, and the exhausted watchman, ready to sink with fatigue, stood by the Pacific flyer that had been brought to a stop at the flag station east of the bridge. He had saved two trains, and perhaps a thousand lives.

His own comment on the occurrence was that he had done his duty.

# MOUTH IN QUEER PLACE.

The Voracious Shark Is Well Fitted by Nature for His Rapacious Mission.

No doubt the shark's mouth is placed so much beneath the projecting muzzle, under which also the nostrils lie, that it may serve its proper purpose in the best way. In all records of the habits of the fish, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, we are told that it can and does bite out large chunks of flesh from the dead bodies of whales and even from living victims of its attack; and it is easily seen that if its mouth was like that of other fishes the necessary average would be lacking. A further reason seems to be that the shark by this peculiar position of its mouth is compelled to turn upon its back to strike and is thus able to deliver its onset from below with more deadly effect. This formidable strength of jaw is backed up by a most terrible array of teeth, of which in some species there are as many as six rows all round. Each tooth is sawedged and pointed, and some of the largest are as much as two inches in breadth at their base. These lie flat against the jaws and can be raised by separate muscles at will, so that, as the shark darts upon its prey, they sping on end, as a cat's claws are stuck out from its paws. This arrangement will not allow anything once bolted to return, so that a shark's mouth is a veritable death trap.

Papa Liked Rag Time. The Boston Transcript tells a story of a man who had a class of boys in

natural history. One of the subjects which he took up was butterflies and moths, and he told the children a good deal about the chrysalides and cocoons. After he had got the boys well instructed he showed one of the smallest of them one of the cocoons, and asked: "What butterfly is this the cocoon of?" Then the little boy looked up and said, slowly and respectfully: "My papa says that all cocoons look alike to

The Holy City. Jerusalem is now holding but a shadew of the magnificent city of ancient times. It is about three miles in circumference and is situated on a rocky

# PLAN BULL - FIGHTS.

Dispatch from Mexico Says Gotham, Is to Have Them.

Two Famous Spanish Builfighters Now at City of Mexico Said to Have Received Proposals for Exhibits.

A dispatch received at New York from the City of Mexico says that a plan was in progress for bull-fights in the Madison Square garden. Two fa-, mous bull-fighters now in that city, it was said, had received proposals on that subject. It was added that "the cruel feature of the slaughtering of horses would be eliminated," and that correspondence was going on by wire with William A. Brady, pugilist and amusement manager.

Nothing was said in the dispatch about the cruel feature of the slaughtering of the bulls by the rather annoying processes commonly employed in bull-fights, and nothing was said as to how the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was expected to conduct itself all the while that the process was going on. Perhaps it is not generally understood that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has an elegant new building just across the street from the Madison Square garden.

Of course, says the correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald, Mr. Brady is inclined to look about for an occupation in case the Horton law is repealed and prize fights have to be given up, but if he wants bull-fights it is likely that he will have to put up with the tame old sort in Wall street, where the margins are so often in favor of the bears. The people of the City of Mexico probably do not understand all the delicate legal bearings of the case. Under the Horton law men may fight only in the house of some athletic club, wherefore, in order to fit a building for the purpose, it is necessary that it be leased by an athletic club formed

for the purpose of leasing it for fights. Under this law, if Mr. Brady wants to have bull-fights in the Madison Square garden, it will be necessary for him to organize the Madison Square Garden company into a beefsteak club. If the Horton law is repealed bull-fights in New York will doubtless be just as impossible as fights by men, and then it is argued the best that Mr. Brady can do will be to let the bulls do their fighting in the City of Mexico and then bring them here and put them on the

# TO BUY TISSOT PICTURES.

Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences to Raise \$60,000 for the Purpose.

The board of trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences held a special meeting the other day to consider a proposition to purchase a collection of about 400 paintings, representing the history of the life of Christ. A statement was made to the effect that, through the efforts of a number of members of the institute. an option had been secured for the entire collection of the original paintings of Mr. Tissot, at the remarkably low figure of \$60,000. Carl H. De Silver, chairman of the committee on art museum, offered a resolution authorizing the director and art committee of the institute to raise by public subscription the sum of \$60,000, with which

to purchase the Tissot collection. After the adjournment the trustees agreed to contribute toward the fund necessary for the purchase of the collection, and to encourage subscriptions by others. The sum of \$13,000 was subscribed, or more than one-fifth of the cost of the collection. Subscription papers will be prepared and circulated widely, and opportunity will be given. to all the churches in the city to make contributions to the fund. The members of the board were of the opinion that while it would require considerable effort to raise the \$60,000, the amount could be secured before March 1.

# OLEOMARGARINE USED.

Secretary Gage Transmits Figures Which Show the increased Quantity Used by This Country.

Secretary Gage has transmitted a letter to the house giving the total amount of eleomargarine shipped during the last year. The total amount was 79,-695,774 pounds, and Illinois distributed more than any other state in the union, the number of pounds being 18,638,921. Pennsylvania is next to Illinois, with only 11,433,341 pounds, while Ohio distributed 8,830,969 pounds and New Jersey 5,875,975 pounds. New York shows only 222,788 pounds, while West Virginia received 1,203,865 pounds. Other distributions-in pounds-are as fol-

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Scraping Up Trouble. It is now up to the sentimentalists, suggests the New York Press, to inaugurate a movement against the vaccination of the long-suffering army mule.

Their One Great Fault. The great difficulty about voting machines, declares the Philadelphia Ledger, is that they will not turn out

#### A NEW DEVICE.

Slot Machine That Opens the City Directory for a Cent Is Invented

"Say, give me change for a nickel, I want to use the city directory," is the cry that soon will be heard in every drug store in Chicago if the plans of a young inventor are carried out. The inventor has devised a penny-in-the-slot machine for directory owners. It consists of a boxlike arrangement. A penny dropped into the mechanism opens the look, which remains open as long as the hand is held on it. The removal of the hand allows the box to close.

The plan is for the company controfling the machines to furnish the directory and to divide the profits with the owner of the store in which the device is placed. There are between 600 and 700 drug stores in the city which have directories, and these, it is expected, will be the largest patrons of the proposed company. Hotels, railroad ticket offices and cigar stores also will use the invention, and the promoters expect to reap a great harvest of coppers. One of the machines was placed in the Rock Island city ticket office, and in a few hours 127 people had patronized it.

The Chicago Directory company, however, is somewhat skeptical. A representative said that the scheme had been tried extensively in New York, where it had failed through lack of patronage. It was doubted if it could be made to pay in Chicago.

#### FIND A PREHISTORIC GRAVE.

Workmen Excavating in Sandusky Valley, Near Bucyrus, O., Uncover Tomb of Former Resident.

A prehistoric grave, built of stone, has been unearthed in the Sandusky valley, in the eastern edge of Bucyrus, O. Prof. William Miller, of the State Archaeological and Historical society, has made an examination of the grave, and under his supervision excavations were made. He pronounced the structure to be a grave of ancient origin, but the skeletons were not found.

The grave was discovered by workmen engaged in making excavations for a fence. They came upon some stone of peculiar quality and form, which proved to be the work of prehistoric inhabitants of North America. The structure is of yellow clay, eight feet below the surface, in the south bluff of the Sandusky river. There appears an east and west wall without cement, facing to the south. Four feet north is another wall of the same kind parallel to the first. The width of the walls is | s inches. Between the walls were found stone and dirt filling, which had evidently fallen in from the top.

The stone is peculiar. The blocks are of irregular and far tastic shapes. similar to waterworn limestone. They are of much lighter color than ordinary limestone. There is no stone of the character in or near the Sandusky

#### FAMILY OF WOMEN AT BAR. te P. Pier and Her Daughter Admitted to Supreme Court on Mo-

tion of Another Daughter. The United States Supreme court the other day witnessed the unusual spectacle of the admission of a woman and her daughter to the bar upon the motion of another daughter. The women admitted were Mrs. Kate P. Pier and Miss H. H. Pier, of Milwaukee, and the one moving their admission was Miss Kate H. Pier, of the sand city. Another woman member of this family was admitted a few years ago, making four of the 20 female members of the supreme

court bar members of ole family. Mrs. Kate Pier is the vidow of a lawyer and the mother of a family of lawyers. The late Col. Pier, well-known in grand army circles throughout the country, was her husband. Mrs. Pier studied law with her husband and for years has practiced at Miwaukee. Her daughters, Miss Kate Pier, Miss Harriet Pier, and Mrs. John H. Boemer, also are lawyers. Mrs. Pier is a court commissioner. A short time ago her daughter, Caroline Pier, married John Roemer, also a lawyer, and the marriage ceremony was performed by her mother, who has the power to marry as court commissioner.

#### BANKERS' ICE CREAM SEIZED The Boxes Are Confinented Because They Were in Inditation

of Gold Coins.

Ice cream boxes at bar juets must not in any way represent the gold coin of the country. Forgetting this, the committee preparing for the annual banquet of the State Bankers' association planned to serve the ides at the banquet in pasteboard boxes in imitation of a pile of eight huge gold coins, with milled edges. The top coin represented the reverse of the ten-dollar gold piece. The oridnary motto, however, was changed to read "In God We Trust." The imitation coin was twothirds larger than a double eagle.

Chief William P. Hazen, of the United States secret service, heard of the suspected counterfeit, and decided that the manufacture of such articles was prohibited. His agents seized the cast and model and the chief declared them forfeited. Chief Hazen said there was no difference between a poor man and a banker in the eyes of he law.

Turkish Women and Their Fortunes. Turkish women do not come into control of their private fortunes until after marriage. After that they can dispose of one-third of it without the husband's consent.

Don't Like the Spelling. The "Puerto" Rico idea, says the Chicago Tribune, will never become popular with this busy people.

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# FEES ARE CUT OFF.

Ticket Agents to No Longer Enjoy Commissions.

Must Hereafter Depend on Their Salaries for Support-Railroads of United States Take Important Action.

Henceforth railroad ticket agents in all parts of the United States must depend or their salaries for support, for the railroads have cut off all commissions which heretofore they have enjoyed. It is said there will be an immediate readjustment of the salaries of the agents to meet this new condition; but in most instances it is claimed by the traffic managers that the salaries are sufficient. One of the members of the Trunk Line association was asked if any agents had resigned in consequence of the sweeping order of January 1.

'Not one," he said, "and there won't be one resignation. The agents get good salaries, and these commissions merely were extra compensation. In fact, many of them constituted as underhanded system of rate discrimination. The poorest companies, in order to get business, allowed agents the heaviest commissions, and many agents would divide the commissions with the passengers and send them over an inferior and circuitous route, to their own discomfort and detri-

"The agents have no one but themselves to blame for this," said a local manager. "They abused their opportunities. Commissions ranged from 5 to 15 per cent. Such commissions were a drain on the treasuries of the companies. They amounted to millions of dollars in a year. Western roads alone will save \$500,000 a year."

#### BURMESE BOY'S ROMANCE.

Falls in Love with an Equestrienne, Is Spurned and Comes to This Country to Drown His Grief.

Peter Bacon, a handsome Burmese boy 17 years old, who speaks English and several other languages fluently, is detained at the barge office at New York as a stowaway. He came on the steamship Bucentaun, which arrived from Port Said and is now decked in Brooklyn. Notwithstanding his name, the boy is a full-blooded Burmese. Although only 17 years old, he has seen much of the world, and was animal keeper for several years with the Abadie traveling menagerie and circus. He has had experience in dealing with lions, tigers, leopards, panthers and the dangerous reptiles of India.

While with the circus he fell in love with an equestrienne, but his suit was spurned with scorn. The climax came at Port Said, when he was called a boy and told that he was acting ridiculously. He left the circus and resolved to come to this e-matry to assuage his grief. He did so, and now is detained at the barge office, and will be until he pays a fine of ten dollars for coming as a stow-

The boy is anxious to find two Burmese jugglers whom he believes to be in New York city. It is thought that his Burmese acquaintai ces live in East Twenty-sixth street, and he hopes they will pay his fine, as he has no money.

# PATRIOTIC TABLET STOLEN.

It Was of Bronze and Marked the Site of a Revolutionary Bencon and (annon

Some miscreants have stolen the bronze tablet from the monun cut erected in October, 1896, by the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to mark the spot where during the war of the revolution stood the beacon and the cannon known as the "Old Sow." The monument is a bowlder about six feet high and weighing four tons, upon the face of which was the bronze tablet with the following inscription:

"Here in the time of the revolution stood the signal beacon, and by its side the cannon known as the 'Old Sow,' which in time of danger and invasion summoned the patriotic 'minute men' of the vicinity to the defense of the country and the repulse of the invader. This monument is erected by the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and dedicated to the memory of the patriots of New Jer-

# JAPAN BUILDING SHIPS.

Concern at Nagasaki Turns Out a Twin Screw Steamer That Is First-Class in Every Respect.

A Japanese concern has just turned out a 12.000-ton steel, twin screw steamer, the Awa Maru, which, according to United States Consul Harris at Nagasaki, who reports the fact to the state department, is equal in every respect, including cabin accommodations, to the best class of Atlantic steamships. Material has been ordered for two other steamers, of the same size for the same line; four more are under construction for another line, and altogether the new industry in Japan appears to be flourishing.

More Young Farmers for the Navy. A draft of fifty young men, nearly all farmers from Ohio, arrived at the navy yard in Brooklyn the other day on the way to the naval training station at Newport. So far over 500 of these sturdy young landsmen from the west have come on to join the naval service.

Youth Has Its Advantage. The new emperor of China has a great advantage, thinks the Washington Star, inasmuch as his youth will enable the empress downger to merely spank him instead of having him be-

### TO BE ISSUED SOON.

Government Will Publish a Book on the Naval Progress of the Year.

One of the most important of the annual publications of the government is that devoted to the naval progress of the year in this and other countriesa volume prepared by and issued from the office of naval intelligence. This publication, which is about to appear, should have gone to press in July, but owing to the pressure of work during the war with Spain and the lack of a sufficient detail of officers until within the last few months, the preparation of this volume has been delayed, and advantage has been taken of the delay to bring the information up to the date of publication. Following are some of the articles which will appear:

"Recent Tendencies of Foreign Naval Developments, and the Effect Thereon of the Recent War with Spain," by Lient. Commander George H. Peters, United States pavy.

"The Creation and Maintenance of a German Battle Fleet," edited by Lieut. S. E. W. Kittelle, United States navy. "Notes on Ships and Torpedo Boats," by Lieut. C. C. Marsh, United States

"Notes on Ordnance and Armor," by Commander W. H. Driggs, United States pary, retired.

"Naval Maneuvers, 1899." by Lieut. W. L. Howard, United States navy. "Embarkation of British Troops for South Africa and Wireless Telegraphy," by Lieut. W. L. Howard.

#### OBJECT TO PLAN.

Powder Manufacturers Opposed to the Making of the Article by the Government.

Uncle Sam is meeting with much opposition from the powder manufacturers of this country in his effort to secure an appropriation for a powder plant. The navy department will require \$500,000 next year for powder. Admiral O'Neill, chief of ordnance, believes it would be wise to appropriate double that sum, but it is unlikely the naval committee will agree to this.

There has been-disucssion whether one appropriation should be made for the purchase and another for the manufacture of the powder. The powder makers are desirous of confining the fund to the purchase of this material, instead of having it manufactured at a government plant. Last year the pewder makers tried to influence legislation which would prevent the government from making its own powder, and the wild remonstrance which they evoked from the naval ordnance bureau was construed as a threat and led to a protest to the secretary of the mayy.

The secretary dismissed the case as an unwarranted accusation. Admiral O'Neill is anxious to establish a small plant at Indian Head, the product of which would not interfere materially with the output of private manufacturers, as the material turned out there would be of small quantity compared : with the am unt of powder bought of private concerns.

Present Size of Indian Head Proving Grounds Not Sufficient for the Needs of the Navy.

It has been found necessary by the ravy department to buy a long strip of land adjacent to the Indian Head proving grounds on the Potomac. The owners of the land hold the place at an exorbitant figure, and have refused to sellfor less than \$25,000, while the naval authorities have placed its actual worth at \$12,000, and Rear Admiral O'Neill, naval chief of ordnance, has told the house naval committee that \$15,000 would be a generous price to pay, especially as the government does not really need the land for any other purpose than to satisfy the demands of the Maryland farmers whose property is situated near the proving grounds.

These neighbors are excedingly rervous over the gun tests which take place almost daily. The present territory owned by the government has been ample for the practical purposes of the tests, but now and then a big shot has gone astray and crossed the Potomac river toward the Virgina side. But such eccentricities are rare. The land which it is now proposed to

essary for all the tests conducted by the ordnance experts. QUEER ACTION OF OHIO BOY.

purchase will allow the territory nec-

Returns Home Years After He Was Supposed to Have Been Buried.

Four years ago Mrs. J. H. Ilke, of Franklin township, Fulton county, O., received word from Chicago of the death there of her son Oliver. She ordered his body shipped home for burial. The casket came and the funeral was held. The bereaved mother was surprised about a year later toreceive a letter signed Harry Pierce, which claimed to come from her son. It was postmarked Chicago, but no address was given. She did not recognize the writing and neighbors scouted the idea that her boy was still alive. The other morning all doubts were dispelled by the appearance of Oliver Pike in the flesh. Neither himself nor his mother will tell why he assumed an: alias, nor will they reveal the identity of the body shipped from Chicago and buried four years ago.

One Immense Advantage. If the Russian Academy of Sciences 3 prevails in having English adopted as a universal language, perhapa, says the Philadelphia Times, conductors may use it in calling off stations.

Cooperative Mill. Birmingham, Ala., has a cooperative clothing mill.

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