### PICTURESQUE ROCK GONE.

Famous Old Landmark at Santa Monica Crumbles During Rain-

Santa Monica, Cal.—After having with tood the storms for generations, porturesque Arch rock, one of the historic landmarks of the beach above Port Los Angeles, has finally succumbed to the action of the elements. The rainstorm of Saturday night proved its undoing. Sunday morning it was discovered that the natural arch that spanned the two columns through which the county road passed had crumbled and fallen, blocking traf-

Arch rock was as old as the hills when the mission padres who preceded Father Junipero Serra to this bay first wended their way up the coast in search for an easy route to the Spanish missions situates farther north. It had no historic significance other than its natural beauty and romantic surroundings. It was a familiar landmark to this spot were included in all inheraries of the sightseers.

Indians and Mexicans who lived in this section early in the century have handed down its traditions as they received them from their stress and grandsires, and according to their mtories the rock was formerly much larger than it is now and when the wes was at its height the waters rushing through the cave would roar and reecho as the mad breakers would dash against the sides of the tunnel. Year by year it has wasted away. The storm of last March hastened the disintegration, and the arch was further weakened a year ago when the road builders tore away the loose stones that threatened to fall upon pass-

# PIPE COLD AIR FROM WELLS

Cheap and Effective House Cooling

System Put in Use in Montana Town.

Helena, Mont.—The town of Thompson Falls, in Missoula county, has a strange system of cold storage. In the hottest days in summer it is possible to keep living rooms at a temperature of 55 degrees, and butter, eggs and meat are kept cool and fresh without the least trouble. The best part of the cold storage system is that it costs absolutely nothing after the plant has been installed.

Thompson Falls has a large number of wells that furnish cold, fresh air, which rushes upward all summer long. The wells are dug for water, but the supply of cold air is fully as importan.

The wells of Thompson Falls are a little more than 60 feet in depth. The water veins are found in a gravel formation and are doubtless fed by the mountain snows at some distant place. The gravel is porous enough to admit of a freely moving current of air, which during the summer time rushes upward in currents strong enough to snuff out a match held over the wells.

The utility of the cold air currents was first observed in 1884, when the Thompson Falls Mercantile company used the cool air to keep butter, eggs and meat in large quantites. The air can be piped in summer to rooms of houses. The wells are covered over tightly at the top, and large pipes tap the current a few feet below the surface of the ground. These pipes conduct the air to allerent rooms in mearby buildings.

For cold storage plants, a house is built above the well and the air rushes apward continuously, keeping the temperature at an unvarying point.

## ENGLAND'S VAST INSURANCE

Home Companies Close Year with Balances That Are Tremendous.

London.—The people of the British islands are now insured by 96 companies to the enormous total of £941,-879,726 (\$4,705,398,630), and this does not include the figures of the colonial and foreign companies. The blue book which annually appears on this subject, has just been published.

Premiums were paid last year to the amount of £35,644,141 (\$178,220,705), and the year's claims came to £22,122,-435 (\$110,612,175), there being an increase under the latter head of £1,136,-742 (\$5,683,710).

The companies closed the year with balances amounting in the aggregate to £317,058,943 (\$1,585,444,715). Of this sum they now have almost £36,000,000 (\$180,000,000) invested in land, house property and ground rents.

Dogs Devoured Church.

From the loneliest mission station in the world, on an island 700 yards broad in the remote arctic regions morth of Labrador, Rev. E. J. Peck has reached England after a perilous voyage in a 50-ton schooner. The missionary's first church at Blackwell's island. Baffin Land, was made of seal skins, but met with an untimely fate, being completely devoured by Esquimaux. dogs. In spite of privations Mr. Peck and his colleague. Mr. Bilby, gave regular teaching to the neighboring Esquimaux and translated the New Testament and Genesis into Baffin Land dialect.

Business Honesty.

"And now my son," said the bank manager, "on this, the threshold of your business life, I desire to impress one thought upon you. Honesty, ever and always, is the policy that is best."

Yes, father," said the young man.
"And, by the way," appended the
graybeard, "I would urge you to read
up a little common law. It will amaze
you to find how many things you can
do in a business way and still be somest."—Tit-Bits.

HE WAS COOLNESS ITSELF.

Philosopher Gives Practical Demonstration of the Value of Elis Pet Theory.

Perhaps there never was a man who so thoroughly believed in taking things coolly as Mr. Bulteel. The disadvantages of worry, and the loolishness of rush, no matter what circumstance might arise, was the never failing text upon which he hung many and many an improving discourse, says London Answer.

But, as so often happens, Mr. Bulteel's opportunities for putting his favorite theory into practice had been few, until one fateful night when he and his wife were aroused from their midnight slumber by the dread cry, "Fire!"

He was coolness itself.

"My dear," he said calmly to his wife, "the time has come when we will find in practice the value of what I have always preached. Dress yourself quickly, but keep cool."

In tense silence they busied themselves in the operation of quick but unhurried dressing. Then Mr Bulteel slipped his watch into his waistcoat pocket, and they walked safely out of the burning building.

"There, my dear," he said to his wife, when the danger was over, "you see the great value of my philosophy of coolness. Now, if we had lost our beads..."

His wife glanced at him for the first time since the alarm had been given. "Yes, William," she said, sweetly, "your philosophy is both charming and useful; but really, dear, if I had been you I would have put on a pair of trousers!"

SIEGE COST 50,000 LIVES.

Persian Town Beset by Arabs Reduced in Population to
That Extent.

Leland Buxton, who has returned from a tour of several months in the Persian gulf and in the Yemen, visited Sana, which was recently besieged by the rebel Arabs, says the London Telegraph. He states that he found Sana to be practically depopulated, having been reduced from a population of 70,006 to something like 20,000, as a result of the famine during the Arab siege. The Jews suffered terribly during this period, and almost the whole town is deserted. Sana, which, so far as he knows, has only been visited by a few Englishmen has magnificent and large buildings, covered with decorations, and the town is surrounded by mud walls. On his way to the capital Mr. Buxton found villages had been destroyed by the Turkish artillery, and that a great portion of the route to Sana was entirely depopulated. Large numbers of skeletons and skulls marked the route.

The siege of Sana was attended by terrible suffering and starvation, and cannibalism occurred both among the Arabs and the Turks. The people were reduced to terrible straits, and one Turk himself admitted that he had killed and eaten three Arabs. The dogs, which are a characteristic feature of most eastern towns, had disappeared, both they and the cats having been used as food. The only European in Sana is an Italian trader, who was in the place throughout the slege, and who has lived there for 20 years.

# TOO MUCH STANAMETC.

Magistrate Was Not Equal to the Task of Writing It

There was a Greek victory the other day, and it was won in New York, relates the Sun, of that city. "What's the prisoner's name?" asked Magistrate Finn of Policeman O'Brien, who had put forward a descendant of a hero of Thermopylae in the Tombs court.

"Yer honor—well—1 can't say that
1 know it."
"What?" sharply exclaimed the

magistrate.
"Well, yer honor—" began the policeman in a faltering voice.

"I don't know what's the matter with you policemen," snapped the magistrate. "How dare you bring a prisoner here without being able to tell me his name?"

"I can't speak Greek, yer honor," gasped O'Brien.
"What's your name?" queried the

magistrate, scowling at the prisoner.

The prisoner looked like one that is dumb until a fellow countryman translated the magistrate's question. Then, with a chuckle, the prisoner shouted:

"Stanamanakanapapadopoulos."
"Do you think I'm going to write that down? Discharged!" thundered the astonished "Battery Dan."

"Dew Ponds."

The "dew pond" is a curious Stone age relic yet to be traced in Great Britain. In the absence of springs, broad hollows were scooped out, and these were covered with straw or other non-conducting material, with a thick layer of clay and stones on top. At night the cold surface of the clay condensed an abundance of water for the cattle to drink.

Reciprocity.

Picking up a paper, the caller asked:
"Are you a subscriber to this journal?"
"Not exactly," replied the would-be poet. "The editor has placed my name on the free list, however, with the understanding that I am not to send him any more contributions."—Chicago Daily News.

The Clock and the Man,

When a clock is fast you can always turn it back, but it's different with a young man.—N. Y. Times.

-COMPASS OF LITTLE USE.

The Instrument on Submarine Boat
Ceases to Point North
Under Water.

Talking with a young naval officer, 1 learned something about submarine boats that astonished me, says a Brooklyn Eagle writer. He had been down in one of the Holland craft several times and made light of the dangers, but he ridiculed the value of such vessels for warfare. Then he told me the strange inexplicable fact that after the boat is entirely submerged the compass ceases to point to the north. It flies around any old way and cannot be relied upon for steering. Even when the water is clear and still the man at the lookout cannot see more than 20 feet in front of the bow

Rough water on the surface has the effect of giving an opaqueness to the sea underneath—the opposite of the ory. The approach of a submarine car be detected by the masthead that stands out of the water. The vessel rarely descends more than ten or twelve feet below the surface. The general supposition that the boat flounders about it the mud is erroneous.

But the impossibility of steering by compass destroys the practicability of this weapon for actual warfare. In an engagement the submarine would be at likely to torpedo friend as enemy. All manner of strange currents exist under the surface of the sea, and as they have the boat wholly in their grasp she might be turned entirely around in a quarter mile's run. Many of the most expert men in the navy are frying to divise means to overcome the effect of submersion upon the compass.

#### IT WAS JUST LIKE HIM.

A Hopeful Employe's Expectations
Dashed by His Close
Employer.

In a banking office in New Orleans is an aged bookkeeper who began his connection with the business the day it was established. As the years went by, the proprietor, who had started with little, but was extremely "close," amassed an enormous fortune. The bookkeeper piled up but a small amount of savings, relates the New Orleans Picayune.

At last the twenty-fifth anniversary of the firm and of the bookkeeper's service came along. He remembered it, but thought no one else would. To his surprise, the proprietor apoke of it at once.

"Williams," he said, "do you know what day this is?"

"Our tweny-fifth anniversary, sir."
"It is indeed, Williams. And now I have thought fit to commemorate the event, and I have put in this envelope for you a small gift to express my appreciation of your faithful service."

The bookkeeper, his hopes raised

high, took the envelope from his employer and opened it. The "token" was a photograph of the employer. "Well," demanded the donor, as the other hesitated. "What did you want

to say about it?"
"It's just like you!" murmured the bookkeeper. "It's just like you!"

FAMOUS BELGIAN SCULPTOR

First of His Calling to Give to Labor the Precious Baptism of Art.

Just a year ago (April 4, 1905), there died in Brussels, where he was born and where he lived and labored nearly all his days, one of the world's greate est sculptors, writes Christian Brinton, in "A Sculptor of the Laborer," in Century. In his reticence and simple ruggedness and sincerity, Constantin Meunier recalls the master craftsmen of other, sturdier times. He passed away at 74, in the fullness of effort. for he was one of those who mature but slowly. With the exception of a brief sojourn in Spain, he scarcely left his native land. "I have never had any adventures," he once said; "l have only dreamed and worked." Though modern in feeling, his art is both Gothic and Greek, both restless and serene. It is, above everything, an art that typifies the spirit of the hour. All the fierce energy, the material progress and inventive genius of to-day are reflected in Meunier's miners and foundrymen, his puddlers and glassblowers. He was the first sculptor who saw plastic beauty in the workman, the first to give labor the precious baptism of art.

Publications.

Newspapers published in the United States at the close of 1905: Weeklies, 14,455; semi-weeklies, 499; tri-weeklies, 54; dailies, 2,215; total newspapers 17,233. Periodicals, published in the United States at the close of 1903: Monthlies, 2,710; all other periodicals, 552; total periodicals, 3,262; total newspapers and periodicals, 20,485.

Old Barrel Organ.

The parish church at Tobbing, England, which dates back to the thirteenth century, and was recently restored, possesses a remarkable ancient instrument, a barrel organ, which has three barrels and can play 36 tunes. It is turned by the usual handle.

Knows Him.

Flim—Does your wife work?

Flam—Well, I should say so! She works me?

"Gee! Hardest kind of labor, eh?"

—Detroit Free Press.

Bhutting Him Off.

Touchly—I say, old man, I've got a good short story to tell you.

Wiserly—Never mind about it. I'm short myself to-day.—Chicago Daily

News.

FOOD TO SUPPLANT MEAT.

Artificial Albumen the Result of Investigations by German

Consul Pike, of Zittau, reports that an interesting discovery is being discussed by the German press, which refers to the result of a recent investigation by Prof. Emil Fisher, of Berlin. He writes:

"It is contended that the principal nourishment required by the human body for its maintenance is altumen. according to the renowned professor of physiology, Pfeiffer, the source of all muscular strength. For this reason it has at all times been the endeavor of our learned men to obtain more knowledge of this important ingredient of our daily food. Up till now all such efforts have been in vain, but it was recognized that were it possible to make artificial albumen, a complete change in the present system of nourishing the human body would be brought about and would render the now so recessary meat foods to a great extent dispensable.

"Prof. Fmil Fischer, director of the leading chemical institution, the Berlin university, has gained the credit of having accomplished the first analysis of natural albumen. He has established the composition of various ingredients. some of which he has succeeded in producing artificially. The susbtance thus obtained be has called "Polypeptide," and it is said to possess a large number of the properties characteristic of natural albumen. The vast importance of this discovery will be better comprehended when we realize that the introduction of this artificial food will reduce the disastrous effects of bad harvests, pestilence, etc., to a minimum, and cause famine to become a thing of the past."

#### OLD-TIME CLEANLINESS.

Not So Particular About Their Persons in the Days of Early England.

Dr. Somerville Hastings, lecturer at the London Institute of Hygiene, the other day on "Cleanliness Is Next to Godliness," said that people were much cleaner now than in the reigns of Queens Mary and Elizabeth, when the washing of clothes was unknown Cotton was hardly in use and linen was expensive.

The poor wore rough woolen garments, which were never washed, and the better classes adorned themselves with silks and velvets, which were dyed when they would he longer passmuster in regard to cleanliness. It is recorded, continued Dr. Hastings, that James I. never washed either hands or face during the period he posed as the wisest fool in Christendom, but confined his cleanliness within the narrow limits of wiping his finger-

A very simple experiment, made by an eminent bacteriologist, determines in a startling manner the potential dangers associated with accumulations of dust in a living room. A pin-point was used to convey as much dust as so small a vehicle will carry. This yielded no less than 3.000 colonies of living germs, when cultivated on gelatin, and although fortunately every species was not representative of disease, yet the majority were potent sources of decomposition and danger to health.

HIS WATCH OFTEN IN PAWN

How the Mother of an Impecunious Lawyer Put a Check on Har Son.

An impecunious young lawyer whose lack of clients has caused him to make frequent trips to the pawnshop, relates the New York Sun, told the following story on himself:

"My mother gave me a gold watch which was often of more service to me as a pledge than as a timepiece. It grieved her to know that I made such use of her gift and several times she furnished the means of redeeming it.

"One day when I had gone particularly long with no visible means of telling the time my mother demanded the pawn ticket. Within a week she handed me my watch and I promised, as usual, not to pawn it again. But the necessity soon returned and I had recourse to the loan office. The pawn-broked glanced at the timepiece and opened the inner case.

"His manner became formal. 'Where did you get this watch?' he inquired.

it was a present, I replied.

"'Well, I'm going to hold it until you can prove it's yours, he declared, and then, by way of explanaion: 'I suppose you didn't read what's engrered on the case?'

"There was nothing to do but go home and make a clean breast of it."

Many Titles

The marquis of Butte, who is the fortunate holder of 11 titles, lord of over 180 square miles of land, and a five-fold millionaire, is a rare combination of bookworm and keen sportsman. In his attire he favors the kilts, and in music the bagpipes, on which instrument he is an expert performer.

He Was Real Rude.

"Just to show you that I am not ashamed to have my age known," said the bachelor girl, "I'll bring the family Bible and you can see for yourself."

"All right," rejoined the giddy young

man. "What chapter and what verse, please?"—Chicago Daily News.

HOBBIES AND PASTIMES

Matienal Occupations of People with Time to Spare in Various Places.

Parrots and minas afford a never falling source of occupation to those gifted with sufficient patience to undertake the task of teaching these birds to speak. A favorite method with hird trainers is to lower the cage down a well, and, seated on the edge of the coping, to pour forth for a couple of hours nightly a monotonous repetition of "Pretty Polly," etc. Others seek the seclusion of a dark room for the same purpose.

Various places lend themselves to particular hobbles. In the Andaman islands mother of pearl is plentiful, and everybody goes in either for polishing shells or making rings and bracelets from them.

Gibraltar has its staple hobby in rock ornaments made from a beautifully veined stone which abounds, is easily worked and takes a high polish. This is a very profitable hobby, as brooches, crosses, paper weights, Bible and prayer-book markers and other knickknacks find a ready sale among

tourists.

In Burma, the land of teak, the carving of elaborately decorated photoframes enables many a man to while away hours that would otherwise be dreary. And at Bhamo pleasure may be combined with profit in fashioning ornaments of serpentine

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In India soldiers recovering from serious illness are usually sent to shill stations to complete their cure, and can find plenty of wood to whittle into waiking sticks. For one of these eticks which the writer has an offer of £2 10s, was made, its actual value as a stick might be about one shilling, but it is covered with most elaborate carvings of birds and flowers, and represents four months' work

### THE UNSOPHISTICATED MAN

Thought to Have for Himself a
Drawer in the Bureau, But
All in Vain.

Once a wise man built a large house.

"I will place in this house many bureaus. There shall be bureaus on all sides, in all the rooms. They shall be large, reaching from the floors to the ceilings, and in these bureaus there shall be hundreds and hundreds of drawers. Then I shall say to my wife:

"This one little bureau drawer down bere in the left-hand corner of the cellar, under the stairway, is mine All the rest of the bureau drawers, my dear, are yours."

And the house of the wise man was finished, and in it were one mile of bureaus, and in the bureaus there were 14,000 drawers, relates the Denver News.

And it was late Saturday night when the last load of furniture was moved into the house and put in place.

Sunday morning this wise man arose with a light heart. He tiptoed to the little drawer down under the stairway in the cellar to get himself a clean shirt and a change of underwear. He paused and exclaimed:

"At last I have a private drawer!"

He stooped and pulled the drawer and looked in.

There were veils, feathers, ruching, hairpins, red ribbons, blue ribbons, safety pins, petticoats, silk stockings, powder puffs, corset covers, trading stamps, chewing gum, shoestrings and other articles too numerous to mention.

The wise man dug out his stiff shirt, his underclothes and clean collar and carefully wrapped them in an old newspaper. He carried them to his room and shoved them under his bed.

Then he went out doors and meditated.

PEWS THAT CARRY A VOTE

Queer Custom of a Parish Church in
England Dates Away

Back.

The parish church of Chertsey postesses a curious anomaly, says the Sunday Strand. It has several pews in its gallery which are bought and sold by auction, just like a table or a chair, and these pews give their owners for the time being a legal right to vote at parliamentary elections in the division. Moreover, the owners of the pews have to pay the poor rate of £2 a year into the bargain—a privilege they are not so eager to use as the former one.

Many years ago the church wardens of Chertsey were at their wits end in order to raise money for the restoration and repair of the sacred edifice, and they could fine no solution to the question until some parishioners suggested that they should sell the gallery pews to the highest bidder. They accepted the idea and obtained a special act of parliament allowing them to do this, and also giving the privilege of a parliamentary vote. A pew was recently sold at Tokenhouse Yard for £50.

New Nomenclature.

It is the opinion of the London Dally News that with "All-of-a-sudden Peggy" we may be entering upon a new era of nomenclature, and that critics may shortly expect invitations to "More-or-less William," "Day-after-to-morrow Dolly," "Deliberately-and-of malice aforethought Julia," and so forth.

Unacquinted with Chickens,
"That chicken you sent me for yesterday's dinner was very old," said the
bride to the poultry man.
"You are mistaken; it was a young

chicken, madam," replied the dealer.
"Don't tell me it was young! Why, it
didn't have a single tooth in its
mouth!"—Yonkers Statesman.

COURT KILLS HOTEL GRAFT

Habit of Charging Huge Fees in Event of Iliness of a Patient Is

Abolished.

Geneva.—American tourists will be glad to learn that one form of hotel extortion has been abolished by a decision of the federal tribunal of Switz-

erland.

The proprietor of the Grand Hotel du Cervin, at San Luc, in the Canton of Valais, sued a Geneva gentleman for \$25,000 damages and payment for rooms vacated by guests who left the hotel on account of the filness of Miss. Cartier, his daughter.

Miss Cartier had been declared by two doctors to be suffering from scarlatina while she was staying at the hotel. Later it was discovered that Miss Carier was suffering from only a cold.

The federal court, by six votes to one, decided against the hotel proprietor and censured him for bringing such an action and made him pay all the costs.

In the various continental hotels sickness, and particularly death, is likely to be an expensive luxury. Charges similar to the above case are frequent and usually the guest actiles rather than go through a tedious law suit, particularly if he is an American

In case of death the hotel proprietor before he will allow the body to be removed from the hotel exacts from the moved from the hotel exacts from the relatives payment for the room the dead person occupied for the remainder of the season, claiming that he will be unable to let the room again owing to the antipathy people have to occupying a room where some one has died.

In France the landlord can also collect for refurnishing the room, as it is supposed a room in which a death occurs is always refurnished.

IMMIGRATION TO FALL OFF

That Is Prediction of President of National Institute—Sees Decrease of 90,000.

New York - The annual forecast of immigration for the year has been insued by Broughton Brandenberg, president of the National Institute of Immigration. This forecast has for three years estimated the influx within 20,000.

There will be, Mr Brandenberg thinks, a considerable decrease, about 90,000, in immigration into the United States for 1906 as compared with the previous year. This is more in the gross than in the net, owing to some peculiar conditions.

The extremely open winter in America has allowed an estimated 200 mog-laborers to continue their lonentair work with more or less regularity. At least 75,000 of these would have returned to Italy. Austria-Hungary and Greece for the winter and come again this spring or been replaced by relatives. A vast quantity of work laid out for this summer has been done this winter, which will make the labor market far easier until August or September, too late greatly to affect the year's immigration. The possible coal strike will deter, tens of thousands from emigrating

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There will be an extremely heavy falling off in the Galician. Russian and Polish Jew immigration. The events of the last two years in Russia have served to promote a new solidarity among the Jews and they are likely to remain where they are.

WHALE TAGS OCEAN LINERS
Leviathan Races with Two Big Ships

temporarily at least.

Leviatnan Haces with Two Big Ships at Sea—Story Told by

Passengers

New York—Tales of how a big whale played tag with two liners in

mid-ocean were told by passengers on

the Kroonland, of the Red Star line,

which arrived from Antwerp and Dover. The other vessel in the game was the Campania of the Cunard line, bound eastward.

The leviathan was sighted by the Kroonland's lookout about three o'clock in the aftermoon. It was near-

Iv a mile ahead and a little to star-

board of the steamship.

The Campania had climbed above the horizon a short time before, and the vessels were approaching each other. When the whale caught sight of the Kroonland it steered, toward the south, evidently intending to cross

her bow.

It swam faster than the Kroonland was going, however, and with a disgusted sort of spout turned and made away to the north.

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By this time the Campania had come up. The whale kept straight on until it found the other black monster, with great red gills amidship, crossing its path. Then it turned, spouted furiously for a few minutes and them

Aged Woman Hoboes' Friend. Mrs. Temperance Ellen Talbott, mother of Congressman J. Fred Taibott, who died at Baltimore, Md., at the age of 91 years, had implicit faith. in the honesty of hobos, and her confidence never was betrayed. No tramp\_ or beggar ever was turned away hungry from her large estate near Luther-ville, Baltimore county. For nearly years the knights of the road who stopped at the gates always obtained a good meal, and in cold or stormy weather a place to rest and sleep. She had bunks constructed in one of the large barns, which were kept filled with clean straw for the accommodation of the weary travelers. In the morning the farm hands started them on their way with a breakfast and froquently a lunch for their next meal.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

Ant très rémandre en Louisians et dans tons les Etats du Sa publishté offre dons au commerce des avantages exceptionnels Prix de l'abonnements sur l'autien de l'abonnements sur l'autient des la comme de la co