MAN CHASED BY WILDCATS.

Peppeylynain Farmer's Life is laved by the Prempt Action of Mis Beave Deg.

Charles Mason, a farmer living near Conducace, Pa., had a narrow compothe week from being killed by wild-te. These animals have always been and in the mountain woods in that region, but for a great number of years they have not been so numerous on they are this full.

Mason went, early in the evening, to the house of a friend about three miles from his home, and retained through the woods into at night. Fortunately for him, he was accompanied by his dog.

A band of wildcate followed him and threatened several times to spring anon him. Whenever one of the animale rushed toward Mason, the dog bravely made at it. The cats were mirraid of the dog, but they became so numerous and bold that Mason only moved himself by taking refuge at a mountain dwelling balf way home, and there passed the night. He believes that at least a dozen of the wildquie were after him.

The cate are so pleatiful that they have driven squirrels and other game from the woods. A party of hunters; in being formed to go into the moun-Anine and spend a couple of days in search of the animals.

#### MLEVATOR CIRLS IN BOSTON.

Whelr Pretty Caps, Aprons and Buck-Ica Please the Shopping Public of the Mub.

Boston's latest and amartest girb In the elevator girl. She suddenly has made her appearance in the fashionable downtown stores, luncheon rooms for women, dressmaking establishments, the Young Women's Christian association and the Women's Educational and Industrial union. vator man at the latter place left. Looking around for some one to take his place, one of the managers suggested employing a girl, and it was young and pretty and wore a neat cap, apron and shoes with shining buckles. The patrons of the Union.

lunchroom were pleased. A week later a girl appeared in the mirror-lined elevator of the Young Women's Christian association. The idea became a fad and more girls were given places. Their employment is fast becoming popular in yother establishments.

#### WIOLINS IN CONTEST.

Stradivarius Worth \$3,000 Has Small Margin of Votes Over That of a Cheap Instrument.

Dr. Henry Watson, a well-known muthority on music and himself a cultured musician, while lecturing recently at Manchester, England, on the violin, incidentally had a short piece played on two violins, one a stradivarius, worth \$3,000, and the other one of a lot worth half a crown apiece, used in a variety turn on the stage to break a comedian's head. Then he asked the audience which instrument they regarded as the better of the two. It was only by a very narrow margin that the auridience, which was composed largely nof regular attendants at the performances of Lady Halle (Mme. Norman Neruda) and subscription concerts, decided in favor of the genuine Strad. Thereupon Dr. Watson haid: "I doubt whether you would have chosen the right one if the piece had been played in another room without giving you an opportunity of seeing the instruments."

# TO GIVE BRAIN TO SCIENCE.

Prof. Goldwin Smith Says Offer Made to Cornell Professor in Jest Will Be Carried Out in Barnest.

Prof. Goldwin Smith, who has willed his brain to Cornell university at Ithmea, N. Y., speaking of the gift, said: "I have hitherto looked upon this thing ms a joke, but now I see it has been Maken seriously. I shall certainly keep my promise made to Prof. Wilder, of Cornell. A short time ago I met this gentleman, who is the professor of physiology, and we got to talking on the subject of the brain. He informed me he had made a specialty of brains and was collecting them for his muneum. In a joking way I told him he could have mine when I was finished with it. The whole thing was done in a joking way, but now that the matter has been taken seriously I will certainly make arrengements that my promise shall be carried out. I am now in my 80th year, and the legacy may fall soon."

# GET CALIFORNIA FRUIT.

Farmers in England Are Unable to Compete with the Fruit Buinera In America.

The ingenuity and determination with which California is pushing its fruit in the English market is commanding much attention. The shops at London are full of excellent fresh figs, plums and grapes at low prices. and during October California successfully flooded this market with thousands of tone of choice black plums, while the farmers of Kent left their plume to rot on the trees and ground. alleging that it was not worth while to pluck them. The success of the Californias is attributed to their unique skill in packing, whereby the fruit travels here intact. The Gardenera' Magazine saya California shipments of plums in October aggregated 5,000 tons over the previous rec-

# PAFTER MANY YEARS.

Cannon Ball Fired in War of 1812 Hits Man in Year 1902.

Interesting Mistorio Rello Is Unearthed Near Bladensburg and Inside a Message Saying That the British Are Coming.

An old resty cannon ball, fired from a British field place at the attack on Bladensburg, Maryland, by the Eng-Hab force under Gen. Ross and Lieut. Wainwright during the war of 1813, hit a laborer working a short distance outside of that town the other day and broke his leg. The ball, when examined, was found to inclose a roll of parchment addressed to "the commanding officer of the American force defending Washington, and containing a detailed account of the plans of Admiral Cockburn, the commander in chief of the British naval force then in the Potomac, and of which the land expedition was part, for his march on Washington and the destruction of the national capital. The communication was signed "Timson Howard, mate of the American merchantman, General Stone, and a victim of the British press gazg."

John Key, the man injured by the cannot hall, was one of a gang of colored laborers engaged in cutting a road near Bladenburg. He was working at the bottom of a steep, 50-foot slant when the pick of a laborer at the top of the elevation dislodged from the earth, where it had lain for nearly a century, the big, rusty relic. It rolled down the bill and struck Key with considerable force, breaking his

leg mear the ankle. After the man had been cared for and put on a train for Washington, the foreman of the gang rolled the cannon ball to a nearby creek and removed some of the earth and rust. He noticed that the ball was hollow, and, not knowing that explosive shells were not in use during the war of 1812, curiosity impelled him to dig in the interior of the relic with a knife, to see, as he explained, later, how the powder in the shall had withstood the ravages

of 90 years. After the foreman had cut away the dirt from the two-inch hole in the big piece of iron, his knife brought out a roll of parchment, yellow and dis-colored with age, but which, when unrolled, proved to be the communication mentioned above. A considerable portion of the writing was illegible, but enough could be read to make a fairly connected whole.

The communication signed by Howard, who from the character and phraseology of the document was a man of some education, explains that he had been impressed into the British service shortly before the beginning of the war and had since been compelled to serve against his country. While acting as orderly to Admiral Cockburn he had learned that the British commander in chief intended to sack and burn Washington and lay waste the surrounding country. A portion of the writing says:

"With the aid of God Almighty let all—patriots rally to—Washington and—marauders who are coming rapine and murder—defeated in former years—regain—through naval supremacy—press gang out-rages—lost before."

A postscript to the note explains that Howard wrote nearly 100 of the warnings, and knowing that the Americans made a practice of using overagain the cannon balls fired at them by the British, had slipped the papers into shells carried by the land force which marched on Bladensburg, in the forforn hope that at least one of the notes might be discovered.

# MEW NAVY COALING RECORD.

Playing of Band on Craiser New York Helps Sailors to Put in 850 Tone in Six Hours.

The cruiser New York broke the navy record for coaling at Honoluluthe other day, putting in 850 tons of coal in six hours. This remarkable speed was due to the fact that the full band of the ship played during the whole time that the jackies were rushing the coal aboard.

The employment of the band was suggested to Capt. Mackenzie by the bandmaster's application for '48 hours' leave of absence from the ship to get away from the dust and dirt of coaling. Instead, the captain ordered the band to play for eight hours. It was stationed on the bridge during the coaling and recled off martial airs.

Two rival gauge of jackies were coaling, one getting coal from a lighter alongside and the other from the wharf. The jackies trundled wheelbarrows of coal at a lively

Canada's Peril. A Chicago syndicate, it is said, ist making arrangements to settle 12,500 American families in Canada. At this rate, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, the settlement of Canada and everything in Canada on lines perfectly satisfactory to the people of this side of the border cannot be long delayed.

Chance for the Inventor. Those stories about the disintegration of the Egyptian sphinx may be true, says the Chicago Tribune, and they may lead up presently to the announcement of a newly invented rock preservative.

Danger Ahead. Another airship subject to perfect control has been invented in Paris, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. Thus far the Paris newspapers speak of the inventor in the present tense.

## AMERICAN TRADE CRITICISED.

The Absolute Reseasity of Sending the Best Material Abroad In Shown.

It is necessary to repeat the warnings previously given to American Aufacturers for foreign maskets against the folly of supplying anything except the best materials in the early and critical periods of their trade to European and other customers. Every failure or shortcoming, for whatever cause, is seized upon and exploited for the general discredit of the American trade. The London papers constantly print complaints in regard to such matters, such as one which originated from the manager of the Assam Railway company. He says that four American locomotives which were received less than four years bgo require new crown plates. He adds that the makers of the locomotives ought to pay the cost of repairs, as failure after such a short space of time could only be due to carelessness in derign. This moves a writer in the London Times to express the hope that the Indian Bailway company will lears some day that the lowest-priced engine is not necessarily the chespest.

#### GUIDE TO PHILIPPINES.

The War Department Issues a Casetteer and Mape of the Group of la landa.

The Pronouncing Gazetteer and Geographical Dictionary of the Philippine islands, with maps, charts and illustrations, which was prepared at the bureau of insular affairs of the war department, has been issued, and contains a wealth of information concerning our oriental possessions. The gazetteer proper contains 264 pages, including the index, while the geographical dictionary occupies 666 pages, exclusive of the maps, charts and illustrations.

When Dewey's victory awoke national interest in the Philippines the obtainable literature in English on the subject was meager and much of it was old and almost out of print, while the Spanish words were to be found in few libraries, so that the work of obtaining complete and accurate information about the islands, their geographical resources, history, etc., has been a difficult one. Requests already received for the edition exceed the limit ordered by congress to be printed.

## LONG TRIP ON HORSEBACK.

Dr. Donaldson Smith Pinishes Journey Begun on May 17 and in Which 4.000 Miles Is Covered.

After a 4,000 mile trip to the west on horseback and in wagons, which consumed six months, Dr. Donaldson Smith has returned home to Philadelphia. Dr. Smith left Philadelphia on May 17 and went from Baltimore over the old national road to Columbus, O., Fort Wayne, and Chicago, this part of the trip consuming 28 days, or at the rate of 32 miles a day. From Chicago he went to Dubuque, encountering heavy floods in Iowa and finding the people inhospitable, although he found one farmer who gave him shelter during a heavy rainstorm. From Iowa he traveled to South Dakota, crossed the bad lands and Big Horn, and entered Yellowstone park. From the Yellowstone he crossed the mountains into Wyoming.

# TRADE INVASION BY GERMANY

A Syndiente Organised to Export Machinery for Manufacture of Brignettes.

The manufacturers of machinery for compressing coal waste and lignite into the fuel called "briquettes," of which enormous quantities are used in Germany, have organized a syndicate for promoting the exports of this machinery to the United States and have sent an engineer to America to explain to mine owners how to make estimates of the costs of plants and describe the processes of manufacture. The syndicate is importing samples of American coal waste and lignite to analyze them and test the machines with them. During the recent coal strike in the United States "briquette" dealers here arranged to send 10,000 tons to New York, but before the cargo space could be engaged the strike

#### was ended. TESTS BUDDHA MIRROR.

Prof. Summerville, of University of Pennsylvania, Displays It in Lecture.

Prof. Maxwell Summerville, of the Free Museum of Science and Art, University of Pennsylvania, gave the first of his series of lectures at Philadelphia, the feature of which was the display of the mysterious Buddha mirror. It is a perfectly plain polished mirror, the reflecting surface being made of an alloy containing silver. It was placed at an angle where it caught the sun's rays, and the face of Buddha

outlines on a screen. This mirror, which for centuries was a puzzle to wise men, is such an article as might have been used in the boudoir of a Roman matron. The secret of its composition died with the oriental who produced it. The mirror has been for centuries one of the mystic features of the Buddhist religion.

then appeared in strong, impressive

Putting Two and Two Together, England is about to sell all her naval ressels that are not up to date, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, and this fact. may have some connection with the recent visit to London of the king of Portugal.

# SAILS A RAGING SEA.

Movel Life-Saving Globe Is Subjected to Most Severe Test.

Successfully Rides the Waves Of Dover While They Are Kunning Too Righ for Ordinary Lifebont.

Another test has been given the life-saving globe invented for use in shipwrecks by Capt. Bonvig, a Norwogian, saye a New York Herald dispatch from London. The object of this test was to ascertain how the craft would behave in heavy seas. While the waves were running ex-

tremely high and a see was running in which it was declared no lifeboat could live, the globe was towed by a tug from Dover harbor into the chan-

In order that the apparatus should be as near as possible in the same condition as it would be if used in case of shipwreck, it was weighted with sandbage, which, with four men who were in the globe, made the weight equivalent to that of 20 mem

and 30 days' provisions. The globe, without its erew, was first towed out to see, between Dover

and the flowth Foreland.

The strong wind raised terrific seas. Several times the tug was caught in the trough and her decks were completely swept, so that it was necessary to batten down all the batchways. But the globe rode over the waves like a cork. Pinaily it was towed into quiet water where Capt. Donvig, accompanied by three Dover seamen, went aboard. They fastened the manhole and the globe was again towed to sea.

When the full force of the wind and seas was experienced Capt. Donvig signaled through the manhole to cast off the tow rope.

The globe, left to itself, bobbed about in the heavy seas, but showed no inclination to roll over.

After tossing about for ten or fifteen minutes Capt. Donvig and one of the sailors emerged from the manhole and, lashing themselves to the outside of the globe, set a small sail, which they pulled through the manhole with them." The air funnel was used as a mast and the queer craft was navigated back to harbor, a distance of several miles.

#### SCHOOL ON A SHIP.

Bautical Preparatory School to Fit Boys for Military Academy of Ammaolis.

According to a man identified with the plan, the projectors of a mautical preparatory school met at the As-tor house, and it was decided to begin work on a ship that will take several hundred boys around the world on cruises while they are being prepared for college or for the United States military academy or for Annapolis.

The name of the boat will be Young America. William E. Winant, who is in the bureau of naval construction at Washington, will supervise the construction. It is to be a sailing yensel of 2,600 tons, capable of carrying about 600 cadets or students, instructors and attendants.

Mr. Winant said that the plan of the nautical school, which is to be "a school on a ship, but not a schoolship," was originated by Lieutenant Commander C. H. Harlow, U. S. N., now executive officer of the Raleigh, and that his plans were highly commended and amplified by President Roosevelt and Gen. Leonard Wood several years ago.

The course of study will last four years, and in each of the years a long cruise will be made.

# RELIGION BASIS FOR DIVORCE.

An Important Decision on the Matter Made by the Courts in Austria.

'An important decision was rendered the other day by the provincial civil court at Vienna which shows the urgent necessity to American and English women who may be contemplating marriage with an Austrian subject of first obtaining competent legal advice in the matter. In the present instance an Austrian named Clemens Kolischer was married in London in 1898 to an English woman, a singer, by a civil ceremony. Kolischer described himself as having no religious faith, and the bride gave herself as belonging to the Protestant church. Kolischer recently applied to the Vienna courts for a legal separation, and the tribunal in its decision held that the marriage was invalid on account of the differences of religion between the contracting parties, in spite of the contention submitted by the woman's counsel that such marriages are perfectly legal in England, France and Germany.

First to Walts.

The controversy between European papers as to the origin of the waltz was settled by the discovery that the waltz was first danced at the French court on November 9, 1178, when it was announced as the composition of a French courtier, who called it "volta."

Solving a Picture Puzzle. With the aid of copious notes, says the Chicago Tribune, it is comparatively easy to understand an instantaneous picture of a football scrim-

Fainting Girls.

Sixteen girls fainted in a Utica knitting mill the other day when one of them pricked her finger, says the Chicago Record-Herald. The "eternal feminine" hasn't been eliminated yet.

## AGREE ON THE SWORD.

German Sectetion Beside That It Is the Proper Weapon to Use in Dueling.

Sixty-seven students' locieties, with a membership of 2,300, from the Ber-In university, the Technical institute, and other institutions in Berlin, held a great meeting in the Philharmonic hall against pistol duels between students and officers.

The pistol was denounced as a weapon for American trappers, and the award was declared to be preferable, it standing upon a higher moral plane and being a more chivalrous WesDon.

The speakers pointed out that the German emperor had repeatedly advised the officers to practice with swords and to settle their affairs of honor with that arm, but the officers object, on the ground that the sword is not severe enough to wash their stained honor clean.

The meeting finally adopted a resolution asking the minister of war to give the students' committee an equal voice with the officers' courts of honor in settling difficulties between the students and the officers. The resolution also asked the minister to permit the use of pistols only in the case of grave family insults and when one of the parties is physically unable to fight with the sword.

## LEPROSY IN PHILIPPINES.

Report of Chief Surgeon at Manife Save Disease in Pound Coner. ally Throughout Islands.

'Army medical officers in the Philippines are giving their attention to the question of leprosy. The report of the chief surgeon at Manila, just received at the war department, says: "Leprosy is found generally throughout the islands, probably more in the Vizayas than elsewhere. At the request of the commissioner of public health, medical officers of the army searched for and reported many cases during the year. From their reports it appears that former estimates of the number of cases of this disease were placed at too high a figure, as nothing approaching 30,-000 sufferers was found. Reports were, however, incomplete, as mumerous places were not visited.

"The proposed leper colony is much feared by the people, thus leading to concealment of cases, and without careful study, which was not practicable, early leprosy is overlooked. No cases have appeared in soldiers, as might be expected in view of the supposedly long period of incubation. The leper colony for natives has not yet been established."

## TO FOLLOW IN HER STEPS.

Favorite Granddaughter of Mrs. Stanton Will Carry on Work of the Great Woman Juffragist.

Miss Nors Stanton Blatch, the favorite granddaughter of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and a student in the civil engineering department of Cornell university, believes that the work which her grandmother sought to accomplish has not been completed. Accordingly, very soon after the death of Mrs. Stanton she set to work to organize a political equality club among the women of the university. The organization was perfected the other day, and Miss Blatch was made its president. Miss Blatch entered Cornell in the arts course two years ago, and immediately became a leader among the women as a student. Last fall she took the examinations for the college of civil engineering. Three other women tried and Miss Blatch was the only one admitted, she being the first woman to take the engineering course at Cornell. Miss Blatch is tali, attractive and pretty and is a great social favorite.

# HISTORIC HOUSE DESECRATED.

Rome in Which J. Fenimore Cooper Did His Courting to Become a Salcon.

Historians throughout Westchester county, N. Y., are disturbed over what they describe as the sacrilege of the old Delancey mansion, where J. Fenimore Cooper made love to Miss Delancey, who afterwards became his wife, because it has been transformed into a roadhouse and beer saloon. The building stood at the top of Heathcote bill, overlooking the sound, since 1792, until a few weeks ago, when it was sold at auction for \$11. The purchaser was a local builder, who moved the old structure to the Post road, where he repaired it, added a veranda, and then leased it to the man who is to conduct the tavern. The house, besides being the home of the bride of Cooper, is said to have been the birthplace of Bishop Delancey, of the Protestant Episcopal church, and Archbishop Bayley, of the Roman Catholic see of Baltimore.

Hay Fever Sufferees

Hay fever is a subject of perennial investigiaion. By inquiries among 400 persons at North sea resorts, Dr. Thant has confirmed the assumption that its chief peculiarity is an idiosyncrasy of the olfactory nerve in respect to the odors of certain flowers. and that the only places absolutely free from it are those with scanty, low vegetation without much blossoming. While no remedy will cure once for all in a few applications, the experience of these persons shows that it can be relieved and even cured by local treatment.

Decrease in Wager.

Wages of the working people of the United Kingdom, according to official statistics, showed a decrease of \$7,920,000 last year, compared with the preceding year.

# NEW NAMES ON MAP.

Arctic Explorer Peary Heaves Members of Arctic Club.

Bays, Capes and Mountain Renges Discovered Buring His Recent Trip Are Given Sames-Mountain Colled After Reservett.

Commander Robert E. Peary lestured before the American Geographical society in Mendelssohn hall as New York the other night on his more recent aretic explorations. He told of the movements of the party from the beginning to the end of the exploring expedition. He said that the condition of the ice encountered beyoud the northern point of Greenland made it impossible to go as far north as he had hoped. Commander Peary said he considered that the expeditions had accomplished much in the discovery and mapping of the northern coast line of Greenland, and he announced for the first time the names which he had given to capes, bays and mountain ranges he discovered there. He has named these for members of the Peary Arctic club.

The morthernmost point is Capa Morris E. Jessup, in honor of the president of the club. Then there are E. C. Benedict ford, Cape H. L. Bridgeman, Cape James J. Hill, and in the interior is Roosevelt range, a noble line of mountains.

In the course of his lecture Commander Peary did not once refer to his trouble with Dr. Dedrick, and only twice was Dr. Dedrick mentioned, He stated positively that the discovery of the pole is possible. Referrings to this, he said:

"It may seem to indicate overconfidence to state boldly that the pole can be reached, and yet it is a fact, even though the struggle for it has been going on unsuccessfully for years and years. Each time we have come a little nearer, and each time we have learned a little more.

"The man who can secure a starting point in early spring on the northern coast or Grinnell Land, who has with him the proper equipment and experience, will hold within his grasp the last geographical prize that the earth has to offer."

#### ROYAL WOMEN UNITE.

Form an Americans Whese Purposs In to Create Moral Sentiment and fave Palten Women.

Two queens, 60 princesses and 35 women belonging to reigning families have formed an association to promote morality and to save fallen women. They have pledged themselves to use their influence with leading men whom they meet in favor of their cause. The association held its first meeting at Frankfort, Germany. Sixteen princesses or their representatives were present. An appeal was issued to public leading men, begging them to do their utmost to change the lax views regarding women prevalent among men of the world.

Certain pastors are using their influence to prevent their flocks from visiting seaside places, where promisevous bathing of men, women and children is permitted. At sarious church conferences lately resolutions have been adopted condemning the practice as immoral, immodest, and tending to sap the foundations of the family life.

One small bathing place on the Baltic, which, in former years, was visited by only 251 guests, this year had 3,800, because the authorities advertised family bathing.

# LESSON FROM AMERICA.

The British Admiralty to Introduce the Methods Employed in United States Mayr.

The British admiralty is considering the advisability of taking an important leaf out of the American navy book. The scheme now under consideration at Whitehall is to adopt a measure closely resembling the navy personnel bill passed by the American congress,

A departmental committee has received various reports regarding the workings of the American system. It is said the committee is likely to adopt a plan by which engineers now serving will retire with an honorary line rank, but that in the future engineers will be selected from the cadets of the training ship Britannia, under the system employed at Annapolis, and thereafter will hold executive rank.

One of the great difficulties in the way of the plan is the Britannia's lack of facilities to accommodate a sufficient number of cadets to supply both sections of the service. The innovation probably will be bitterly opposed by certain cliques of the navy.

# BIG BOATS TO BE BUILT.

Cunard Company Plans to Construct the Longest Vesnel in the World.

It is expected that one of the two new fast Cunard steamships will be built on the Clyde and one by Vickers Sons & Maxim. Calculations by experts show the horse power necessary to produce the speed of 25 knots and hour will be greater than had been anticipated. It is likely that the boats will have three screws. They will be the largest vessels in the world in length and will have the greatest power of any affoat.

A Striking Coincidence. It is a fact worthy of particular notice, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, that the hoard of wealth of fabulous value just discovered in a Mexican cave is coincident with the arrival of the winter excursion season.

# L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS