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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

CONGRESSIONAL. SENATE, April 5 .- A bill was introduced and referred, to repeal the statule pro-hibiting farmers and planters from selling leaf duced and referred, to repeat the statete prohibiting framers and planters from selling leaf
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the debate the Service A. I have condegrated. However, they were obtained the
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to call in onch obligations and pay them at any
time, but should be paid as rapidly as peachles
any one was taken and the resolution defeated—
peace, sit may, 117. Adjourned.

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SENATE, April 6 .- On motion of Mr. Pendlaton the Sonate insisted on its amend-ments to the Census bill, and a Conference Coments to the Ceasus bill, and a Conference Com-littee was appointed. The Joint resolution to low employee of Devernment, printing offices and the second of the Company of the State of the first wears average season. The bill teachings with intry years average was discussed until the expi-tion of the mershing bour, when the bill rail from the University of the State of the Company of the general season of the mershing bour, when the bill rail from general control of the State of the Company of the on and when the doors reovered adjourned. House, —A number of bills were reported on gonomitties and referred. The House then eat into Committee of the Whole on the Array purposition bill, but without final action the numittee rose and the House adjourned.

SERATE, April 7.—The Vice-President sent a note saying he would be absent several days. At: Thurman was obsent to provide The Consular and Disjournatia bill was reported back and placed on the calendar. The resolution offered by Mr. Baunden, matrioting the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquize into the propriety and expediency of removing the Bantee Indians from Nebresks to the Punca reservation, was adopted. Mr. Davia subsequently moved to recombine the too, and opposed any movement to sive the Funcar reservation to say other tribs. Penning the denate the morning hour expired, and the matter went over. Consideration was resumed of the bill untirying the United States. The Colored hy Mr. Rinkwood previously the providing the providence of the Bull untirying the United States to an anomale meet offered by Mr. Rinkwood previously the providing the providence of the Bull untirying the Colored by Mr. Rinkwood previously the providing the providence of the Bull of the States of the Colored Consideration of the Colored Consideration of the Colored Consideration of the United States to siter and saccount of the Sinking Plud set appowed May 7th, 1878; to occanies and discipline the militian of the United States to siter and saccount of Glessae contracted in the service. The House then went into Committee of the Music on the Army Appropriation bill, but without Hual action the committee was said the filesae adjourned. SENATE, April 7,-The Vice-President

SENATE, April 8.—The Ute hill was taken up and discussed until time for adjournment... House.—A large number of hills were reported adversely from the Committee on War Chains and laid upon the table. The Rocae then went into Chamiltee of the Waste upon the Army Appropriation hill, the pending question being upon the point of order raised against the amendment prohibiting any of the appropriations to be used for the so bestbernes, equipposal, transportation or compensation of any portion of the scars to be used for the solesteens, equipposal, transportation or compensation of any portion of the scars to be used for the solesteens, equipposal, transportation or compensation of any portion of the scars to be used as a poles (ore to keep peace at the pole, as any election held within any Bitate. The Other after come discussion, ruled that the amendment was in order. My Conger appealed from the deuton, but the Committee sistained the decision—years III. may 93. The Republicans then demanded that general debate should be last upon the bill. A motion to that effect was made, but the House adjourned without coming to a vote.

SENATE April 3.—On motion of Mr. Bayard the resolutions offered by him in Feb-SENATE, April 8 .- The Ute hill was

SENATE, April 9.—On motion of Mr. Bayard the resolutions offered by him in February last, providing for the appointment of a joint committee of two members of the Finance Committee of the Benate and Ways and Means Committee of the Benate and Ways and Means ton the silegal lesses of revenue arising from the ovasion of this alamp tax on cigars and other articles subject to scene duty, and what reneaty can be provided by law, and with power to recommend such measures as they may deem groper, by hid or otherwise, were passed. The House resultation for printing three hundred thousand eighes of the report of the Commissioner of Arrientium for 1970 passed. Mr. Legas with the special country of War ta furnish the ferrate with any facts that may be in his possession in reference to the word mutilation of one of the condition of the second of the second of the second of the condition of the second of the seco committees between fifty and severely five bills were reported adversely from the Committee on War Claime and laid on the table. Adjourned until the 17th,

Washington monument.

Hon. William A. Howard, Governor of Da-Rota, died at Washington City on the 11th.

THE BANK.

Rear Admiral Thatcher, of the United States Navy, died at Boston on the 5th aged seventy-The last of the stelling plane-makers of New

Fork City returned to wook on the 6th.

A passenger train was partially wrecked near
Springfield, Mass., on the night of the 5th, by the caving of an embandment. No one was

West Point, was found on the morning of the the, bound hapd and foot in his room at the barrache, with a piece of one are out off. The other ear was allt and his head bruissel. He stated that three masked men attacked him while he was in bed, sometime after midnight and committed the outrage. General schooled and Commandant Lucelle were investigating

Returns from the Rhode Island State election

theheld, Rep., for Coverner, 10,014; Kimball, Dem., 6,811; Howard, Prohibition and Inde-pendent Republican, 5,695. The General As-sembly will be three-quarters Republican, in-auring the election of Littlefield by that body.

anring the election of Littleffeld by that body.

The Connecticut Republican State Curvention was held at New Harren on the 7th. The Governor General of East Stheria has telegraphed to 8t. Petersburg that they were convention refused to instruct. A resolution was adopted pledging the Republicans of the State to a hearty, vigorous and loyal support of the sonthers of the Republican sof the State to a hearty, vigorous and loyal support of the sonthers of the Republican National Convention at Chicago. The delegation is reported to stand 5 for Blaine, Edmunda, 4, Wasthurrea I.

A Gloncester, Mass., disputch says the fighing schooler Annie C. Norwood, of that place, Capitain Hurst and erew of fourteen men, are supposed to have been lost in the March gales. Channing's centennial was celebrated by noncross Unitarian churches in England and America on the 7th.

General Schofield, on the 8th, appointed a Resolution of the comment of the comment of pricate and none and some European merchants.

The medical students of Queen's College, Cork, have been suspended one year for get-

merchants.

America on the 7th.

General Schönfeld, on the 8th, appointed a Board of Inquiry to Investigate the alleged outrage on Whitiaker, this colored cades at West Point. The cadete all deny any knowledge of the affair.

The widow of Daniel S. Dickinson, United States Security, died at New York on the 8th.

Two men were fatally and three seriously talurded by an exploation of gas in a colliery at Green'teller, Pa., or the 8th.

Eighteen hundred pitmen of the South Hettern and Murron colleries at Durham, England.

work about eighteen miles from Bellaire, on the 8th, the bind car jumped the trestle, and the car went over a distance of fifteen feet. The car contained fifteen or twenty passengers, of whom five or six were injured more or less.

received up to the morning of the 7th, give Lit. Blamarck tendered his resignation as Chancallor of the Empire, on the 6th, because of the vote on financial reform in the Federal Coun-cil. The Emperor refused to accept the resig-

affon.

Parnell was elected to Parliament on the 6th.

neid. The Conference Committee's report on the General Appropriation bill was adopted, with the exception of the appropriation to Long-riew Arrium. The bill appropriating \$20,000 to the Ohio University was passed.

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House, April 10.—On motion of F. Wood the House concurred in the Steade resolution providing for the appointment of two months of the term of the

are soldiers were severely wounded. A large amount of stock was captured.

PORECO INTELLIGENCE.

A massage is reported to India. Madomed to the first stock was captured.

Sensite, April 10.—A message was received from the Rouse amounting its refusal to adopt the second Committee of Common Khan attacked the town of Kadah and intelested the inhabitants in cold blood.

The Pall Mall Gasene, on the lith, estimated that two new British House of Commons will stand as followed Inflerents, 201; Home Rulers, 201.

A nonspiracy has been discovered in San Domiting to overthrow the Government.

The revolution in Venisancia is at an ord. The Loudon Times stated on the fibt had as soon as the Queen returns to England the Ministers will doubtless place that resignations in her hands and side will commission the leader of the Liberals for form a Cabinut.

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PLEURO-PNEUMONIA.

The Hesult of an Official Investiga-tion—Report of the Secretary of the Transmy.

Washisoron, April & The Secretary of the Transmy has transmitted to Congress the result of an investigation under by skilled officers into contagious diseases afflicting ani-mals. In his communication the Secre-tary says: tary maye:

tary says:

"The Department of the Treasury has been long embarcassed with several queetons arising from the prevalence of the disease known as pleary-pisconania, or larg plague, to next exitia. These queetons related the the extraction and prevention of the disease known as pleary-pisconania, or larg plague, to next exitia. These queetons related the test of the

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provided that—
"The National Board of Healthanii co-operate with, and, so far as it is wholly may, rid state and Municipal Boards of Health in the execution and enforcement of the rules are being a broomstick and threatening executions of such boards to prevent the introduction of infecticus or contagnous diaments, and the United States from foreign countries,

into the United States from foreign countries, and also one State from another.

It is understood that this set does not apply to diseases in minuse.

Under this provision large amounts of the approprintion contained in the set have been appropriation contained in the set have been appropriation of the appropriation with the authorities of soveral cities and states infected or threatened with infection by sellow fever; and it is not doubted that, threaten similar agencies, appropriations by Congress minute to provention and suppression of peturo-preumonia among cuttle.

As suggested by the British Ministor, the most obvious method of dealing with the disease would be by the appointment of a com-

suppression of pleuro-preciments among cuttle.

As suppression of pleuro-preciments among cuttle.

As suppression that the discusses would be by the appointment of a commission of some kind, with full power to prevent and cruiteate the discusse, in any mannor they think proper, in any part of the territory of the United States—such power as is exercised by the Privy Council of Great Britain. Without expressing any opinion whether, under the power to regulate commerce. Congress has authority to soud its agents into the States and destroy, upon the indyment of a commission, hereis belonging to ediscon, which may be found to be dangerous to inter-State or Sational continence, it is commercial from they be found to be dangerous to inter-State or Sational continence, it is commercial from they be found to be dangerous to inter-State or Sational continence, it is commercial from Sints or municipal authorities.

The disease is not in existence in any of our when Sation Territory of so supported a movement on the part of the General Government might into be appreciated in those States where the disease has not been known. Some setting of the disease central and prompt crudities of the disease central in the disease. The objections to be demanded, and it is fur Congress to define the filmins both of points and legality in the constitute of the disease. The objections to this propagation are leaded in the section of cuttle upon railway trains on our great lines of transportation has been single substance. The objection to this propagation of the disease. The objection to this propagation, the disease is not independent to this constity, that it has a sover existed in our Western States, whome cattle to understance of all supports of cuttle its order of cuttle in the constitute of the interest of the supportion of soft in a support of the disease. T

tions as to the effect of the discount upon our commerce with other Nextuns, and with some constraints are to dispropriate legislation, by Congress on the subject. It may be donedont to state it titls place, it the form of propositions, the exactinations at which this department has arrived. They are as follows:

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4. It has a period of incubation of from nine o sixty days, usually not exceeding forty; and a symptoms, when developed, are easily dis-inguishable by experts from these of other

only proper method of suppression in the United States in the United States in by the

eminon of all diseased or exposed eather and functional purification of infidings where or have been kept.

See contigious pleuro-piecumonia new ex-serve expeted in any State west of the No contegious pleuro-pneumonia now ex-or has ever existed in any State west of the ghary Mountains. It does not now exist in the United States, a near the loundary of the Dominion of eds, and it does not now exist in that do-

laton.

A. The disease now exists only in the eastern set of Now York, in New Jercey, Punnsylvana, and perfenge in percent Maryland, Virginia al the biefrict of Culambia. the and perhaps in interest Macyland, Virginia and he between of Culumbia.

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The second course of traffic in mattle in the second creater may be seen to the Camada from the Resident States, which almost another the second course may noise from the Western States, which almost anothers of traffic and through Camada, Portland and Resident to foreign porn without densers of infection.

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B. Seringent quantifies regulations are emilist to protect two of this country against to introduction.

14. A. Veterinary Scottary Commission, whose duty it shall be to investigate all reports of the existence of the dismas, to collect accounts from the end of the existence of the dismas, to collect account for publication, is essential to efficient action on the audict.

15. Authority is used commission to co-operate with state and mainteined sufficients in proventing and endicating the dismass by supplying money out of appropriations of the following the effect of the purposes would be effective, and in accordance with the sets of Congress in reference to the National Board of Houth.

Health.

10. The authority in such board to promptly instate and almostrer infected and discussed cattle, wherever found, and to sward orimpensation to the owners, would be an effective agone to earlies the disease. It is fortour green to consider the bodies and legality of conferring such power. Very respectfully.

JOHN SHERMAS, Secretary,

Fishing in Gulana.

It is a strange journey up the broad deep current of the Essequibo. The flah—cartabac and pacu—have even rows of teeth like the incisors of mammals, and, like the incisors of mam-mals, and, like the very odd fish called "sheepshead", are justly esteemed a uxury on New York and New England ables. The tooth of the Essential luxury on New York and New England tables. The teeth of the Essequibo fish are employed not in grinding up the molluscous food which gives such delightful flavor to the sheepshead, but in browsing upon the squatic plants which grow in the swiftly running water. All is strange in this oddest of countries. The cartabne and pacu are not caught in nets or landed by rod or line, but are shot with arrows made of lorg straight reeds—the thour-stalks of the wild cane, fitted with a movable arrow-head, to which the shaftist attached by a piece of cord in such a is attached by a piece of cord in such a way that when the point pierces the fish the barbed head comes off the arfish the harbed head comes off the arrow, but still remains attached to it by the cord. Fish are not only shot but poisoned, and so cleverly poisoned that their flesh is none the worse. Paddling up the great rivers under the overhanging boughs, the traveler is saluted by the fall of an occasional iguana, two or three feet in length, a goodly animal to eat, albeit a hideous Essard in outward semblance. The iguana. outward semblance. The iguana, whose flesh when well cooked is like whose less when well cooked is the that of chicken, has two awkward habits—one of biting fearfully, another of when selzed letting go its tall at the base, leaving it in the hands of the would-be captor, and making off tall-less to its burrow.—All the Year Equind.

Socialism in Germany.

HERR BEBEL, a Socialist, complained in the German Parliament the other day of the manner in which Socialists are treated. His colleague, Herr Fritsche, is followed everywhere. He went into a tailor shop to order a coat, and a detective entered as soon as he went out and insisted upon the tailor's telling everything that had been said. Herr Hasselmann, another Socialist, walking in the Thier Garten, noticed a man dogging him. He tried for an hour and a half to escape, and then suddenly turned round and confronted the spy, who confessed himself and his business, and showed the document authorizing n the German Parliament the other day and showed the document authorizing him to act as he was doing. A boy of six-teen, the son of a Socialist, was ordered to attend a police office, and then, after being plied with figuor, was closely ex-amined as to his father's conduct. Here Bebel accused the detectives of even sulted their wives and daughters.

Lamartine's Habits. Lamartine was an early riser. His mornings were set apart to work, and he wrote with marvelous rapidity and elegance. When breakfast was ready, he would come to the table in his old gray jacket, not sating very much himself, but filling his plate to feed his dogs, much to the detriment of the dresses of the lady guests who might be seated near him. After breakfast be scated near him. After breakfast, he carried bread out to his horses, of he carried bread out to his horses, of which he generally kept a dozen at least. Then followed an excursion, perhaps on horseback and perhaps on foot, with one or more of his guests for company. He was very hospitable, and his house always seemed full. He talked about everything when he talked at all, and never was rude but once, says Lacretelle.

A TERRIBLE domestic tragedy recently occurred at a small village called Silverstreet, in Nowberry County, N. C. Mr. W. Spearman, a respectable gentleman of means and well known as a successful farmer, upon coming into his house just before dark, found his younger brother at the supper table. "I want to speak to you, brother," he said, and simultaneously drew a large, sharp knife out of his sleeve. The young man, not suspecting anything; young man, not suspecting anything; bent over, and the other made a strike and out his throat, severing the juguing vein and causing almost instant deach. The slayer then rushed into the adjoin-The slayer then rushed into the adjoining room, with the knife in his hand, and sought his wife. He threw his arm around her neck, likewise outting har throat. With blood-stained hands he then laid the keen blade to his own throat and made an ugly gash four inches long. When assistance came it was found that the two men were dead. The wife shortly afterward expired. Mr. Spearman was a sober man, and Mr. Spearman was a sober man, and was thought to be on the most affection-ate terms with his brother and wife. The only rational hypothesis of the aw-ful deed is that Spearman was suffering under a temporary aberration. ---

They are as follows:

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smantine, not only by actual contact, but by
exercition of all kinds.

2. In this country it has never developed denevo, but has always been introduced by contagion.

3. It may be prevented by insculation, but
that remedy is not to be inquight of in this
country under present constituous. number is continually increasing.

An Irish Fishing Village.

I DID not greatly care how much I muddled my skirts among these poor villagers, because I learned to laugh and weep with them. Uncared for and forgotten by the world, they seem to have but one earthly hope, America, and one dread, hunger. The village possesses no post-office; there is no magistrate within many miles; and the priest, two leagues distant, serves numerous villages as forlorn as this, and people are born and die without any official note. Many suppose that the parish priest is the most powerful man in the kingdom; and it was a subject of supreme surprise and commiscration when I informed them that the Queen was a widow. On Sundays the inhabwhen I informed them that the Queen was a widow. On Sundays the inhabitants of the village appear, washed and shaven into a ghastly pallor, in the single street that leads up from the sea, and remain all day long gossiping and fighting, through sunsitine and rain, as if these achievements formed a part of their religious duties. Now and them the spoils of a wreck are washed to their shores, and when the coast-guards dispute with them what they consider the bounty of the sea, fisrce encounters take place, in one of which, not long before my arrival, a poor villager had

take place, in one of which, not long before my arrival, a poor villager had been killed.

There was scarcely a well thatched cabin in the village: the floors of most of them were as mindly as the roads, and dotted with little pools of water, which seemed a refreshing feature to the ducks that came in quest of food. The most sheltered corner of the cabin is devoted to the pig, and the chickens selze upon every coign of vantage for a roost. Nets hang from the rafters! and the equipments of the boats are disposed in whatever dry nocks the habitation boasts of. The warmest nock on the hearth is usurped by the cat, cherished with great care as warnest nook on the hearth is usurped by the cat, churished with great care as the protector against their terrible ene-mies the rats; and beside it an old woman, who did not seem to have changed her clothes since her youth, coddled the latest born of the house-hold. The village was perceded with coddled the latest born of the house-hold. The village was pervaded with so strong an odor of fish and tar that less agreeable emanations were un-noticed. The dung-heap was zealously guarded by the door—I have seen it, indeed, in the very living-room of the occupants—as the riches that were to prosper their next year's points crop; and every morning the pig was sent out to walk, with a solicitude for his health not bestowed upon the other members of the family. These people spent three-fourths of their time in idling and gossiplag. I saw poor, haggard old gossiping. I saw poor, haggard old women at the doors of their cabins, or by the village well, who had to crouch like apes to make their rags cover them, so mad for gossip that they forgot their hunger and the rain that scaked them; and day after day old man exthesion. that soaked them; and day after day old men gathered on the sheltered side of a wall, and talked with as much interest and gravity as if they had never seen each other before, and every recital was an unbeard-of marvel. Troops of half-dothed and half-starved children sprawled in the mud, fought among themselves, or with loud yells crowded about some poor ass, initiating all the torments that their untutored imaginations could suggest, while their mothers, can in hand, whispered, with amazement written on their faces, of all they had heard or seen or dreamed of since

ment written on their faces, of all they had heard or seen or dreamed of since yesterday in a village dependent entirely upon itself for its topics of interest.

Hither, I learned, the priest came once a year to hear the confessions of the inhabitants. They repair to one of the cabins, where, while the pig, chickens, ducks, and goese are kept in abeyance by the zealons host and hostess, the rite is celebrated. Among these people, whose only extravagance seems to be on the score of their religion, he is entertained and requised in a manner quite out of proportion to the means of his entertainers; and when departing, after the manner of the fond mother in the story-book, who whipped her chilafter the manner of the fond mother in the story-book, who whipped her children and put them to bed, he gives them all a sound rating upon their idlenoes and remissness in their religious observances, and receives in return, "Long life to your reverence," and "Godspeed," from his humble flock,—
J. L. Cloud, in Harper's Magazine.

The Hibernation of Animals. Mosr beasts do not hibernate, because they have the power of keeping

cause they have the power of keeping up a uniform body-temperature in spite of the cold of winter. In the dormouse, marmet, and many allied forms, however, as also in the hesigohog and in bats, we do find this winter sleap to occur. The lower animals, such as reptiles, frogs, and effs, many fishes, spiders, shell-fish and worms, also enter into this state; while yet lower creatures, such as infusoria and rhizopods, protect themselves by excreting, and forming a structureless, spheroidal coat or "cyst." In preparing to hibernate, animals seek sociuded and sheltered nooks, or burrow in the dry ground or in mud, or conceal in the dry ground or in mud, or conceal themselves in moss or beneath the bark of trees. There they fall into a sleep (either uninterrupted or interrupted by intervals of sctivity) which endures more or less according to latitude and consequent length of winter. During this sleep the body-heat of warm-blooded this sleep the body-heat of warm-blooded animals falls greatly, as respiration and circulation take place very gently and slowly. The nutrition of the body is also effected very slowly, the fat of the body (generally considerable at the commissionment of hibernation) being used up in the process, unless occasional awaking has given an opportunity for feeding. An annual period of repose, analogous to hibernation, also takes place during the dry season in many tropical animals—as in many reptiles, fregs, and fishes—c. g., Lepidosiren. The tanree (Centetes) of Madagascay, which has a superficial re-Lepidosiren. The tanree (Centetes) of Madagasear, which has a superficial resemblance to the hadge-hog, also resembles it as to its ansual torpor, and certain lemuroids (of the genus Cheirogaleus) which inhabit the same island, seem also to prepare for the torpor of the dry season by storing up a quantity of fat in their tails, which, it is alleged, disappears by the time that the period if activity has returned. Parallel with the periodic repose of animals is the winter insetting of very many plants which (in temperate latitudes such as our own) drop their leaven, or, if herbs, die down to shoot forth again with the sevent of spring. During this time the sap retreats from the surface, and the processes of life come almost to a stand-still, to treats from the surface, and the processes of life come almost to a stand-still; to
be renewed with a rapidity and suddenness act inaptly termed a "burst of vegetation," at a period which varies according to the species. The annual
torpor of animals is a prolongation for
weeks or for months of that process, so
familiar yet so mysterious, called sleep.
During it the functions of life are slandened in their operations, and the reened in their operations, and the re-freahment which sleep produces is not due to any necelerated nutrition, but to

a temporary cessation of the wear and tear of activity.—St. G. Mivart, in Contemporary Herses.

—Black Spanish lace scarfs are again used for mufflers.

PITH AND POINT.

Tun gem pussle is a square game. Some of the dry-goods show windows are as interesting as museums of anatomy, which show how fearfully and wonderfully people can be made.—N. O.

Picayune. Ir must be awful embarrassing to a man who has received the star of the order of San Juan d'Ullon from some foreigh potentate, to think that he could
raise on it about half as much as a hotel
clerk could on his shirt stud, at the
pawnbroker's.—Boston Post.

A GREAT selentist, is brilliant soldier

or a gifted statesman is all well enough in his way, but the man who mounts the ladder of fortune with the most astounding celerity is he who invents a popular style of dressing ladies' bair,— Andrews' Basar.

"YES, sir, I have stopped drinking for a whole year," said a young man to a companion. "I have sworn that for three hundred and sixty-five days, my friend, I shall not drink another drop." "But you see," replied the companion, "that this, being leap year, has three hundred and sixty-six days." "That's a fact," mused the sworp-off man "Guess I'd better select some other year;" and they went into a salton.—
Worcester Gazelle.

Judge Martin decided at Bridge-

Worcester Gazeile.

JUDGE MARTIN desided at Bridgeport the other day that certain evidence
was inadmissible. The attorney took
strong exception to the raling, and insisted that it was admissible. "I know,
your honor," said he, warmly, "that if
is proper evidence. Here I have been
practising at the bar for forty years,
and now I want to know if I am a fool?"
"That," quietly robled the Court. "is a "That," quietly replied the Court, "is a question of fact, and not of law, and so I won't pass upon it, but will let the jury decide."—New Haven Palladium.

A Cincinnati Horse Auction.

'HEER, gentlemen," said the auctioneer, "is a horse—"

Bystander—Glad you told us it was a horse, or we might have taken it for a

horse, or we might have taken it for a sheep.
Auctioneer—That wouldn't be so vary strange if it had your head on. You see before you, gentlemen, a family horse.
Bystander—He got those bunches on his knees from kneeling down at family prayers, didn't he?
Auctioneer—You'll never have any bunches on your knees on that account. A horse, gentlemen, that any family might well be proud of. Look what an eye he has.

might well be proud of. Look what an eye he has.

Bystander—What has become of the other eye?

Auctioneer—Gone to look after another such fool as you are. Like old dog Tray, so touchingly described by the sweet singer of Michigan (singing)

These gentle and he's kind.

Bystander———the kind.

You'll never, never find-Bystander—He would be fined by any court in Christendom for spring-haltera-tions and interfering generally. Auctioneer-A better horse than this old gray, old gray horse is ever faithful.

old gray horse is ever faithed,
sic. But we can not waste our time on
poetry, although the noble steed before
you is the very poetry of motion. How
much for him? What do I hear?
Bystander—Nothing, if you can't hear
more than he does.
Auctioneer—Among horses, gentlemen, this is the very ne-plus-ultra—
Bystander—Knock-nee-plus-ultra, you
mean.
Auctioneer—And the sine-qua-non—
Bystander—Compor mentis.

Auctioneer—Ann the sine-qua-non— Bystander—Compos mentis.

Auctioneer—The ridges you see run-ning down his eyes, gentlemen, are not an indication of a want of flesh; they are simply a wise provision of Prov-idence for carrying off the rain-water. Bystander—What's the matter with his rail?

his tail? Auctioneer—He was formerly owned by a violin manufacturer, and he pulled out all the hairs for fiddle bows. What

do I hear?
But we had heard enough to satisfy us that our friend was right, and that it was absurd to squander money on shows so long as these horse auctions are kept up to their present high stand-ard.—Saturday Night.

A Long Legislative Prayer.

ONE of the longest prayers with ose of the longest prayers with which Legislators have ever been fulled to sleep was offered one morning in Richmond during the session of the Virginia Legislature of 1850. The Charlottasville Chronicle introduces the reminiscence with the explanation that reminiscence with the explanation that when the presiding officer was absent, Mr. Southall, a dyapoptic member from Albermarle, took his place. During one of these intermediate periods the opening prayer was omitted for several mornings. Mr. Southall said sharply that it was not his duty to hunt up preachers; that was the business of the Sergeant-at-Arms. This officer was Nat Thompson of Hanover. He defended himself by alleging that the presiding officer always attended to getting the parsons, dut if Mr. Southall thoughs that the Sergeant ought to have a that the Sergeant ought to have a preacher on hand he would try to get one. That evening he strolled down Main Street in search of a parson who was an old acquaintance. The preacher was off duty. The Sergeant told him of the need of a man to lead in him of the need of a man to lead in prayer at the convention the next day. The minister hiated that his Sunday sait was rather rusty. The Sergeant consented to lend him the proper garments. The next morning the two started for the Capitol. The Sergeant remarked on the route that the convention had been without any worship for a week, and it was expected that the lost develops should be made up that morning. Mr. Southell's exwel tapes of lost devotions should be made up that morning. Mr. Southall's gavel tapped the order exactly at 11. As soon as the parson had struck the regular note the Sergeant quickly slipped from the hall, locked the doors and went out to lunch. He spent an hour at the restaurant, and slowly returning to the Capitol and finding the parson in full swing, he went down to another restaurant, dined with a friend, sauntered back about 2 o'clock, and still had a quarter of an hour to sun himself on the Capitol steps before the swelling tones of the parson began to taper to the lower key of the conclusion. He unbolted the doors as the prayer ended. It had lasted three hours and a quarter. The convention hours and a quarter. The convention was far from a devotional frame os mind when the regular business began. Mr. Southall never lusisted upon the Sergeant-at-Arms furnishing minister.

BEEF having a tendency to be tough can be made very palatable by stewing gently for two hours with pepper and salt, taking out about a pint of the liquor when half done, and letting the rest boll into the meat. Brown the meat in the pot. After taking up, make a gravy of the pint of liquor saved.

Gold braid, gold galloons, golden ornaments, and gold brocade are all used in new millinery.