

It is believed that the world's population is increasing at the rate of nearly 6,000,000 a year.

IOWA will be the thirty-fourth State to adopt the Australian ballot system.

RUBBER heels for marching have been introduced by a French army surgeon. The infantry have tried them with good results.

THERE are 629,987 persons who go under the name of Muller in Germany. In other words, there is one Muller to every 73 Germans.

THERE is a strong flow of natural gas in the Ventura River. When lighted, it is said, the flames extend over a space eight feet wide.

EMPEROR WILLIAM is coming over to the world's fair, and so is Oscar Wilde. Think of the scene when those two great men meet!

AUCTIONS in Japan are conducted much like American primary elections. The bidders write their names and bids on slips of paper, which are put into a box for the auctioneer to open.

The American Bible Society will make an exhibit at the Columbian Exhibition, in which will appear copies of Bibles in more than 200 different languages.

A PHILADELPHIAN has educated a house fly to respond to a prolonged "buzz-z-z," which brings it from its cranny any time of day for its supply of sugar.

NORWAY is liberal but exactly tolerant to all. In that country all Christian sects, except Jesuits, are tolerated and are free to exercise their religion within the limits prescribed by the law and public order.

In a discussion lately carried on as to the distance at which large objects on the earth's surface are visible, it was stated that the Himalaya Mountains have appeared to view from the great distance of 224 miles.

AUSTRALIAN butterflies bathe. One will alight close to the water, into which it backs until the whole of the body is submerged, the fore legs alone retaining their hold on dry land. In a moment it will fly away, apparently refreshed.

NOTICE is hereby given to Jacob Schnitzer, otherwise Emin Pasha, that his getting a fit of deadness on him every little while is Ausgespielt. A cat has only nine lives, and somebody will make it a point to insist on his justifying these reports if they are heard much oftener.

It is impossible to fill a glass completely with any liquid, from rim to center. The most common fluids—such as water, milk, or spirit—are attracted from the sides of the vessel into which they are placed, so that they rise around the brim, leaving a hollow in the middle.

An insect of South America has its fangs so like the flower of the orchid that smaller insects are tempted into its jaws; while certain spiders double themselves up in the angle between the leafstalk and the stem, and so closely resemble flower buds that their unsuspecting prey approach to their destruction.

A POWERFUL lamp, which distinctly illuminates objects over half a mile distant by means of a great reflector, is to be adopted in the French army. It is carried on a light wagon, behind the soldiers, and they will be in obscurity while the enemy and all objects in front will be made conspicuous.

FROM his vantage ground amid the green hills of Vermont, Rudyard Kipling smiles when he reads of the expulsion of Pennell and Bigelow from the dominions of the czar for being Americans with a weakness for unfeeling criticism. Rudyard lives with us, abuses us and makes money by the operation.

M. ROCHFORD denies the story that he is to leave London and make Switzerland his home. He says he could not go to that country without passing through France or Alsace-Lorraine. In either case the French authorities would capture him. M. Constans long ago made a request of the German Government for his extradition in the event of his making his appearance on its territory.

THE NEWSSUMMARY

The Latest News of the World Condensed and Arranged in Convenient Form.

Washington, Personal, Foreign, Criminal, Casualty and Other Important News.

THE CAPITAL

SENATOR DAVIS, in accordance with the president's recommendation, introduces a bill proposing retaliation upon Canada.

PRESIDENT HARRISON sends a message to congress declaring all negotiations for reciprocity with Canada off and recommending retaliation for canal toll discrimination.

GEN HORACE PORTER of New York arrived in this city and called on the president. He said to a reporter that he would, for obvious reasons, decline the position of chairman of the Republican national committee if it were offered him.

The president has approved the act providing for railroad bridges across the Alabama river, the Warrior river, the Sipsey river and the Tennessee river for the use of the Mexican, Gulf, Pacific & Puget Sound railroads.

CASUALTIES

Iowa has a cyclone which does great damage, but kills nobody, though several persons are injured.

Wilson's spinning mill at Newry has been destroyed by fire. Six hundred hands are thrown out of work.

A railroad collision near Stillwater kills one person and injures seven others, some mortally.

A number of villages were wrecked and the inhabitants reduced to poverty in the province of Burgos in old Castile by a violent storm.

A construction train on the Burlington was wrecked near Galesburg, Ill. Engineer A. P. Robinson and three Italian workmen were killed and twenty-five other Italian laborers injured.

The new levee on the bayou protecting the town of Bayou Sara gave away recently. The town is completely submerged. The property loss will amount to many thousands of dollars.

To add to the trouble on the Northern Pacific by washouts two spans in the great bridge at Clark's Ford burned recently. Tons of fruit east-bound by express will be almost a total loss.

FRED E. BLACHER, a member of the Joel Parker Democratic club, of Newark, N. J., fell out of the fifth story window at the Tremont, Chicago, and was instantly killed. His remains were sent East, the body being escorted to the train by the club.

PERSONAL

EDWIN GOULD is a crack shot and practices on a 500-yard range on the family place in Irvington.

Out of the 51 descendants of the king and queen of Denmark, but one, the duke of Clarence, is dead.

EX-SECRETARY BLAINE announces that his withdrawal from public life is permanent.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has engaged a cottage at Loon Lake, in the Adirondacks, for the summer.

MR. DEPUE denies the rumor that he had cabined Vice President H. Walter Webb to come here from Europe, as he was about to accept the post of secretary of state.

SENATOR HALE had a talk with ex-Secretary Blaine recently. The senator has told some of his friends that Mr. Blaine said that he had not thought of going to the senate. He assured Mr. Hale that he had no idea of taking any place in public life. A friend of Senator Hale said that if Mr. Blaine would accept an election Hale would cheerfully withdraw in his favor.

THE WICKED WORLD.

LOT SMITH, a Mormon bishop and ex-Danite leader, has been killed by the Navajo Indians in Arizona.

KING SIMS, murderer of Edwin Brandon on May 11, 1891, was hanged at Dallas, Tex. He admitted his guilt.

EDWIN J. RYAN, of the United States Express company, has left Washington, taking with him three packages of bank notes amounting to about \$50,000. No clue has yet been found to his whereabouts.

JACOB HARVEY, the Dayton murderer, was executed at the penitentiary, at Columbus, Ohio, on the 12th of September. Harvey shot and killed his former mistress Mrs. Maggie Leman.

As the examination of the affairs of the National Savings Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., progresses the amount of Treasurer Damm's defalcation increases. It is thought that it will reach \$100,000.

JENNIE JAMES and Willie Wooley of Milford Center, Ohio, about twelve years old, have been arrested for drowning George E. McDonald, aged six; they took the little boy to a pool, took him into the water and stood him on his head in the mud at the bottom and left him.

FOREIGN.

THE crops are being withered by drouth in portions of Southern Russia, and sheep and cattle are perishing for want of fodder.

PATRICK CASEY, the tramp who set fire to the Canadian Pacific railway bridge near Winnipeg, on trial, not only confessed the crime, but admitted having some time ago wrecked a train on the Pacific coast.

THE anti-Parnellites have selected Timothy Healy to stand for North Langford, which he now represents, and Hon. Edward Blake of Canada to be candidate for South Langford.

A PARADE of the Potsdam garrison was held recently in the Lustgarten. The parade was witnessed by the king and queen of Italy, Emperor William and Empress Augusta.

A VALPARAISO cable says: Nothing has been definitely presented at Santiago by Minister Egan in the Baltimore claims, although in an interview with Minister Errazuriz, Mr. Egan said that he hoped the matter would be settled at an early date.

At a conference with Messrs. McCarthy, Dillon and Healy, Mr. Gladstone urged concessions to the Parnellites in order to prevent Parnellite and anti-Parnellite candidates from being arrayed against each other in the general election.

A London cable says:—While the cage was descending the shaft in the Fordeale colliery in the Rhondda valley it was upset and its ten occupants were thrown out. Two of the men were instantly killed and the other eight were badly injured.

COUNT HERBERT BISMARCK'S fiancée, Countess Hoyos, is sylph-like, with dreamy blue eyes and golden hair. She is unmistakably English in appearance, and only the graceful courtesy with which she greets

a stranger betrays the fact that she was cradled on the Adriatic.

EMPEROR WILLIAM and King Humbert proceeded to Juterburg, where they witnessed the artillery practice. As they returned to Berlin they were cheered by immense throngs that crowded the route. The cheering was continued until the emperor and his royal guest entered the schloss.

ADVICES from St. Paul de Loando, in the Portuguese colony of Angola, West Africa, state that a large body of Boers has entered the colony and proclaimed a republic. The Portuguese forces are not sufficiently large to repel the invasion, and unless Portugal is able to send reinforcements the Boers will retain the territory already seized and expel the Portuguese from it.

In the house of commons recently the bill authorizing a settlement of the crofters' difficulties by assisting them to go to British Columbia was opposed by the Radicals on the ground that there would be plenty of land in Scotland if the game preserve was abolished. Mr. Swineburne thought that Columbia should pay the full interest of the loan, seeing that she heavily taxes British imports. The bill was read the second time.

LITTLE anxiety is expressed in official circles at Ottawa, Ont. over the threatened policy of President Harrison in regard to Canada. The members of the dominion cabinet are very reticent and decline to say what action Canada will take if the policy of non-intercourse is adopted by the United States. From what can be learned in official circles there is little likelihood of the Canadian government modifying the Welland canal toll in favor of American vessels.

The telegraph operators through Spain have gone on strike. Their grievances are long hours, low wages and irregular payment. They have a thorough organization made with a view to the present strike. The wires in Madrid and some other places are being operated by telegraphers who are in the military service, and must obey orders like other enlisted men, although they sympathize with their fellows. Great confusion prevails owing to the strike.

A DISPATCH received at the Brazilian legation in London, from Rio de Janeiro states that no sedition movement has occurred in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, and that peace has not been disturbed by the Republicans. The Republicans, it is said, succeeded without recourse to arms in replacing President Pelotas with Senator Monteiro. The dispatch adds that the electors of Rio Grande do Sul have the right to pronounce a verdict on this change.

POLITICAL ECHOES.

The Republican state convention Maine nominated Hon. Henry B. Cleaves, of Portland, for governor by acclamation. The temporary organization was made permanent. One thousand two hundred and twenty-eight delegates were present out of 1,462.

The Vermont Republican state convention met at Burlington, Vt. and nominated Levi F. S. Strausman for lieutenant governor, and F. W. Baldwin, J. F. Carney, C. M. Wilds and E. A. Park presidential electors.

LABOR CIRCLE.

At a meeting of the Associated Trades of New York, resolutions were adopted demanding the immediate passage of the five million dollars World's fair appropriation bill now before congress and also protesting against the Sunday closing of the fair.

THE RAILROADS.

The Soo settles the rate war temporarily by a 46 cent, which the Chicago lines cannot meet.

The freight agents of the Atlantic coast lines, the New England lines and the lines west of the Mississippi of the trunk line association, held a meeting at New York to consider the question of west-bound freight rates to Missouri river points. The meeting was harmonious, and the general statement was in favor of advancing the tariff, but no definite action was taken.

SPORTING MATTERS.

WALTER WILMOT is hitting the ball hard and often.

The Pritchard-O'Brien match is off, owing to the serious illness of the latter.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN was referee in what was to have been a six-round bout between Jack McAuliffe and Billy Frazier recently. McAuliffe settled his man in the third round. Frazier is said to be badly hurt.

The National League clubs will now consist of thirteen men only. About twenty players are in President Young's hands for distribution, and the Western League may get a tonic where most needed.

The Pittsburg cricketers beat the Detroit (Michigan) team by an inning and 176 runs; score: Detroit 107 and 95. Pittsburg 373 (Scott 124). The Pittsburg team will play Chicago for the Western championship, and the winner of the Eastern teams.

The great international double scull race for the world's championship has been contested for on Presque Isle bay, and Haulon and O'Connor will carry it back to Toronto, together with the Chicago hands for \$1,500. The time was 19:55. Hosmer and Gaudaur, 19:57.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A LINE of steamers between Superior and Montreal is established.

W. H. PENDLETON, wholesale grocer and produce shipper of Lawrence, Kan., has assigned. Liabilities, \$135,000; assets estimated, \$100,000.

BURGLARS at Kilbourne City, Wis., blew open the vault in Bowman's bank and got away with \$800 in currency which was left outside the inner vault, which contained \$2,000. Five or six dynamite cartridges were exploded and neighbors were awakened, but the burglars escaped.

Two colored delegates from Florida to Minneapolis on their way home, not having tickets or money, put off the train at Peru, Ind., by a ruse. They attacked him so viciously that they were arrested and charged with a murderous assault, tried and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. They were taken to Michigan City prison. They gave their names as John Rogers and John Craig.

HUE & TOWNSEND, the general contractors of the Mexican Northern Pacific railway the new trunk line from Deening, N. M., Mexico have arrived and work will begin. The road is backed by English capital. Construction will be pushed rapidly, and the road will be opened up for 120 miles of hitherto inaccessible mineral, timber and agricultural lands in the northern strip of Mexico.

As the result of a quarrel between two brothers in Chicago, Officer Clarence Bixler was fatally shot, his assailant subsequently ending his own life. Frank Boyle and his brother quarreled, one, threatening to kill the other. The officer rushed between the two men, whereupon one of the fighters drew his revolver and fired directly at the peace-maker. The latter fell to the ground, Boyle but a bullet into his own brain and died shortly afterwards.

TALMAGE DEPARTS.

The Reverend Gentleman Leaves for a Preaching Tour in the Old World.

But Before Leaving He Dictated a Sermon to Be Read By His Many Readers.

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (Special.) Rev. Dr. Talmage sailed from New York on the 15th for Liverpool, for a preaching tour in England, Scotland, Ireland and Sweden. Before visiting Sweden, Dr. Talmage will go to Russia, there to witness the reception and disposition of the cargo of breadstuffs on board the Christian Herald Relief steamship Leo, which sailed recently for St. Petersburg. Previous to his departure he dictated to his stenographer the following farewell sermon. He took his text from II. Timothy iv, 6: "The time of my departure is at hand."

Departure. That is a word used only twice in all the Bible. But it is a word often used in the court room and means the desertion of one course of pleading for another. It is used in navigation to describe the distance between two meridians passing through the extremities of a course. It is a word I have recently heard applied to my departure from America to Europe for a preaching tour to last until September. In a smaller and less significant sense than that applied in the text I can say "The time of my departure is at hand." Through the printing press I address this sermon to my readers all the world over, and when they read it I will be mid-ocean, and unless something new happens in my marine experiences I will be in no condition to preach. But how unimportant the word departure when applied to exchange of continents as when Paul wrote, "The time of my departure is at hand." Now, departure implies a starting place and a place of destination. When Paul left the world, what was the starting point? It was a scene of great physical distress. It was the Tullianum,

THE LOWER DUNGEON

of the Mamertine Prison, Rome, Italy. The top dungeon was bad enough, it having no means of ingress or egress but through an opening in the top. Through that the prisoner was lowered, and through that came all the food and air and light received. It was a terrible place, that upper dungeon, but the Tullianum was the lower dungeon, and that was still more wretched, the only light and the only air coming through the roof, and that roof the floor of the upper dungeon. That was Paul's last earthly residence. I was in that lower dungeon in November, '89. It is made of volcanic stone. I measured it, and from wall to wall it was 15 feet. The highest of the roof was 7 feet from the floor, and the lowest of the roof 5 feet 7 inches. The opening in the roof through which Paul was let down was three feet wide. The dungeon has a seat of rock 2 1/2 feet high, and a shelf of rock 4 feet high. It was there that Paul spent his last days on earth, and it is there that I see him now, in the fearful dungeon, shivering, blue with cold, waiting for that old overcoat which he had sent for up to Troas, and which they had not yet sent down, notwithstanding he had written for it.

If some skillful surgeon should go into that dungeon where Paul is incarcerated, we might find out what are the prospects of Paul's living through the rough imprisonment. In the first place he is an old man, only two years short of 70. At that very time when he most needs the warmth and the sunlight and the fresh air, he is

SHUT OUT FROM THE SUN.

What are those scars on his ankles? Why, those were gotten when he was fast, his feet in the stocks. Every time he turned, the flesh on his ankles started. What are those scars on his back? You know he was whipped five times, each time getting 39 strokes—195 bruises on the back count them! made by the Jews with rods of elm-wood, each one of 195 strokes bringing the blood. Look at Paul's face and look at his arms. Where did he get those bruises? I think it was when he was struggling ashore amidst the shivered timbers of the shipwreck. Where did he get that? I think he got that in the tussle with highwaymen, for he had been in peril of robbers, and he had money of his own.

Oh, worn-out, emaciated old man! surely you must be melancholy; no constitution could endure this and be cheerful. But I press my way through the prison until I come up close to where he is, and by the faint light that streams through the opening I see on his face a supernatural joy and I bow before him, and I say, "Aged man, how can you keep cheerful amidst all this gloom?" His voice startles the darkness of the place as he cries out, "I am now ready to be offered; and the time of my departure is at hand." Hark! what is that shuffling of feet in the upper dungeon? Why, Paul has an invitation to a banquet, and he is going to dine today with the king. Those shuffling feet are the feet of the executioners. They come and they cry down through the hole of the dungeon, "Hurry up, old man. Come now get yourself ready." Why, Paul was ready. He had nothing to pack up. He had no baggage to take. He had been ready a good while. I see him rising up and straightening out,

HIS STIFFENED LIMBS,

and pushing back his white hair from his creviced forehead, and see him looking up through the hole in the roof of the dungeon into the face of his executioners, and hear him say: "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." Then they lift him out of the dungeon, and they start with him to the place of execution. They say, "Hurry along, old man, or you will feel the weight of our spear. Hurry along." "How far is it," says Paul, "we have to travel?" "Three miles." Three miles is a good way for an old man to travel after he has been whipped and crippled with maltreatment. But they soon get to the place of execution—Acque Salvia—and he is fastened to the pillar of martyrdom. It does not take any strength to tie him fast. He makes no resistance. O Paul! why not now strike for you life? You have a great many friends here. With that withered hand just launch the thunder-bolt of the people upon those infamous soldiers. No! Paul was not going to interfere with his own coronation. He was too glad to go. I see him looking up in the face of his executioner, and as the grim official draws the sword Paul calmly says "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." But I put my hand over my eyes. I want not to see that last struggle. One sharp, keen stroke and Paul goes to the banquet, and Paul does dine with the king.

What a transition it was! From the malaria of Rome to the finest climate in all the universe—the zone of eternal beauty and health. His ashes were put in the catacombs of Rome, but in one moment the air of heaven bathed from his soul the last ache. From shipwreck, from dungeon, from the biting pain of the elm wood rods, from the sharp pain of the headman, he goes into

THE MOST BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGE OF HEAVEN,

a king among kings, multitudes of the sainthood rushing out and stretching forth hands of welcome; for I do really think that as on the right hand of God is Christ, so on the right hand of Christ is Paul, the second great in heaven.

Now, why cannot all the old people have the same holy glee as that aged man had? Charles I., when he was combing his head, found a gray hair, he sent it to the queen as a great joke; but old age is really no joke at all. For the last 40 years you have been dreading that which ought to have been an exhilaration. You say you most fear the struggle at the moment the soul and body part. But millions have endured that moment and may not we as well? Get through with it and so can we. Besides this, all medical men agree in saying that there is probably no struggle at the last moment—not so much pain as the prick of a pin, the seeming signs of distress being altogether involuntary. But you say, "It is the uncertainty of the future." Now, child of God, do not play the infidel. After God has filled the Bible till it can hold no more with stories of the good things ahead, better not talk of uncertainties.

But you say, "I cannot bear to think of parting from friends here." If you are old, you have more friends in heaven than here. Just take the census. Take some large sheet of paper and begin to record the names of those who have emigrated to the other shore;

THE COMPANIONS OF YOUR SCHOOL DAYS, your early business associates, the friends of mid-life, and those who more recently went away. Can it be that they have been gone so long you do not care any more about them, and you do not want their society? O, no. There have been days when you have felt that you could not endure another moment away from their blessed companionship. They have gone. You say you do not like to bring them back to this world of trouble, even if you had the power. It would not do to trust you. God would not give you resurrection power.

Besides that, it is more healthy there for you than here, aged man; better climate there than these hot summers and cold winters and late springs; better hearing; better eyesight; more tonic in the air; more perfume in the bloom; more sweetness in the song.

I remark, again, all those ought to feel this joy of the text who have a holy curiosity to know what is beyond this earthly terminus. I hope some day, by the grace of God, to go over and see for myself; but not now. No well man, no prospered man, I think, wants to go now. But the time will come. I think when I shall go over. I want to see what they do there, and I want to see how they do it. I do not want to be looking through the gates ajar forever. I want them to swing wide open. There are 10,000 things I want explained—about you, about myself, about the government of this world, about God, about everything. We start in a plain path of what we know, and in a minute come up against a high wall of what we do not know. I wonder how it looks over there. Somebody tells me it is like a paved city.

PAVED WITH GOLD,

and another man tells me it is like a foundation, and it is like a tree, and it is like a triumphal procession; and the next man I meet tells me it is all figurative. I really want to know, after the body is resurrected, what they wear and what they eat; and I have an immeasurable curiosity to know what it is, and how it is, and where it is.

Friend, the exit from this world, or death, if you please to call it, to the Christian is glorious explanation. It is demonstration. It is illumination. It is sunburst. It is the opening of all the windows. It is the shutting up of the catechism of doubt, and the unrolling of all the scrolls of positive and accurate information. Who shall not clap his hands in the anticipation of that blessed country, if it be no better than through holy curiosity crying, "The time of my departure is at hand?"

I remark, again, we ought to have

the joy of the text, because, leaving this world, we move into the best society of the universe. You see a great crowd of people in some street, and you say, "Who is passing there? What general, what prince is going up there? Well, I see a great throng in heaven. I say, "Who is the center of that glittering company? It is Jesus, the champion of all worlds, the favorite of all ages.

The Bible intimates that we will talk with Jesus in heaven just as a brother talks with a brother. Now, what will you ask him first? I do not know. I can think what I would ask Paul first if I saw him in heaven. I think I would like to hear him describe the storm that came upon the ship when there were 275 souls on the vessel, Paul being the only man on board cool enough to describe the storm. There is a fascination about a ship and the sea that I never shall get over, and I think I would like to hear him talk about that first. But when I meet my Lord Jesus Christ, of what shall I first delight to hear him speak? Now I think what it is. I shall first want to hear

THE TRAGEDY OF HIS LAST HOURS,

and then Luke's account of the crucifixion, and Mark's account of the crucifixion will be nothing, while from the living lips of Christ the story shall be told of the gloom that fell, and the devils that arose, and the fact that upon his endurance depended the rescue of a race; and there was darkness in the sky, and there was darkness in the soul, and the pain became more sharp, and the burdens became more heavy, until the mob began to swim away from the dying vision of Christ, and the cursing of the mob came to his ear more faintly, and his hands were fastened to the horizontal piece of the cross, and his feet were fastened to the perpendicular piece of the cross, and his head fell forward in a swoon as he uttered the last moan and cried, "It is finished!" All heaven will stop to listen until the story is done, and every harp will be put down, and every lip closed, and all eyes fixed upon the divine narrator, until the story is done; and then at the tap of the baton, the eternal orchestra will rouse up; finger on string of harp, and lips to the mouth of trumpet, there shall roll forth the oratory of the Messiah, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive blessing, and riches, and honor, and glory, and power, world without end!"

And now for a little while good-bye! I have no morbid feelings about the future. But if anything should happen that we never meet again in this world let us meet there are no partings. Our friendships have been delightful on earth, but they will be more delightful in heaven. And now I commend you to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build us up and give us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

HOW TO FORECAST WEATHER.

A Formula of Popular Signs which are Easily Remembered.

The formula of popular weather signs which is said to be most kindly treated by the official observers is that which was adopted by the Farmers' Club of the American Institute several years ago. It contains 10 propositions, easily remembered, which are as follows:

- 1. When the temperature falls suddenly, there is a storm forming south of you.
2. When the temperature rises suddenly, there is a storm forming north of you.
3. The wind always blows from a region of fair weather toward a region where a storm is forming.
4. Cirrus clouds always move from a region where a storm is in progress toward a region of fair weather.
5. Cumulus clouds always move from a region where a storm is forming.
6. When cirrus clouds are moving rapidly from the north or northeast, there will be rain within 24 hours, no matter how cold it is.
7. When cirrus clouds are moving rapidly from the south or southeast there will be a cold hail storm on the morrow, if it be in the summer, and if it be in the winter there will be a snow storm.

- 8. The wind always blows in a circle around a storm, and when it blows from the north the heaviest rain is east of you; if it blows from the south the heaviest rain is west of you; if it blows from the east, the heaviest rain is south.
9. The wind never blows unless rain is falling within a thousand miles of you.

10. Whenever heavy white frost occurs a storm is forming within a thousand miles northwest of you. This is about as far as popular weather prophecy has yet advanced. It is not a very great distance, to be sure, but then it is much better than trusting to the guess-work of almanac predictions, which are made up a year or more in advance.

Odious Well.

One is accustomed to complaints about the use of intensive adjectives and adverbs of this kind. At all events, they have been a spontaneous expedient in all ages. Swift, writing to Stella, thinks it fitting to describe the weather as "bloody hot." In Lowland Scots the words odious and horrid are still used in the same way. "How is your mother to-day?" "Oh, she's odious well, thank you;" or, "as I have often heard, 'She's just odious, thank ye.'" meaning she is in excellent health. "That's horrid well done" may be understood as high encomium