Terrific Power of Nitroglycerin Is Shown by Phenomenon at Explosion.

Marquette, Mich.-More interesting than even the aftermath of a cyclone are the curious things in connection with the explosion of a nitroglycerin mixing house of a powder mill, which wrecked ten of the 30 buildings of a plant near this city and blew to atoms Mye men in the plant at the time.

One of the strangest sights is a steel wail from the tramway tied in a knot around the trunk of a pine tree. The rail is 32 feet long and weighs 12 pounds to the foot. It is torn up from the track leading from the nitroglycerin factory to the mixing-house, and tied in a loop knot, with the other end of the rail uplifted from the ground.

For nearly half a mile in every direction from the scene of the explosion were scattered particles of iron, rock and debris from the mixing-house. Searching parties were organized by the company officials, and men sent to different parts of the woods and on the giver to look for the remains of the workmen killed. Across the Dead river, fully 1.500 feet from where the mixin-house stood, a piece of a man's scalp three inches in diameter was picked up by one of the searchers, while further way on the river a portion of a hip weighing about three ounces was found. Here and there on the snow were particles of fiesh, blackened and burned almost beyond resemblance of being part of a human being. The pieces were assembled in a small wooden box and the remains recovered of the five men would not fill a box 12 inches square.

SMUGGLES BABE IN BASKET Mother Hides Child to Avoid Steamship Fare-Registered

as Alien. New York.-Anna Strotovky arrived here from Naples in the steerage of the Cunarder Pannonia. She went aboard the steamer at Naples alone, and was unaccompanied when she stepped on the barge which took her from Pannonia to Ellis island. Yet all the way on the woyage she fondled an 18-months-old baby. Where did the child come from? Whose was it? These were questions asked by the steerage passengers on the

Pannonia. Mrs. Strotovky kept much to herself throughout the trip and threw no light on the identity of the infant except to way that he was her own.

The baby desappeared as mysteriously as he had come aboard when the Pannonia docked. The magic way in which the child appeared and disappeared was discovered in the discharge room at Ellis island.

Mrs. Strotovky rushed into the arms of her husband, who had come from Paterson. N. J., to meet her, and in her anxiety dropped a covered wicker basket, frm which instantly came the cries of a baby. She explained that she had smuggled the baby into the country in that fashion, fearing the steamship company would make her pay the child's

The immigration officers insisted on having the baby registered, and the name of alien Jakel Strotovky was recorded on the books.

CAPTURES GREWSOME RELIC Captain of British Steamer Gets Away with "Ju-Ju" Insignia of

Human Sacrifice.

London.-A "ju-ju"-a double mask, with a man's head on one side and a woman's on the other, which is worn by medicine men in southern Nigeris while relebrating their horrible sacrifices of buman beings-has been captured un--der remarkable circumstances by Capt. Frederick Shaldrake of the steamer

Banana. "While at Old Calabar," says a correspondent, "Capt. Shaldrake heard the tomtoms beating in the bush. Curiosity led him to go ashore with two or three of his chief officers, armed with revolvers, to see what was going on. He found the Africans sacrificing to the 'ju-ju.' and already several victims had their heads chopped off at one sweep of sword or cutlage

"In an instant Capt. Shaldrake made for the 'ju-ju,' pulled the mask off the medicine man's shoulders, and ran off with it, followed by his officers, revolvers in hand.

"This daring feat partly paralyzed the African spectators, who, if they followed at all, did so too late, for the caphain reached his boat with the trophy."

New Light on Paralysis.

Lecturing before the College of Physicians at Edinburgh, Dr. W. F. Robertson announced experiments made by himself and two colleagues since 1902 tended to show that paralysis and its atlied disease, tabes dorsalis, are as specific in their causation as tuberculosis and diphtheria. Apparently they are traceable to a micro-organism resembling diphtheria bacillus, which is constantly present in the alimentary or respiratory regions. It also is found in the blood and cerebro-spinal fluid.

Slocum Haroes Galora It is said that more than 400 persons in New York have received 810cum medals or certificates for their work at the Slocum wreck. Apparently it would be a real distinction for a Slocum here to go without a deco-

A Partisan Opinion. The London Saturday Review thinks that war is less immoral and shocking to the finer senses than an election. We infer that our contemporary does not like the outcome of the present British contest.

NOVEL BEACH PALACE

BUILT WITHOUT BRICK, STEEL GIRDERS OR TIMBER.

Twelve-Story Fireproof Hostelry at Atlantic City Made Without the Usual Clamor-Hollow Tile Is Used in Construction.

Atlantic City, N. J.—An absolutely fireproof hotel, 12 stories high, built without a brick, steel beam, girder or column, is Atlantic City's latest novelty. A structure like it is not to be found

anywhere else. For various reasons—one being that the noise of erecting a steel frame building would have driven away guests from adjoining hotels-the builders and arch. itects were called upon for plans by which it would be possible to put up a structure 326 feet long and 100 feet high. without the racket made by steel riveters and stone workers. The first exclusively hollow tile and cement build-

ing on a large scale is the result. The necessity for keeping comparatively quiet was only one trouble of the builders of this architectural wonder. At the very outset the contractors were confronted with a foundation problem which was finally solved by driving 1,300 piles into the sand of the beach by jetty-

On this foundation a frame of concrete uprights and girders, strengthened with steel rods, was raised. Next came the walls and floors, all of fireproof hollow tile. Outside the tile is pebble-dashed, and gives a handsome and substantial appearance. Inside the plaster is applied directly to the tile. In the floors hollow tile is used between reenforced cement, thus saving weight and making of the transverse, as well as the upright partitions, so many impassable fire bar-

Comparatively low cost, great saving in time and fireproof qualities unapproached in any other form of construction are the special advantages claimed for this new style of building. Beginning work June 17, the builders were able to promise to complete the job so quickly that the hotel could be furnished and ready for business Febru-

Noteworthy features of the new seashore palace will be that every room will have a bath and a bay window. There are two sun parlors, one 25 feet wide and heated by six elaborate fireplaces, overlooking the board walk, and another running the length of the hotel; but from the view point of the hotel patron the best thing about this new hostelry is that it cannot burn. Engineers and builders are deeply interested in the novel features of construction developed in this hotel (the Marlborough-Blenheim), and many experts have been here to inspect it.

LIVED IN THREE CENTURIES

Aunt Lorica Cox Said to Be the Only Woman in New England Who

Bangor, Me.—Aunt Lorica Cox has celebrated her one hundred and sixth birthday at her home with her daughter, Mrs. Louisa Ann Shaw, in West Harrington. It is said that she is the only woman in New England who has lived in three centuries.

In spite of her years she eats three meals a day with relish, and neither pain nor restlessness disturb her slum-

Mrs. Cox has vivid recollections of all the wars the United States has engaged in since its independence as a nation was acknowledged by England, for she has lived through them all. Her husband James Cov died in the civil war, he having enlisted in company D, Twenty-second Maine volunteers.

Mrs. Cox is a living witness against the theory that tobacco prevents longevity, for she is an inveterate smoker, having acquired the habit in childhood by lighting her mother's pipe.

INDIANS ARE MADE INSANE

One Death Occurs and Half of Tribe Are Suffering from Partaking of Mexican Been.

Winnebago Indian Agency, S. D.-Thomas Hill, one of the most prominent men in the Winnebago tribe, is dead, a dozen or more are violently insane and will probably die, and half the tribe are suffering more or less from the effects of eating large quantities of Mexican mescal beans.

The beans were eaten as a part of the rites of a new religion that was introduced into the tribe by visiting members of a southern tribe several months ago.

Agent McSheridge reports that he is unable to check the frenzy or stop the importation from Mexico of the beans. which are said to first drive insane and then cause the death of those eating

Illinois Inventors Lead All. Illinois ranks first among all the states as possessing the highest percentage of inventive genius, according to the annual report of the commissioner of patents made to congress. While the total lilinois patents is exceeded by that of New York, the average in comparison with the population is higher than that of the Empire state. Of the 26,798 patents issued by the department last year Illinois furnished 2,293, or one to every 1.649 of its inhabitants

Points in Arkansas Geography. Zion, Izard county, darkest Arkansaw, is on Strawberry creek, and is eight or ten miles from Gid. Yell county is in another part of the state -but we haven't time to tell you all We know about Arkansaw

SUICIDES LAID TO OSLER.

Fifty Cases in Cleveland Last Year Ascribed to Doctor's Advice-Facts in Health Report.

Cleveland, O.-On Dr. Osler, noted for his old-age suicide theory, is placed the blame for 50 suicides in Cleveland last year.

Out of 83 cases of self-destruction in this city during 1905, 50 of those who killed themselves were past the age of 40 years

In commenting upon this fact, shown by the annual report of the health department for 1905, Health Officer Friedrich expressed his opinion that the agitation resulting from the announcement of the Osler theory was responsible for this condition.

"Many of these, on reading the opinion of Dr. Osler concerning the age when men pass their period of usefulness and his theory regarding their being put out of the way when the'. period of usefulness was over, became despondent," said he.

"The theory was a nonsensical one, and Dr. Osler himself was not serious when he expressed the opinion. The time when a person becomes old differs and depends entirely upon the individual. Some men are old at 40 Others stay young and are useful members of society for a period nearly twice as great."

The report shows that 33 persons committed suicide by taking poison, and that of this number 15 were past the age of 40.

Twenty persons committed suicide by hanging. Of these 16 were past the middle age. Five were past 60 years. Eleven of the 16 who committed suicide by shooting themselves were over 40. Seven were over 50.

WOMEN LEAD AS USURERS.

No Mercy for Luckless Borrowers Shown by Female Shylocks of London.

London.-Astonishing revelations as to the methods of business pursued by women money lenders in London were made during an investigation here. As much as 130 per cent. a year is exacted.

It would naturally be supposed that these women Shylocks would be more susceptible to feelings of consideration towards their victims than the ordinary male usurer. As a matter of fact, instances were given in which they exacted their pound of fiesh to the utmost from the poor wretches who had fallen into their clutches, and were hard as adamant in face of the most heartrending conditions.

All the women are Jewesses, most of them of advanced age, and their trade is carried on under the guise of loan, discount or banking companies. In one or two cases the women keep in the background, and their transactions are carried on by a male representative, but the majority do all their office work themselves.

The women use methods for collecting their money which the most rapacious male usurer would not think of employing. Some of them have been known to stop their "clients" in the street, and bully them publicly. while householders who have fallen behind in their payments have had stones thrown through their windows by the irate lenders.

BRANDY IS 150 YEARS OLD

Leading London Hotels Have Ancient Product, But French Cellars Take the Lead.

London.—The three bottles of 1789 brandy sold in Paris a day or two ago for \$16 a bottle by no means provide an absolute record in point of age. In half a dozen London hotels anyone may obtain century old ligneur brandy. At the Hotel Cecil guests may drink "Boulestin" of the year ,1800, while comparatively youthful brandy which has only spent 75 years in the same bottle seems quite cheap in compari-

The senior brandy at the Savoy is entering its second century, for it dates back to Trafalgar year-1805. It costs \$20 a bottle. Two varieties of 1808 brandy may also be obtained.

Yet these brandies are in their callow youth compared with some venerable spirits in the cellars of some old French families-brandies which are over 150 years old and only see the light once in a decade, at weddings and similar epoch making events.

GRAVE REGISTERS VISITORS

Tailor Has Invented Beceptacle in Which Those Visiting Cometery May Leave Mementoes.

York, Pa .-- A. H. Kehr, a tailor, has been granted a patent on an odd and grewsome invention.

It is styled "a remembrance card box" and is intended to be installed in cometaries, the idea, doubtless, being inspired by a custom which prevails in Paris.

The box has the general appearance of a mail box, and is intended to receive the visiting cards of persons who think enough of the dead to visit the graves over which one of the new devices is erected.

The box is of velvet, with Venetian iron trimmings, having a glass front and being draped inside with black cloth. It is mounted on a metal post, imbedded in

York capitalists are organising a company to promote the invention.

Trouble Enough. The Moorish commissioner at Algeciras took all his wives with him. One would naturally think he would find trouble enough in the conference

without that.

THE BIGGEST FARM.

300,000 BUSHELS OF CORN IS RAISED YEARLY ON LAND.

Iowa Agriculturist Possessing 15,000 Acres Lays Claim to Unique Title -Affairs Conducted on System of Big Business Houses.

Webster City, la .-- The largest farm n lowa, and no doubt the largest farm in the world where corn is grown almost exclusively, is the big Adams place of 15,000 acres, near Odeboit. The 105 men who have been employed steadily on this farm for the last year aave just finished husking the greatest pornfield in the United States. It is estimated that more than 300 000 sushels of corn were raised there this year. The crop is all cut and husked from the shock. The stocks will be shredded for the fat cattle before pring.

Thirty-seven double stalk cutters were used to bind the corn in the field last fall. Mules were employed almost; everywhere to do the heavy draft work on the farm and there are over 200 of these faithful animals kept there constantly. Mr. and Mrs. Adams and family are at present at their winter home in Chicago and the farm is in the hands of the manager.

With the exception of a large num-

ber of feeders, which are purchased every fall, no cattle are raised on the big farm, except enough milk cows to keep the help supplied with milk. Last winter Mr. Adams had 6,000

sheep brought from his North Dakota ranch for feeding and it is announced that he will do it again this winter as soon as the present yardful of cattle has been marketed.

The affairs at the farm are conducted with as much system as any large business office in the city. There is a main office and headquarters, where the manager of the farm has his desk. It is here that Mr. Adams spends a large part of his time in summer. The farm is divided into sections and each part is under the direction of a subforeman and worked by his force of

All the houses of the employes are located in one place near the center of the farm, making a small town. A schoolhouse is also erected here for the children of the workers.

The farm and its methods are a revelation to the visitor. Adams is an enthusiast for good roads and all through the place he has built handsome driveways.

There is another farm in Sac county. Iowa, which contains 6,000 acres. The land there is not all tilled as on the Adams ranch and hence it is not of so general interest to the public. It is, though, among the record-breakers in this state for acreage owned by one man in one contiguous piece.

EGGS CONTAIN A POISON.

Action of Gastrie Juices and Bile Prevents Bad Effects to the Consumer.

Paris.-Paragraphs have been extensively published in the daily papers dealing with the researches of M. Loisel, of Paris, on the recurrence of poisonous principles in eggs. It seems that the yolk of the eggs of hens, ducks and tortoises contains a poison which, if injected into the veins or otherwise inoculated into the animal body, causes death from its effects on the nervous system. The white of the tortoise's egg also contains a toxic substance.

Why eggs are not poisonous as ordidinarily used or even when eaten raw may be explained on the ground that the action of digestion alters the composition of the egg or at least modifies it so that ill effects are avoided. Indeed it is easy to show that certain foods at a particular stage of digestion are "poisons." It is the action of the liver on such foods which robs them of their power to do harm.

PLAY MAKES THIEF CONFESS Safe Blower Proclaims Himself in Theater and Is Arrested on

Robbery Charge.

New York.-Moved by a passage in a play where a burglar, caught in the act, tells a clergyman that the whole worlds is against a criminal who tries to reform, a young man who gave his name as Aibert Emerson arose from an orchestra seat in the Garden theater and before the audience proclaimed himself an expert safe-breaker and robber and declared his experience proved the words of the stage character. His interruption, made in tones loud enough to be heard throughout the theater, stopped the action of the play. He was arrested. and at the police station his statement and record were verified. Emerson has served several terms in prison.

"Mewsboy" 99 Years Old. Joliet, Ill., beasts the oldest newsboy in the world in Orasmus Page, 99 years old, who has been selling papers there for more than 20 years. Page comes of a family noted for longevity. His father was 89 years old at the time of death, his mother, 98, his grandfather 102, and his grandmother 105. Mr. Page hopes to round out the century, and from all appearances his ambition will be realized. He is known to hundreds of traveling men.

Value of This Hen Is \$750. What is believed to be the record price for a single bird, \$750, has been paid for a buff Plymouth Rock hen at the Boston poultry show. Drevenstedt & Hutchins, of New York, the purchasers, wanted the bird for exhibition at the Crystal palace show, in London, England.

-REVIVAL OF DREYFUS CASE

Extraordinary Tale of Man Who Cut Own Throat in French Cell-Story Supported.

Mulhausen, Alsace.—An extraordinary story is published in a local paper from a correspondent, who states that he saw in a restaurant of Buenos Ayres Col. Henry, the officer who cut his throat in Mont Valerien fort during the agitation over the Dreyfus case, in September, 1898. The correspondent seems to have believed at first that Col. Henry's ghost had appeared to him. He knew the colonel well, and had corresponded with him

farmerly. Looking steadily, the correspondent convinced himself that the real Col. Henry, in flesh and blod, was before him, and no phantom. Seeing the correspondent's eyes fixed upon him in wonderment, the supposed Col. Henry rose from his seat in the restaurant and disappeared quickly.

Later on the correspondent returned to Paris and made an inquiry which, he says, was productive of the strangest surprises. Two doctors who were called in to see Col. Henry when he was lying in his cell with his throat cut have been questioned on the subject. One of them, Dr. Levy, was doing his military service at the fort of Mont Valerien when Col. Henry was brought there. He was summoned, as was Dr. de Lagorce. But it appeared that neither Dr. Levy nor Dr. de Lagorce knew Col. Henry personally. All that they can say, therefore, is that it was a clear and indisputable case of

The "ghost" story is by no means downed, however, and now the Matin publishes a letter from a correspondent who states emphatically that he saw Col. Henry in Paris after it was given out that the officer had cut his throat in Mont Valerien fort.

EAT FRUIT AND SEE SPIRITS.

Rules of Dist Evolved by Which One May Dream of and Talk with Departed.

London.-A new and interesting point in the study of the occult is being discussed. It is the effect of diet on dreams and communication with the spirit world

It is suggested that to obtain clear dreams-dreams which are free from anything of a fantastic horrible or distorted nature-it is not only necessary to retire to rest with the mind calm and contented, but the body also must have been nourished with light and easily digestible food. Most people have experienced night-

cases to a heavy meal before going to bed, but apart from this, no person, it seems, can attain the perfect dream without a special course of diet. B. A. Cochrane of George street, Manchester square, who is an authori-

ty on the subject of dreams, which he

mare, due in the great majority of

s studied for ten years save "I have discovered that no clear dream is possible on the ordinary diet. No meat, or similarly heavy food, or anything containing alcohol must be taken if the right kind of dream is to come. I am a fruitarian myself, and fruit is the best kind of food for the perfect dreamer, although anything very easily digestible will serve the purpose. Such a diet will enable people to get into real rouch with the spirit world, and they will be able to recollect their dreams on awakening."

80 BOOKS AGAINST SMOOT

Women's Names Attached to Petition Asking Mormon Senator's Romoval Fill Many Volumes.

New York.—Eighty volumes containing the signatures of American women who desire to see Read Smoot, of Utah, ousted from the United States senate have been sent to Washington. Six months ago the National League of Women's Organizations sent an appeal to every state asking women to sign a memorial to the senate asking the expulsion of Senator Smoot on the ground that he pledged his first adlegiance to the Mormon hierarchy, thus setting it above the United States government. The question of polygamy was not raised.

The 80 volumes are to be distributed among the senators, and the protest they represent will be presented by Senator Burrows of Michigan. Then each senator will present the signatures from his state.

The names of New York women fill seven volumes, of Pennsylvania, six volumes; of Ohio, four; of Iowa, three; of Illinois, three, and of other states from one to three. All the western and southern states sent long lists of names, except Utah, where only 478 signatures were secured.

Each Man Broke Left Leg. The left legs of four men were broken in a peculiar accident in a mine near Webb City, Mo., the other

John Cellner, Frank Turner, Ward Byerly and Milton Pridemore were descending the shaft in a tub, and when half way to the bottom the friction on the hoister slipped, allowing the cable to unwind rapidly. The tub struck the floor of the shaft hard enough to break the left leg of each of the four men.

As is customery with miners going down in a shaft, each one of the four men had his left foot in the tub and the right one out, and consequently it was the left leg that got the force of the fall.

"What's the Matter with Kansas?" A Kansas man is the possessor of an animal that is half cat and half rabbit. But nothing is strange that happens in Kansas

RESTORE LOST LAKE.

CHANGES IN SALTON SEA LEAST GOVERNMENT TO ACT.

Survey of Surrounding Begion to Be Made by Geological Bureau at Once-Results to Be Tabulat-

ed for Future Use. Washington, D. C .- The changes now taking place in that part of southern California which is known as the Salton sink, Salton sea, Imperial valley or Colorado desert, have resulted

in the director of the United States

geological survey ordering an immediate survey of the entire area. What is now a fertile and populous valley, was many centuries a great inland lake or inland sea 100 miles in length, into which flowed the waters of the Colorado river. Owing to changes in the course of the river the inflow ceased and the water of the lake finally evaporated. At the lowest point in the valley a sait marsh was left, the bottom of which was nearly

300 feet below sea level. About a year ago an irrigation company cut a shallow ditch through the bank of the Colorado river into this basin. A little later, at a time when the water in the river was very high, the banks of this ditch were cut away and its bottom was scoured out by the the entire volume of water in the river flows into the basin.

During the past six or eight months thousands of dollars have been expended in various ineffectual attempts to control the inflow of the river. The salt marsh has been enlarged to form a lake 40 or 50 miles in length, the water of which is rising at the rate of about an inch a day.

The proposed surveys will furnish data for an accurate map of that portion of the lake that lies within the United States and will enable the cartographers of the survey to show, in correct position on the map, the numerous towns within the area: the channels of the two streams that carry the water of the Colorado river to the lake and various other topographical features. With these data in hand, a careful estimate can be made of the time that it would take to fill this great lake basin again should the course of the Colorado river not be changed.

MOTOR HIGHWAYMEN RAID. Dashing Exploits of Two Frenchmen Entitle Them to Record in

That Line. Paris.—France has produced two motor highwaymen that are entitled to the record. They are the brothers Arfeuilles (Louis and Eugene, aged 19 and 21), and the story of their ride from Paris to Poictiers is just as fascinating

as Turpin's ride to York. These ingenious young men a chauffeur in the Bois de Boulogne, drugged him, and stole his car. They were surprised by detectives selling the car next day to a dealer, but escaped. A few days ago they stole a high powered car belonging to an American

resident in Paris and escaped They drove at full speed to Tours. holding up every pedestrian they met on the road. When they reached Tours. they had accumulated about \$1,500 by the proceeds of their robberies on the route, and they began to think that the motor car highwayman business was exceedingly lucrative.

Between Chatillerault and Poictiers they held up several other persons, and their stock of money and valuables grew rapidly. It was nearly daylight when they reached Poictiers, but they awakened an innkeeper, whom they sent to his cellar for more wine, followed him. and after gagging him left him below stairs. Then they robbed the till and took to the road again. After a few more raids they were corralled.

SEES LIBEL ON TOMBSTONE

Woman Has Widower Sent to Jail Because of Inscription-Defendant in Jail.

Berlin -A somewhat singular liber case has just been disposed of at Netze. A man named Schmied had caused to beinscribed on the gravestone of his wife. who died in September, the following: "Here lies Marie Schmied. She dies through unscrupulous treatment after long suffering."

As the result of this inscription two doctors who attended Frau Schmied during her last illness and a midwife took action for criminal libel against Schmied. The latter, however, declared that he had no reproaches to make against the doctors, who thereupon withdrew their complaint.

The midwife, however, held to her complaint, and after hearing the evidence of the district doctor Schmied was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.

Cash in Temperanet

A Swiss life insurance company has taken action which indicates that "temperance" has money value. It has undertaken to insure members of temperance society composed of rail-way employes for four per cent. less! than employes who are not members of it. For some time past a Swiss accident insurance company has given ! total abstainers a reduction of ten per cent. in insurance rates. So well satisfied is the company with results that after January 1, 1996, it made the reduction to total abstalners 15 per

In Nursery Too. An Ohio legislator has had his five-

year-old son appointed as a page. In his case reform should begin not merely at home, but in the nursery.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS