#### HAS NO USE FOR ARITHMETIC

Small Damsel Can't Gee That it Matters Whether Sho Can Count or Not.

A small Chicago damsel, being urged to study arithmetic because otherwise, when she was large enough to go shopping alone, she would not know a felber she received the right change, to sed her pretty head in contemptute dis dismissal of that theory.

"It won't matter whether I can econt or not." she announced, calmly.
"Mother always has everything tharged."

This little maid at least was mental sun to that other unbusinessities damed who asked why a certain poor family "didn't board, as they hadn't smough money to keep house."

As an instance of the unexpected searching answers sometimes rendered by children not entirely above the suspicion of impertinence, a clerical father quotes the reply of his son to whom, at ten years old, he had forbidden membership in a boyish fife and drum corps because of the lad's inability to keep calm.

"When you can control your tongus and temper," so he pressed home the moral, "I may consider it, sonnie. But at present you have quite enough Schting to do in your own nature. Den't you know that 'He that keepeth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a 'ity?""

"Yes, father." said the boy, quietly, but with a distinct eye twinkle, "and that's why I thought I'd better try something easy, like a sham battle, first."

#### USE LIVE BABIES AS BAIT

Only Thing Certain to Lure the Crosodile and Everybody Uses It, Says Sailor.

"Wot do ye think, said the sailor, "of usin' live babies for bait? We

done it in Ceylon."

Habies for bait? Fishing for

"No, crocodile. Baby bait is the enly thing for crocodile and every-body uses it. Ye rent a baby down there for two shillings a day.

"Of course," the sallor went on, "the thing ain't as cruel as it sounds. No harm ever comes to the babies, or else, o' course, their methers wouldn't ment 'em. The kid is simply set on the soft mud bank of a crocodile stream, and the hunter ites hid near shem, a sure pertection.

The crocodile is lazy. He basks in the sun in mid-stream. Nothin' will draw him in to shore where we can pot him. But set a little, fat, naked baby on the bank and the crocodile econ rouses up. In he comes, a gredy look in his duit eyes, and then

"I have got as many as four crocodiles with one baby in a morning's fishin'. Some Cingalese women wot lives near good crocodile streams make as much as eight shillings a week out o' rentin' their babies for perceodile balt."

Musical Baths Next. It is almost impossible to dine in any restaurant, take tea in any hotel er talk over a book in any cafe in "Paris without being persecuted by a sham Tsigan band. Soon the Parisian will not even be able to have his bath In peace. When he has no bathroom at home, which frequently happens, he goes out to one of the many hot mend medicated bath establishments all ever the town. The proprietor of one of these, in the heart of the city, has had an alarmingly brilliant idea which he is carrying out and which will be fmitated. He is placing an orchestra to the middle of his establishment, and soothing or invigorating tunes from an invisible band will penstrate into all the cabins. Probably the scheme will be developed and musical medication will be combined with bran or sulpher baths. An extra fee atti insure various tunes being T'ayed, which, according to experta who have observed the effects, act ofther as sedutives or as tonics to the

Nightingales in Scotland. The non-appearance of the night ingale further north than the West? Riding is probably due to the fact, that the bird is satisfied with southern? regions, and has not yet found its way northward. There seems to be no reason why it should not find suitable environment in the Scottish woods and dales from May to August, A sand the failure of Sir John Sinclair's Battempte to introduce it was probably due to his want of perseverance. Nightingales' eggs, brought from Enghad at a cost of one shiffing apiece. e-ere successfully batched out in scotland by robins. The young birds. fully fledged, flew about in apparently Bealthy enjoyment of life, but they went in September and never returned -- London T. P.'s Weekly.

Longest Straightaway Bird Flight.

Perhaps the longest straightaway
Right made by birds in their migrations is accomplished by some of the
bhore and water birds that nest in the
telands of Bering sea and spend the
minter at Hawaii and Fanning Island.

inasmuch as some of these birds
live entirely on the shore and are
probably unable to rest on the surface
of the water, it is thought that they
must accomplish the whole distance in

n single tight.
Yet, although there are no landmarks for them upon their long journey over a waste of waters, they make
their way to their destination with the
precision of a rifle shot.

#### CAN LOCATE SHIPS IN FOR

Italian Naval Officers Invent Device to Do Away With Danger of Collision.

Two Italian naval officers have invented a device which they claim will do away with all danger of ships colliding in a fog. The visible portion of this invention, which is called the "system of radio telegraphy," consists of a recorder having the form and appearance of a compass dial. Near the latter is a thumb bar that influences the dial indicator, which manipulated causes the indicator to revolve over the dial's surface and mark the point of the compass from which an approaching ship is coming, giving its exact location and distance away.

About the skipper's ears are strapped a pair of ordinary wireless telegraph receivers, by which means he is able to hear the sound given off by the wireless apparatus of the approaching ship. The operator manipulates the thumb bar until the wireless sound is at its highest pitch, when a reading of the dial face and indicator gives him the exact position of the vessel or shore wireless station from which the sound comes.

For this instrument to be effective, of course, it is necessary for the approaching ship to be equipped with wireless apparatus and have it sending off the waves at the time the test with the instrument is made on the other ship.—The Pathfinder.

#### WENT BRITON ONE BETTER

Colonel Hurry Slips One Over on Bragging Visitor From Across the Pond.

Lieut. Col. Gilford Hurry of Gen. Charles F. Roe's staff, whose job is the feeding of the 15,000 men in the National Guard of New York—which he does well, say the soldiers—has been entertaining a Britisher at the Army and Navy club who doesn't possess very much of an opinion of the average American's prowess. It was the Sunday before the Fourth of July, and Colonel Hurry, who was to parade the next day, was feeling very patriotic, and the Englishman was fast working him up to action.

"Oh, I say," remarked his friend,
"we subjects of his majesty always excel in athletics; eh, wot?"
"Is that so?" retorted Colonel Hur-

ry. "I—"
"Beg pardon," interrupted John Bull.
"Why, old chap, we use a bloomin'
cricket hat as big as your fence posts
in the states."

They were strolling up the street soon after and ran into a gang of work-men trimming a rough tree into a flag-staff for the morrow.

"I say," queried the Britisher, "what the jobly deuce is that?"

"Didn't you ever see one of those before?" answered the colonel. "Wby. that's a drumstick those men are shaping up for tomorrow's parade to colebrate our independence!"

#### Things Women Hate.

A woman hates a man who does nothing. It is given to all men to do. A woman seldom has compunction in taking the money that a man has inherited and will share with her, but the man who cannot make money and can do nothing but part with it, she holds in low esteem. It is another example of the lacking humor of men that they should laugh at women who fight for the hair of a Kubolik or biss.

the ground trod upon by a conqueror.

Oh, man—selfish, egotlatical, swaggering being—itsten again, and get understanding. Woman loves you and knows that you cannot love her as she loves. She likes you to enjoy yourself and be happy.

She hates you to forget to say how well her dress becomes her, how charming she is looking tonight. She hates you to forget her wedding day—she can never forget it. She hates you to interfere with the baby, because you know nothing about it. She hates to be left behind to mope when

you go off on your holiday.

And she hates the way you worship your pipe. It is not fair that men should have always the consolation of their pipes and women only the consolation of their tears. Tobacco is fragrant, but tears are bitter.

#### Housewifely Instinct.

There are very few women, indeed, married or single, who have not the housewifely instinct, though eircumstances, of course, develop it in different degrees. There is not the same need nor opportunity for individual research, perhaps, into the mysteries and allurements which took up so much of the old time housewives' attention, simply because modern conditions have placed so many of them ready made within our reach at a moderate cost. But there is still the same desire to shine in the housewifely world, to go one better than one's neighbors, to give to the home the individual touch which is so dear to the housewifely heart, and so acceptable to those who benefit by it.—Woman's

As to the Frank.

In a discussion of the franking privilege Senator Money, the leader of the minority, remarked: "The frank is a great privilege." He went on to expatiate, but what he said was lost in the remark of a gallery occupant, who got in with the statement that "the frank is to help to get men back to congrese." When one observes the quantities of documents being sent out under frank from the national capital he is inclined to agree with the man who made that statement.—

St. Louis Star.

#### CHEAP MILK REFRIGERATOR

A Wooden Bex and a Tin Pail the Essentials for a Serviceable fee Box.

If milk is not kept cold it is a dangerous food for babies, for every minute that it is much above the temperature of ice the germs of disease increase in it at an alarming rate. Very many babies die of summer complaint merely because their milk has been allowed to stand for hours in a warm room.

Many are unable to buy enough free in summer to preserve milk in ordinary refrigerators for twenty-four hours. Most mothers, however, buy a five or ten-cent cake every morning and by following the suggestion of Dr. Alfred F. Hess can make at home at small cost an excellent milk refrigerator that requires only a very little ice:

"Obtain a box from the grocer; any wooden box a foot in depth will answer the purpose. Buy a tin pail with a cover, one deep enough to hold a quart bottle of milk and a slightly larger pail without a cover. Place one inside the other and stand them in the center of the box. Now pack sawdust or excelsior beneath and all about them to keep the heat from getting in; complete the refrigerator by nailing about fifty layers of newspaper to the under surface of the box

"The refrigerator is now ready for use. In the morning as soon as the milk is received it should be placed in the pail and five cents worth of ice should be cracked and placed about the milk bottle. The cover should be replaced on the can and the lid on the wooden box. Every morning the melted ice should be poured off."—Survey.

#### DUG UP HIDDEN TREASURE

California Community Greatly Excited Over Mysterious Actions of Stranger.

The people of this community are wondering who was the mysterious stranger who visited the ancient adobe but a mile north of here a few evenings ago and dug up a box of can that had been buried there fifty years or more, says an Oakland correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle. It is supposed he carried away a large quantity of gold bullion that belonged to Gianville Swift, an early day miner who lived in this hut while operating in the mines in the hills east of Chico, leaving in the early '60s with nearly \$750,000 in gold, which took six weeks to weigh and required a pack train and strong guard to transport out of the country.

The stranger was seen loitering about the adobe but one evening, and a Mr. Fawcett, who lives near, tried to learn his mission, but failed. The next morning Fawcett found where a box or can had been dug up during the night. There were several stakes, showing that measurements had been made from a chart to locate the place to dig. Only one hole was made.

When Glanville Swift weighed his gold he found two or more large porter bottles of it missing. It is supposed they were stolen and buried and that this stranger learned of their whereabouts.

Mania for Carving Initials.

"What was the row between you and that fellow who just went out?" said

m passenger to the conductor.

"Wanted to carve his name on the door jamb as a memento of his travela," said the conductor. "Of all the insults that are offered to these old cars that galls me most. It is handed out every little while by some fresh westerner.

"I have to keep an eye on all those chaps with a western accent. They ride in these cars just for a lark, and when they reach a certain stage of friskiness they whip out a penknife

and begin to whittle.

"They cannot understand why it should be considered defacement of private property to cut up the cars. They have been around the world carving their initials on ancient monuments and they take it pretty much to heart because they can't complete the record in our old horse cars."—New York Times.

The woman who had succeeded in that rather difficult task—making a boarding house pay—was confiding to a friend some of the tricks of the trade.

"While you must never allow your boarders to get too far behind in their payments, it is also true that you will profit considerably by allowing them a little leeway. So long as you are sure of your money it pays a landledy to have her boarders a week or two behind in their board."

"I don't see that," interrupted her friend.

"Well, I tell you," continued the landlady. "When a man owes back board you have him at a certain disadvantage. Not one in a hundred under such circumstances has the nerve at meal time to ask for a second helping."

These Transient Engagements.

The brother and sister were strangers in New York. The sister was very pretty.

"I am going to bring a young man up to see you this evening," her brother said. "He is engaged to be married."

"Then why bring him?" asked she.
"It doesn't matter," her brother explained. "They tell me that here in
New York engagements are more
transient even than marriages."

#### AGAINST THE ROAD'S RULES

All Dogs Look Alike to This Conductor, Who Threatents to Banish the Worsted Pup.

It happened, so the story goes, on a Lehigh Valley railroad train. It had just left Easton station bound for New York, and as the conductor made his way through the coaches he spied a small, white dog with a bushy tall and bright black eyes sitting beside a young miss. The presence of dogs in the passenger cars being contrary to rules, the conductor had to

perform a painful duty.
"I'm sorry—very sorry," he said to
the young girl, "but it is against the
regulations to allow dogs here."

"My—oh, my, is that so?" she replied. "What shall I do—what shall I do—you see it is nothing but a little—"

"Yes, I know, but rules are rules, you know," interrupted the conductor. "It will be all right--we'll just put it in the baggage car."
"What! Put this nice little dog in

"Very sorry—awfully sorry, miss, but I will have to do it," continued the conductor.

your dirty old baggage car?"

"Well, I just know that somebody will steal it—but, of course, if you say it must go there, I suppose—"

"Here, Bill," called the conductor to the brakeman, "take this purp into the baggage car and tell 'em to treat it well."

The brakeman reached over and lifted up the dog. He did it as tenderly as if it were a baby. A peculiar expression came over his face. "Why, boss," he said, "it's a worsted

"Yes, sir," spoke up the girl as she looked at them both with her innocent delit-blue eyes, "it's worsted! I thought you knew it all the time. It's for my brother in Brooklyn."

The brakeman laid the dog back in the seat. The conductor forgot to punch the girl's ticket, and he and the brakeman retired to the rear platform to figure out what was the matter with them.

He Who Runa May Also Read.
"When I have time," said the grayheaded man, "I mosey along and study
the writing on the sidewalks. In some
parts of the town they carry on quite
an interesting correspondence by
means of these sidewalk hyeroglyphices.

"Appointments are made, the lie is cast, broken friendships are patched up. They make love, too, in those sidewalk notes.

"A boy of 12 walked just ahead of me the other day in Tenth avenue. Every few feet he stopped and wrote on the sidewalk in different colored chalk, 'Dere Aggie Greenberg.'

chalk, 'Dere Aggie Greenberg.'

"It was cleaning up time on the avenue, and no sooner had the boy passed than tradesmen appeared with pails and brooms and washed all those 'Dere Aggie Greenbergs' away. Then when the sidewalk had dried again I did a very foolish thing for a man of my age. I bought chalk, red and green and yellow, got down on my rheumatic old ham-bones, and wrote 'Dere Aggie Greenberg,' so that when Dere Aggie came along she would not be disappointed."

Blind Like Fiction Only.

A New York woman who is interested in home missionary work thought it would be a good idea to place some religious interature in the various institutions for the blind, provided some one in charge would read it to them. She accordingly visited one such asylum and made the suggestion to the matron. She was received graciously and the matron said they would be glad to have the literature placed in the library, but that the blind did not care for any kind of se-

"We do read to them, of course," she explained, "but they want only fiction. They do not care for anything else. If we try to read to them books of any other character it is time wasted, for they do not give any attention. No, I do not know why their taste runs to fiction, but probably because it makes the strongest appeal to their imagination."

Years ago, before Senator Beveridge was as conspicuous politically as he is now, be belonged to a literary club in Indianapolis, formed for the purpose of studying Shakespeare, and known as the Avon club.

Early in the history of the club a heated discussion arose as to whether the life of Shakespeare should be studied together with his plays, or whether the club's work should deal solely with the plays. Part of the club—a prominent part—were for the life, but the minority, led by Beveridge, held out against them.

"Why," explained the future senstor, in the midst of a burst of elequence in defense of his stand—"why should we want to spend our time over the unimportant details of this man's life? Why trace the eagle to the barnyard whence he came?"—Lippincott's.

Head of the Family—Our firm is going to advertise for sealed proposition.

Popular Daughter—Oh, don't pa; it's so much better fun to get them personally.

The Suffregette Idea.

Mether—Oh, my child! Is he alive?
Rescuer—Yis, mum. An if it 'd not been fr God an' another woman, he'd
a' been run over by a sthreet car!—
Toledo Blade.

# FIX RUBBER PRICES

Manufacturers of Crude Product in Mexico Form Organization.

Discrimination is Alleged and Foreign Designs, Especially in United States, Are Prejudiced Against Para Product.

Torreon, Mexico.—The manufacturers of crude rubber from the gusyale shrub are forming a strong organization, which has for its purpose the fixing of the price that shall be paid for the product and to protect themselves against the discriminations which they allege is being practised against this kind of rubber in the principal markets of the world, particularly in the United States.

The guayule rubber manufacturing companies and individuals composing this new combine represent a capital aggregating about \$65,000,000 gold that is now invested in the industry in Northern Mexico. The combined capacity of the manufacturing plants is about 300 tons of crude rubber daily. The reports of the different factories show that those located in the state of Coahulla alone has outputs aggregating \$12,000,000 during the first four months of this year, and that this is to be still further increased by the erection of new factories of large ca-

The chief concerns interested in the movement to improve prices and market conditions of the crude products are the Continental-Mexican Rubber company of Torreon, the Compania Explotatora Coahullense of Parras, the Mexican Crude Rubber company of Viesca, the Compania Ganadera de la Merced of Cuatro Cienegas, the Companis Guayulera de Torreon, S. A., of Torreon; the Compania Hulera Mexicana of Gomez Palacio, La Internacional Mexicana of Torreon, the Compania Hulera de la Laguna, S. A., of Torreon; the Compania Huayulera Nacional, S. A., of Gomez Palacio, the Compania Mexicana Explitadora de Hule of Torreon, Othan Kateerfeldt of Comez Palacio, and Enrico Northoldt of Torreon

The complaint of the manufacturers is that the foreign dealers and brokers in subber arbitrarily fix a price on the guayule rubber considerably below that which is paid for the Parra product, and that of rubber trees in other parts of the world without regard to the relative difference in the cauchoule properties of the two products. The fact is cited that while the rubber tree product is accepted on a basis of 96 per cent, on its gross weight, an allowance of only 48 to 50 per cent. on its gross weight is made for guayule rubber. It is claimed that an analysis of guayule rubber shows that it averages 75 per cent, chauchou, the manufacturers being therefore deprived of practically one-third of the value of the product in its sale. When the Parra and other rubber tree products were seiling for \$1.25 a pound, offers of 80 to 90 cents per pound were made for guayule rubber.

It is the purpose of the guayule rubber combine to demand an equalization of the prices, which will place their product on a parity with that obtained from the rubber tree.

### WILL MAKE SPOONING LEGAL

Toleration and Allow Flirting
Within Reason.

Asbusy Park, N. J.—Oh, joy! "Spooning" is to be permitted at Asbury Park this summer, and flirting is to be tolerated within reasonable limits. This will be good news for the boys and girls who summer at that resort and who have heretotere found the restrictions Irisome. Chief of Police Smith has said it. If a man firts with a woman, the man will not be arrested if the woman reciprocates his advances.

Of course the police will interfere if they find any man foreing his attentions on a girl who does not desire his acquaintance. But the guardians of the peace positively will not interfere if any fair maiden takes the initiative and persists in firting with a man. Smith figures that the men are able to take care of themselves in such emergencies, and he will take no action unless called upon by the man who is thus offended, or would you say honored and compilmented?

The police chief's statement is tempered with a warning. Ofris who fifrt are to take all the responsibility to

"Spooning" will not be interfered with if done in dark places away from the public gase. Swith says there are sufficient number of corners along the beach to accommodate all the spooners summering at Asbury Park and that "spooners" will not be molested if they keep out of public gase and off the board walk.

The police chief says also that he and his men will be more lenient in the matter of bathing suits.

Towards, Pa.—John Bustin, of this efty, has a new which is narring two limbs. The mether of the immedial from emposure, after being single in a method for 96 hours, and Mr. Bustin enxious to save the lambs, built a platform on which he placed them and induced them to nurse at the tests of the cow. The cow seems pleased and lasts in a motherly memor toward the lambs. Her babies have gained 12 pounds in seven days and are getting along nicely.

#### ATHLETICS FOR YOUNG GIRLS

New York City Authorities Officially Recognize Necessity of Such Training.

New York.—Athletics for school girls have been officially recognised, in New York city. Last November, Miss Elisabeth Burchenal was appointed inspector of athletics by the department of education. The girls branch of the Public School Athletic league employs five assistants for Miss Burchenal and supports in all eleven after school classes in folk.

The popularity of these classes is indicated by the attendance—1,051 teachers from 246 schools. These teachers from 246 schools. These teachers in return for the instruction they receive coach the girls' athletic clubs organized in their own schools. Interciase athletic competitions are held, but no interschool competition is countenanced by the girls' branch. This spring about two hundred athletic meets will be conducted. New York city has 325,000 school girls, to whom the girls' branch endeavors to bring wholesome and joyous recrea-

The girls' branch work has come to form an integral part of school life, making it more real and human. It welds about the community, the home and the school a solid bond of beauty.

Folk dancing and athletics for girls have taken a strong grip upon the consciousness of the community. At little girl not more than seven years, of age, in an east side school, took part in a friendly competition of folk dancing and athletics between her class and others of the school. She was the smallest tot of them all, and, clad in her plaid skirt-the plaid of her Highland clan-she danced the "Highland Schottische" with an abandon and enthusiasm that could not be equaled. Her whole family came to see her and to exult in the part that she had in the competition. The Highland girl and the Highland dance won the day. The little one and her mates of the triumphant class each bore home as trophies small copies of the Winged Victory, which have been provided through the generosity of Mrs. Henry Siegel.

Two days afterward this little girl was seen on the atreet in company, with her three-year-old sister, teaching the little one the steps of her na-

## CIRCULATE MUCH FALSE COIN

English Towns Flooded With Counter-

London.—The circulation of counterfeit coin has grown to such an extent in London and throughout the country that shopkeepers and the public generally are looking at almost every two-shilling piece and half-crown with suspicion.

The false coins are manufactured from sound silver, are of standard weight and size, and will deceive all but an expert. They are chiefly in the form of florins and half crowns. So much suspicion has, in fact, been aroused that during the last few days sterling silver coins actually issued by the mint have been refused by shopkeepers, on the ground that they were doubtful and possibly counter-

These false coins ring true and are of standard weight, appearance and dimensions. In everything but the fact that they were not manufactured at the royal mint they are genuine. The coiners are able to produce them owing to the fact that the actual value of a florin is considerably less than its face value.

"The actual value of the aliver in a florin is about ten pence," said a well-known banker. "So the coiner who can turn out an apparently genuine florin at the cost of one shilling or so is going to make a big praft. It pays him well to employ the quantities of silver and alloy actually used by the grint in manufacturing florins and half-crowns—he has no need to have recourse to base metal."

### BOY IS BETTER FLY KILLER

In Contest Conducted by English Paleohial School Girls Come Out

London.—Stirsed to action by the statement that the staughter of one fly in early oping was responsible flow the suppression of 1,728,000 in James the headmistress of a parcobial school in Wittshire persented her pugils to do their utmost to exterminate these household note.

The results of their efforts have been as follows: Twenty-eight girls killed 2,210 files; twenty-four boys killed 3,150 files.

The biggest haul of any one child was 275, secured by a boy; but the highest score of any one girl was 180, In all, 5,360 files are known to have been accounted for. Reckbatagi that every fly is responsible for 1,728,000 of its species, it is evident that these determined exterminators have saved the world from the presence of 9,360,000 files.

Prime Hard Luck Man.
Abordoon, S. D.—F. A. Busshe of Webster is justified in regarding 1916 as his Jonah year. He has been thrown from a buggy in a reneway, sustaining a fracture of both bones of his right leg, which will oripple him for some time. Frier to that his children were all expressely sick with scarlet fever, and his harn was destroyed by fire, a valuable horse for which he had refused a fancy price the day before perishing in the flames.

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