In a sorrowful mood and forlorn, The gem of them all I discover
In a child's sampler, faded and torn, With faintly-worked letters unfolding An incomplete motto, a stare,
And the time-yellowed canvas still holding

A ringlet of pale golden hair.

"I Love My Dear Papa Forever." Runs the legend, the rest being blurred While the last of the childish endeavor Fritters out in a half-broidered Word: In the woof that my mem'ry unr Ever since the small worker's soul fleeted To the Giver and taker of souls.

Only a child's sampler, faded, With poor straggling letters inwrought: But, ah! how distinct and unaided It emblazons its beautifu! thought! Only a yellow curl treasured
In the limp, flimsy, many-creased plaits,
But instinct with affection unmeasured

By earth's feeble standards, or fate's? Oh! again and again do I kiss it. With her image still fresh in my mind! And that artless child's love, how I miss it, Sin e no more with my life 'tis combined Save as Death, the light-footed purlo ner, By Love is run down in the end,

And as Faith still abides to rejoin her In those heights she was first to ascend. Once again with your mates I return you, Dear Keepsake! more precious than all, And again in the Past I inurn you, As life's shadows, deepening, fall. As life's shadows, deepening, fall.
Once more in the casket I set you,

A VISITING CARD.

With no fear that I'll slight or forget you, Since your motto is worked in my hears.

-Nathan D. Urner, in Once a Week.

Embarrassing Results of a Slight Mistake.

And, turning the key, I depart,

It was a rainy day in January. Large drops were beating monotonously against the windows of a red brick house, whose white stone trimmings and other heavy architectural ornamentations were that air of having been manufactured by the thousand which characterizes the dwellings of those good people who have gained wealth

without gaining taste. Behind the guipure curtains on the first floor stood a handsome blonde looking out, with a bored expression in her cold blue eyes. This was Solange Tarvenue, the only daughter of a respectable bourgeois, who, having made his money in trade, now lived s gentleman of leisure in this fine new

"Heaven!" exclaimed M'lle Tarvenue, how tiresome this rain is! One can't go out to make any calls, and no one comes to see one. It's enough to give one the "The spleen? What's that?" asked M. Tarvenue from the depths of his paper.

Something you don't understand, papa,' said the young lady, impatiently. "Suppose you practice a little, my daughter," suggested Mme. Tarvenue, putting up some stockings she had been darning. "That

siece, you know, you are to play at the Paulpiur to-night. "Yes, it would be worth while, would it not!" sneered Solange. "People who don't know one note from another! As though there was any one in the Ville-Abbe, anyway, who did. What is the use of having any talent for any thing when one lives in

the provinces!" O, the provinces again! Solange is in a bad humor. I'll get out of the way," remarked M. Tarvenue. "Leave the child alone. The temperature affects her. It is psychological," said Mme.

Tarvenue, who flattered herself that she understood her daughter, and was upon the She went down stairs with the girl, and here Solange, with-one good deal of mere digital brilliancy, began

to practice one of those showy and utterly hollow musical productions in which there are technical difficulties in profusion, but absolutely not one note that can speak to the heart or the mind. In the midst of these trills and chromatic acales the bell rang.

"There!" cried Solange, stopping short, "I'm sure that is a call. You see, mamma you were very wrong to say that you were not at home to visitors. Every one is not as much afraid of bad weather as you are." "My dear child, what are you thinking of! Such a day as this! Why, the parlor furni-ture would have been ruined by people's wet clothes!"

"People's wet clothes! It is to be hoped the people we know would wear water-proofs, as long as they come on foot," added the young lady, bitterly, She rang the bell. A young servant girl

The servant returned. Solange threw an indifferent glance on the bit of pasteboard. Suddenly her face lighted up; she exclaimed quickly: "Mamma! It was M. de Prevaret! And

"Bring the cards that were left just now."

you didn't receive him!" "M. de Prevaret!" wailed Madame Tarvenue.

"Dear me! What a pity, now!" cried Solauge, sourly. M. de Prevaret was considered the very

best catch in Ville Abbe! Young and handsome and clever, and the possessor of a large fortune he lived with his mother, the dowager countess, in one of the most sumptuous residences in the town. And this young man, on whom every woman of rank with a marriageable daughter smiled, had rung the doorbell of the Tarvenues, and left his cards for them! He bowed to them, because they bowed to his mother, but he had never been introduced to the ladies. "What can it mean?" asked Mme. Tar-

venue, anxiously. Solange was standing before the glass. "Why, it seems to me that it is very clear!" she replied, with deep complacency. "Haven't you noticed, my dear mainma, that every time we go to hear the band play M. de Prevaret is there, too?"

"What!-why-do you think-?" Mme. Tarvenue did not dare finish, so audacious did her thought seem to her. "And why not?" demanded Solange, throwing up her blonde head with a triumphant air that made her really immensely

"You are right," marmured poor Mme. Tarvenue; "you are pretty enough." It was quite true that Solange Tarvenue absolutely lacking in innate refinement or by which you were pleased to show us that

was handsome enough to inspire a passion but she would never have had any attraction for a fastidious man. This young person, with her sculpturesque form, her opulent contours and her da: ing coloring, was distinction. No reflection of a gentle nature, an elevated soul, ever gave that indescribable charm to her regular features was clever enough, but it was a thoroughly material sort of cleverness, and it was joined to a most extraordinary amount of egotism and vanity. She had played, in childhood, behind the paternal counter; but is now. Gerard," addressing the young man she had been educated in a fashionable Parisian school, from which she had brought | not introduce me to Mme. and M'lle Taraway all manner of ambitions. In her dreams for the future she saw noblemen at her feet, and she would not have thought a crown misplaced had it been made to rest bowing low before his mother's guests.

The repeaters of traditional lore carry on her magnificent yellow hair. It was, therefore, no wonder, that the Comte de Prevaret's visit had not much surprised her. She saw in it simply the natural result gretted not being at home when you called of her beauty. She received her father, when he returned, with a superior smile of calm fatuousness, while Mme. Tarvenue, who was most unsophisticated in her new grandeur, exclaimed agitatedly: "If you only knew whom we have just missed!" "Oh! You think I don't know," replied the

good man, trying to look very subtle. "So he has come to make his proposal, has he?" "To make his proposal?" quavered Mme. "It is to be hoped that I did know," re-marked M. Tarvenue with importance. "He said to me only this morning: "It is time we came to an understanding. Eusebe is

fairly wasting away; he is so much in love "Eusebe! Of whom are you talking?" "Of my friend Ramillat, who is most anxious that Solange should marry his son." "M. Ramillat did not call. But the Comte de Prevaret rang the door-bell while you I don't in the least know what all this but it is less easy to extinguish local were away." And Solange, having pre- means!"

nounced these words, majestically left the "M. de Prevaret!" exclaimed M. Tarven "Why, yes," said madam, imitating her laughter's self-possessed and indifferent on. "Solange is not astonished. He has

if he should want to marry her there would be nothing surprising in that either. She is A discussion then arose between Mme. Tarvenue and her daughter as to whether they should call, in their turn, on the down ger countess-a discussion which was thus

cluded by the young lady: nabit of the world, I should know how to he sighed. manage perfectly. So, it is best that mamma and I should go to call on the countess. By

The plan was cleverly conceived, and a On the same day the dowager Countess le Prevaret was chatting with her son in a large salon filled with fine old furniture He, who was the most touchingly devoted of sons, had been asking his mother how been too tired to receive, she said. But there had been several callers. "Among

others these"-and she took up a card 'Mme. Tarvenue" and mademoiselle countess. "I was surprised to get their "I know them and I don't. He used to be

a linen draper, I think. He is out of business now. They sft near you in church the father is a little man with spectacles the mother very stout and rubicund; the daughter a superb creature, a blonde, who card!" hem?" "O. ves. I remember now. I believe they

think, they go to church very regularly."

"Good souls, perhaps," laughed her son,

1. Probably the Count Gerard did the "but frightfully ordinary. The mother is impossible. As for the daughter, we call her the empress. I assure you the name were mixed inadvertently—half of them her the empress. I assure you the name uits her. She is a tremendous poseuse." "But why should they come to see me?" asked the countess.

"Perhaps to solicit subscriptions for some charity. The mother and daughter belong o different church organizations, I think. "Perhaps. I don't care to know them, but I want to be polite. I might leave my card some day at their house. That would not commit me to any thing."

"Of course not, especially with the Tar-The lady little dreamed what a commotion the square of pasteboard her footman deposited at the Tarvenue mansion door one afternoon would cause in that household. When Solange, who was at the window, recognized the Prevaret livery, she forgot all her assumption of indifference, and rushed down to the kitchen to tell the servant that the ladies would receive. Then she threw a hasty glance into the drawingroom to assure herself that all things we n order there, and, still running, returned to her room and began to make an appro priate toilet. What was not her disappointment when she heard the carriage

drive away again. "Idiot!" she cried to the servant over the home as I told you?" "But, mademoiselle, the footman didn't ask. He gave me the card and I said, 'Madame is at home.' Then he said, 'Well,

give her that, then." "Very well," said Solange, with acerbity "But you might at least have refrained from saying that we were at home, since you hadn't been asked.

should have taken the trouble to drive out in the cold in order to leave a card at their house proved conclusively that she wished same intellectual level, albeit the latter had ladies resolved that the least they could do much upon oral tradition. Antiquaritess without delay.

This had been arranged when M. Tarveday, came in with a very clouded brow. "Something very serious has happened." said the retired linen draper. Then-"We vious day, that I would understand the visit as a formal demand on his and his son's give me his card.

cried Mme Tarvenue "In any case there's a good match off," grumbled M. Tarvenue.
"Do not deplore it, I beg," remarked So-

to you a son-in-law of qui te another stamp." In less than eight days Mme. Tarvenue han trimmings, and a toque of the same on her golden hair.

Mme. Tarvenue, in plush and jets, had assumed an indifferent and contemptuous air When the countess saw the two ladies enmovement of surprise, but she received her guests with that gracious amiability which so successfully keeps people at a distance. "I was sorry," she said, in her slow, musical voice, "not to have been at home when you came some little time ago to see me." "The loss was entirely ours, madame,"

said Solange, with empressment. "Certainly, certainly," said Mme. Tarveaue, who was very red and very ill at ease. "I regretted the coincidence all the more that I thought you might have wished to see me with regard to some church charity." Solange understood the allusion, and her eyes flashed fire.

"No, madame, I am interested in church the council of Toulouse, in 1229. work, but I do not solicit aid from others," "They have taken away my dear she announced trenchantly. "We have come simply to prove our recognition of the visit you approved of your son's visit to us." It was now the countess' turn to be agi- gundy, when deprived of the instructated. Had Gerard really gone to see these that such attributes only can convey. She people? The daughter was pretty, very

> "I did not know that my son had called who now entered with a smile, "will you venue?"
> "It seems to me that it is you who ought

The young man bowed again, and looked embarrassed, and said nothing.

"My daughter alludes to the visit you made us at the beginning of January," here

them to the door, his mother said to him: "Tell me truly, my son, did you call on ries which might otherwise have perthose people?"

In the street meanwhile Solange was iting her lips till the blood started

What idiots we were! We have spoiled every thing! He had come to the house without letting his mother know, and we have let the cat out of the bag!" she raged. een noticing her a great deal of late. And "What a pity! If he only comes back again!" said Mm. Tarvenue, prayerfully. The next day there occurred Mme. Tarve-nue's small weekly reception. The lamps were lighted and Solange was setting out some dominoes nonchalantly on the baize

"O, yes."

"Is every thing ready?" demanded M.

His guests soon began to arrive. Solange, with a book in her hand, abandoned herself doing so we will make her understand that to golden-tinted reveries. That very mornwe are very willing to know her, but not willing to accept the attentions of her son profoundly, and on this incident, trivial as it was, she had begun to erect a visionary scaffolding of dreams. Suddenly the door opened again and M. Ramillat was an-

M. Tarvenue hurried forth to meet him. 'My dear friend, at last!" "Why yes, here I am again! But let me ell you-all of you-the most extraordinary she had passed the afternoon. She had and laughable occurrence imaginable. You know, Tarvenue that I was offended because of your having failed to take any notice of thers these"—and she took up a card a certain visit I paid you three weeks ago. Mme. Tarvenue" and mademoiselle.
"Do you know these people?" asked the was sure that I had left cards. Well, I left

cards and you never knew it. He broke out with a loud laugh "Tell me, Tarvenue, do you know the Comte de Prevaret?" "Very little, but he comes here." "Ah! he comes here? He came here on the 3th of January, ch? Well, I left his

Solange, who had raised her head from her book, now approached "And this is the way of it: It's all the to me. They are good souls, I should fault of that good-for-nothing engraver, they go to church very regularly." Bladell. I ordered some cards for January same. Now what do you suppose I discovwere mine and half those of the Count Prevaret. That is how it happened that you

eceived a card from that gentleman and that is how---' Solange, whiter than a sheet, had risen with difficulty and retreated into the embrasure of a window. Her mother followed "Courage, Solange! Be kind to M. Ramil-

lat. After all, Eusebe is not such a very bad match! "What! When one thought one was going to be a countess." "Excuse Solange," said Mme. Tarvenue

She is feeling indisposed.

Three months later Gerard de Prevaret was married to one of his cousins, and the same day M. Eusebe Ramillat, disdained by Solange, conducted to the altar the daughte of his father's partner. They say that Solange Tarvenue will no narry at all.—From the French.

ORAL TRADITION. Tales Handed Down from Lip to Lip for

Many Centuries. It is said that the invention of writing injured the power of memory, and "Why didn't you say we were at years ago, before the schoolmaster was abroad as he is nowadays, it was possible to meet with many instances of strong memorizing capacity among persons who could neither read nor write. Complicated accounts could be kept by the aid of a "tally" only, and the memory of many a small farmer or Nevertheless the sight of the countess' petty shopkeeper was his only ledger card somewhat appeared her. That a and order book, It is certain that grande dame, of the countess' age, toc, since the art of writing has become ar almost universal accamplishment, the faculty of memory, being less needed to sanction her son's course. Thus did is less cultivated. Long after the in-Mme. Tarvenue think likewise, and the two vention of letters our forefathers rested would be to call once more upon the coun-ans assert that one of the ancien and cut his own throat, his body falling races of Italy possessed no writter against and barring the opening of the door nue, who spent an hour at his club every language, and even where writter characters were in use, oral tradition formed an important supplement to have no secrets from you, my daughter, and you know already that my friend have been handed down from lip to them. "Folk lore" tales and ballads

Ramillat had spoken to me of his desire of lip for centuries with curious fidelity. making a match between you and his son. A writer of some thirty years ago I expected an official proposal from him mentions that one of Herrick's fines three weeks ago. I did not receive it, and since then he has seemed to avoid me. I did not like to call upon him because that repeated verbatim by a poor old woman. would have been undignified under the cir- one of whose ancestresses had beer cumstances. Finally, I met him to day on the street, and although he pretended not to see me, I accosted him: 'What's the reason one never sees you any more, Ramillat? 'It seems to me, sir,' he answered predecessors could read. These 'night stifly, that it is scarcely my place to call prayers," as the old dame described upon you again after the step I took three them, had come down on the lips of weeks ago, and which you failed to recognize in any way.' And now it turns out these unlettered women for nearly that be came here, left his card, as I was not two centuries, and the ten verses at home, and thought of at home, and thought, of course, as we had of the hymn were as accurately had a conversation on the subject the pre- recorded in the memory of the last reciter as in the printed pages of Herrick's "Noble Numbers." When oral for actual information more care was old rectors jealously guarded a time-

part for Solange's hand. Here we are at loggerheads, and all because you did not tradition was recognized as a vehicle "But he never came, he never left a card," taken regarding its accuracy that would be the case in these days. The honored form of words even in their lange, with her most superb mien. "I prose narratives. Breton peasants, should not have accepted M. Eusebe Ramillat nowadays, notably those who possess a nowadays, notably those who possess a in any event. I hope before long to present talent as raconteurs, will repeat a legend or a story with scrupulous fidelity and her daughter repaired anew to the dow- to the established form in which they ager countess. Solange was enchantingly have always heard the incidents relahandsome in a suit of dark blue with astrak- ted. and will check a traveler who attempts to deviate from the orthodox version with "Nay, monsieur, the story should begin thus," repeating the regwhich she thought in the best possible form. ular formula of the tale. During the persecution of the Waldenses, in the ter her drawing-room she suppressed a thirteenth century, when their version of the Scriptures was prohibited and destroyed wherever found, their ministers committed whole books of the sacred volume to memory, and repeated 11,472, and Kentucky, 10,248. chapters at their religious meetings. Even the lay members of their body adopted the same means of preserving their beloved provencal version. Reiner mentions knowing one rustic, unable to read or write, who could yet repeat the entire book of Job, according to the translation condemned by

tutor, but they can not take away my 'Telemachus,' for I have it safe it crack it. Lukewarm water and soft soap is my heart.' said the little Duke of Bur. the best thing for china, and it should also tions of Fenelon, whose "Telemachus" was represented to Louis XIV. as a covert attack on his mode of government. It would be tedious to enumer. ate the rany instances in which tradition has preserved what written histories were forbidden to chronicle. Traditions may claim to be as accurate as written history; though this, perhaps is faint praise. Oral tradition is usu-

history with a view, not of elucidating of sixty-five degrees a vessel containing facts, but of representing certain historical characters as angels or the re verse. That ugly popular adjective will adhere to Queen Mary's name it threw in Mme. Tarvenue.

"I wish that I, too, might allude to it, madame, but I am afraid there is a misunderstanding, since I would never have permitted myself, not having the honor of knowing you, to present myself at your door. Now, however. I shall," he continued, with a profound bow, "certainly beg for the pleasure of doing so."

"Mme. Tarvenue desperately rose, and, is shake popular belief, in the excellencies of "Good Queen Bess," and the "golden days" of her reign. Sometimes local tradition dares to array it self in open opposition to received history. Folk lore, if not an altogether reliable guide, is seldom totally at fault in its statement of facts, and transport in the water supply is of a suspicious character, thoroughly boil it before using, and then place it where there is no danger of its becoming infected. If ice is to be used in cooling the drinking water, keep it dition has frequently kept alive memoished altogether. Books may be de-"Never in the world, my dear mother, and stroyed and history willfully garbled,

FORTY-TWO STARS.

That Is the Number the American Flag Will Likely Soon Contain-Both House of Congress Pass the Rill to Admit as States North Dakots, South Dakots, Washington and Montana—The Presiden Will in All Probability Sign It-Outline

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—One necessity for an extra session of the Fifty-first Congress was disposed of yesterday by the passage by both houses of the conference report on the

The slight fear of a pocket veto which haunted the friends of the Territories Tues-"O, yes."
"Well; because I hold a good deal to this one evening in the week, when I can gather my old friends around me," said the old sus justice. Now, if it were I, having the

majority of the votes east on the ratification shall be for the constitution, irrespective of the articles separately submitted, the State of South Dakota shall be admitted under said constitution; but the archives, records and books of the Territory of Dakota shall be admitted that the content of North

ton to be held on the first Tuesday in October. Dakota, which shall be entitled to two repre

stitution it shall be the duty of the convention

All lands granted for school purposes are exempted from entry under any of the land laws and can only be sold at public sale at not less than \$10 an acre, the proceeds to consti-tute a permanent school fund, the interest of which only can be used. Such lands may, how ever, be leased under legislative restrictions All mineral lands are exempted from the grants made by the act. The two Dakotas are to be added to Justice \$1.50 per day. After being washed,

READY FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. — The House has agreed to the conference report on the Direct-Tax bill. It now goes to the Presi-

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The President has signed the Nicaraguan Canal bill.

HORRIBLE. A Dissolute Laborer at Upson, Wis., Kills His Wife, Two Children and Himself. ASHLAND, Wis., Feb. 21.—One of the most

reported for some time occurred at Upson Brogan killed his wife and two children, the latter aged 5 and 7 years respectively, and then committed suicide with a dull razor a 7:30 a. m. Brogan drank heavily and had a heated quarrel with his wife. She proteste because he spent all of his earnings for whisky. The couple quarreled frequently and nothing was thought of it. This morning, when several passing by, the fiend attacked his head from the body. The little boys awoke from sleep and were both horribly cut by He was about 35 years of age, and had no

particular business. When the neighbors broke in it was a horrible sight. The single room of the house was literally covered with blood. The bodies of the victim and murderer were still warm, but all were dead. The affair has thrown the little village into an uproar. Brogan has wealthy parents living in the East, who have been telegraphed to.

Marks upon the body of the woman examined at the inquest show that they had had a struggle before the cutting occurred. Her face looked as if she had been struck several times by the villain. The little boys, Hugh and John, were murdered in bed. The murderer was a big man and very disnte, the wife having had to support the

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Labor Commissioner Wright Sonds His Report on the Subject to Congress-Interesting Statistics.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Carroll D. Wright Commissioner of Labor, has submitted to Congress a special report on mar-riages and divorces from 1867 to During the twenty years covered by the report there was a total of 328,721 divorces granted in the United States, increasing from 9,937 in 1867 to 25,533 in 1886. Of these 216,738, or 55 per cent. were granted to wives, and 111,983 were granted to husbands. The causes in which wives are the petitioners more largely than husbands are cruelty, where the wife seeks divorce as 7 to 1; in desertion, where the proportion is over 1½ to 1; in drunk enness, where it is 9 to 1. Desertion was given as the cause for 126,557 divorces, and 65.635 were obtained on the ground of adultery. The commissioner says it is apparent that the divorces granted for drunkenness—the total being 13,843—can not rep resent the total number in which drunker ness or intemperance is a serious factor. In the number of divorces during these twenty years Illinois takes the lead with 36, 072; Ohio comes next with 26,367; Indians granted 25,193; Michigan, 18,433; Iowa, 16, £61; Pennsylvania, 16,020; New York, 15,355
 Missouri, 15,278; California, 12,118; Texas

DOMESTIC DEPARTMENT.

A BEAUTIFUL table-cover is made of creamwhite corduroy. It is lined with golden-yellow sateen and finished all around the edge with gold-colored silk cord.

Pies should be well baked, and need an oven at moderate heat, as too rapid baking renders the crust tough, and the fruit is. never so fi ie in color or flavor. OLD china needs the greatest care both in washing and drying. Too hot water may

be rinsed in lukewarm water. THE great secret of good boiled salt fish is to freshen it properly before boiling. Some people soak their fish two or three hours and wonder why it is so hard, salt and dry. It should soak at least twelve hours, and longer won't hurt it.

An excellent powder for polishing tinfound in coal ashes. They should be crushed into a fine powder and applied to the clean tin with a flannel. The powder is so fine that it polishes without scratching the tin. bowing low before his mother's guests.

"It is true, Monsieur," said Solange, while her mother wished that the earth might open and swallow her up; "we remain a summary an eloquent historian appears to clean water and hung near the register, remaining a summary and to write his rooms should be such that at a temperature water of fifty degrees brought into the room would receive a deposit of moisture upon it. Pur plenty of arborvitæ (white cedar)

> used in cooling the drinking water, keep it out of the water, only packing it around the water vessel, but not putting ice into the vessel or allowing the melted ice in any way to enter your drinking water, and thus

AMERICAN SARDINES.

How Merring Are Made to Resemble the French Fishes. "Are these the genuine French sardines?" asked a well-dressed woman of a grocer as she received for inspection an oblong tin box, marked on one side Sardines a la Francaise." The grocer looked at her with a slightly surprised air, and replied: "Certainly." "You may send me three boxes then," said she, and, after ordering a few more

things, went out. As she passed through

standing by, inquired: "But were they real French sardines, after all?" by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate early this morning and sent at once to the President. Mr. Springer makes no sort of doubt that he will sign it but what can I say when a lady asks me such a question? I can't explain to that minotenths of the sardines conher that nine-tenths of the sardines con-mission of North and South Dakota, Montana and Washington. Dakota is to be divided on the 46th standard parallell, and the two consti-tions of the sardines con-sumed in the United States come from Maine, for, although they are just as the 46th standard parallell, and the two consti-tutional conventions are to meet at Bis-marck and Sioux Falls. Delegates to the con-ventions of each of the two proposed States are to be elected on the first Monday in May are to be elected on the first Monday in May triade. Most of the sardines sold nowrad are to meet on July 4. It is provided that at the election for delegates in South Dakota the electron shall vote for or against the Sloux Falls constitution. If a majority of the votes shall be for the constitution the convention shall resubmit to the provided that adays are nothing but small herrings, put up in boxes with gaudy labels and French inscriptions. In East-port there are nineteen places where they turn out cardings herides there are nineteen places and the standard of the sardines sold now-part and the electron for delegates in South Dakota the electron shall vote for or against the sloux shall be for the constitution the convention shall results to the sardines sold now-part and the electron for delegates in South Dakota the electron shall vote for or against the sloux shall be for the constitution. If a majority of the votes shall be for the constitution the convention shall results to the sardines sold now-part and the sardines

people of South Dakota for ratification or re- they turn out sardines, besides three at jection the constitution framed at Sioux Falls.
Lubec, two at Jonesport and one each and also the articles and propositions separate. and also the articles and propositions separately submitted, including the question of locating the temporary seat of government, and if a ton. When it was first attempted to make sardines from herrings it was found that the difficulty lay in eradicating the herring flavor. It took years of experiment to accomplish this. Fihall remain at Bismarck, the capital of Nort bakota, until an agreement in reference thereto is reached by said States. But if at the election for delegates a majority of all the votes cast shall be against the Sioux Falls con-4 inches long, and can be bought of the at inches long, and can be bought of the to form a constitution as if that question had not been submitted to the people.

A inches long, and can be bought of the not been submitted to the people. It is made the duty of the President to admit the four new States by proclamation if the constitutions formed are ratified at the elec-The fish are caught in huge nets set one representative in Congress, except South along the short. After capture they are taken immediately to the factory,

and laid in heaps upon long tables where they are decapitated and cleaned by children, whose dexterity is marvelous. On the average each child dresses seventy-five fish a minute. The pay is 10c. for a box holding about a bushel. Some of the children make as much as Miller's circuit (the Eighth) and Washington the fish are pickled for half an hour, and Montana to Justice Field's (the Ninth).] and are then laid upon trays and placed in a large drying-room, heated by steam. When dry they are thrown into large shallow pans of boiling oil and thoroughly cooked. They are packed in boxes by women and girls, and into each box is poured some of the patent mixture of oil and spices. Covers are fitted on the boxes and sealed by men. The boxes are next placed in boiling water for half an hour, and are then removed and put on an incline plane, so that the enclosed hot air

rushes to one corner of the box. This corner is punctured with an awl, and the air escapes; the box then being made air-tight again by a drop of solder. The boxes are ornamented with attractive French labels, stating that the enclosed are "Sardines a la Francaise." Some are labeled in addition. "a Phuile d'olive!" The oil generally used is cotton seed. Olive oil is, however, used for the quality marked

"Almost the entire product of these factories are shipped to New York, whence it goes to retailers all over the country. One of the Lubec houses prepares about 4,500 boxes per day. The profit made by the packers is from 4c to 6c a box."

"How do you happen to be so well informed on the subject?" was asked. "Well, I hail from Eastport myself," said the grocer, "and as a boy I used to work in a sardine factory."-N. Y. Evening Post.

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