"Debrutalized" football has become almost human.

The year 1906 promises to be an unusually prosperous one for the big law-

If the independent and prosperous farmer "gets the worst of it," what are the rest of us getting?

The search for the best book is endless. There are almost as many best books as there are readers.

By the court's decree the Countess Castellane gets what she wants and gets rid of what she didn't want.

Most of the objection to trial marriages come from men and women who have passed through marriage trials.

It appears that the "debrutalized" class rush contents itself with breaking a collar bone instead of a neck. We certainly are advancing.

Richard Croker has been offered

\$100,000 for his autobiography, and from now on he will be receiving letters beseeching him not to tell all he knows. Andrew Carnegie offers to donate

\$1,000,000 to the cause of universal

peace. It is hoped that there will be no unseemly quarreling among people who desire to handle the money. Two Warsaw anarchists recently threw bombs at an actress. If her

advance agent isn't making the most

of the incident she ought to fire him

and employ a good, live American. In spite of all the scientific theories that have been advanced it seems probable that the matter of betrothals and marriages will be settled, as heretofore.

Possibly the kaiser deserves great credit for being an optimist, but one could pick out two or three persons who really would have more excuse than the kaiser for giving way to pes-

by the young persons chiefly concerned.

Mr. Rockefeller says he "trusts implicitly in Providence." It has been the popular impression for some time that Mr. Rockefeller's trust was in the Almighty. That is to say, the Almighty Dollar.

simism.

According to Dr. Senn, of Chicago, more people die from eating food than from drinking intoxicants. And yet it is not easy to find a satisfactory substitute for food, even if we replace it with breakfast food.

There is a thoughtful lady in Philadelphia who wants the family physician to arrange betrothals, so that there may in future be less mismating. The question now arises, would the doctor charge for a house or an office call?

Inconsistency, the paste jewel of human nature, has never been better illustrated than by the barbarous contrast of bravery and cowardice which a medical journal points out in professional motor car drivers. They risk their lives in perilous runs for money, for excitement, for fame, from zest for the sport or whatever the motive may be. Yet some of them will not have the number thirteen on their cars. Shrinking from the fictitious terrors of a medieval superstition they plunge boldly into dangers that are so obvious that every spectator of a race holds his breath. Curious illogical human nature!

To help supply the demand in America for good servants and also to help Italian immigrants to good places, an Italian banker of New York City proposes to train Italian women in model houses before they leave home. He plans to open in northern Italy practi cal schools of domestic service equipped with American laundries, kitchens and dining rooms, where girls may learn free of charge the work that will be required of them. Then they will come to this country, where they will easily secure places on the strength of their practical education. It is thought that persons of influence in both countries will be ready to help this work, which is philanthropic in the best sense in that it promotes the efficiency of the worker and insures good service to the

Bigness is said to be a quality which appeals especially to Americans. However that may be, a purely scientific interest justifies the spreading of information contained in a recent bulletin of the United States Geological Survey about the size of the United States. The area of the United States proper, exclusive of Alaska, island dependencies and the Panama strip, is given as three million twenty-six thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine square miles. The absence hitherto of an official standard resulted in a discrepancy between the computations of the Census Bureau and the General Land Office. A conference was called between these departments and the Geological Survey, and the bulletin of the Geological Survey is the result.

The sons of the Count and the Countess de Castellane are the real sufferers from the mercenary marriage of which they are the issue. While the mother is given the custody of the children-

all of whom are of tender years-they HORNETS NESTED IN THE BELL. are to be given over to their father, a man of vile habits, two days in the week, one week at New Year and Easter and a month in summer of each year. During these times they will be with their grandmother, who is a bitter enemy of their mother and under the influence of their father. If the countess succeeds in making even decent Frenchmen out of her boys under these conditions both she and they will be exceptionally fortunate. A mother must indeed be of strong character and determined will to counteract the influences that will be set at work against her personality and teachings in such a case.

ment in London has agreed that the stand up with him. American fishermen may use pursesition condemns the government for could. of the whole Atlantic coast were a and main. be enjoyed were slightly modified in suit. leges.

VALUE OF THE ARCHITECT.

Public Not Generally Informed as to His True Worth.

The real necessity for education in architecture, in our minds, is not to teach the public what is good archi- Stevens, who led the Republicans in And as the universe grew great, tecture so much as to bring them to a Congress during the Civil War and recloser appreciation of the function the construction periods. architect plays in public work. To and keeps the builders all guessing.

try for the last quarter of a century up the broad stairs of the capitol. an readily appreciate how modern a thing the American architect is and the cities, the individuals have thrown mighty men are gone?" opportunities at the profession with both hands. The profession has never been quite equal to it, but has made a brave fight and is fighting still.

When we say that the public appreclates architecture we do not mean looking well. that the appreciation is a knowing or an intelligent one. It simply likes a large, handsome piece of building con- pearance that troubles me!" struction, and, generally speaking, the public that goes by on the street will take kindly to the really good architectural monuments.

There is, however, beyond a question a great work to be done, and the suggestion to educate the public by means of the creation of museums of architecture is one which deserves careful consideration and which if carried out very generally would undoubtedly do a great deal to bring about the desired himself!"

It is safe to say that the collection of architectural casts in the Metropolitan museum at New York is studied and admired more than any other one feature of that magnificent collection, and there ought to be similar collections in all of our large cities. Whether the time is yet ripe for them to be independent collections is a question.

Even now nearly all of our museims have a more or less general collection of architectural casts and if these could be enlarged so as to be more specific in their illustrations-to include models of complete buildings of the best type, with examples of decorations of furnished interiors and with perhaps in connection therewith exhibitions of architectural drawings-they would become powerful educational agents.-Brickbuilder.

A child's first impression is usually made by the paternal slipper.

Stings Came from Sounder and Routed Wedding Guests.

How a colony of hornets interrupted a wedding ceremony and postponed it several hours is told by Neil Watson, a guide, who had been looking over the deer grounds between Molunkus Lake and Patten. Watson was present and vouches for the facts, says the New York World correspondent at Macwahoc, Me.

When he was some miles out of Patten Watson came upon the cabin of Sam Black, another guide, and during the evening smoke Sam imparted the information that he had been accepte by a winsome lass named Nellie Turn-The temporary agreement, or modus bull and was expecting to be married vivendi, between the United States and shortly. In fact, he was simply waiting Great Britain regarding the rights of to provide himself with a best man, American fishermen in Newfoundland and now that Watson had turned up so waters has stirred up considerable op- opportunely he could see no reason why position in several parts of the British the ceremony should not be performed Empire. The present Liberal govern next day, provided Nell would agree to

Naturally, Watson offered no objecseines, and may employ Newfoundland tion. So bright and early the followcrews, although both of these things ing morning Sam put on a suit of are forbidden by the local laws of the clothes he had bought for the occasion, colony. The agreement is to continue "slicked up" his cabin and departed until an understanding can be reached for the home of his sweetheart, accomas to the rights guaranteed to Ameri- panied by his fellow guide. Miss Nelcan fishermen by the treaty of 1815 lie objected at first to hurrying the proand does not grant any right which ceeding, but as there were few neighthat treaty does not appear to protect, bors to invite and her wedding finery The people of Newfoundland charge the had been ready for several days she British government with betraying the finally agreed to be married if Sam interests of the colony. In Natal the could get the keys to the district school arrangement is regarded as a blow at house and fish up a parson. The school the system of colonial autonomy. It is house had not been used since spring urged that the affairs of a self-govern- and was not near so suitable a place ing colony should not be discussed with for the ceremony as her own home, but a fereign state until the imperial gov. Miss Nellie had read of grand church ernment has the concurrence of the weddings and set her heart upon getcolony interested. In London the oppo- ting as close to the real thing as she

what it calls "a complete surrender to Sam had no difficulty in gettings keys America." The impartial observer will and parson and at 4 o'clock in the afconsult the treaties before forming an ternoon bride, bridegroom, clergyman opinion on these partisan charges. The and neighbors were on hand. One of fishing rights of Americans in Cana- the neighbors had been instructed to dian waters were recognized by the ring the school bell as the couple ap-British at the same time that they proached the teacher's desk, now drarecognized the independence of the Con- ped with golden-rod for an altar, and tinental colonies. The revolutionists at the appointed time he laid hold of successfully contended that the fisheries the dusty rope and pulled with might

valuable asset of the territory which | Instead of clarion notes there issued had won its independence. After the from the bell a swarm of yellow jacket war of 1812 the British claimed that bornets, which sought out their disthe previous treaty was nullified by the turbers and descended upon the wedhostilities, but the American commis- ding party. The parson had just besioners refused to admit that conten- gun the ceremony when the bride-to-be tion, and insisted that the recognition uttered a yell of pain and ran down the of our rights in the fisheries was as aisle. The bridegroom followed and the irrevocable as the recognition of the parson legged it a good third. By this independence of the colonies. The con- time the audience was leaving by doors ditions under which the rights might and windows with the hornets in pur-

the treaty of 1818, still in force. Other | Half a mile down the road the party and temporary agreements have been gathered, smarting and hot, and bathed made, but when they expired the old their swollen faces in a brook while treaty again became active. The early they applied soothing mud to the afrights, which were conceded in the flicted parts. Then they all adjourned The Cosmos widened in his viewfirst peace treaty between the mother to the Turnbull cabin, where Miss Nel country and the colonies, have been lie decided to put off the wedding unti modified so many times that the New- evening. In the meantimes the guests foundlanders and many British and bathed themselves with olntment and Americans have come to think that lotions and enjoyed an impromptu they are not rights at all, but privi- spread provided by Mr. Turnbull. The ceremony was finally performed at o'clack.

JOKES OF THAD STEVENS.

A Batch that Are So Old as to Seem New Now.

Many a joke is credited to Thaddeus

many people he is still a sort of upper which is undoubtedly authentic, is so craftsman, less businesslike than a ma- commonplace in sound that one might son, not as practical as a carpenter, easily be forgiven for failing to take in but one who increases the cost of a its meaning. In his last days David building from some unknown reason Reese and John Chauncey, two employes of the House of Representatives, used Any one who looks back over the to earry him in a large arm chair from progress of the profession in this coun- his lodgings across the public grounds.

"Who," he said to them one day, "will be so good to me, and bear me in how little he is understood. The nation. their strong arms, when you two so much money!" he groaned. "I guess

short of a sense of intellectual immor- gentleman writes he will give me \$5,000

tality.

"Oh, John," was the quick reply. "It | is not my appearance, but my disap- Ames, a pretty little weman who lived

Representatives who was noted for his inhospitable country. "Why, you look uncertain course on all questions, and who confessed that he never investigated a point under discussion without adding that his father had written him finding himself a neutral, asked for he was confined to home with the gout. leave of absence.

"Mr. Speaker," said Stevens, "I do he added. not rise to object, but to suggest that the honorable member need not ask this favor, for he can easily pair off with

connection with Stevens illustrates his mostentatious charity. A beggar wom- it over," and she was gene. an met him one morning as he was imping to the house.

"Oh, sir," she said, "I have just lost all the money I had in the world!" "And how much was that?"

"Oh, sir, it was 75 cents." "You don't say so!" he replied, puting a \$5 bill in her hand. "And how wonderful it is that I should have found what you lost!"

No Substantial Satisfaction.

"You can't really be very angry with young Spendit, for when you scold him about his extravagance he pays such clore attention."

"Humph! Then that's all he ever does pay."-Baltimore American.

The first thing a woman does after being introduced to a man is to look at his hands for the purpose of finding out . hether he works or not.

PAPERS SHEPEOPL

WHY MARRIAGE IS THE GREAT LOTTERY.

By Helen Oldfield.

Marriage essentially is a partnership, the closest possible association known to humanity, and as such necessarily implies community of interest between man and wife. In all legendary myth woman is said to have been created as mate for man; and in Genesis we are told that the Lord God, saying "Is is not good for man to be alone," made Eve as "an helpmeet for him." "And they twain shall be one flesh;" the halves of one harmonious whole. For which cause no marriage can be a happy one in which there is not complete and thorough sympathy between

the two who are joined in the "holy estate." It is cause for wonder that so many marriages turn out well, rather than that some are failures, when one reflects how often a young girl stands at the altar to utter the words which bind her for better or worse, for good or evil, with only the most superficial knowledge, if any, of her husband's past; of his real character; his true disposition. If only women knew men as men know men, and if men knew women as women know women, there might be fewer weddings, but marriage would cease to be a lottery, and be a pleasant game in which all prizes and no absolute blanks would be the rule.

BEWARE OF FIRST STEP ON DOWN GRADE.

By E. G. Minnick.

acquisition.

he demanded.

army dress.

said.

man.

bride.

"What made you marry so quickly?"

"Now, father," blurted Billy, "we

ready for the train. One moment-

reom before a gentleman entered, in

pleasantly. "Little surprise for her-

the hall, a puzzled look on her face.

"That's my son," said the old gentle-

"We are engaged," said the girl, ap-

"Engaged! Bless my soul!-Why.

Billy's-" There came a sound of

dawned on Mr. Blake. "Here-behind

the door, both of you." he ordered, and

they hid themselves obediently, as Bil-

ly returned with his rather unwilling

It was an astonishing tableau that

greeted Billy a moment later, when he

saw Ellen returned to the city, and a

rather upset officer who called himself

proaching him confidently.

Ames to induce her to keep it up.

The "down grade" seems to me to be an apt expression. It means an unsuspected slipping down the bill in life. I imagine that there are few people who have not had a little experience of it. Millions get upon the down grade, and slide far enough to find themselves in awkward and uncomfortable positions as more or less failures in life.

The "down grade" to unhappiness in the home is found by thousands. Bluebeard, I expect, commenced his course gradually, and I dare say that he never realized that he was not a husband of a tender disposition. As to extravagant wives, I have known a woman who managed once on a time to keep house comfortably on \$750 a year bring ruin to her husband's head when his income was \$5,000, all through not being able "to make ends meet," and who could never believe that she was extravagant.

· An occasional hour or so of self-questioning would lead to some wonderful revelations of the most useful

character to most people. It would save them also from a great deal, and afford them many hints as to the best course to pursue for success in life. Many people have a dread of being "impertinent" to themselves. They remind me of the man Mark Twain described, who would never look at himself in a looking glass without he had kid gloves on.

BACHELORS ARE ABNORMALITIES.

By Benjamin Ide Wheeler.

In the long run, what upholds the family will uphold the state. The state cannot exist without the home. If the home is left out none of that solid moral fiber can exist in the nation which must come from home virtues. Good morals are nothing less than the regularities and the ordinaries of social life between morals and religion. There can be no dividing line. Good morals are a constituent part of life.

Individualism is danger to the state. Bachelors and club men are the bandits, guerrillas and outcasts. I would be in favor, if it were possible to do such things by law, of a special tax upon bachelors. They don't take part in the moral work of society. They are abnormalltles, and abnormalities should pay the taxes. The unit of society and the state is the family. Beware of the doctrines which base themseives upon false conceptions of individualism instead of the family, which is the only social unit.

"NO WOMAN POLITICIANS."

By Pope Plus X.

The church blesses every movement tending to raise the intellectual and social level of humanity. We ought all to work, and why should not women do their part? They should study everything, with, of course, the exception of theology. They should become lawyers, doctors and teachers. The care of the poor is in all its forms a woman's calling above all. What is the exercise of Christian charity except maternity in the widest sense of the word?

Women in Parliament! The idea is preposterous. Men there make blunders sufficient. At most, women can exercise an indirect influence on politics in urging their male kindred to vote aright. But, before all, they should bring up their children in the consciousness of their civic duties. But let us have no women politicians!

TWO GODS.

boy was born 'mid little things, Between a little world and sky-And dreamed not of the cosmic rings Round which the circling planets fly.

He lived in little works and thoughts, Where little ventures grow and plod, And paced and ploughed his little plots, And prayed unto his little God.

But as the mighty system grew. His faith grew faint with many scars; But God was lost among his stars.

Another boy in lowly days, As he, to little things was born. But gathered lore in woodland ways, And from the glory of the morn.

As wider skies broke on his view, God greatened in his growing mind; Each year he dreamed his God anew, And left his older God behind.

He saw the boundless scheme dilate, In star and blossom, sky and clod; He saw in it a greater God.

-New England Magazine.

One of the very keenest of his jests.

His Wife 🕏 🗳 For Five Minutes

ILLY sat looking disconsolately out upon the chimney tops.

"I never dreamed I could owe I owe all there is in the world-\$1,500! Such a question implied nothing Here I'm engaged to Elicu, and the old the day we are married, and I shall be When he had taken to his bed for dead of starvation or in jail, one or the last time a visitor told him he was the other, long before that. And Ellen's gone to the country, and-oh, hang it!" "Morning, Mr. Billy!" cries Mrs.

in the next room, her army husband One day a member of the House of having been sent to some particularly real comfortable and miserable."

Whereupon Billy told her all about it. "So he's sure to be in a bad humor,"

"Nonsense," laughed Mrs. Ames. "If you had that \$5,000 you could pay all your debts and have money over, couldn't you? Listen!" She was open-One anecdote always remembered in ing the door to go out, "You are already married-married this morning. Think

Did he dare? He must! It seemed reasonable. His father could not come to the city. He would risk it. "Dear Father," he wrote, "Circum-

stances in my wife's family made it necessary, so we were married this morning, and leave for our honeymoon tomorrow. Please send check. Billy." Then he sat down and thought it

Next morning Mrs. Ames heard an Mrs. Ames.-Kansas City World. awful crash in Billy's room, and ran to see what was the matter.

"Here!" he gasped. "Telegram-father better-coming to see wife-Ellen in abroad, "your most celebrated watering country!" He rushed to the window. place is Newport, isn't it?" "Father here now. Getting out of carriage! Mrs. Ames, you have got to be reply.-Boston Transcript. my wife!"

"I couldn't!" she exclaimed. "You've got to!" insisted Billy, and as he spoke, his father entered.

Mrs. Ames hadn't been kissed so INVENTING FOR THE INVENTOR. thoroughly for years. The old gentleman bubbled with joy over his son's

T. A. Edison Learns How He Made Great Discovery.

In a certain New York State factory given over to the manufacturing of electrical appliances visitors are of daily occurrence and guides a necessihaven't a minute. Run, dear, and get ty, says Lippincotts. A guide named Steve took such pride in the work that I'll go with you. Excuse me a moment, father?" and Billy leaped after Mrs. if surprise and enthusiasm did not always respond to his personally con-No sooner had they gone out of the ducted tours he would promptly imagine various things, to awaken what he believed to be the proper emotions. "Looking for my wife," he said. One day, with an unusually undemoastrative man in tow-a man seemingly not even interested in the "features" oh. I beg your pardon!" This to a very pretty girl who, was standing in shown him, while he paid close attention to details of apparent insignifi-"I am looking for Billy Blake," she cance-Steve began on the subject of

the incandescent light. "It was discovered purely by accident," said he. "Mr. Edison says himself that he would never have thought of the thing if he hadn't seen some lightning playing around a fork that had been left in an empty pickle botvoices approaching, and an inspiration | tle."

> The visitor looked up rather oddly at this information, but still so quietly that Steve, to cap his ellmax, added: "And so was born that boon to all mankind, the incandescent light."

> At that instant a passing employe caught sight of the visitor and, coming up to him with hand outstretched. exclaimed: "If it isn't my old bass!

> How are you, Mr. Edison?" Steve sat down on the first object handy and, with his head in his hands. tried to recall what he had said and think quickly of some way out. When he looked up the "Wizard of Menlo Park" had departed, undoubtedly wiser than when he began his tour round the factory, but also undoubtedly considerate of Steve. And a fortnight later that gentleman received from West Orange a book on electrical selence, "written down" to juvenile readers, and on the fly-leaf, beneath a sketch of a fork in an empty bottle. were written these words:

"And so was born that boon to all mankind, the incandescent light!"

Didn't Wait for the Government.

At Birdspoint, on the Mississippi River, the people got tired of waiting for the federal government to improve the river and they launched an improvement enterprise themselves. The swift change of the current in the Mississippi was about to throw the village and the surrounding farm land across to the other side of the river opposite Wickliffe, Ky. David Neale went to work with his system of dyking. It was rather a crude system of rip rapping, but it had its effect.

"It doesn't take a big fleet of steamboats and barges to look after the river," said Neale, and with willow mats and accompanying riprapping he did the work. The Birdspoint instance is but one of several on the Mississippi River and others on the Missouri River where local capital and enterprise have saved valuable farm land and other

More Important.

coming election?" "Very slight. He hasn't anything

back of him." "He's got a family tree-"Yes, but his opponent has the plum

property.-Kansas City Star.

"What are Blugore's chances in the

tree."-Philadelphia Press.



"TELEGRAM - FATHER - COMING."

Ames? Billy, here's your wedding pres-

ent with this stipulation—the first you

all, including-"

spend of it must go for a dinner for us

"His wife for five minutes!" laughed

Take No Stock in It.

"Let's see," observed the visitor from

"No, Wall street, I guess," was the

Probably more young men would be

able to earn their own living if they

didn't have fathers to support them.