To many travelers the most beautiful things seen in Europe are the cloisters of churches and monasteries, perhaps for the very reason that the cloister is so opposed to the spirit of modern America. No one who has seen them can forget the beauties of Monreale or San Paola fuore le Mure.

If rumor is true, one of the most beautiful cloisters in France is coming to America; the name of the millionaire in question is still a secret, but the French papers are sure it must be an American. Who else could have at the same time the money and the willingness to spend it on mere artistic beauty?

At Charlieu, in the region of the Loire, stands—or stood—the cloister of the Cordeliers, a superb specimen of gothic art as elaborated in the fantasies of the 14th and 15th centuries. Every column is ornate, everp capital bears ornamentation in the form of grotesque heads; garlands trail over the arches, with vines, palms and acanthus; hardly an inch of stone but bears some decoration.

Already most of this architectural gem has been taken down, each piece carefully numbered in preparation for its erection in this country. It is made the text of sermons in the French press, and the demand is made that France immediately pass laws to prevent the sale or destruction of buildings whose historical associations of architectural merit make them to a certain extent the property of the nation.

CHANCE VISIT WON A CASE

Lawyer Recognized an Ex-Convict in One Witness and Records of Others Were Exposed.

The chance visit of a lawyer to a courtroom resulted in serious embarrassment to the defense of the Central Park, North & East River Railway Company in a damage suit in the New York supreme court recently. Ralph Gillette, the lawyer, recognized in a witness for the defense, Thomas Seamon, a former client, who was an ex-convict. He listened to Seamon's story and became convinced he was lying.

Gillette stepped to the counsel table and informed the attorney for Louis Frisch, the plaintiff. Seamon was questioned about his criminal record. "You were convicted of burglary, weren't you?" he was asked. When Seamon recognized Gillette, he stammered an affirmative answer.

Frisch's lawyers went up to police headquarters when court adjourned and looked up the records of three other star witnesses for the railway company, a horse car line.

He found that two of the others were ex-convicts. All four had testified they were members of the Amason club and were out posting bills for their annual ball when they saw Frisch injured by a bale of hay belonging to the railway, but declared Frisch was stealing a ride when injured."

The jury gave Frisch a verdict of \$2,300.—New York Times.

A Saving Clause.

Justice McKenna and Justice Lunton of the supreme court of the United States were riding home from the capitol when Senator McCumber of North Dakota joined them. They gave him a place in the car between them, and the conversation turned to the tariff. Senator McCumber believes that the tariff should be revised upon the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad. With a fair profit added.

"Senator," said Justice McKenna, seriously, "I have been spending the summer in the country. What is the cost of production of an egg?"

Senator McCumber is a standpat statesman, especially on farm products. He thought a moment.

"That, Mr. Justice," he answered, gravely, "depends, I should say, upon the wear and tear on the hen."

Gander in Place of Dog.
Ganders may take the place of dogs.
as pets and protectors in Weld county,
if others can be found as wise and
helpful as the gander owned by Harry.
Wells of Gill. It takes its place on
the wagon seat with its owner whenever he goes to town and remains
there until home again

there until home again.

At home it keeps guard over everything, and keeps chickens out of the garden. It follows Wells over the fields when he works and is so jealous over him that it will not allow a dog to get near.—Greeley correspondience, Denver Republican.

An Industrious Queen.

"Only when I have my secretary come and read the new plays and the critics of new books. During that time I make fine needlework, mostly for our churches. I work first in silk and embroider that in gold with precious stones, as queens used to do in the middle ages. I am always at home and I like to see everybody hard at work about me."—New Idea Woman's Magazine.

Seem#Possible.

Editor (looking over new reporter's manuscript)—You say here, "It was so cold that the air fairly crackled." How can the air be made to crack? New Reporter—Well, it might be some with a wind-break.

SHOWED DESIRED QUALITY

Young Man Obtained the Position Because He Was More Persistent Than Twenty Others.

It is the little things that portray the boy, or the man, and it is these iselfsame little things for which the employer is constantly on the alert. There was once an employer advertising for a bright young man. Some twenty men responded and answered his perfunctory question as to their experience and ideas of work.

In turn he took their addresses, but without coming to any choice. The young man next in line answered his questions no differently from the others, gave his address and had reached the door when he paused, and quickly returned.

"I want this job, if it hasn't been filled yet," he said, earnestly.
"I have twenty other names here,"

replied the employer.

"That may b true, but I want you to give me first chance."

"Why?"
"Because I have made up my mind to go into this business, and I know

I can succeed in it."

"Very well, it is yours on trial."
In this case of the young man who got his job, it was simply his much to be desired quality of persistence that won him instant favor with the employer.

OLD CUSTOM IS ABANDONED

Last Great Campaign in Which the Colors Were Carried Into Action was Franco-German War.

It is reported that King Alfonso recently decorated the colors of a regiment on its return from the Riff campaign with the order of St. Ferdinand. This seems to mean that the colors were actually carried into action. though it is a very unusual thing in modern warfare, for now-a-days to ask a man to make himself so plain a target for the enemy is like asking him to commit suicide. The last great campaign in which colors were carried into action was the Franco-German war, in which many banner-bearers covered themselves with glory. Several German regiments received as a mark of distinction the right to substitute the Iron Cross for the usual spike at the top of the stave. Many of the staves have silver rings round them, on which are engraved the names of the bearers who fell. At the massacre of Isandlewhana, in Zululand, two subalterns of the South Wales Borderers, Melvill and Coghill by name, fell in an heroic struggle to save the regimental colors. In com memoration of their valor the Queen ordered that the colors of the regiment should be decorated with a sil-

Supply of Puip Wood.

Just what quantity of pulp wood is now on hand in this province is difficult to state, as the estimates vary all the way from 300,000 to 1,000,000 cords.

From a personal examination along the various railway lines it seems certain that south of the St. Lawrence there are at this time no less than 200,000 cords stacked up at or near the several railway stations. There may be 50,000 cords more at remoter places. In the territory to the north of the river there are at least 100,000 additional cords, making a total of 300,000 and possibly much more, exclusive of the supply at the pulp mills required in making their pulp.

This wood supply is not controlled by a few large dealers, but is in many different hands in amounts varying from a few hundred to many thousands of cords.

A Lively Cause. Some time ago a representative of the gas company decided that the gas meter of a certain business house in Washington Court House, Ohio, was not working properly; in other words. the company was of the opinion that it was furnishing more gas than it was getting paid for, so it decided to examine the meter. Imagine its surprise when it found the meter literally full of cockroaches, which had so interfered with the working of the meter that the gas bill jumped up from about \$10 a month to something like \$25 after the roaches were removed. The business man said that this was the

When They Paid.

In the last installment of the Potash and Perimutter stories Abe tells Mawruss that one delinquent debtor will pay the firm sooner or later. Mawruss retorts: "Sure, I know, Abe; and if them sooner or later fellers would pay you oncet in a while sooner, Abe, it would be all right, y' understand. But they don't, Abe; thehy always pay you later."

first time he knew that there was any

real good in a cockroach.

Would Cater to Women.

The local English trains have very poor cars, the seats being uncomfortable and otherwise unfit for women, so that many of them, who can afford it, are traveling by automobile. Because of this there is a movement on the part of the railroads in England to make the train service more attractive for women.

Prunee and Brains.
"It is reported that prunes make

good brain food."
"We might even go further than that and say that prunes would make a good substitute for the brains some people have."

BALD-HEADED MEN FAVORED?

Less of Hair Marks Turn to Sedateness and Makes Appearance Thoughtful and Kind.

London.—There is hope and comfort for the baid-headed man. His baidness is not a disfigurement, but a positive charm—to a pretty woman's eyes.

That at least is the theory of a well-known doctor who has had ample opportunities of studying human nature.

Just when a man is beginning to notice with anxiety the ever increasing patch of baldness on his head, that appears to be the time when he is entering into the happiest period of his

For he then stands higher in the opinion of the fair sex than he ever did before. His character undergoes a subtle and indefinable change.

"It is difficult to give an exact reason why the bald-headed man is so well liked by women," he said, "but in my experience the fact is indisput-

"I am referring, of course, to the man between 30 and 55 years of age, who is prematurely bald, not to the elderly bald-headed man.
"For various rescens, atther through

"For various reasons, either through some malady of the scalp, the constant pressure of a silk hat, or hereditary causes, a man loses his hair.

"At first he does not notice it, and then, one day, on looking in the glass, he is horrified to find he is rapidly growing bald. Almost immediately his outlook on life alters—he becomes more sedate, more trustworthy, as it were.

"An eminent psychologist has said that the external appearance of a man inevitably alters his interior charac-

"Why women like the bald-headed man it is somewhat difficult to define. It may be because he appears to be:

Thoughtful and kind.
Trustworthy and confiding. Whimsical. Past the follies and frivolities.

Usually successful.

A man of property.

Opinions why women like the bald-

of youth.

headed man are as follows:

He is not silly like young men.

He accepts refusals of marriage so

nicely that one is sorry one did not accept him.

The bald patch looks so clean and nice. One would like to kiss it.

"A doctor welcomes baldness when it comes to him, as it is a sign of sedateness and dignified learning, which invariably increases his prac-

BUY GEMS FOR CORONATION

Jewels Rise in Price From 20 to 25
Per Cent. in Nine Months—
Will Go Higher.

London.—Buy your jewelry for the coronation now, for in a short time it will cost you more.

Every kind of precious stone, with the exception of the ruby and opal, has risen in price from 20 to 25 per cent during the last nine months. "The reason for the rise is," a well-

"The reason for the rise is," a well-known jeweler said recently, "that the Americans have recovered from their recent slump and are buying every fine jewel they can lay their hands on.

"At the present moment we are paying from 25 to 30 per cent. more for diamonds. Consequently, a stone costing £100 a year ago cannot be bought now for less than £125 or £130.

"Sapphires have risen 20 to 30 per cent, and the other stones, with the exception of rubies and opals, are correspondingly higher. The artificial stones keep the prices down. Opals went out of fashion after Queen

Victoria died.

"Finding that the precious stones are so much higher in price, people are buying the semi-precious stones, such as the amethyst, topaz, peridot, tournaline and green garnet. As a result, these stones, which a few years ago could be had for 4s to 5s, are now worth £2 to £2 10s.

"Comparing the prices of stones today with those of ten years ago, the percentages of rises are very much igreater. Emeralds today are fetching prices then undreamt of. A fine stone would have been worth £100 then would cost £300 now.

"Pearls, Queen Mary's favorite stone, also fetch enhanced prices. Some of the finer specimens are four times the price they were ten years ago."

Whites' Food Kills Eskimos.

Chicago,—The Eskimos of Alaska
are fast becoming extinct, according
to David Johnson Elliett, former gov-

are fast becoming extinct, according to David Johnson Elliett, former government educator, who has spent the last twenty years in Alaska educating that race and investigating gold minting companies.

"The natives are passing away rap-

"The natives are passing away rapidly," he said in an address before the Hawkeye Fellowship club. "They can't live on the white man's food, chiefly because they cannot cook it, The children die of indigestion."

Mr. Elliott claims the honor of being the first white man to find gold in Anvil creek, near Nome.

Peanuts Extinguish Pire.
Columbia, Pa.—A three bushel bag
and peanuts saved the store of Frank
H. Eckman from destruction. Fire
started from a candle in the window,
and there was no water handy; so
one of the first neighbors to arrive
seized the bag of peanuta, poured
lits contents out and in a few minutes
the flames were smothered.

CHARGES LOSS UP TO BRUIN

Old Pennsylvania Man's "Bear Book" Kept Since 1858, Means Pay for Sheep in Blood.

Cross Fork, Pa .- A few days ago when Philip Bostley, a small farmer on the First Fork of the Sinnemahoning, lost three sheep in a raid made upon a flock by a family of black bears, he went to a drawer in his kitchen cupboard and marked something down in a little book. There isn't another such book in all Pennsylvania as that one. It is a book in which is kept an accurate account of the losses suffered through the foraging of black bears. In it are entries and notes and remarks, until the volume is not only unique, but one of the most interesting.

The first entry was back in 1858, the year that Bostley went into the Sinnemahoning country to settle, and when the only shoat he owned was captured and killed and carried away by bears. But before the winter was over he shot the fellow who did it, with two others hesidas

Then he bethought himself of keeping a "bear book," not only to record his losses because of bears, but also his profits from the same source. He has tried every year since then not to let the bears get ahead of him, and because of the recent slaughter of sheep the old man feels called upon to kill at least two bears this winter. He is so old that he had concluded to do no hunting this season, but his sisin sheep must be avenged, and everybody who knows Phil Bostley knows that the bear family will sure-Iv pay with their own blood for the raid on the Bostley sheep flock. The three sheep, he estimates, would have brought him at least \$25, counting another season's wool. Two black bears,

pound interest that amount he calculates will about even the score.

There was but one season in which he was unable to even his account with the bears ever since his residence in the wilds of the "Sinnemahone," and that was one winter in which a pair of bears killed a very valuable hunting dog, upon which he could place no money value, and shough during that season he killed and trapped sever black bears the account of that year is still unsatisfied. It is a mortgage against the general

if their hides are in good condition,

will net him \$40, and as Bostley has

always charged the bears with com-

ARE WHISKERS BAR TO LOVE?

bear family, which the old man will

never reconcile.

Most Important Part of Man's Face is His Chin and Beard Hidea His Character.

New York.—Miss Delia Clarke has written a play in which the despairing hero finally wins the girl by shaving off his facial tapestry, thereby removing her objections.

whiskers have no charms to soothe even the savage breast, if we are to believe Miss Clarke. In her play, Neamata, the little Indian girl, refuses to marry the man who has loved her through four thrilling acts, just because he wears a beard.

"Mystery may have its charms," said this young woman, "but that does not apply to the face of the man you fall in love with or marry.

"The most important feature of a man's face is his chin, and if it is lost in a primeval forest of beard, how is a girl to tell whether she is intrusting her future to a weak creature, who will go down at the first little tap of adversity or one who will make a man's fight with the world?

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"'Faint heart never won fair lady';
or whiskers, either. There are many
grouchy old bachelors today whomignt have been happy husbands if
they had had the good sense to shave
at the psychological moment."

"But you believe seriously that the mere fact of his shaving them off could make a girl fall in love with him?"

him?"

"I certainly do. I know of severalcases in which women who had married men with beards were shocked
and disillusioned when their husbands
took a freak to appear clean shaven.
And that wasn't at all because they
admired beards, but because they really saw the men they had married for
the first time, as they really were.

"The girl who marries a man with whiskers makes as reckless a gamble as the man in eastern countries who never sees his bride unveiled until after the ceremony."

ANTI-OLD MAID CLUB FORMED

New Jersey Girls Agree to Find Husbands Before 30 Years of Age— Thirty Members.

Trenton, N. J.—The "Anti-Old Maid club" has been organised here. Its thirty members agree to marry before they are thirty years of age,

The means for securing a husband is left for each club member to figure out. There is only one stipulation, and that is that each damsel gets the husband, no matter how.

The club intends to do all it can be

The club intends to do all it can to rid the city of old maids, and in this it has the support of the "Cupid's Wing club," a unique organization composed of young matrons who banded together to mend broken hearts and bring about domestic felicity.

Statue to General Wolfe.
London.—Lord Roberts recently unrefled a statue to General Wolfe atWesterham, Kent, his birthplace. LordStrathcona, Sir Charles Tupper, SirFrederick Young and George Wolfewere present.

WHAT SENILE DEBILITY IS

Waste of Muscle, Cartilage, Bone and Nerve Tissue Consequent on impaired Metabolism.

I. L. Nascher, New York, says that senile debility cannot be prevented, but its effects can be relieved, the mental attitude improved and a semblance of vigor restored. The cause is waste of muscle, cartilage, bone and nerve tissue, consequent on impaired metabolism. That which improves the mental condition and increases hope will improve the debility. When ambition and interest in work are lost erectness and initiative are also lost. Ageing is in great part due to mental influences. Mental stimulation through physical influences is the natural method of overcoming mental depression. Phosphorus and arsenic are useful drugs for this purpose. Hygienic and dietetic measures to lessen waste are useful. Food should be nutritious and such as require little digestive effort. Stiffness of the joints is due to hardening of the ligaments and moist heat followed by massage is of temporary benefit. The use of a cane for support in walking, and a comfortable armed rocking chair to support the arms, helps to acquire a better position. True senile dementia due te senile changes in the brain is a progressive enfeeblement. Marked improvement follows small doses of morphine. This is only temporary and a habit may be formed.-Medical Rec-

FINED THEM FOR NOT VOTING

Austria Made 50,000 Men Pay for Staying Away From Polis at Last General Election.

In some countries voting is compulsory, and electors are fined if they do not do their duty as citizens and avail themselves of the franchise.

According to the universal suffrage law of Austria all those on the register must record their votes, and at the last general election in that country 50,000 electors were fined sums from two dollars downward because they neglected to go to the poll.

Spain is another country that looks on voting as a national duty, at least in the municipal election. Should a citizen omit to cast his ballot his name is published as a defaulter, his taxes are increased by two per cent, while if he be in the public service, his salary is reduced by one per cent. Should he commit the fault a second time he is debarred forever from holding an elective position or an appoint-

ment under government.

A few years ago a bill to the same effect was brought before the parliament of Victoria. All defaulters were to be fined \$2.58 unless they showed they were in at the time, were blind, over sixty-five years of age, or were unavoidably absent.

A similar idea was mooted in Canada, the penalty being disfranchisement for six years.—Stray Stories.

Sure, He Did the Right Thing! "I hope it will be a long time before I have such another test applied to my honesty," a down-town merchant remarked as he returned from waiting on a customer, relates the St. Paul Dispatch. "What was the trouble?" asked his partner. "These near-wool suits. An old fellow came in just now and asked me the price of one. 'Seven dollars.' I told him. 'Speak louder!' he said, holding his hand behind his ear. So I yelled, 'Seven dollars!' Eleven dollars! Too much! I'll give you nine!' he replied." His partner looked at the speaker in alarm. 'Y'ou-er-of course, did the right thing?" "I guess you can depend on me to do the right thing," was the haughty retort. Then he paused. "You'd better get some dollar bills when you go to the bank," he remarked. "I just gave an old fellow our last one for change."

His First Day in School. It was a country school. A small, bright-faced boy had just been enrolled, and this was his first day. The teacher pointed out a deak for him, and gave him a lesson to study. He took his seat, propped his knees up against the desk, with his feet swing ing down underneath, and soon became absorbed in his lesson. He became so absorbed, in fact, that he forgot he was in school, and presently he puckered up his lips and whistled first softly and then quite shrilly. The teacher laid down his pen in amase. ment, and cried sharply: "Who is that, whistling?" The small boy looked up quickly, and then said, innocently: "That was me. Didn't you know I could whistle?"

Army and Navy Inventors. There are numerous examples of offloors of the army and navy inventing machinery and devices which are used by the service without any compensation from the government. Generally speaking, they are guided by the code of honor that as they were educated at the expense of the gevernment and enlisted in its service it has the right to the use of their inventions without nevment of revelty or other money. There have been many who have not considered themselves so bound, and have claimed compensation for use of their inventions.—The Bookman.

Another Phase of the Problem.
"Doubtless the servant girl problem is very annoying to you."

"Very," responded the housewife. "I have a really desperate time getting maids my clothes won't fit."

VALUE OF A STRONG MEMORY

Some Who Possess It Are Not Otherwise Above the Ordinary— Chlidren Learn Readily.

While a strong memory is a great convenience, it is not necessarily an

advantage.
Cardinal Mezsofanti, whose memory for words was so retentive that he never forgot one after hearing it once, and which enabled him to acquire more than a hundred languages, was in most respects a very ordinary person. Pliny relates that Mithridates, king of Pontus, had so excellent a memory that he was able to speak fluently 22 languages native to the provinces of his vast empire. Yet he was a cruel barbarian.

A well-known peripatetic elocutionist and reciter still living declares that he can repeat, without further: preparation, about 3,000 selections in prose and poetry. He probably tells the truth, since he has been training his mind in this particular direction for many years.

On the other hand, such men as Sir Walter Scott, Macaulay, and Gladstone were not only possessors of excellent memories, they were also memor good judgment.

Among human beings children have the most remarkable memories. Under favorable circumstances they will learn three and even four languages, so as to be able to express their thoughts with equal case in any oneof them by the time they are six orseven years of age.

And they accomplish this remarkable feat without any aid from the imnemonic devices to which adults are compelled to resort when they undertake a similar task. They learn words and phrases unconsciously, and rarely forget them as long as they live. On the other hand, grown-ups rarely acquire accurate pronunciation of a foreign language, although they may be able to use it with entire correctness. It is a common belief that the mem-

than in later years. That seems to depend almost entirely on the individual.

ory is more tenacious in early life

Blowing Out Candle With Tuning
Fork and Resonator—Sand Fig-

EXPERIMENTS WITH SOUND

Reporting a physics lecture by Prof. Sylvanius P. Thompson, the London Chronicle says: "The youngsters whe attended were shown how a candle could be blown out by sound. In the first place, you want a very powerful tuning fork and a resonator (a hollow sphere of brass), which is exactly im harmony with it: When the tuning fork is struck it sets up waves of sound. The resonator, hearing the note, immediately responds with sympathetic waves, which are strong enough to blow out a candle placed behind it. Other experiments were the forming of what are known as Chladni sand figures on plates of metal by the influence of sound. The most beautiful results, as Professor Thompson explained, are obtained with flat plates of brass of uniform thickness and of a low note. When a bow is drawn along the edge so as to set up vibrations in one part, there is discord with the vibrations of the other parts, and the sound immediately assumes geometrical figures. The greater the discord the better the patterns. Hundreds of patterns can beproduced in this way on one plate. Many demonstrations were made to show how, when things are tuned to the same note, they vibrated in sympathy. A big tuning fork was struck and then stopped-but another tuning fork, which was of exactly the same pitch, went on humming, though it had not been touched."

Stealing a Comet.

A European astronomer has tried with some success to steal a comet. Some weeks ago a new comet was amounced and received the name of the comet Cerulli, after its finder.

Soon, however, other astronomers were unkind enough to point out that he had appropriated what belongs to another, and that this was without doubt Fay's comet, discovered in 1842.

Its period is a little less than 7%; years, and it made its reappearances: on time up to 1896,

It should have come back in 1903, but failed to show up. But they are sure that the comet Cerulli is Fay's comet, repenting of its remissness; seven years age, and now resuming its regular best.

For Pawry Shelves.

The shelves in the pantry often mean a great deal of scrubbing. This meed not be so if the shelves are covered with white cilcleth, such as is, used for tables. Out the cilcleth in long strips sheat three inches wider than the shelves. Make flour pasts, and with it stick the cilcleth on the shelves, covering the front edge and pasting it underneath, and letting the cilcleth come up about an inch against the wall at the back. Shelves covered with cilcleth will beep tidy for years, and only need wiping ever with a cloth and warm water to clean them.

His Excellent Record,
Hungry Howard (reminiscently)—
Ah, me bey, you don't know how it
feels to finish first in a test uv endursace an' skill.

Languid 1 iwrince (sarcastically)-An' uv course youse do? Hungry Howard—Well, I don't lik

Hungry Howard—Well, I don't like her brag uv me powers, but I've wen five pie-eatin' contests out uv a possi-

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS