Enterprising Men Are Raising Butter. flies for the Market.

At a time when all sorts of animals and plants are bred to a large scale, it is not wholly astonishing endeavors abould have been made to raise rare. beautiful and valuable butterflies by artificial means. In fact, the first butterfly farm was established some years ago by an English entomologist, William Watkins, at Eastbourne, a small channel harbor, who has devoted to the industry extensive grounds covering an area of about an acre in extest, protected against ocean winds and planted with flowers, shrubs and trees. In this farm many thousands of insects of varied species move shout in a state of perfect liberty, inside a high lattice-work fence, which separates them from the outside world till they are purchased by collectors

at high prices. Similar plants, in which more elaborate methods of butterfly breeding are employed, have of recent years been installed, the best known being those founded by Dr. Hughes, at Chomerac, and by M. Andre, at Macon.-Techmical World.

KEEPING THEM BOTH IN LINE.

Just One of the Tribulations of the Modern Statesman.

"Senator," said the private secretary, "here's a letter from the editor of the Skedunk Bugle, who wants to know how you stand on the question #! repealing the tariff on wood pulp." "Tell him," said Senator Ptrimmer, "that---"

"But here's one from a paper manbfacturer who writes to ask you if you are going to allow the senseless clamor of irresponsible newspaper men to influence you against the great principle of protection to home indusfries, and cause you to vote for the rereal of the most righteons and neceseary tariff on wood pulp."

"H'm!" mused the eminent statesman. "William, send the editor's letter to the paper manufacturer and the Paper manufacturer's letter to the editor, and explain to each in strict confidence that a public man who is strying to serve his country has to stand this sort of rot from ignorant or

prejudiced constituents who seek to dissuade him from the faithful performance of his sworn duty-bigoch!"

Found Room for the Stamp. The other day a lady who lives in a town near this city sent her little son to the post office to mail a letter, and when he returned three or four hours later she questioned him concerning the errand.

"Johnny," said she, "did you mail my letter as I told you?" "Yes," answered Johany, "but the

man weighed it and said I would have to put on another stamp." "I didn't know that it was heavy enough for an extra stamp," respond-

ed the mother. "You didn't put it on es that it would cover the address. andld you? "Oh, no," was the prompt reply of

Johnny. "I saw that there wasn't much room, so I just put it on top of the first one."—Philadelphia Tele-🔩 praph.

Absent-Minded Statesman.

Representative William H. Ryan of Luffalo was getting ready to go home for the Christmas holidays. He packed his trunk carefully, but thought it looked as if it needed roping. So he sent-downstairs for the porter of hie botel and gave instructions. The porter came up and crossed and crisscrossed the trunk with rope until it was fixed to go to Asia, to say nothing of Buffalo.

Ryan felt in his pocket for a quarter to give to the porter. Then he hat down suddenly and exclaimed: "Well, I'll be darned!"

"What the matter boss?" asked the porter.

"Matter enough," yelled Ryan. "I've left all my money and my railroad ficket in a pair of trousers I packed in that trunk."

Slaughter of Wild Swans.

Gunners on the lower Niagara river almost annihilated a flock of wild swans that visited that section late Sunday afternoon.

Most of the swans were brought down with fowling pieces as they hovered over the lower river, but not a few of them were taken alive. The Firds that settled into the water seemed to get caught in the ice and eddles and could not rise and the hunters went after them in boats.

The capture of swans at that point Is not an unusual occurrence, though such a big catch as that of Sunday has never before been recorded here -Niagara Falls Correspondence Buf alo News.

Mignonette Drives Away Flies.

Mignonette, it has been discovered, Is abhorred of flies, and in a reom where pots of this flower are set no 🗗 will linger for a moment.

Now is the time to sow the seeds and for early blooming the pots must ta subjected to gentle heat. Instead of fly papers and horribly sticky brown mixtures left about a room in glass dishes, what a blessed resource as a deterrent to the irritating fly in the sweet, wholesome flower of

Her Cheerful Way,

"I always look on the bright side of things," said Miss Peachley Spiting the action to the word, she stepped up to her mirror and looked long and admiringly at its bright side. Confusion of Names Leads to Em-

barrassing Error. A curious instance of a French distinction being conferred on the wrong

man has just been revealed. A few days ago it was unnounced that a Mr. Henri Japy, county couneillor for the district of Belfort, had been appointed an officer of the Legion of Honor for meritorious services. M. Japy now writes to the news.

papers to protest. I was duly proposed for the distinction," he says, "but have never received it, another person of the same name, M. Jules Japy, has received the distinction intended for me, since the official journal places to that gentleman's credit the facts for which the distinction was to have been conferred on me.

"On making inquiries I discovered that a careless clerk had accidentally placed the documents relating to my matter in a cardboard cover bearing the name of M. Jules Japy, who was decorated on the strength of my

papers." The authorities informed M. Japy that a very embarrassing mistake had been made. They could not very well take away the distinction from M. Jules Japy, upon whom it has been conferred by mistake, and, on the other hand, there was no other distinction to make good the mistake. M. Henri Japy must, therefore, wait for another opportunity, as the number of decorations conferred at each period is strictly limited.

ADMITTED TO VIEW DIAMONDS. Way of the De Beers-Premier Com-

bination with Its Customers.

Bome jewelers were discussing the diamond situation and one of them told about a thing that was new to a merchant from out of town. The conversation led to the De Beers-Premier combination and the fact that it controlled 98 per cent. of the diamond output of the world.

"Every so often in the year." said this jeweler, "the diamond syndicate sends notice to the jewelers who are on the combination's list that a sight may be had of lots of certain kinds. A sight is the trade name for a view of the special lot of diamonds.

"The cutters who are notified come to take a look at the diamonds in the show rooms in London. If they want to buy they purchase them then and there for spot cash. There isn't a minute's credit.

"Furthermore, if a firm sends an agent there five or six times without his buying anything at the sight the syndicate cuts it off the list. That happened once to a firm with which I was connected some years ago, and it is twying still to get back on the

"When you realize that the other two per cent, of diamonds come from Brazil you may imagine that the syndicate is in a position to do things in

Cotton in Arizona, After an experiment that is said to establish beyond any doubt the adaptability of the Salt River valley soil to the growing of Egyptian cotton a movement is now on foot to plant a large acreage this season, and it is firmly believed that cotton is destined to become one of Arizona's greatest

sources of wealth. The movement was started by W. L. Strickland of Arlington, who stated a few days ago that as much as 300 acres will be planted to Egyptian corton this season.

Experiments made at Arlington show that two bales of cotton can be raised to the acre there. Some of the cotton raised at Arlington was sent to government experts and they declared it equal in texture and quality to the Egyptian product.

Baim for the Aged. The aged parent was greatly, very

greatly, in the dumps. "For, look you," he said, "I don't know half as much as my eldest daughter-she told me so a hundred times; and Jim and Bill can simply lay it all over their dad when it comes to arguing; and my wife says that if ever there was a stupid man about the house it's me and no mistake."

"But," we said, "remember you have the bulge of them in one way. Limited as your intellect may be, you are still the only one of the bunch that can earn the daily soup and saind"

The aged parent now smiled and went his way completely reassured by our specious reasoning.-Puck.

New Peril for French Navy.

France faces a new peril in opium -not new in the strictest sense, but naming new proportions, as evideaced in the recent trial for treason of the naval officer, Ulimo. French naval officers say that the use of opium, smoked, is general among both officers and men of all ages, though it is asserted by them that officers do not indulge their taste in this way while on the sea. Apologists even as sert that the "moderate" use of the drug, "with frequent and long interruptions," is a good tonic. This frankness betrays a state of mind of serious import. How to check the use of opium and how to inculcate in the navy a sentiment against it is a big

Under Another Name.

"They didn't have peace congresses when you were young, did they,

grandma?" "Yes, we did, child; but we called them quilting parties."

BEEK TO IMPROVE ON NATURE. TO DECORATING THE WRONG MAN TOWERED ABOVE HIS FELLOWS.

Scatchman an Almost Perfect Example of Physical Manhood.

Ledbetter, the most perfect specimen of manhood ever seen in our modern world, had an aversion to athletics almost akin to horror, says the New York Press. He was a wholesale dealer in plumbing aupplies on a large scale in Glasgow, six feet ten inches in height and built like an Olympian god. He never trained for anything. He refused to witness athletic exhibitions. But he seemed to absorb strength from the earth or the atmosphere, and could easily handle any four men in Scotland. He could throw Hackenschmidt over his shoulder with one hand.

This Hercules hated to appear in public because he was extremely seasitive about his size. His shoulders were a yard wide, and his overcoat reached nearly to the ground. As he walked along the street he could hear such remarks as, "I wonder how many yards of cloth it takes to make that man a coat?" In public vehicles, when riding with a man of average size, Ledbetter would pile the cushions on ton of each other to elevate his companion to his own level: He was a head tailer than any carriage in Glas gow, and people used to gaze in wonder as he passed by.

WON GLORY IN GREAT MUTINY

"Boyle of Arrah" One of Last Survivors of Gallant Band.

The death, in his eighty-sixth year, of "Boyle of Arrah" removes one of the few survivors, if there are any left, of one of the conspicuously gallant exploits of the great mutiny in India. Richard Vicars Boyle, to give him his proper name, and a proper fighting name it is, was at the outbreak of the mutiny an engineer in charge of the construction of the East India railway at Arrah, which is in northern Bengal. At the first rumor of the outbreak the women and children were sent to Dinapore, and the Englishmen and Eurasians, supplemented by 50 faithful Sikhs, shut themselves up in Boyle's bungalow. Herwald Wake, magistrate of the district, took charge and left a record of the siege written on the whitewashed

walls, "in case we should be scragged. The rebels had cannon, and the attack was flerce, but the little garrison held out from July 28 till August 2, when Vincent Eyre defeated the natives and relieved the siege. Boyle, who wast the strategist and engineer of the defense, planning fortifications with great skill, was made a companion of the order of the Star of India. and also received a grant of land to the neighborhood. And ever since be has been "Boyle of Arrah."

Tennyson's Complaint.

In Walter Crane's autobiography he gives an interesting picture of Tennyson. It was at a dinner party at Rev. Stopford Brook's and the poet was reading to the company his "Ballad of the Fleet" in "in his deep, impressive voice in a way which reminded us of his own description. In the 'Morte d'Arthur,' of how the poet, Everard Hall (which may have been him-

'Read, mouthing out his hollow o'sand a's.

Deep-chested music. "When the reading was finished, and when the applause and gratitude of the small audience had subsided, the laureate growled out: 'Yes, and to think that these wretched fellows of the nineteenth century gave me only £300 (\$1,500) for it."

Going Down.

A public school teacher in Philadelphia had occasion once to correct the pronunciation of a pupil of Scotch origin. The lad persisted in saying "doon" instead of "down." Finally. the instructor's patience becoming exhausted he shouled at the boy:

"Down! Down! Down!" The pupil in question remained undisturbed by this outburst, but another lad in the rear of the room quickly sprang to his feet, stuck out his hand in a mechanical way; then, suddenly exhibiting great embarrassment, sat

"Well, my boy," said the teacher, good-naturedly, "you must be a football enthusiast."

"Not exactly, sir." replied the box "I run the elevator down to Perkin's." -Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Kaiser's Ever Ready Revolver.

Emperor William II. is never without his revolver, and he is extremely skilful in the use of the weapon. It is inspected and freshly primed every morning so as to make sure it is in perfect working order.

Firmly convinced that he is going to die by the hand of an anarchistthis fate having been prophesied for him long ago-he is determined to make a stern fight for his life, and to have at any rate the satisfaction if he fails of inflicting some injury upon his assailant.

Where Circuses Outfit. One never thinks of the circus ta

connection with the sea, and there fore a waterside wanderer was very much surprised the other day to see a brilliant red-and-gold circus wagon backed up against the curb on South street, near Peck slip. His surprise was swept away a moment later by seeing three men emerge from the doorway of a sailmaker's shop with great bundles of white, roped canvas on their shoulders. Then he realized they were getting the "big top" ready for the season.—New York Press.

"NEW PRINCIPLE OF FIGURING.

System of Household Economy That Seams Possessed of Justica.

In a discussion of household economy a club woman said the other day: "The late Susan B. Anthony once threw a new, strange light on this subject. She was talking to me about the allowances that husbands make their wives, and I can't help thinking that there was a good deal in what she said.

"She said that an average man and his wife, an average woman, were discussing their receipts and disbursements. The man, a bookkeeper, had had his salary reduced. It was now \$1,100. He wanted his wife to tell him on what weekly gllowance she could hereafter run the house.

"Well," said the wife, 'there are a good many things to consider." "I know it," said the man, 'but just

figure them up." "She began to calculate. 'There are the clothes for the three children. she murmured. 'There's the servant's wages. There's the butcher, the grocer, the baker, and the milkman.

There's the rent, the--' "'Well, figure it up' Figure it up. can't you?' the man interrupted, rath

er impatiently. "The woman looked up suddenly. 'I could figure it up, she said; 'but I have thought of a much simpler plan. "'All right. What is it?' said he

"'It is,' she answered, 'that you fig are up instead what it will cost you for car fares, luncheons and tobacco and hand over the rest to me."

BOAT CONSTRUCTED OF WICKER Said to Be Warranted to Stand the

Roughest Usage. While the steamer Statendam of the Holland-American line was coming up from quarantine several days ago on her last trip to New York, & group of passengers was commenting on the stoutly built lifeboats on the boat deck. One of the passengers sain he felt sure that all hands would be cared for if they had to take to the small boats, but that he had an emer gency lifeboat of his own, which he would use if he was unable to get into a small boat of the steamer. "I have a big wicker water-tight trunk that I always carry in my stateroom, he

said, "and I would throw out the con tents in a minute and drift in that trunk, if emergency demanded." Some one laughed, and then one of the party said to the speaker: "Your idea of a wicker lifeboat has been put into practical form by C. J. de Vos, the Dutch inventor, of Rotterdam. He has recently patented a wicker lifeboat that has withstood unusually rough tests in a heavy sea. With the exception of the ribs and seats the boat is made entirely of water-tight wicker. It is absolutely unsinkable, and can stand five times as much pounding as the wooden or steel lifeboats. It does not look inviting, but it rides the seas beautifully and has a greater capacity for passengers and provision the other heavier boats."

Wanted-A Clock.

An Ohio country couple took the train into Cleveland not very long ago to do a bit of shopping. They especially designed a clock.

"Now," said the obliging salesman. who came to answer their wants, "here is something most attractive in the way of clocks. When the hour begins, a bird comes out from the top and sings 'cuckoo'. For example, I turn this hand to four o'clock, and the bird comes out and sings 'cuckoo' four times.

"Well, well, doesn't that bear the deuce:" exclaimed the bushand, admiringly. "Mira, let's take one."

"No. siree!" objected Mira, decidedly. "Them clocks is all right for folks that's got lots o' time on their hands. but it'd take me half the day taking care o' that bird!"-Illustrated Suaday Magazine.

The Clever Woman.

In a few years' time we shall perhaps cease to hear invidious distinc tions drawn between "clever women" and others, who by inference are of fuffy mind.

Men hold a distinct advantage over the opposite sex in this respect, and one which women are among the first to appreciate and envy. We seldom know when we are in the presence of overpowering and humiliating mascu line cleverness, because men are, as s rule, permitted to regard their intel lectuality as something apart from their social qualifications. Women, on the other hand, who are

clever, are labeled, wound up and ex pected to perform wherever they ap pear.

A Friend of Horses.

Mrs. Theodore Thomas, the widov of the famous orchestra leader, is making an effort to have the draught horses in Chicago more humanely treated. In a recent address which she delivered to the teamsters in their official headquarters she asked their co-operation in doing away with the practice of overloading wagons engaged in heavy teaming and in drafting an ordinance to be presented to the city council regulating the tonnage teamsters may be permitted to

A Housewifely Request. She-Dearest, are you going fish ing?

He-Yes, darling.

She-Well, I want to put up some preserves this year. Won't you catch me some jel'y fish !- Baltimore AmerHER DAY OF SPRINGTIME GONE.

Woman Forced to Recognize the Ruthless Hand of Time.

"I have discovered that I am middle aged," she said, upon her return from a trip down town recently. She who each year, upon the recurrence of her hirthday, declares her age to be 28, expecting the assertion to be accepted by her relatives and friends; she who was supposed to have discovered the secret of perpetual youth, sank wilted into the Morris chair.

"I have ridden to-day on three lines of cars," she explained. "I started down town by the trolley line, trausferring to the elevated, and came home by the subway. I stood up all the way down town and all the way home," she wailed. "And that proves-"

"That I am no longer young, neither have I yet become old. I am simply and unattractively middle aged.

"When a very young woman enters a erowded car a score of men jump to their feet; when a young woman enters # dozen rise; when one 'still young' comes in at least one or two seats are offered; the woman with white hair, bowed shoulders and fall tering feet has no trouble in secur ing a seat. But, alas! for the middle aged! She appeals neither to the spirit of gallantry nor of chivalry, to admiration nor reverence.

"I have stood in a car to-day for the first time in my recollection. accept the flat. I am middle aged Bring me a cup of tea."

GET KNOWLEDGE OF BUSINESS.

One Corporation Publishes a Text Book for New Employes.

A large corporation has lately shown its appreciation of the value of giving new employes a thorough general knowledge of the business by publishing a book describing in an interesting fashion all the details of the company's work, says System.

It is a volume of over 200 pages, illustrated with fac simile cuts of various reports and other forms used A copy is furnished every employe, an i he is expected to master not merely the portions pertaining to his own work, but the entire book.

Quizzers are beld at frequent int vals throughout the organization and dismissal is the penalty for ignorance of any subject treated in the volume. "It costs about \$2,000 to publish this

book," says the president of the company, "but we consider it money well invested and we are planning to issue a new and up-to-date edition every

"When a man enters our employ he is told to read this manual and do nothing else until he has thoroughly mastered it. This gives him a general knowledge of the business, and if there are any points he does not understand they are cleared up before he begins work."

The Best Men.

"I can get an English coachman a place twice as quickly as a German or a Yankee coachman," said an em ployment agent. Each country, I find, is supposed by the public to turn out one kind of workman of peculiar excellence. Thus England's specialty is the stableman.

"France's specialty is the chauf feur. The cook, too, is a specialty of France.

"Scotland is noted for its engineers. and in the field of sport for its golf coaches.

"The Swiss are considered to be the best watchmakers, It is never any trouble to get a Swiss warch-

maker a joh. "The Swedes are the best sailors "Germans are at a premium 33

brewery hands. "Italians are in demand as plaster workers, a trade wherein they wonder fully excel."

Two Waters from One Well.

Two kinds of water flowing from

the same well are to be found at Riverside Park, Logan's Park, Ind. An eight-inch pipe is sunk into the ground for a distance of 80 feet, and finside this is a five-inch pipe, which is carried carried down somewhat farther. Fresh water from the limestone stratum comes up between the two pipes, while water which tastes and smells strongly of hydrogen sulphide comes up through the five-inch

pipe from a lower stratum. The sulphur water flows at the rate of a gallon a minute from the drinking fountain over the well, while the fresh water flows with smaller volume from a pipe about 20 feet distant.—London

Uncle Sam will soon have eight brand-new fighting ships—a fleet all by themselves. The new armored cruiser North Carolina, which is to be commanded by Capt. W. A. Marshall, now commandant of the Boston navy yard, is 90 per cent. completed. Other ships within a few points of the 100 mark in the percentage of completion are the Idaho, battleship, 97.25; New Hampshire, battleship 99.30; Montana, armored cruiser, 94.96; Chester, scout cruiser, 98.38;

Cruisers Nearly Completed.

And Then Willie Did, Too. "Now, children," said the teacher, "who can tell me what Jonah did and

rine No. 99.

Birmingham, scout cruiser, 98.69,

Salem, scout cruiser, 94.31; subma-

what happened to him?" "I krow," answered Willie Smart; "he ran away from his job and got whaled."-Boston Transcript.

LACKED BENSE OF GRATITUDE

New York Woman's Ridiculous Com-· plaint Against Firemen.

"Talk about ingratitude," said a fire man," according to the New York Sun, "it would be impossible to sharp. en any tooth belonging to a serpent or anything else so it could bite like the ingratitude of a woman, whose house caught are recently. It was an ivy covered house and very pretty.

"The fire had got a fine start before the alarm was sent in, and it took some pretty lively hustling on our part to keep the whole place from going up in smoke. However, we managed to save the house, the people living there, and most of the furn! ture, not mentioning a few pet dogs and a canary, so we flattered ourselves that we had done about all that could be expected under the circumstances

"But we found that we were mistaken. The day after the fire the woman who owned the house gave us a call. We supposed she came to thank us-people do those things sometimes, you know-but she hadn't; if you will believe me, she had come to lambast us for tearing loose all those ropes of ivy that it had taken so many years to train over the waits of the house."

WATER THIS MAN'S ONLY DIET.

Les Angeles Citizen Tries a Novel Plan to Stop Smoking.

Just because Day H. Elmore, a Low Angeles cigar dealer, wanted to stop smoking and also reduce his weight, he began to live on nothing but water. and now and then a sour lemonade, 29 days ago.

He has lost 20 pounds off of his 200-pound total, and wants to lose four or five more.

His voice alone seems weak Otherwise this "personally conducted starvation tour," as his friends call it, has proven quite enjoyable, Elmore says, and he declares he rather dislikes the idea of ever eating again. However, this is almost complete abstinence from sustenance which be in undergoing now, with the result that the first week he lost flesh at the rate of two pounds a day; the second week he fost a pound a day, later half a pound, and finally but a few ounces.

He began the fast gradually sac meal and then one day at a time, in th after he had goue three days with out eating, when everything went

He does not feel pervous or run down, and sleeps well.

All Caused by Mongrel. How a yellow mongrel dog "sicked" Theodore Roosevelt into reforming the New York police department was told to the Rockefeller Bible class by Jacob H. Rifs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was there.

Mr. Rils said be was going to jump into the bay one night when a yellow dog came up and rubbed against him. riendly that he gave up the suicide idea and took the dog to a police station to spend the night A police sergeant threw Rifs out and the dog bit the policeman, whe

promptly killed it. Later, when Roosevelt was police commissioner, Rits told him of the incident. He was so incensed that then and there he began cleaning out the police stations

Pneumatic Clocks in Paris.

The city of Paris is being rapidly supplied with a system of public clocks worked by compressed air un der electrical control

The entire area of the city is divided into sections about a mile and three-quarters in radius, and in the center of each section is a substation provided with a reservoir of compressed air, from which air pipes ex tend to all the clocks included in the section.

By means of electro-magnets, energized every minute with currents from the commutator controlled by the masster clock at the central station, the air-pipes are intermittently connected with the reservoirs, and thus the compressed air, once every miaute, drives forward the bands of the clock.

Steel in Place of Leather.

Steel bands or belts, as a substitute for ordinary leather or rope drives. 'have been introduced by a factory of Charlottenburg, Germany. Such beits may be reduced to about one-sixth of the size required for leather belts. they do not stretch, pulleys may be narrower, and in some cases shafts may be smaller. Either ordinary pulleys or pulleys with a special coverfing to increase friction may be used A belt four inches wide and one-fifth of an inch thick transmitted 200 te 250 horsepower at a belt speed of 5,400 feet per minute, and tests have shown that steel belts may run 12,-600 feet per minute.

-Professional. The little daughter of a homeopath ic physician received a ring with a pearl in it on the Christmas tree. Two days later she poked her head tearfully in at the door of her father's of-

"Papa," she sobbed, "papa, I've lost the little pill out of my ring."-Han

Closing the Incident. The famous ball player was looking through the sporting columns of

the newspapers. "I see they've quit mentioning me," he said. "I may as well sign." Upon doing which he secured one more mention in the newspapera.

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