"We want a man for our information bureau," said the manager, "but he must be one who can answer all sorts of questions and not use his head."

"That's me," replied the applicant; "I'm the father of eight children."—Tit-Bits.

The Poet—So you don't think you can use my poem?

The Editor—Oh, I don't know. You might see if it's big enough to cover that broken pane of glass.—Tid-Bits.

GULF STORM RESULT

NEARLY A HUNDRED LIVES LOST IT IS REPORTED.

Steamer St. Lucie and Many Lighter and Smaller Boats Crushed by High Waves—Property Loss at Miami, Fla., Is Enormous—Tide Was Three Feet Higher Than Usual.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 21.—A special to the Metropolitan from Miami says:

The Miami steamer St. Lucie was crushed by the high waves in a recent storm, and out of 100 persons on board 35 were lost. The steamer Peerless also lost about the same number, they being blown off the vessel. The launch Elmore was capsized and is thought to be a total loss. The launch Manny was badly damaged. Work barges numbers six and seven and dredge number four of the East Coast road broke away and drifted to sea, but are now safe on the other side of Biscayne bay.

The Peninsula and Occidental shed was badly damaged. No persons at Miami were hurt.

The houseboat Theat north of Jupiter was turned over. A few persons were hurt but none badly. Two lighters were set adrift at Jewfish and two water barges broke loose. The tide was three feet higher in Barnes sound than Blackwater. Knight Key dock and crew are safe. About 50 men have just arrived at Miami from Long Key. They report about 25 men and the quarterboat at Long Key safe; also two barges remain at Long Key but the remainder are gone. It is estimated that 50 lives were lost on dredges at lower Mate Cumbe. The dredges Oyama, Mikado, Manetto and Dodge are safe.

Two men were lost on the pile driver. At Long Key about 40 men were picked up and are safe.

Roosevelt Will Go November 8.

Three days will be the length of time that President Roosevelt will remain in the Isthmian canal zone. Leaving New York on November 8 on the battleship Louisiana the president will arrive at Colon about November 14. With a stay of three days on the isthmus he will be back in Washington about November 22. Mrs. Roosevelt will accompany him.

Japs Against Yankees.

Tokio, Japan, Oct. 24.—It would be difficult to overestimate the gravity of the situation caused by the anti-Japanese feeling that has been given voice to in the United States. During his .. years residence in this country the correspondent has never seen the Japanese press so agitated against Americans.

FAVORS THE MERGER

SIR THOMAS LIPTON THINKS PACKERS COMBINE O. K.

All the Packing Plants of the United States Said to Be for Combine Financed by English Capitalists—Sir Thomas Thinks It Would Be a Good Thing.

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Sir Thomas Lipton says he knows nothing of the reported merger of all the packing plants in the United States. However, he thinks they ought to be merged and is sure it could be done without violating the anti-trust laws. Sir Thomas has been mentioned as having come to America to take a hand in the consolidation.

"I am sorry that I know of no such plan," he said, "but it ought to be true. A merger of the packing houses would have advantages of economy and efficiency which everybody, and especially the consumer, would be benefited by.

"It would take a lot of money to handle it, but it would be a good investment. Some day it may be an accomplished fact.

"It could be done without violating any laws. If organized in England as a limited company, with some of the stocks or securities watered or inflated, there is no reason why there should be a clash with any law or any government."

State Department Not Alarmed.

The agricultural department officials are very much interested in the report, from Chicago that the big packing houses are contemplating a gigantic company to be financed by English capital. They do not look for the carrying out of any such project. For years the packing companies have been straining every effort to create the impression that they are acting independently of each other.

Officials at Washington declare that notwithstanding the vigorous beef inspection measures now being enforced the packing houses are being operated with a big profit. They can not see wherein there can be any advantage gained by a foreign holding company and they can see wherein there would be many a serious disadvantage to the packers as the outcome of such a deal, for foreign corporations would be absolutely at the mercy of the respective states.

Killed by Falling Walls.

San Francisco.—Five men were killed and two injured under collapsing walls toppled over by the high wind Saturday. Three unknown men were crushed to death under a wall at the southeast corner of Commercial and Montgomery and another badly crushed. Two were killed and one probably fatally injured under the ruins of the wall of the John Hoey Furniture company on Mission street near Third street. The names of the dead are Peter Johns and G. Durand, a Greek. Both accidents occurred at almost the same time. John Riordan, foreman of the Mission street work noticed the wall swaying ominously just before it fell. He called to the men to come out and all obeyed but Johns, Durand and Charles O'Connor. When it was too late Johns and Durand rushed frantically for the street

Jar Felt in Many Towns.

Biddeford, Maine, Oct. 21.—An earthquake severe enough to rattle windows and to shake articles from shelves was felt at Biddefordpool and Woodsland at the mouth of the Saco river shortly before 11:30 o'clock Saturday. It was the strongest and most noticeable of the series of earth tremors which have been felt in York county shore towns from Kitery to this city for two days, and it caused genuine alarm among the residents of Biddefordpool, eight miles from this city. The shock was not felt here, though in Kittery and in York, to the westward, there was a very distinct earthquake at 11:10 a. m.

Famous Lady Dies.

New Orleans.—Madame Begues, for 50 years one of the most famous cooks in the United States, died last night. On the guests' register at her tiny restaurant, which seated no more than 40 persons, are some of the most famous names in recent United States history, and also quaint and original verses written by leading American poets and authors. Madame Begues was 75 years of age, but cooked until six months ago. It was necessary in the winter to engage seats at her table a week in advance.

New Trial in Oil Case.

Findlay, Ohio.—Attorney J. O. Troup for the Standard Oil company, has filed a motion for a new trial with Judge Banker in the case in which the corporation was found guilty of violation of the anti-trust laws. The move was a formal one and will not be contested. The case was carried up immediately.

Gretchen—I'd give anything if I knew who it was that kissed Ella on the way home from the ball last night.

Hans—Will you give me a kiss if I tell you?

Gretchen—Yes. (Kisses him.)

Hans—It was me.—Meggendorfer.

Few people can be superlative in speech and in conduct at the same time.

SEATTLE DRILL TEAM WINS.

Knights of Pythias Get Rich Prize at Meeting.

New Orleans.—The Knights of Pythias biennial encampment ended Saturday with awarding of prizes to winners of the competitive drills of the past week.

The first prize of $1500 for being the best drilled company in camp was awarded to Seattle company No. 1 of Seattle, Wash. This company also won the distance prize, making its total winnings $2100. Captain Otto A. Case, of the Seattle company, was awarded the medal as the best officer. The largest commandery prize was won by Kansas City company No. 3.

HUBBY OR WIFE MUST QUIT.

Say Roosevelt Objects to Both Being in U. S. Employ.

It is understood that the president has called upon the civil service commission for detailed information respecting the employment in government work of husbands and wives. Serious complaints have been made from time to time of positions being held by the two heads of a household. Those in close touch with the president declare that he has reached the conclusion that a husband or wife may engage in government work, but that it is unjust to others in the service to have both of them employed.

Magoon Digs Up Horror.

Havana.—Governor Magoon visited the national asylum recently and discovered a deplorable state of affairs there. One thousand six hundred and sixty persons of both sexes are crowded into filthy and dilapidated buildings with a capacity for 400 persons only. They are sleeping on broken cots, relics of the last American occupation. Congress made an appropriation to enlarge the asylum, but the money was never expended.

"Is your horse afraid?" asked the chauffeur.

"No," answered Farmer Corntossel, "he's jes' tryin' to scare the automobile."—Washington Star.

FATAL CRASH ON MOUNTAIN.

Narrow Gauge Kentucky Train Is Wrecked—Three Die.

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 22.—As the result of an extra freight train on the Mountain Central narrow gauge railroad jumping the track, near Compton Junction, three persons are dead and a number seriously injured. The dead are: Bud Smith, engineer; Charles Lythe, conductor, and Joe Derrickson.

The accident occurred on a steep grade and when Engineer Smith saw that he could not control the train he called for the brakes to be put on. Despite the efforts of the crew, however, the speed of the train increased until it left the track.

The first play bill was issued from Drury Lane theater, London, on April 8, 1663.

Noted Forger Caught.

Chicago.—J. H. Langdon, who is in custody here on information furnished by the police of Baltimore, charging him with forgery, is said to have operated successfully in nearly every large city in the east.

It would be dangerous to put into words what the sweet girl says with her eyes.

Libson, Portugal, is suffering from an epidemic of hydrophobia.