DAY SERMON.

Subject: "Sulcide."

TEXT: "He drew out his sword and would have killed himself, supposing that the pris-oners had been flad. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm." Acts xvi., 27, 28.

Here is a would be suicide arrested in his deadly attempt. He was a sheriff, and according to the Roman law a builiff himself must suffer the punishment due an escaped prisoner, and if the prisoner breaking jail was sentenced to be endungeoned for three or four years then the sheriff must be endungeoned for three or four years, and if the prisoner breaking jail was to have su'fored espital punishment then the sheriff

must suffer capital punishment.

The sheriff had received especial charge to keep a sharp lookout for Paul and Silas. The government had not had confidence in bolts and bars to keep safe these two clergy-men, about whom there seemed to be some-

thing strange and supernatural.

Sure enough, by miraculous power they are free, and the sheriff, waking out of a sound sleep and supposing these ministers have run away, and knowing they were to die for preaching Christ, and realizing that he must therefore die, rather than go under the executioner's ax on the morrow and suffer public disgrace resolves to precipitate his own decease. But before the sharp, keen, glittering dagger of the sheriff could strike his heart one of the unloosened prisoners arrests the blade by the command, "Do thyself no harm."

In olden time, and where Christianity had not interfered with it, suicide was considered honorable and a sign of courage. Demosthenes poisoned himself when told that Alexander's emissador had demanded the currender of the Athenian orators. Isocraes killed himself rather than surrender to Philip of Macedon. Cato, rather than submit to Julius Cæsar, took his own life, and after three times his wounds nad been dressed tore them open and perished. Mithridates killed himself rather than submit to Pompey, the conqueror. Hunnibal destroyed his life by poison from his ring, considering life ambearable. Lycurgus a suicide, Brutus a suicide. Aftentue disaster of Moscow Napoleon always carried with him a preparation of opium, and one night his servant heard the ex-emperor arise, put something in a glass and drink it, and soon after the groans arouse all the attendants, was only through utmost medical skill he was resuscitated from the stupor of the opinte. / Times have changed, and yet the Ameri-

onscience, needs to be toned upon the suicide. Have you seen a paper the that did not announce the of life by one's own behest? armed at the idea of exposure, ipitately. Men losing large out of the world because they e earthly existence. Frustratdomestic infelicity, dyspectic anger, remorse, envy, jealousy, misanthropy, are considered uses for absconding from this green, by iaudanum, by bella-Othello's dagger, by halter, by the abunment of a bridge, by firein the last of the world's -x stence. The evil nd more spreading.

not long ago expressed some to whether there was really anvng about quitting this life when it agreeable, and there are found in e circles people apologetic for the ch Paul in the text arrested. I you before I get through that is the worst of all crimes, and I shall warning unmistakable. But in the part of this sermon I wish to admit ome of the best Christians that have lived have committed self destruction, it always in dementia and not responsible have no more doubt about their eternal licity than I have of the Christian wao lies in his bed in the delirium of typhoid fever. While the shock of the catastrophe is very great, I charge all those who have had Christian friends under cerebral aberration step off the boundaries of this life to have no doubt their happiness. The dear Lord took them right out of their dazed and frenzied state into perfect safety. How Christ teels toward the insane you may know from the kind way be treated the demoniac of Garders and the child lunatic, and the potency with which he hushed the tempests

Scotland, the land prolific of intellectual glants, had none grander than Hugh Miller, great for science and great for God. He came of the best Highland blood, and he was a descendant of Donald Roy, a man eminent for his plety and the rare gift of second sight. His attainments, climbing up as ne did from the quarry and the wall of the stonemason, drew forth the astonished ad-miration of Buckland and Murchison, the scientists, and Dr. Chalmers, the theologian, and held universities spellbound while he told them the story of what he had seen od God in the old red sandstone.

wither of sen or brain.

That man did more than any being the ever lived to show that the God of the hill is the God of the Bible, and he struck hi tuning fork on the rocks of Cromarty unti he brought geology and theology accordant In divine worsnip. His two books, entitled "Footprints of the Creator" and the "Testimony of the Rocks," proclaimed the banus of an everlasting marriage between genuin science and revelation. On this latter boohe toiled day and night, through love nature and love of God, until he could sleep, and his brain gave way, and he was found dead with a revolver by his side, the cruel instrument having had two bullets one for him and the other for the guasmith, wno, at the coroner's inquest, was examinit and fell dead. Have you any doubt of the beatification of Hugh Miller after his hot brain had ceased throobing that winter night mightiest of earth, among the mightiest o

No one ever doubted the piety of William Cowper, the author of those three gre-"Oh. For a Closer Walk With Go "What Various Hindrances We Mee "There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood William Cowper, who shares with Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley the chief honors of Christian hymno ogy. In hypochon iria he resolved to take his own life and ro .e to the river Thames, but found a man seated on some goods at the very point from which he expected to spring an i rode back to his home and that night threw himself upon his own knife, but the blade broke, and then he hanged himself to the ceiling, but the rope parted. No wonder that when Got mercifully delivered him from that aw ul dementia he sat down and wrote that other many just as memorable.

Go: moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to .ertor.n.
He plants His footste, s in the ser
Ana rides upon the storm.
Bin . unbeiter is since to err
Auto scan His work in vanu.
God s His own interpret r.
And He will mare I biain.

And He will make it plain. While we make this merciful an I righteous allowance in regard to those who were that the man who in the use of his reason by his own act, snaps the bond between his body and his son' goes straight into perdi-Shall I prove it? Revelation vvi. 8. Worderers shall have their part in the burneth with fire and brims one R-v stion xx"., 15, "Without are dors an l sorcerers and whoremoneers an' mur or Then nerhans you believe the T.E.

a special trust in your life. He made you the custodian of your life as he made you the to strike look assellants, two eyes to watch for invasion and a natural love of life which ought ever to be on the alert. Assissination of others is a mild crime compared with the assassination of yourself, because in the latter case it is treachery to an especial trust, it is the surrender of a castie you were especially appointed to keep, it is treason to matural law, and it is treason to God added

to ordinary murder.

To show how Gol in the Bible looked

to on this erim. I point you to the rogues'
pentage after in some parts of the Bible,
the pictures of the proofe who have committed this unnatural erime. Here is the entless trun't of S mil on the walls of Bathsean. Here is the man who chased little wid-ten feet in statu e'essing four. Here is the man who consulted a clairvoyant, witch of En lor. Here is a man who, whipped in battle, instead of surrendering his sword with dignity, asks his servant to slay him, and when the servant declines then the giant plants the hilt of the sword in the earth, the sharp point sticking upward, and he throws his boly on it and expires, the coward, the suicide! H-re is Ahithophel, the Machiavelli of olden times, becraving his pest friend, David, in order that he may become prime minister of Absalom and joining that fellow in his attempt at parricide. Not getting what he wante toy change of politics he takes a short cut out of a disgraced life into the suicide's eternity. There he is, the

ingrate! Here is Abimelech practically a suicide. He is with an army bombarding a tower, when a woman in the tower takes a grindsione fron its place and drops it upon his nead, and with what life he has left in a racke! skull he comman 's his armor bearer, "Draw thy sword and slay me, lest men say a woman slew me." There is his post mortem photograph in the book of Samuel. But the photograph in the book of Samuel. Determined the hero of this group is Judas Iscariot. Dr. Donne says he was a martyr, and we have in our day apologists for him. And what wonder in this day when we have a book revealing Aaron Burr as a pattern of virtue, and in this day when we uncover a statue to George Sand as the benefactress of literatur and in this day when there are betrayals of Christ on the part of some of His pretended apostles -- a betrayal so black it makes the intamy of Judas Iscariot white! Yet this man by his own hand hung up for the execration of all the ages, Judas Iscariot.

All the good men and women of the Bible let to God the decision of their earthly termans, and they could have said with Joh, who had a right to commit suicide it any man ever had—what with his destroyed property, and his body all aflame with insufterable carouncles, and everything gone from his home except the chief curse of ita postiferous wife—and four garrulous peo-ple pelting him with comfortless talk while he sits on a heap of ashes scratching his scabs with a piece of broken pottery, yet crying out in triumph, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change

Notwithstanding the Bible is against this evil and the av-rsion which it creates by the louthsome and ghastly spectacle of those was have hursed thems-ives out of life, and notwithstanding Christianity is against it and the arguments and the useful lives and the illustrious deaths of its disciples, it is a fact alarming-ly patent that suicide is on the increase. What is the cause? I charge upon intidelity and agnosticism this whole thing. If there be no herender, or it that hereafter be blissul withour reference to how we live and how we die, way not move back the folding doors between this world and the next? And when our existence here becomes trouble-ome why not pass right over into Elysium? Put this down among your most solemn reflections and consider it after you go to your homes -there has never been a case of suicide where the operator was not either demented, an i therefore irresponsible, or an infidel. I challenge all the ages, and I challenge the who e universe. There never has been a case of self destruction while in full appreciation of his immortality and of the fact that that immortality would be glorious or wretched according as he accepted Jesus Carist or rejected Him.
You say it is business trouble, or you say

it is electrical currents, or it is this, or it is that, or it is the other thing. Why not go clear back, my friend, and acknowledge that in every case it is the abdication of reason or the teaching of midelity which practically "If you don't like this life, get out of it and you will land either in annihilation. where there are no notes to pay, no persecutions to suffer, no gout to terment, or you will land where there will be everything giorious and nothing to pay for it.' ty always has been apologetic for self immo-lation. After Tom Paine's "Age of Reason"

was published and widely read there was a marked increase of self-slaughter. Rousseau, Voltaire, Globon, Montaigne, under certain circumstances, were apologetic for self immolation. Indidelity puts un no bar to people's rusning out from world into the next. They teach us it does not make any diff-rence now you live here or go out of this world. you will land eitner in an oblivious nowhere or a glorious some where. And infidelity holds the upper and of the rope for the suicide, and aims the pistol with which a man blows his brains out, and mixes the strychnine for the last swallow. If infilelity could carry the day and persuade the majority of people that i does not made any difference how you go out of the world you will land safely, the rivers would be so full of corpses the terry-boats would be impeded in their progress, and the crack of a suicide's pistol would be no more alarming toan the rumole of a street

car.

Ab, infidelity, stand up and take thy sentence! In the presence of Goi and angels and men, stand up thou monster, thy lip binsted with plaspaemy, thy cheek scarred with lust, thy breath tool with the corruption of the ages! Stand up, satyr, filtny goat, buzzard of the nations, leper comuries Stand up, thou monster infidel-ity, part man, part panther, part reptile, part cragon, stand up and take thy sentence Thy nand is red with the blood in which thou hast washed, thy feet comson with the human gore through watch thou hast waded. Stand up and take thy sentence! Down with thee to the pit and sup on the soos and grouns of tamules thou hast blasted, and roll on the bed of knives which thou hast sharnene i for others, and let thy music be the everlasting miserers of those whom thou nast dammed! I brand the forehead of infidenty with all the crimes of self immolatiou or the last century on the part of those who had their reason.

My frien is, it ever your life through its a theo in tits molestations should seem to be unpearable, and you are tempted to oult it by your own behest, do not consider urselves as worse than others. Christ mself was tempted to cast Himself from the roof of the temple, but as He resisted so resist ye. Carst came to medicine all our wounds. In your trouble I prescribe life instand of death. People who have had it worse than you will ever have it have gone song ul on their way. Remember that God keeps the chronology of your life with as truch precision as He keeps the chronology

nations.
Way was it at midnight, just at midnight destroying angel struck the blow that t the Israelites tree from bondage? The 0 years were up at 12 o'clock that night. 4:0 years were not up at 11, and 10'clock ald have been tardy and too late. The 430 years were up at 12 o'clock, and the destroying angel struck he blow, and Israel was ree. And God knows just the hour when it is time to lead son up from earth y bondage. By his grace make not the worst of thanes, but the best of them. If you must lake the pills, do not chew them. Your ever-Do you say all these passages refer to the taking of the life of others? Then lask you cannot gold as heavy as had been his figor are not as responsible for your own thain of iron. For your asking you may fi you are not as responsible for your own

have the same grace that was given to the! Italian martyr, Algerius, who, down in the the delectable orchard of the Leonine pris-

There is a sorrowless world, and it is so radient that the noonday sun is only the lowest doorstep, and the aurora that lights up our northern heavens, confounding astronomers as to what it can be, is the waying of the banners of the procession come to take the conquerors home from church militant to el urch triumphant, and you and have 10,000 reasons for wanting to go there, but we will never get there either by thing, we want to go in at just the time divinely arranged, and from a couch divinely spread, and then the clang of the sepulby the clang of the opening of the solid pearl before us. O God, whatever others may choose, give me a Christian's life, a Conistian's death, a Christian's burial, a Christian's immortality!

Crocodiles and Their Tays. and nearly all of his snout, and four bullets were cut out of his body. His in the time in catching and deve side passengers consisted of "a dead crobes.—St. Louis Republic. Hindu," seven pairs of bangles, three arm ornaments, and about fifteen inches of twisted brass wire; he had also three

from the offal. ere put, two together, and a pretty bobbery they made, growling like dogs, lashing one another with their tails, and wrestling with their jaws loc'ted. My apparatus for catching consisted of forty fathems of 1; inch white manilla rope, at the end a barrel to serve as buoy, a turn where necessary, two shark hooks tied together, and for bait the lights of a pig inflated through part of a windpipe which floated the hooks. By these means I have landed over twenty. The banks were sloping and muddy, so no wonder the big one dragged seventeen men down into the water before he gave in-in fact, drowned, as one hook held and kept his mouth open; the other hook he straightened, and tore the barb off.

How Some Fires Originate.

A list of unusual and curiously causel fires has been compiled and the Rullway Review mentions some of the number: It includes a factory fire which was traced to a railway truck, an over-heated greasy waste was ignited by the friction of a belt which sagged against it. In a harmless case of spontaneous ignition of are box of an idle locomotive, shortly after which the workmen were surprised by the blowing off of steam by the waste in a manner which could not well be foreseen. Only heavy mineral oils were used, and a place was provided for the waste, but a cockchafer crawled from the recentacle directly to a gas jet, when the creature was quickly consumed, and the oily cotton filaments adhering to its body spread the fire. Well known incendiaries are photographic and other lenses which act as burning glasses, and bright tight plates, which serve as concave mirrors. A plumber's exploit consisted in applying the flame test to a newly made joint in a gas pipe, then covering the pipe without noticing a small blue flame, which was discovered some six weeks afterward, when the leak had become somewhat enlarged. A nail glanced from a carpenter's hammer into the conveyor of raw material in a jute factory, rubbed against the drum and produced a spark which set fire to the place. A flood burned one factory by causing a pile of iron filings to oxidize so rapidly as to become intensely beated. A stream from the firemen's hose started a second fire in New York while putting out one in a small build. ing, a neighboring shed containing quicklime having been penetrated by the ater.

A BOY AND A MAN.

Customer -- "That boy's tool-chest 1 bought of you was a fraud. The tools didn't last a week."

Dealer-"You must have been using them yourself." "Of course." "Those tools were intended for ooys, not men. They would have

tasted your boy a year, at least."

"I handled them more carefully than a boy would." "No doubt. But you used them week. A boy would have tired of them in two days and a half."-Yan tee Blade.

The Color of Human Blood.

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When the physiologist tells you that sibleod is the nutritive fluid of the tissues of living creatures" he has told you about all that he or anybody else knows about the mysterious current of life. To be sure, he can quote whole text-books on the subject-oun tell you about "dissolved fibrine, albumen, sodium, potassium," etc., that the liquor sanguineus contains; about the amore poid movements of the corpuscies and the self immonation or impenitency. All our movements of the corpuscies and the sins slain by the Christ who came to do that rouleaux way in which these same corpuscles pile up when separated from the liquor sanguineus, and about nucleoleus appearance of the same when they are examined with a microscope, and yet the whole reverts to the fact that "blood is a nutritive fluid, transparent and almost colorless when deprived of the minute solid bodies known as "corpuscies." As may be inferred from the hints above "E. K." gives in the pages of the Loa given the color of blood depends entirely don Field some interesting information upon the presence of the corpuscies, respecting crocodiles. "During an eight which, by the way, are of two different years' residence in India," he writes, " tints, red and white, the proportion in caught many, varying from fifteen to the blood of a healthy adult, woman or twenty-six feet. Let me pramise by say. man being three white corpuscles to 100J ing that there existed at that time, about red ones. The size of the red blood eight to ten miles from Calcutta, a farm, corpuscles of the human being is only with a large mill, built on the river side one thirty-two hundredth part of an in a bight, where pigs were killed and inch in diameter; those in the blood of cured in large numbers, the offal being some of the lower animals being larger thrown into the river. In this bight alli. in some cases and smaller in others. A gators swarmed. I for a long time tried apecies of reptile, Proteus, has the largshooting, but I never got one, for wher est known blood cells, the average being shot they sank, and getting into the cur. one four-hundredths of an inc.i. The rent, were carried down the stream. I color of the blood is entirely dependent have shot small ones in tanks, and they upon the presence of hemalglobin in the invariably took from two to three days red corpuscles; but, it may be remarked to come to the surface. The largest in as a curious fact, even these red corpusbulk that I ever caught measured only cels are only red when a considerable nineteen feet three inches, but at least number of them are collected togetherfour inches to six inches of his tail hall single cells being almost transparent and been taken off. He measured close on of a very light straw color. It has only to twelve feet in girth just behind the been a few years since a distinguished fore legs or fins. The head when cleaned European scientist announced to the weighed sixty-four pounds and the largest astonished that white blood cells were tooth 71 ounces. He had eight shot really the scavengers of the sanguineus wounds in the head, one eye was gone, fluid; that they were capable of independent motion, and that they occupie l the time in catching and devouring mi-

Trailing Escaped Convicts.

Cody, a convict who escaped from hair balls, similar to those found in cat- the Deer Lodge Penitentiary recently, tle-no doubt all formed of pig's hair was a young man who had only nine months to serve, says the Idaho Inter-"The longest one I ever caught was Mountain. He was engaged in cutting for the late John Waterhouse of Halifax, brush to build a dam when he escaped. who was traveling with a taxidermist. He ran up the railroad track and took He measured close on twenty-six feet his shoes off to throw the dogs off the (twenty-five feet ten inches). He was, scent should they follow him. But however, lanky and would not have that was where he made a mistake, as weighed more or so much as the one of the bare feet gave the dogs a better nineteen feet three inches. I have scent. Cody left the railroad and frequently had in the pen, where they crossed the Deer Lodge River. The each side of the river.

Where Cody crossed the river one of the bloodhounds stopped and barked to his companion on the other side, who immediately took up the scent. When Cody saw the dogs coming after pile driven into the ground for a long him he was on the railroad again. He threw up both hards and ran towards one of the guards, who was following the dogs on horseback. In order to prevent the bloodhounds from jumping upon Cody and tearing him to pieces, they had to let him climb up a telegraph pole. While he was up there the dogs were chained together and kept from him.

Warden Conley says the prisoners five in terror of the bloo thounds, and their presence is more effective in preventing escapes than all the guards they could hire.

A Mystery of Bird Life. Why some birds which could pick

ap food among us all the year round axle having thrown a car from the track should leave when food is plentical, and set fire to a petroleum tank from while others with similar ways of life which the flames spread to the building. remain is still a mystery. It is easy An instance is given in which a bucket to understand that a species which prevs on fresh water fish and on frogs should seek other quarters when the conds are frozen and the frogs are oily waste, this material, with some ouried in the clay. But it is not quite wood chips, had been thrown into tie to clear why the swallows and the fiveatcher leave a region where there is perpetual summer and winged food in bundance to risk a long journey over sugine. Another fire was due to only nea and land, only to find a great scarcity of the same kind of food.

It is equally puzzling that the seed and fruit eaters, who, since October. lave been fattening among the gardens of Algeria and Egypt, should suddenly, n March or April, be seized with such in inordinate craving for a change of liet as to fly 3000 miles on the chance of picking up the short commons of pring. Perhaps it will be found that nigration is natural to all birds, and s greater or less as circumstances may letermine. Every animal shifts its quarters according to the plentifulness or scarcity of food .- New York Telerram.

Fish Recognize Their Fond. It is a well-known fact that sea me-

mones have a sense by which they recognize tood. This has been studied recently by Herr Nagel, at the Zoological Station in Naples, and he has endeavored to localize it. Among other experiments a small piece of a surdine was brought carefully to the tentacles of one of these animals; the tentacle first touched, then others, seized the food and surrounded it, and the morsel was swallowed. A similar ball of blotting paper, saturated same way, was not seized. If, however. the ball was soaked in the juice of fish it was seized with the same energy as the piece of fish, but often liberated again after a time without being swallowed. Blotting-paper saturated with sugar acted like the other, but more weakly. If saturated with quinine, it was refused, the tentacles drawing bac :. -New York Post.

WOR'H MORE. Poet-"How does it happen that you

pay me two dollars more for this poem than for my last?" Editor-"This is two stenzas shorter."

Must Have Been Delicious.

A dainty feast was spread not long ago by a tribe of Sitka Indians to entertain some visitors from other tribes. The rare dish of the feast consisted of last season's wild strawberries preserved in seal oil.

Is the report be true that Princ sa Beatrice, of England, learns all tre topical songs and sings them, we have another argument for the abolition of royalty. THE use of corn meal in Europe is increasing, partly owing to the efforts our Agricultural Department has

made to increase the foreign demand

for this great American staple. The

Italians are the latest converts to

the new food. They now use corn

meal in making polenta, instead of using ground chestnuts, which was the material formerly employed. The corn meal is cheaper, and better, because not so hard to digest as meal from any kind of nuts. THE Czar's method of determining whether or not the path of the royal train is beset by bombs is excellent in its way. A trusty subject is sent ahead on a heavy tricycle to exploit. If the Czar's engineer observes a rain of faithful subject, accompanied by an occasional spoke and fragments of the writer. Two young horses have nail glanced from a carpenter's hammer pneumatic tire, he knows that some- been kept in a pasture with a num- into the conveyor of raw material in a thing is the matter and shuts of bor of cows and a year old calf, and jute factory, rubbed against the drum

ty-four hours. As to so-called locusts, he says they are harvest flies, and that only the females do the eating. atus. If female mosquitoes are the only ones that bite, and female locusts are the only ones that destroy crops, is it not well to beware a little of femininity in general?

fad with the Czar.

THERE are some responsibilities assumed by the French newspaper from which his American brothers are exempt. A reporter of the Socialist journal, La Libre Parole, for inmediately dismounted, set the priest Captain Couves, which claims to supply stance, has just been designated by anarchist law. If a French duel church. meant anything we would commiser ate our confrere; but it involves nothing more serious nowadays than getting up an hour or two earlier than usual.

WE incline to the belief that it field for judicious advertising in the retail grocery as in any other line of business. It pays to let people know Music Composed While You Wait what you have to offer, to acquaint them with new attractions, to ad- when a man may run in and have a vise them of some bargain or other song set to music while he waits, for which you are able to offer them- fifty cents or one dollar, the end of and, above all, to let them know that you are enterprising and looking out for an opportunity to please them. But judgment should be used. It is folly to advertise goods out of season. Good judgment and print- Musical composition at these places ers' ink go well together. - New England Grocer.

A good deal more, in the way of exceedingly interesting information as to how railroads are managed, would be discovered if reputable men were appointed by the courts to act taken, you pay your money and deas receivers. The usual method is to part with the composition. The time usually work such destruction to life, appoint the man who brought the road to bankruptcy its receiver. He will not lay bare the frauds and blunders. But what an honest and impartial receiver might reveal is shown in the case of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe. To be sure the receiver, who had been its president. never unearthed a thing or breathed a word. It was an independent accountant working in the interest of bond and stockholders who discovered crooked accounts, illegal rebates, and other evidences of clever fluanciering in the Santa Fe's books.

It is not very long ago that the hog was hardly known as a farm product out of the great corn regions, his most bloodthirsty specimens and but while the porker is becoming less of a roving rooter and more civilized than in the earlier time, he is taking pos-ession of all parts of the land. In mountain regions West, includwith sea-water, brought near in the ing New Mexico, the idea is to convert alfalfa into pork, and in Californ'a use is made of Egyptian corn. which is said to make a finer grade or pork than Indian corn.

A Rigid Test.

The test of excellence applied to Japanese swords years ago was very rigid. It was to suspend the blade horizontall; edge upward, under a tree, and a good weapon was expected to cut in twain any leaf that fell upon it.

It Killed the Cure, "Johnnie Smith! You whispering again?" demanded an Oakland teacher of a particularly mischievous

·Yessum " "Well, come up here and get the

mousetraps on.' She stood the boy in one corner with a heavy mouse-trap daugling from each ear. They pinched and pulled, and Johnnie winced, twisted, and then commenced to bawl.

"What's the matter now?" asked the teacher. "Those don't hart much."

"That ain't it." whispered the boy. "Well, what is it?"

"It's a shame. That's what it is," he sobbed. "What' a shame? To punish you for whispering?"

"No. but I was born with big ears that stack out like a barn door open, and I've had to sleep with 'em tied back to my head ever since. Now my step-father pulls 'em and you put mouse traps on 'em till this tving

ears like a veal cutlet." The teacher removed the mousetraps from his ears and inverted the serve as concave mirrors. A plumber's empty waterbucket over his head as exploit consisted in applying the flame a substitute. - San Francisco Post.

back don't do any good, and I'll have

steam. It is a great scheme, and they were accustomed to come up to and produced a spark which set fire to while apt to thin out the populace, 1; the gate every night with the cows, the place. A flood burned one factory the older leading the line, and the by causing a pile of iron filings to oxipromotive of the longevity that is a A MISSOURI entomologist informs one in which the horses and cows while putting out one in a small build. the public that quail, lady bugs, and were kept, and these sometimes foling, a neighboring shed containing frogs destroy hosts of chinch bugs, lowed the cows when they came at quicklime having been penetrated by the He says that the chinch bug does night to be milked. One night they water. not become a grandmother in twen- did so, and when all the animals were standing together the ram butted the calf, which could not defend itself, and the older colt, going over to it, seized the ram by the wool on the males having no digestive appar- its back and, lifting it entirely off of storm waves when the steamship friend. -Our Dumb Animals.

The House of Hapsburg.

his Swiss home from hunting, came attendant disadvantages made them unupon a priest carrying the sacrament reliable and seriously militated against to a sick man. The priest on foot their use. All these drawbacks are said was stopped by a river. Rudolph im- to be overcome in the invention of and sacrament on horseback, and led lot to challenge M. Denoix, of the the steed by the rein to the sick French Chamber of Deputies, for an man's house. He declined to take is always ready for use and not likely to insulting remark about the press the horse again to daily use, but gave 'get out of order or fail in any emergency, during the debate on the new anti- it to the priest for the service of the or endanger in any way the safety of the

Archbishop of Mainz, in 1273, procured the election of Rudolph as King ing in the cylinder, attached to a tubular of the Romans and Kaiser. Hence we have the source and fount of the the oil on the water through a delivery proud imperial house of Hapsburg. Schiller enhances the legend in one of the best of his ballads. "Der Grat pays for retail grocers to advertise. von Hapsburg." It may be mentioned We believe that there is as large a that the late heir to the imperial throne of Austria was named after his illustrious ancestor Rudolph.

It would certainly appear that the century is gett ng pretty close at hand. There are places in New York where this is done daily. By the side of and in competition with this modern composer the late Beethoven, Chopin, et al. would not be "in it." is a mere matter of time-you ru-h upstairs with your verses or idea, the composer looks at the clock, seizes a pencil and blank score, mounts the pi no stool, and goes at it. When he gets through, which in a measure derends upon the difficulty or ease with which he can satisty you, the time is charge is about that of a bricklayer, printer, and other notable arts .--Pittsburg Dispatch.

A GOOD ACDGE.

Mrs. Livermore-"Now, I think that a nice chuck steak is more tender : and much juicer than a sirloin.

Mr. Feeder-"Yes, I have known a great many people who prefer that ent to any other.' Mrs. Livermore (decidedly pleased)

... "And they were good judges, I sup-Mr. Feeder-"Ob, yes: they all kept boarding houses."-Life.

A thrifty German, who owns a leach farm in Dalmatia, selected 10,000 of started for America. On his passage

hither an ignorant barkeeper, who had offered to care for them, threw the bottles overboard, supposing that the leeches were dead, and now the steamthip company is being saed for dam-

Do not want for extraordinary circumstances to do good actions; try to use ordinary situations. Adversity has the effect of eleciting

talents which in prosperous circumstances would have him dormant. As we grow elder our pleasures cost

less, but it takes more money to cure our ailments. The sunshine of life is made up of

very ittle beams, that are bright all

The chains of habit are to small to be felt, until they are too strong to be broken.

How Some Fires Originate.

A list of unusual and curiously cause 1 fires has been compiled and the Railway Review mentions some of the number: It includes a factory fire which was traced to a railway truck, an over-heated axle having thrown a car from the track and set fire to a petroleum tank from which the flames spread to the building. An instance is given in which a bucket greasy waste was ignited by the friction of a belt which sagged against it. In a harmless case of spontaneous ignition of oily waste, this material, with some wood chips, had been thrown into the fire box of an idle locomotive, shortly after which the workmen were surprised by the blowing off of steam by the engine. Another fire was due to only waste in a manner which could not well be foreseen. Only heavy mineral oils were used, and a place was provided for the waste, but a cockchafer crawled from the receptacle directly to a gas jet, when the creature was quickly consumed, and the oily cotton filaments adhering to its body spread the fire. Well known incendiaries are photographic and other lenses which act as burning glasses, and bright tight plates, which test to a newly made joint in a gas pipe, then covering the pipe without noticing A Colt Punishes a Ram for Cruelty. a small blue flame, which was discovered The following is a little incident some six weeks afterward, when the leak which came under the observation of had become somewhat enlarged. A younger bringing up the rear. Ow- dize so rapidly as to become intensely ing to a want of water in their past- heated. A stream from the firemen's ure some sheep were brought to the bose started a second fire in New York

Oil On the Waves.

The excellent use that has recently been made of oil for allaying the force the ground, shook it vigorously. He Umbria was disabled at sea has led to then placed it on the ground and it the appearance of various improved quickly ran away, while the horse methods of spreading the oil on the face continued to stand guard over his of the waters. Formerly oil bags were used, and sometimes with good results, but their liability to be washed in board, the necessity of resaturating and Rudolph von Hapsburg, riding to putting them out again and other a reliable mechanical apparatus tributing oil from ships and boats, which persons operating it. The apparatus Remembering this deed, Werner, consists of a cast iron reservoir above a vertical cylinder. A heavy piston workrod and acting by its own weight, ejects pipe, A hand wheel on the spindle rod is used to raise the piston when the cylinder is being filled with oil from the reservoir, and the supply valve through which the oil passes from the reservoir to the cylinder is opened and closed by means of a small wheel. The appliance is fixed as near the bows of the ship as possible. There are two delivery pipes, each fitted at the end with a conical nozzle, the aperture of which is not more than one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter, running from the lower part of the cylinder and passing out at the bows near the load line. Each pipe is fitted with a brass cock, so that the oil may be emitted from one side only, if required. All that is needed to put the appliance into action is to open either or both the brass cocks of the delivery pipes, as occasion may require, and the bil issues forth in a fine but steady jet several feet beyond the bows. If the vessel is in motion the oil is thrown away from the bows with the broken water as she makes her way onward, and the effect is at once apparent, particularly on heavy-breaking seas, which limb or property. The new mechanism, being a permanent fixture, is always ready to be put in operation; it is, moreover, small and requires little space, and the only attention it requires is the charging with oil, which, even with both jets on, need only be done about once every four hours .- Chicago News

HIS CRITICISM OF THE PICTURE.

Painter (to a gentleman whose portrait he has just completed)-"Well, sir, how does your portrait please you?" Gentleman (after gazing at the picture for some minutes) - "Say, you'd oblige me very much if you'd just change this portrait into a landscape."-Fliegende Blaetter.

AT THE LUNCH COUNTER.

"There's Bonely yonder, getting with corned beef and cabbage and a placest of doughnuts. How can a man of his delicate build est such a combination as

"Humph! It's just the combination ne's cating that gives him his delicate build!'-Puck.

THE PLACE LAKES A DIFFERENCE. English village, Sunday morning Lit-

tle Girl-"Please let me have a pennyworth of soap." Druggist- 'Icannot, my dear. There is no soap sold here on Sunday morn-

How is that! I saw you sell a stick of licorice to a girl a few minutes

"Oh, that's different; she is going to eat it in the church."-New York Ad-·ertiser.