INTERESTING EVENTS.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF OUR EXCHANGES.

A Potpourri of Humor, Current Comment and Business Notices—Interesting State News.

There is only $713.10 on hand in Pensacola to pay $4,084.81 as salaries of public school teachers for December.

The fragile babe and the growing child are strengthened by White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms, gets digestion at work, and so rebuilds the body. Price 25 cents. DeSoto Drug Co.

The Orlando Cornet Band has raised nearly $400 to buy instruments with.

Whosoever has suffered from piles knows how painful and troublesome they are. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is guaranteed to cure piles. Price 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents. DeSoto Drug Co.

The voters of Palatka have ratified the issue of $175,000 municipal bonds by a majority of 50.

The properties of Ballard's Snow Liniment possesses a range of usefulness greater than any other remedy. A day seldom passes in every household, especially where there are children, that it is not needed. Price, 25 and 50 cents. DeSoto Drug Co.

During December train wrecks on American roads destroyed 122 engines, 1,123 freight, and 21 passenger cars.

Many a bright and happy household has been thrown into sadness and sorrow because of the death of a loved one from a neglected cold. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a great cure for coughs, colds, and all palmonary ailments. Price, 25 and 50 cents. DeSoto Drug Co.

The magnificently appointed limited trains are now running into Florida from New York and Chicago.

Herbine should be used to enrich and purify the blood; it cures all forms of blood disorders, is especially useful in fevers, skin eruptions, boils, pimples, black heads, scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood impurity; it is a safe and effectual cure. Price 50 cents. DeSoto Drug Co.

The annual encampment of the United Confederate veterans takes place this year at Dallas, Texas, April 22 to 25.

Many of the blotches, pimples and other affections of the skin are caused by the failure of the liver and kidneys to cast off impurities which remain in the system. Herbine will stimulate the liver and kidneys, and cleanse the system of all impurities. Price, 50 cents. DeSoto Drug Co.

The largest catch of Spanish mackerel ever made at Miami was made Wednesday, when the boats of the Tampa Fish Company came in with 17,000 pounds, or 8 tons.

Cut this out and take it to the Gulf Pharmacy and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They also cure disorders of the stomach, biliousness and headache.

Manatee river truckers have 100 acres in lettuce, 125 acres in celery and 500 in cabbage, and are already shipping car loads.

If troubled with a weak digestion belching, sour stomach, or if you feel dull after eating, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25 cents. Samples free at the Gulf Pharmacy.

Col. Young tells the Bradentown Journal that trains of the Seaboard Airline will be running to Boca Grande by January 1st, 1903.

Frank Treadwell, Bennett, Iowa, was troubled with kidney disease for two years. He writes: "I had taken several kinds of kidney remedies, but with little benefit. Finally I tried Foley's Kidney Cure. The first bottle gave immediate relief and three bottles cured me permanently. I gladly recommend this wonderful remedy." Take no substitute. DeSoto Drug Co.

The gross earnings for 1901 of the Savannah, Florida & Western Railway were over $8,000,000; net, $2,500,000, an increase of 600 per cent over the previous year.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. C. J. Bishop, Agnew, Mich., says: 'I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." Beware of substitutes. DeSoto Drug Co.

The total valuation of taxable property in Florida for 1901 is $97,761,048.17: against $96,836,954,094 the previous year, being an increase of $674,094.

La grippe coughs often continue for months and sometimes lead to fatal results after the patient is supposed to have passed the danger point. Foley's Honey and Tar affords positive protection and security from these coughs. DeSoto Drug Co.

Freshly picked strawberries were selling in Punta Gorda this week at 40 cents per quart.

N. Jackson, Danville, Ill., writes: "My daughter had a severe attack of la grippe and a terrible cough settled on her lungs. We tried a great many remedies without giving relief. She tried Foley's Honey and Tar which cured her. She has never been troubled with a cough since. DeSoto Drug Co.

REMARKABLE CURE OF CROUP.

A Little Boy's Life Saved.

I have a few words to say regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It saved my little boy's life and I felt that I cannot praise it enough. I bought a bottle of it from A. E. Steere, of Goodwin, S. D., and when I got home with it the poor baby could hardly breathe. I gave the medicine as directed every ten minutes until he "threw up" and then I thought sure he was going to choke to death. We had to pull the phlegm out of his mouth in great long strings. I am positive that if I had not got that bottle of cough medicine, my boy would not be on earth today.—Joel Demont, Inwood, Iowa. For sale at the Gulf Pharmacy.

Gov. Jennings has designated February 7 as Arbor Day.

If Banner Salve

doesn't cure your piles, your money will be refunded. It is the most healing medicine. DeSoto Drug Co.

The Kaiser's new yacht is to be named Alice, in honor of Miss Roosevelt, which is a very graceful thing. But we do not need this to remember sweet Alice, Ben Bolt.

Chapped hands, cracked lips and roughness of the skin cured quickly by Banner Salve, the most healing ointment in the world. DeSoto Drug Co.

Grapefruit culture is on the increase. It is the most profitable fruit grown on this peninsula.

You should know that Foley's Honey and Tar is absolutely the best for all diseases of the throat and lungs. Dealers are authorized to guarantee it to give satisfaction. DeSoto Drug Co.

The celery crop in the Manatee section this year promises to be the largest ever produced in that productive part of the moral vineyard.

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail," says James Prendergast, merchant, Annato Bay, Jamaica, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly warded off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. Sold by the Gulf Pharmacy.

The Royal Poinceana at Palm Beach is the largest hotel in the world, larger even than New York's Waldorf-Astoria. It has over 1100 rooms and can accommodate 2200 guests.

A Cure for Lumbago.

W. C. Williamson, of Amherst, Va., says: "For more than a year I suffered from lumbago. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me entire relief, which all other remedies failed to do." Sold by the Gulf Pharmacy.

The Florida banks have now all made their annual statements and all show increased business, thus indicating general prosperity.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

The grand lodge of Florida Masons met in Jacksonville this week. The new temple is paid for and the lodge is entirely out of debt.

The Best Prescription for Malaria

Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure No Pay. Price 50 cents.

The canal commission has reported unanimously in favor of the Panama route, but Colombia interposes impossible terms for land grant concessions.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

THROUGH TRAIN TO TAMPA.

Everybody is pleased with the Plant System's new schedule, inaugurated Sunday December 22, by which Capt. Joe Lamar's lightning passenger express runs through to Tampa and back the same day. The train leaves at 7:00 a. m.; arrives in Tampa at 11:59; leaves Tampa at 4:10 p. m. and reaches here at 9:30 p. m.

This will add greatly to the passenger business of the road, as it is such a great accommodation to the public.

The through train to Jacksonville runs as before—leaves at 4:30 p. m. and arrives at 8:15 a. m. This train carries the Pullman sleeper.

You Know What You Are Taking.

When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic, because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. 50 cents.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Where to Spend Your Money and What to Buy—Business News.

We are agents for the Standard sewing machines, the lightest running and fastest machine made. Sold for cash or on installments at a save to you of $15 to $20 on every machine. Call and see them. The Earnest Dry Goods Co.

McLane & Sons now have in stock a splendid assortment of oil stoves and heaters for boats, etc.—best goods at the lowest prices.

Sheriff's Sale.

UNDER and by virtue of an execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of DeSoto county, Florida, dated the 30th day of December, 1901, in a certain cause wherein the Punta Gorda Bank is plaintiff and S. M. Platt and H. S. Hancock are defendants, I have levied upon and will offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in front of the court house door in Arcadia, Florida, during the legal hours of sale, on the

First Monday in February, 1902,

the same being the third day of said month, the following described real estate, situated in DeSoto county, Florida: The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, in section six (6), in township thirty-nine (39), south of range twenty-three (23) east. Said property levied upon and advertised for sale to satisfy said execution and costs.

T. E. PIRT-DER, Sheriff of DeSoto county, Fla.

Jan. 4, 1902. J. H. HANCOCK, Plfs. Att'y. 10-jan-4t

Low Rates to Charleston.

The Plant System is now selling tickets to the Charleston Exposition at the following reduced rates from Punta Gorda: round trip, limited to return June 3rd, 1902, $30.00; limited to return in ten days, $27.55. The exposition is the biggest thing in the South and every body ought to see it.

For Over Sixty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure to ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other.

Notice for Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Land Office at Gainesville, Fla. January 13, 1902.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make commutation proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Fort Myers, Florida, on March 1, 1902, viz: John L. Martin of Boca Grande, Florida, homestead 28977, for the lots 5, 6 and 7, section 7, township 41, south range 21 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Rudolph Huberich, of Boca Grande, Florida; S. Marion Platt of Boca Grande, Florida; Martin M. Martin, of Fort Ogden, Florida; William D. Platt, of Fort Ogden, Florida.

no8-incl W. G. ROBINSON, Register.

The Plant System will operate dining cars between Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Hotel on trains 25 and 78. This popular Railway is inaugurating this season the finest train service ever operated in South Florida.—tf

TIME CARDS.

For latest time cards to all points, write to F. M. Jolly, Division Passenger Agent, Jacksonville, or J. A. Taylor, Division Passenger Agent, Tampa. tilap15

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Patrick & Rickerson was dissolved December 19th, 1901, Jesse Patrick retiring and selling his interest to N. N. Wakefield. The new firm of Wakefield & Rickerson assume all liabilities and collect all accounts due the old firm.

JESSE PATRICK. Dec. 19, 1901. M. J. RICKERSON.

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given to all concerned that I will apply to the Honorable A. E. Pooser, county judge in and for DeSoto county, Florida, for an order to sell lots twenty-five and twenty-six in block thirty-five, in the town of Punta Gorda, DeSoto county, Florida, at private sale, on Tuesday, the 25th day of February, A. D. 1902, said property belonging to the estate of Calvin Rollins, deceased, and to be sold for the purpose of paying debts of the said deceased.

This, the 22d day of January, A. D., 1902.

A. C. FREEMAN, 3-td Administrator of Calvin Rollins' estate.

Hawks' Eggs.

A peculiar fact in collecting birds' eggs is the wide difference in values of eggs of the same family of birds. For instance, there is the great family of hawks. Some hawks' eggs are worth only a few cents each, and other hawks' eggs find a ready sale at $3, $5 and $7 each. It makes a hundred dollar bill look dilapidated to buy a complete set of even western hawks' eggs, while a full set of all known hawks' eggs cost upward of $600. The eggs of a marsh hawk, a red back hawk and a copper hawk may be bought for 20 cents each, and the broad winged hawk's eggs will bring $4 each the world over. The eggs of Swainson's hawk and the buff breasted hawk are worth $1.50 each.

The Towers of Silence.

In Persia stand two towers called by the Parsee the Towers of Silence. According to the religion, they never bury their dead, but have the body exposed on the top of one of these towers until the sun and the rain and the fowls of the air have cleaned the bones of all flesh. The bones are then collected and placed in the other tower. These Parsees, who are followers of Zoroaster and very devout, have almost disappeared as a people, there being only about 8,000 of them at the present time.

Results of Catarrh.

Catarrh of the ears and catarrh of the Eustachian tubes often cause deafness. Catarrh of the stomach loads the stomach with tough phlegm and interferes with digestion. Catarrh of the gall bladder obstructs the outflow of the bile, which is absorbed into the circulation and thus gives rise to jaundice. Catarrh of the bladder is a dangerous disease, from the difficulty of getting rid of the mucus.

Time That Wasn't Money.

The Grafter—Hustle Gage, the millionaire, is not a man of his word.

His Friend—How do you know?

"Well, I asked him if he'd give me a minute of his time and he said he would. I'd figured it out that his income was $40 a minute, but at the end of the minute the old skinflint showed me the door."—New York Times.

Overdoing It.

Borus (who has just submitted manuscript)—You don't like it because it's somewhat facetious. You forget that "a little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

Naggus—Yes; but, blame it, Borus, this is all nonsense!—Exchange.

True it is, and always has been, that cheerfulness is riches that cannot be taxed.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Of Course They Do.

Hixon—Do you believe that man originally sprang from the monkey?

Dixon—No; I believe that all women spring from men.—Chicago News.

Ordinance No. 12.

Interference With Marshal or Other Officers Declared by the Mayor and council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida:

That any person or persons interfering with the marshal or any officer in the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, in the performance of their duties shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum of not more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the jail of the town of Punta Gorda not exceeding sixty days, or by both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the mayor.

That all ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof are repealed.

Passed in session this 1st day of October, A. D 1901.

B. Bassett, President Council.

Attest: W. B. Hardee, Clerk. A. C. Freeman, Mayor.

Ordinance No. 13.

Relating to Riding or Driving Within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Punta Gorda, Florida:

Be it ordained by the mayor and council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida,

That no person or peasons shall be allowed to ride or drive within the limits of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, faster than in a moderate trot, and no person or persons shall ride or drive faster than in a walk on or over any wharf or bridge within the said corporate limits. Any person or persons violating this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum not more than fifty dollars, or be imprisoned in the jail of the town of Punta Gorda at hard labor for a term not exceeding thirty days, or by both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the mayor.

That all ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof are repealed.

Passed by the council this first day of October. A. D., 1901.

B. Bassett, President Council.
A. C. Freeman, Mayor.
Attest: W. B. Hardee, Clerk.

Ordinance No. 51.

Be it ordained by the council of the town of Punta Gorda:

1. That it shall be the duty of each and every owner of block or lots or parts of blocks or lots within the corporate limits of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, to build, construct and lay down sidewalks along and over the side of such street or streets as may lay along and adjacent to such block or lots or part of such block or lots as they may own in the terms and manner the said council may direct, upon the notice given as provided by this ordinance.

2. The sidewalks shall be built and constructed of wood, cement or asphalt, and shall not be less than four feet in width, under the direction of the street committee of such town.

Whenever the council shall, by ordinance or resolution, order and direct the owner or owners of lots or blocks or parts of lots or blocks to build and construct a sidewalk or sidewalks along and over the street or streets adjacent to such lots or blocks or parts thereof, it shall be the duty of the clerk of said town to give notice in writing to such owner or owners if resident; if not resident, to give such notice as is provided by the Statute of the State in chancery cases for non-residents, to build and construct such sidewalk or sidewalks within thirty days from the time of the service of such notice.

If the owner or owners shall fail, neglect, or refuse to build such sidewalk within ten days after the expiration of such notice, it shall be the duty of the council of said town to provide for the construction of such sidewalks, and if the said owner or owners shall fail, neglect, or refuse to pay the cost of such construction, the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, shall have a lien on such lot or lots for the cost of construction alongside of which said walk shall have been constructed in the nature of mechanics or labor lien, and may proceed to enforce the same in the same manner as such mechanic or labor liens are enforced under the Statute of the State (Chap. V. Bound Statute and the amendments thereto) and shall have all the benefits of such Statute and amendments in any such proceeding including court costs and attorneys fees.

It shall also be the duty of the owner or owners of lots or blocks or parts of lots or blocks along and adjacent to which sidewalks have been constructed and built, to keep the same in good repair and safe condition for public use and travel, and if said owner shall fail, neglect or refuse so to do, it shall be the duty of the council to put and keep the same in repair; and unless the owner shall promptly pay such cost and expenses in so doing, the town of Punta Gorda shall have a lien on the adjacent lot, lots, block, or blocks for such costs or expenses to be enforced in the same manner as is provided in the ordinance for collecting costs of building sidewalks.

If any owner or owners of lot or blocks or parts of lots or blocks shall fail, neglect or refuse to construct and build or keep in repair any sidewalk that under this ordinance, he or they shall be required to build or repair, he she or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than five dollars for each day he, she or they shall be guilty of such neglect, and shall stand committed to the jail of the town until such fine and costs are paid, not exceeding sixty days, and shall be liable for all sums the town may have to pay to any person or persons who may be injured by reason of any defect in such sidewalk, and which they shall collect of and from said town.

Jno. C. Pepper, President Council.
Approved A. C. Freeman, Mayor.
Attest: W. B. Hardee, Clerk. 2

Notice of Application to Sell Real Estate.

NOTICE is hereby given that four weeks after this date I will apply to the Honorable A. E. Pooser, Probate Judge of DeSoto county, for an order to sell at private or public sale the following described real estate belonging to the estate of Thomas Daughtrey deceased: The southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section one (1), in township forty (40), south of range twenty-four (24) east, containing forty (40) acres more or less.

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January 4, 1902. JOHN X DAUGHTREY, mark.
Administrator of Estate of Thomas Daughtrey.
No. 1-5t

MISAPPLIED WORDS.

Some Expressions the Use of Which Should Be Reformed.

"Extra" is an abused word. People say "extra good" or "extra cheap" in order to intensify "good" and "cheap." But "extra" has no such force. So far from intensifying a given condition, it denies it by indicating that the thing so described lies outside the sphere or quality named. Thus, "extra judicial" does not mean more than ordinarily judicial, as though a judge had dredged his conscience in giving an opinion, but outside of judicial and therefore incapable of being judged at all in the prescribed way.

A grievous fault is the use of "identify" in a phrase like this, "He is identified with the antivaccination movement." A man can only identify himself with another man or set of men. He can identify himself with the opponents of vaccination—and even here the word carries a shade of meaning of its own, distinguishing the phrase from such a one as "he joined the opponents of vaccination."

One should not speak of "high" or "low" caliber; but, remembering the meaning of "caliber," one should apply to it only such adjectives as "great" or "small."

It is wrong to speak of a "consensus of opinion." The word "consensus" itself means an agreement of thought and should stand alone.—Academy.

Crank and Epicure.

"A traveling crank and epicure had the audacity to ask the head steward shortly before my boat sailed from Liverpool for New York," said a waiter on an ocean liner, "if he would mind changing three of the courses on the bill of fare for others which he preferred. He was informed politely but firmly that there were other passengers besides himself sailing on the vessel and that if he thought he could not survive on the excellent fare provided during the voyage all he had to do was to book with another line and his passage money would be returned to him.

"Steamship companies are not in the habit of returning passage money when once paid, as is well known, but in this instance we would willingly have done so.

"Our fastidious passenger did not book with another line, however, and, what is more, he ate enough at each meal on the trip to satisfy two men with sea air appetites and presented to the waiter, who attended with extreme good nature to his likes and dislikes throughout the voyage, the magnificent sum of 15 cents."—New York Mail and Express.

His Lovely Manners.

A benevolent looking man boarded a downtown elevator already occupied by three women upward bound. With a Chesterfieldian air he respectfully doffed his hat and held it in his hand until he had reached his destination.

"What a charming man! Such lovely manners!" gushed the women in chorus.

A few minutes later the benevolent looking man of the lovely manners reached his office. Pitching his hat on the back of his beneficent head, sprawling himself down in true manly abandon at his desk, puffing a clay pipe in an artistic masculine fashion, occasionally expectorating in the vicinity of a cuspidor, he greets his six-dollar-a-week-for-ten-hours-a-day stenographer by jocularly inquiring why in thunder those legal papers aren't finished.

Lovely man!

Oh, yes; very!—San Francisco Wave.

The Wrong Crop.

Visiting an out of the way English parish when the incumbent happened to be away, a former archdeacon of Suffolk was, it is related, shown round by the clerk. On arriving at the churchyard he found a fine crop of wheat growing in it.

"Dear, dear!" said the archdeacon. "I can't approve of this. I really did not think Mr. —— would have planted wheat in the churchyard."

"That's just what I told parson," said the clerk. "I says," says I, "ye didn't ought to have wheated it; ye ought to have tatered it!"

When Wives Were Sold.

A century or so ago wife selling was not an uncommon event in England, as the following item, which appeared in the London News of Nov. 21, 1801, would show:

"On Friday a coal porter exhibited his wife in Smithfield, with a halter round her neck, for sale. He demanded a guinea for her, but she hung on hand for some time, until a man of good appearance made the purchase, and packing her, halter and all, into a hackney coach drove for Blackfriars bridge, amid the huzzas of the mob."

Ears.

If your ears burn, people say, some one is talking about you. This is very old, for Pliny says, "When our ears do glow and tingle, some do talk of us in our absence."

Shakespeare, in "Much Ado About Nothing," makes Beatrice say to Ursula and Hero, who had been talking of her, "What fire is in mine ears?"

Sir Thomas Browne ascribes this conceit to the superstition of guardian angels, who touch the right ear if the talk is favorable and the left if otherwise. This is done to cheer or warn.

One ear tingles, some there be
That are snarling now at me.

Before Mirrors.

Mrs. Snaggs—I read a paragraph in the paper which said, "Woman was made before mirrors, but it wasn't her fault." Don't you think that is a mean remark to make about woman?

Mr. Snaggs—Yes, I think it is. What the writer meant to say was that woman was made before mirrors and had been before them ever since.—Exchange.

Needed No Help.

Mrs. Hiram Offen—And do you think you could do the cooking for the family with a little help from me?

Applicant—No, ma'am, Oi do not.

Mrs. Hiram Offen—You don't?

Applicant—No, ma'am, but Oi'm sure Oi cud do it widout anny help from you.—Philadelphia Press.

No Cause For Alarm.

Nervous Passenger (on New Haven steamer)—There's a very peculiar noise in the water tonight. Do you notice it, captain?

Captain—Yes, madam; that's the regular Long Island sound.—Harlem Life.

ITALIAN VIOLINS.

The First "Strad" Sent to London Could Find No Purchaser.

Italian violins have not always held the supremacy they now enjoy. It was not indeed till the beginning of the nineteenth century that they came into vogue to any extent outside their native land. Previously Jacob Steiner (1621-83) was the favorite maker, and his high model had been almost exclusively copied by his fellow Germans and the different makers in France and England. When the elder Corvetto, who had been a merchant before entering the musical profession, came to London, in 1738, he brought with him some instruments by Stradivari. The result of this endeavor to introduce Italian work into England fills one with pathetic wonder. It is almost beyond belief. As he could not get as much as £5 ($25) for a violoncello he was obliged to send the instrument back to Italy for a bad speculation. Five pounds for a "Strad," and not a single purchaser to be found!

This incident in itself furnishes sufficient testimony to the slavish following of the great German maker and the strong prejudice of the violinists of that period in favor of the high model. It is indeed the players who are most to blame for the slow adoption of the flat model, for the creator must make what is necessitated by the demand; but the eighteenth century fiddlers, at any rate in England, France and Germany, seem for the most part to have been content that their violins should possess a small sweet tone, never realizing the lack of power and sonority.—Connoisseur.

He Said to Himself.

Kansas enjoys the distinction, possibly, of being the only state in the Union where a man has been allowed by a court of inquiry to testify regarding what he said to himself.

A committee had been appointed by the legislature, says The Green Bag, to investigate the alleged bribery of certain members in connection with a defeated railroad bill. The first witness called testified that he saw one of the representatives late one night coming down the hotel stairs.

"I said to myself," he went on, but a member on the side of the defense jumped to his feet.

"Hold on!" he shouted. "You can't testify about what you said to yourself!"

The prosecutor retorted that there was no law to prohibit him from so testifying. A long argument ensued, but a majority of the committee agreed with the chairman that the testimony was admissible.

"I said to myself," seriously proceeded the witness, "that M. had been up to Billy's room to get his pay."

The testimony was recorded and made a part of the official record.

Chinese Points For Hosts.

"Don't eat with your ears," says Yuan Mei, a Chinese writer, "by which I mean do not aim at having extraordinary out of the way foods, just to astonish your guests, for that is to eat with your ears, not with your mouth. Bean curd, if good, is actually nicer than birds' nest. And better than sea slugs, which are not first rate, is a dish of bamboo shoots.

"The chicken, the pig, the fish and the duck—these are the four heroes of the table. Sea slugs and birds' nest have no characteristic flavors of their own. They are but usurpers in the house. I once dined with a friend who gave us birds' nests in bowls like vats, holding each about four ounces of the plain boiled article. The other guests applauded vigorously, but I smiled and said I came here to eat birds' nest, not to take delivery of it wholesale."

He Understood.

Anton Rubinstein, the Russian composer, in his autobiography tells of the confusion which overcame a certain architect of his acquaintance who had a habit of interlarding all his remarks with the phrase, "You understand."

On one occasion he was explaining certain architectural matters to the emperor, and, according to custom, made free use of his favorite expression.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed Emperor Nicholas at last irritably. "Of course I understand! My dear fellow, how could I help it?"

How the Natives Treat Gorillas.

Natives in the countries inhabited by great apes regard them always as human beings of inferior types, and it is for this reason that for a long time it was found impossible to get hold of an entire gorilla skin, because the savages considered it religiously necessary to cut off the hands and feet of the animals when they killed them, just as they do with their enemies, possibly for the purpose of rendering them harmless in case they should by any chance come to life again.

His Choice of Sacrifices.

"It is true," said the person of high ideals, "that you have attained prosperity by your writings, but you have produced nothing that will live."

"Well," answered the comfortable literateur, "when it comes to a question of which shall live, myself or my writings, I didn't hesitate to sacrifice my writings."

Her Comment.

Mrs. Growells—My husband is continually quarreling about trifles.

Mrs. Howells—Well, my dear, the less one has to quarrel about the better.—Chicago News.

The best way to make a man acknowledge the corn is to stamp on his toe.—Philadelphia Record.

The microscope has shown yeast cells in Egyptian bread more than 4,000 years old.

Nothing More to Be Said.

"My wife always lets me have the last word," remarked the meek looking man.

"Indeed?" exclaimed his friend in tones which implied a doubt of the other's veracity.

"She does, really. Whenever I say, 'Yes, my dear, you are quite right,' she stops talking immediately."—New York Herald.

E W Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

PLANT SYSTEM TIME CARD.

EFFECTIVE DEC. 8, 1901.
PUNTA GORDA, FLA.

DEPARTURES—

No. 24, 4:00 p. m. Daily: For Lakeland, Kissemmee, Orlando, Sanford, Palatka, Jacksonville and all points North, East and West, connecting at Lakeland with through sleepers for principal points in the East.

No. 22, 7:05 a. m. Daily except Sunday: for Arcadia, Bartow and intermediate points.

ARRIVALS—

No. 21, 8:15 a. m. Daily: From Jacksonville, Palatka, Sanford, Orlando, Lakeland and intermediate points.

No. 25, 1:45 a. m. Daily from all points North East, South and West.

No. 213, 4:50 p. m. Daily except Sunday: From Lakeland and intermediate points.

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Punta Gorda to Fort Myers, touching at St. James, Sanibel and Punta Rassa. Commodious steamer leaves Punta Gorda daily, except Sunday 8:30 a.m., arriving Fort Myers 3 p.m. Leaves Fort Myers daily except Sunday at 6 a. m., arriving at Punta Gorda 3:30 p.m.

All north-bound trains connect at Jacksonville with fast through trains for the north, east and west. On Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday No. 22 connects at Fort Tampa with steamship for Key West and Havana.

For further information call on J. W. Booth agent, or address J. A. Taylor, division passenger agent, M. S. Booth traveling passenger agent, Tampa, Fla., or B. W. Wrenn, passenger traffic manager, Savannah.

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Leave Havana Wednesdays, Saturdays and Mondays at 2:30 p. m., and arrive at Key West Wednesdays, Saturdays and Mondays at 9:30 p. m.

Leave Key West Wednesdays, Saturdays and Mondays at 10:00 p. m.; arrive at Port Tampa Thursdays, Sundays and Tuesdays at 3:30 p. m.

B. W. WRENN,
Savannah, Ga. Passenger Traffic Manager.