An' ren, ef our hired gir says he can, He milks the cow fer 'Lizabuth ann, Ain't he a' awful good Baggedy Man? Raggedy! Baggedy! Baggedy Man

W'y, the Raggedy Man-he's ist so good He splits the kindlin' an' che ps the wood;
An' nen he spades in our garden, too,
An' does most things 'at beys can't do.
He clumbed clean up in our big tree
An' shook a' apple down for me! An' shook a apple down for me!
An' 'nother 'n, too, for 'Lizabu h Ann!
An' 'nother 'n, too, for the Raggedy Man!
Ain't he a' awful kind Raggedy Man?
Raggedy! Raggedy! Raggedy Man!

An' the Raggedy Man he knows most rhymes An' tells 'em ef I be good sometimes— Knows about Giunts, an' Griffuns an' Elves, An' the Squidgirum Squees 'at swallers their

An' the Squidgrum Squees at swallers the selves!

An' wite by the pump in our pasture lot He showed me the hole 'at the Wanks is got 'At lives 'way deep in the ground an' can Turn into me—or 'Llizabuth Ann!

Ain't he a funny old Raggedy Man?

Raggedy! Raggedy! Raggedy Man!

The Raggedy Man-one time when he Was makin' a little bow-'n-arry for me, Says: "When you're big like your pa is, Air von go to seep a fine store like his,
An' be a rich merchunt and wear fine clothes?

Er what air you go' to be, goodness knows!"

An' nen he laughed at 'Lizabuth Ann, An nen ne iaugned at Lizabuth Ann.
An' I says: "'M go' to be a Raggedy Man—
" I'm ist go' to be a nice Raggedy Man!"
Raggedy! Raggedy! Raggedy Man!
—James Whitsomb Ritey, in the Century

A Few Christmas Mottoes.

Here are some Christmas mottoes for the use of those who, with needle, pencil or brush themselves make the gifts they send to friends:

" It is the blessed Christmas tide, The Christmas lights are all aglow -Whittier.

"Above our heads the joy-bells ring,
Without the happy children sing."
— Whittier.

" Kindle the Christmas brand, and then Till sunne-set let it burn.

" Give the honor to this day That sees December turn'd to May." –Herrick.

Let winter breathe a fragrance forth Like as the purple spring.

'The neighbors were friendly bidden,

A man might then behold Good fires to curb the cold and meat for great and small."

-Old Song.

Bight in His Line.

Buffalo News : Thro' half the night he'd walked the floor
With little Willie,
Whose infant mouth did overpour
In accents shrilly,
Till Spriggins, losing patience, swore
It he'd a billy
He'd thump the pesky offspring sore
And knock him silly.

Said Mrs. S. from downy bed, So gently purring,
"Why, Spriggins, you should praise, instead
Of thus demurring,
Fred With your preferring; Your motto is—you've often said—
'Be up and stirring."

Business is Business.

Warren Tribune: "The autumn leaf is falling," said a lover to his lass, "The frost will soon be biting like a heifer at the grass;

the shade: The time is come when matches that are pending should be made." "The time is come for sealskins," the maiden

made reply, "Dost think you'd like to buy 'em for such a one Hast thou a Queen Anne cottage, a revenue to If you haven't, then go get 'em or you'll never

land a catch. Government by Aldermen.

Philadelphia Record: Ex President Andrew White, of Cornell University, in an article on "The Government of American Cities," in the December Forum, says :

"About a year since, I stood upon the wharves and in the streets of Constantino. ple. I had passed from one end of Europe to the other; these were the worst I had seen since I left home, and there came over me a spasm of homesickness. During all my residence in foreign cities never before had the remembrance of New York, Philadelphia and other American centres been so vividly brought back to me. There in Constantinople, as the result of Turkish despotism, was the same hap-hazard. careless, dirty, corrupt system which we in America know so well as the result of mob despotism; the same tumble-down wharves, the same sewage in the docks, the same 'pavements fanged with murderous stones, the same filth, the same obstacles

to travel and to traffic." Bismillah! but that is hard.

ALL the returns are not yet in, but enough have been received to make it certain that the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States has answered in the affirmative the question, "Shall women be admitted into the General Conference as lay delegates?" The following is a summary of the returns received :

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Pennsylvania	125	2 2,014	3.26
Camden	9	169	23
Northern New York	70	1,047	1.05
New York City	57	1,638	1,85
Boston and vicinity	61	1,261	2
Cincinnati and vicinity	67	2,656	1,30
Michigan	88	1,534	28
Pittsburg	41	1,269	75
Chicago	90	3.002	91
Buffalo	29	811	33
an Francisco	26	939	:
Omaha	22	660	1
Washington	14	339	4
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This gives the women a majority of 6,719 glued on or held in place by a strap of votes out of a total of 27,957, or 62 per leather or cloth), is a calendar and on the cent. of all those who cast a ballot are in opposite side a penwiper and a note-block. favor of admitting lay women delegates. While the result of this popular balloting flaps at each end to fold over and entirely anything like Cleopatra herself, as you will not be binding upon the action of the cover the top when not in use, or to cover remember her?" asked the jealous chorus bail. The bonds were furnished by one for next General Conference of the Methodist any work which may be left upon it. Church, prominent clergymen of that denomination express the belief that it will have a very great influence in shaping legislation relative to this interesting

question. Cora-Wonder why the pretty young minister calls us 'lambs of the fold'? Dora-On account of the sheeps' eyes we are always casting at him, I presume.

rves no credit for it.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

Therefore Light the Lamp and Let the Needle Fly.

GIFTS TO BE MADE AT HOME.

Peor Gifts Wax Bich When Givers Prove Kind-Sow One With Sum Purse May Avidence Fine Heart

In the matter of home made "Christmas gifts," good mother, don't despair The ingenious woman will have no difficulty in fashioning any number of lissle things which, if suited to the needs or taste, will be sure to be welcome. As the fair ladies of Hamilton are interested in such things at the present time, the following hinte may be useful:

A friend of the writer has just made a handy-bag," to be suspended by rings to the inside of the closet door. The material was bine denim; the edges were bound with cardinal worsted braid. The dimensions of the flat part or foundation of the bag were about four feet by two and a half. Upon this were mounted pockets of various sizes. The lower one was wide and deep, and was labeled "patterns" in outline stitch with red cotton. Others were for snoes, rubbers, slippers, papers, string, linen, cotton and sundries. The top was out in deep points, to each of which was sewn a brace ring to hang it by. It was, in fact, an enlarged shoe-bag, which cost was trifling, but it is safe to say that the recipient of this useful bag will bless year.

The changes have been rung indefinitely on all manner of bags, big and little, orna-mental and sturdily useful, until every one harmless games will take the place of inhas unlimited suggestions on this point. Why repeat them?

THE ROSELEAF PILLOW.

Very much the same thing may be said of cushions, although there are fashions in the latter. One of the latest of these is the roseleaf pillow (filled with dried rose leaves.) A charming cover for one of these refined cushions is made of creamy India silk, upon which mounted a piece of bolting cloth painted land were adduced in support. The whole with a design of roses. The mounting is story had a suspicious appearance. The done with fancy stitches in pink silk. handsome bow of ribbon as one corner is a pretty addition. A little pot pourri persons possessing common sense are aware mixture scattered through the rose leaves is an improvement.

THE SLUMBEB BALL CUSHION.

pons or bows. " BEDROOM SLIPPERS." A pair of bedroom or invalid slippers

be acceptable unless one is already supthese are copied from Demorest's Magazine : The material required is wool in two The time is past for fooling and for spooning in colors and felt soles. The slipper is worked from the toe in ribbed rows, back and forth, in single crochet, taking each stitch up from the back of the one in the preceding, crocheting in the looped lining at the same time, which, in this instance, was worked of dark blue and light blue wool. Begin with the darkest wool and work nineteen chain, and crochet four rows (which will make two ribs), working three statches in the centre each time going back, which will make two increase in each rib. This increase of Sweined, I have come to get your views on stitches is repeated in every return the proposed change in the curriculum of row that is worked with the dark blue the grammar school.' wool, while the forward rows are worked with the light wool, and in this the looped lining is worked. Crochet, however, the first two and the interview)-Our distinguished townsman, last two stitches of these rows in the dark Mr. M. T. Swelhed, was found at his charmwool, so as to have a dark band next to ing home, surrounded by abundant indicathe sole. For the loops at the back after tion of ripe scholarship and sturdy comevery stitch pass the wool over and around mon sense. In reply to our reporter's dark blue ribs, or thirty-six rows (the last is finished with shells of four doublecrochet each of the dark wool with a single short crochet between each. For the looped lining of the sole crocket a piece of the shape in the light wool, only taking up the stitches in front so as not to make it ribbed. When the sole is lined sew the slipper to it. and crochet a shell border around the sides and heel, and finish with a pompon.

A CONVENIENT WRITING BOARD.

The same journal gives also suggestions for a convenient writing board, which can be made at a very trifling outlay of money and work. It is a plain wooden board, 23 by 18 inches, and can be made narrower if preferred. It is covered with dark blue cloth, though any color or material may be used, and the various pockets are of the same fastened down with fancy brassheaded nails. In the centre is the blotting they say: 'Scat pad, held in place by triangular pieces of leather or cloth. A straight band of cloth. divided by rows of the brass nails, holds the paper-knife, penholder, pencil and pencil-sharpener. Next to the inkstand (which is a leather-covered travelling insstand

HOW TO MAKE AN ODD SPLASHER.

Good Housekeeping has also directions for a number of inexpensive, useful and pretty articles. Among them is an odd splasher. To make this take three palm-leaf fans, and in oils tint them according to the coloring of the bedroom. If bine, for one side A man who does a good deed for cash which mix white, emerald green, Answerp think so. Either that or a burglar.' blue and a tiny touch of cadmium. Make Harper's Young People.

the third a pale blue, using the same colors, only more white. Tie the three fans together in the shape of a large clover leaf with a big bow of blue ribbon.

A FAIRY LAMP.

Another novel use for the palm-leaf fan is to make it serve as the foundation for a hanging fairy lamp: Cover a palm-leaf fan with yellow china silk gathered loosely toward the handle, wind yellow ribbon round the handle, letting is end in long loops. With strong wire attach a yellow fairy lamp in the centre of the fan, add a strong loop behind to hang it by, and one has a very dainty ornament for a bedroom

Temperance Notes.

One year ago there were no Woman's Christian Temperance unions in Prince Edward's Island; now there are eight. The women of New Zealand, where fifty

years ago cannibalism existed, have now

the right to vote for M. P's. Miss G. E. F. Morgan, Buckingham Palace, Brecon, South Wales, England, has been chosen secretary of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union for Great Britain, and will work there upon the great petition against the traffic in intoxicating liquors and opium. Miss Morgan is an earnest Christian, an accomplished lady and an experienced philanshropist. She is a friend of Lady

The Young Men's Christian Association have purchased the famous "canteen which is situated so near the parade ground every woman knows how to make. The of the State camp of instruction at Peekskill, N. Y., as to virtually be in the camp. and when the national guard next year the giver every day throughout the coming goes into camp the banner of this association will be floating from these buildings that were formerly so objectionable; and toxicating drinks and their degrading accompaniments.

THE LONGER LIVERS "An endeavor was recently made to show that total abstainers do not live so long as those who consume alcohol in moderation; also, strange to say, that those who often drink to excess outlive the tectotallers. Statements purporting to come from the medical profession in Engfacts were evidently cooked, but so skillfully as to deceive unwary people. All that an excessive consumption of alcohol to do. leads to ill health and a high rate of mortality. But many are not convinced that even what is called moderate Another new cushion is the slumber indulgence tends to lessen the duration of

ball, which is made of ribbons sewn to lie. The United Kingdom Temperance ation is thought to have been the cause of gether, or of silk or velvet, or in fact any and General Provident institution, Lonsort of soft material. The size is eleven don, England, has two classes of insurance, inches long and twenty-seven inches one for total abstainers, and another for wide. Gather the ends of the ribbons or temperance people who are not total what not closely together, and stuff with abstainers. All insurance officers carefully any of the materials used for the purpose avoid insuring the lives of drunkards, or of -down is the best; next is feathers of those whom they suspect to be inclined to good quality. Finish the ends with pom. over-indulgence. That of itself is sufficient to show that the universal experience of to snow that the universal experience of Representatives, has just had printed the for the crowd to admire deeds of daring a high rate of mortality. The directors of with looped linings could hardly fail to plied. The directions for crocheting the total abstinence section on the whole number of life policies for every 100 claims estimated to fall due by the actuary's tables there had been only 59 deaths, but that in the general section-that is among those who drank in strict moderation—the deaths amounted to 86 out of the expected 100. Therefore, out of equal numbers of two loss of insurers—total abstainers and temperate men-the abstainers showed 45 per cent. better than

> Boston Reporting. Boston Transcript: Interviewer-Mr.

the temperate drukers.—Toronto Mail.

Mr. Swelhed-" Curriculum! What' that? I'm agin it, whatever it is." Mr. Swelhed (reading the report of the an ivory knitting needle. With eighteen question he said: "I do not desire to force my opinions upon the public; but this I row should number fifty six stitches), the will say, that I have given to this question top or middle of the slipper is reached, and long and studious attention, incidently the narrowing side-pieces begin. The first examining into the curricula of institutions tion in the Birchall trial, is now Alice on the inner edge. The edge of the slipper still, upon the whole, I cannot say that I City Hall at 4 o'clock yesterday aftershould advise any radical change until I noon. have further time to examine into the subject." By George! that feller's got my John Armstrong's provision store on Water tine. All the hard wood in the house exact language word for word! And he didn't take no notes neither! By George, what a memory that fellow must have !

Rubbing Him Down.

New York Tribune: A prominent clergy. man gives this description of the life of a minister: "My experiences with churches make

me think that ministers are like cats. When you go to a new place first everybody "'Come, pussy! come, pussy! nice

pussy,' and you come. "Then they begin to rub your fur and " 'Poor pussy! poor pussy!' and then

The season is rapidly nearing When we'll all take a ride And go gliding, sliding, glimmering

Down

the Toboggan Slide.

"While I was in Paris," said the re-The tablet may also be fitted with cloth Cleopatra. It was wonderful." "Was she

The rage for colored candles is over.

light. Buster has a very good opinion of his father's calling, which is that of a clergyman. Still he thinks there are other pro-

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY. were found lying against the rails

A branch of the Ontario Bank has been opened at Sudbury. Gold to the amount of \$250,000 has been

shipped from London for New York. The body of Joseph Birse, the engineer found.

The Imperial Board of Agriculture's inquiry into the Atlantic cattle trade is progreesing briskly.

Navigation closed at Owen Sound yesterday. Twenty five vessels of all descriptions will winter there. A daughter of Edward McCabe, King-

ston, fell from a high chair and died trom concussion of the brain. Engineers supposed to be employed by the Canadian Pacific are striking a line for

a new bridge at Niagara Falls. News of the death in California of John C. McGregor, a well-known commercial

traveller, has reached Toronto.

the Indians on the reservation. general elections in New Zealand resulted to a hungry spark, but the common everyin the return of an equal number of Government and Opposition candidates.

A mass meeting of Irishmen, convened Henry Somerset, who recommends her for at Montreal, passed a resolution of confithe place.

> prayers be offered in the churches for the What is the use of having girls in the world safe accouchement of Empress Victoria, if they are not to be kissed? We do not which is expected to take place early in advocate street corner or tea party kissing January. The returns of revenue and expenditure

> for the Dominion for the month of November show large decreases in receipts as to put all girls on starvation allowance of compared with the corresponding month kisses is an outrage. What inducement last year. The negotiations for a treaty of com-

merce between Austria, Hungary and Germany are making no progress, the conference in session at Vienna having thus far been barren of result. The cold is so intense at Quebec that an

ice bridge has formed across the St. Lawrence River. This is the earliest period for the ice to form on the river within the memory of the oldest river man.

A prominent Colchester farmer says that Colchester South township is practically run by a gang of thieves. They have become so daring of late that the respectable citizens do not know what Wm. Wolverton, a Grand Trunk engine

dead at the Bonaventure depot, Montreal, on Saturday afternoon. Intestinal perfordeath.

City, N. J., Anarchists, convicted of inciting to riot at a pionic in August last, were Saturday sentenced to State Prison. the former for two years, the latter for six months. Clerk McPherson, of the U.S. Ho

unofficial list of memoers-elect of the next the before-mentioned institution at House, showing 88 Republicans, 234 Demotheir last annual meeting reported that for crats, 8 Farmers' Alliance, 1 uncertain and 1 vacant. Two children of Wm. England, of Amherstburg were playing, when the eldest got

hold of a bottle of liniment and gave some of it to her little brother. The child was soon stricken with spasms. Doctors were called and used a stomach pump, but death resulted. Sir Richard Cartwright will speak at

ton county.

allowance is \$30,000.

Three eighty-horse power boilers in the sawmill of Byers & Co., Columbia, Pa., Wales? And is it not the least bit indelihouse was destroyed, and B. R. Forcy, a cate for a member of the gilded brotherhood to be assailing a comparative pauper like the firement work to be assailing a comparative pauper like the fireman, were terribly scalded. The the Prince of Wales? tormer will die.

Pretty Alice Smith, one of the most interesting of the witnesses for the prosecurow for each side piece, numbering sixteen of learning both at home and abroad, and Smith Blount, having married Joseph ture polish "was no good at all, at all." She although I find in the existing course of Blount, the Niagara Falls policeman. The the last, four, which leaves fourteen stitches study not a few matters for condemnation, marriage was celebrated in Buffalo

Thos. Savigny, a young man employed in street, Peterboro', fell through an open shines like mirrors glass now. "'Tis the trap door last night and had his nose nearly torn off by striking his head on the edge of the boards. The almost dismembered organ was stitched on by a physician.

Emperor William, in a recent speech, finds fault with cramming pupils in the High Schools with Greek and Latin to the which a number of Lancashire mineral neglect of modern history, which, he says, has the effect of producing muddle-headed a period of ten years under penalties not would-be reformers of society and to sell mineral waters for less than 9d. per

journalism. Mill, Watertown, N.Y., met with a terrible ciation at the expense of the public without Two employees of the Ontario Paper death Saturday. They were lowering the flood-gates at the flume when a long lever with which they were working slipped from their grasp, and swung around with great force, striking the men and inflicting injuries from which they soon died. Their names were Soper and McLaughlin.

Saturday morning Judge Horne looked over the evidence in the case of Ald. turned ballet giri, "I saw Bernhardt as Egan, charged with stealing letters from the Windsor postoffice, and then ordered Magistrate Bartlett to release Egan on \$12,000 \$8,000 with Egan's own name, and \$4,000 with Samuel Blanning, D. T. O'Shea and White wax is the order of the night and Joseph Maisonville as sureties. Egan was released from jail at noon.

During the hurricane which swept the Atlantic coast on the 1st inst. the Maryland was boarded by a terrific sea, which fessions that take equal rank with it, and dashed those on deck in all directions and almost pure Prussian blue, dark, rich and on being asked whether he too would be a swept everything movable overboard. When deep; the next paint a soft bright blue, for clergyman when he grew up, he replied: "I the water subsided the lifeless bodies of washed,' George? Gazzam—Those on Capt. Joseph Luckhurst, Boatswain Joseph whom the Queen has never conferred the Dogwell and Second Cook George Tyler order of the bath, I suppose.

the waves had dashed them

Wm. Rowlands, formerly of the township of Howard, Kent county, sent to the pen tentiary for shooting his wife, died on Thursday. His body was forwarded to his home in Chasham to day. His son William in Kingston on Saturday stated that his who lost his life at Lachine, has been father was not in his right mind when he billed his wife.

Despatches from India state that while the Second Battalion of the Third Goorkha Regiment was on the march in the Chin Hule several of the men were stricken with cholera. The troops went into camp at Guetheit. There were thirty men out of a total of sixty attacked, who succumbed to the disease. The battalion subsequently broke camp and returned to Rangoon. During the march many more soldiers were attacked by cholera.

Let the Kissing go On.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Mrs. Frank Leslie has recently written a dissertation on kissing; not the "soulful pull" sort of An Indian constable was suspended at kissing that Amelie Rives tells about when London yesterday for supplying liquor to giddy young spooners allow their lips to be attracted towards each other when the moon is behind a cloud or the gas reduced day sort of kissing. Mrs. Leslie's direction is good, so is her theory in parts, such as kiesing a child or one's grandmother. But why should she draw the lines so taut on girls that are—well, girls that look hissable, act kissable and are kissable? Has Mrs. Emperor William has ordered that Frank forgotten the days of her girlhood? bees. Far from it; but we stand up for the right of the girls. For Mrs. Leslie, now that she has done most of her kissing, would Gen. Sherman have to visit young ladies' schools under such a rule? What inducement would the moon have to go under a cloud? What would tunnels on railroads be good for? What would become of Copenhagen? Nonsense, Mrs. Leslie. Come off. Let the girls enjoy their innocent osculatory indulgences and let the only remaining pastime of the poor editor remain as it is.

Must Keep His Head.

A general ordering a battle has not so confusing a task as the chief of a fire brigade, who has to control a campaign extending over a square half mile and forces which arrive on the scene he knows not when or where. The chief has to know the building and the resources of every driver, known as "Billy on time," dropped hydrant with regard to it. He has to decide whether to call out the whole brigade and whether the steam engines can be advantageously utilized. He has to place each ladder, reel or hose, where it will serve its Chas. Klop and Emil Vogt, Elizabeth best purpose in connection with the rest. He has to keep in mind exactly where each part of the mechanism is so as not to duplicate or waste any. This has to be done, not after deliberate thought or planning, but on the inspiration of the excited momet, where on the saving of five minates depends success or defeat. It and even recklessness on the part of the brave men, but the cool decisions on which the success and safety of the men depend can only prove themselves by genera results .- Montreal Witness.

Andrew Carnegie, Please Answer.

According to a newspaper report Andrew Carnegie recently committed himself to a very curious statement. He averred that the annual salary of the Prince of Wales would suffice to keep 30,000 people for a Mischell on Monday, December 15, and at year. Now, the annual salary of the Prince Clinton on Tuesday, December 16. At of Wales is \$565,000. Divided up among Guelph on Saturday he addressed a 30,000 people, it would amount to just \$19 splendid meeting of the farmers of Welling- apiece. Mr. Carnegie seems to have very queer ideas as to the sum of money that Ex King Milan has returned to Paris would support an American workingman, from England. He is greatly enraged at or, indeed, a workingman of any nationalthe refusal of Queen Victoria, the Prince of ity, and enable him to provide the neces-Wales and Lord Salisbury to receive him.
He has hired a palace in Paris. His annual But a still more interesting question is this: How many millionaires of the type of Andrew Carnegie could be supported upon the annual salary of the Prince of

How to Polish Furniture.

The new servant girl tried two kinds of furniture polish on the rosewood dining table. She declared that American furnigot half a pound of white bee's wax, two cakes of castile scap, and a pint of turpentine. She boiled the soap and wax together that is, she melted them until they ran together. Then she pohred in the turpenway they make the bars shine in Dublin,"

said she. - New York Sun.

A Blow to a Bottle Ring. Justices Day and Lawrence on Wednesday held, in the case of Urmston vs. water manufacturers bound themselves for hunger candidates" for the ranks of dozen bottles net was an agreement to put money into the pockets of the members of the Mineral Water Manufacturers' Assoconsideration, and could not be enforced by law. Leave was granted to appeal .- London Weekly Despatch.

How It Originated.

A man named Gallagher was opposed to his daughter going out to late dances in the country. One evening the girl went to her father, in the presence of a few of his friends, and asked permission to go to a concert and ball. He refused her request. whereupon the company, almost with one voice, exclaimed: "Let her go, Gallagher!" Hence this saying that is now known in almost every part of the world.

It is easier to manage a switch than a train. This is a fashion note or a railway tem, just as you please.

Early to bed, early to rise, Mind your business, tell no lies, Pay your debts and advertise.

Mrs. Gazzam-Who are 'the great un-