The Most Capable Ship.

The Vulcan, 6620 tons, with a radius of action of 12,000 miles at ten knots hour, or 3000 at eighteen knots, is regarged as one of the most capable ships in the British navy. Her French compeer is the Tage, 7255 tons, which has a radius of 6500 miles in ten knots. The Italia, 15,000 tons, Italy's best ship, has a coal capacity of 8036 miles at ten knots an hour. From this it will be seen that no European navy has any vessel that can compare with the Oregon and other vessels of the United States navy which can steam 16,000 miles at ten knots an hour.

Stop, Thief!

Stop a small malady, which is stealing your strength, before it entrains your power to arrest it, and recover what it took from you. The safest and promptest recuperator of waning vitality is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which renews vigor, flesh and nerve quietude because it restores activity to those functions whose interruption interferes with general health. Use the Bitters for dyspepsia, malarial, rheumatic and kidney complaints and biliousness.

A policeman stops being an optimist when he puts on his uniform coat.

"THE WOODEN HEN"

Every good man makes unwritten laws that others have to keep.

A great many people have religion who do not have Christ.

Sin will behave itself a year to have its way an hour.

$400 IN PRIZES ON OATS AND CORN.

Last year we offered $200 for the biggest yield on oats. 209 bushels Silver Mine Oats won the prize. This year we offer $200 more on oats, $100 on Silver King Barley, a barley yielding in 1895 116 bushels per acre, and $100 on Golden Triumph Yellow Dent Corn, the corn of your dreams!

What's Teosinte and Sand Vetch and Sacaline and Lathyrus and Giant Spurry and Giant Incarnate Clover and lots of such things? They'll make you rich if you plant a plenty. Catalogue tells you!

If you will cut this out and send it with 10c. postage to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will get free 10 grasses and grains, including above oats, barley, corn and their mammoth catalogue. Catalogue alone 5c. W.N.

The best thing for us is what God sees to be good.

We ought to find out that condemning others will never justify us.

The ship that has to sail among rocks needs a good pilot.

IRRIGATION IN ILLINOIS.

It Is a Success at Kankakee and Is Advocated Along the Canal.

That the wonderful success of the irrigated farm at Kankakee will give a great impetus to irrigation in Illinois there can be no doubt, says the Irrigation Age. Sooner or later this state and other states along the line of the great lakes will be watered by pipe lines from those great bodies of water, Illinois especially, penetrated as it is to be by the great drainage canal. Alarmists say that the withdrawal of 300,000 cubic feet of water a minute from Lake Michigan by the drainage canal will reduce the level of the lakes to such an extent as to interfere with navigation by the largest lake steamers. In a rain of six inches which recently fell over these lakes the quantity of water added to them was 1,079,640,176,000 cubic feet. It would take seven years for the Chicago drainage canal to withdraw this quantity of water. This "drainage" canal is really a great ship canal, and by tapping it here and there crops will be aided to make cargoes for those ships.

But that is a matter of the future. For the immediate present pumping plants will convey water from neighboring streams, as at Kankakee, and in this farmers can associate themselves together here and there and divide the expense. Reservoirs and lakes will be made in different sections and various means will be employed in pumping the water. Two irrigations a season will prove sufficient in Illinois. Gas engines, oil engines and perhaps electricity will furnish the power, and it is likely that windmills will cut a big figure. With a gasoline engine, a pump and a reservoir, small patches can be independent of any general irrigation companies, though it must be confessed that the latter have proved a great benefit in the far west, reclaiming thousands of acres of barren lands and transforming them into farms that produce not only one, but several crops a season.

KINDERGARTEN AT THE OPERA.

Behind the Orchestra Rail the Matinee Girl Has Luncheon.

The Metropolitan opera house was not built with the idea that any part of it was ever to be used as a picnic grounds and its managers, in looking to the interest of the public, have not seen fit to place signs in any section announcing that it is exclusively for the use of basket parties and that boxholders and ushers are not allowed, says a New York exchange.

The New York matinee girl has taken matters into her own hands, however, and has fixed upon Saturday as the day of her opera picnic. If the opera is "Tristan and Isolde," and begins at 1:45, she dashes in, pink and white of cheeks, fluffy of hair, dainty and debonair, a neat little package under her arm, full half an hour before the performance bigins.

She buys a ticket, just an admission, and floats disdainfully by the brown-coated Harry Richards, who stands at the central portal. No ushers for her. She wants no seat. She gets up to the orchestra rail and stands there studying the raiment of her sisters, who do just as she does, and waiting for the opera to begin.

What she does during the action on the stage doesn't much matter. Her transformation scene comes between the acts. The curtain falls, Miss Dainty whirls around, spies a friend who carries a bundle just the size of hers, flies to the place of the friend, and they two gush at each other for a second, squat on the floor behind the orchestra rail, open their bundles, produce cake and bonbons and eat and talk and gush until it is time to be up again and drinking in the music.

She is only one girl and her friend is just another like her. They are the types of about a hundred who go to the opera house for every Saturday matinee, bring luncheon and sit on the floor while eating it.

"It's kindergarten day, we call it," said an employe of the house as he gathered on a dustpan remnants of cake, crushed marshmallows, chocolate that had been sat upon, flowers that had been crushed and a litter of a dozen other things that help to make pleasant the life of Miss Knickerbocker.

Uses for Hair.

Most people believe that fishing tackle makers are the only persons who have any employment for the barbers' clippings. A fact that has recently come to light, however, shows a new use to which human hair has been put. During the last year or two tons of hair have been packed between the plates of a certain part of war vessels. Hair is very elastic, and thus affords a most effective backing to metal. Again, it is being used very satisfactorily to form a kind of fender, which is thrown over the side of a vessel to prevent her scrubbing against the dock—to take the place, in fact, of more commonly used rope coils.

Her Hopes Dashed.

"Doctor," said a distressed wife to the family physician, as he was coming downstairs from his patient's room, "can you give me no hope of my husband? Can nothing be done?" "Madam," said the delighted doctor, rubbing his hands, "allow me to congratulate you. Our patient has taken a turn for the better and now we may hope to have him about again in a few weeks." "Oh, doctor!" exclaimed the horrified lady, throwing up her hands, "you told me he could not possibly get better and I have sold all of his clothes!"

From One Who Had Read It.

"Timmins says his last novel is bound to make people talk."

"I guess so. I fancy they would rather talk than read it."

Edgar Allen Poe's Cottage.

When the park board of Philadelphians decided some time ago that it had no room in any of the city parks for the Edgar Allen Poe cottage at Fordham, in which the poet's greatest production, "The Raven," was written, it looked as if it was doomed to destruction. The progress of greater New York demanded that the Kingsbridge road should be widened and extended and the route that was laid out for it ran directly through the cottage. Admirers of Pope have taken the matter in hand and a bill has been prepared which will soon be presented to the legislature asking for an appropriation to be used in purchasing an acre of ground across the street from where the cottage now stands upon which to remove it. The property will be under the care of the park department.

Another Discovery.

Thos. A. Edison, it is reported, has accidentally discovered that a certain electrical treatment makes aluminum as hard and strong as the finest tempered steel. The change was observed in the electrodes while experimenting with the X ray.

They Are Scarce.

The state of New York is finding difficulty in procuring women physicians to fill positions in the state hospitals. The places pay from $1000 to $1500 and afford chances for studying women's diseases.

Deserted in a Body.

A whole company of Alsatian troops, belonging to the German army, deserted in a body the other day. They marched in military order across the French frontier and laid down their arms. They were allowed to go free.

No matter how often actresses may quarrel, before going on the stage they'll "make up." It's business.

Nothing can kill an enemy entirely dead but love.

God is not a respecter of persons, but he is of character.

The devil does most for the true Christian when he does his worst.

Only love can make a fire hot enough to burn an enemy to death.

A doubt is not a sin when we resist it, but it is when we surrender.