that this fact is already widely recognized. The Spectator deprecates the arrogance Americans often show in issues of England's interest in the Presidency, and says that the English have no desire to interfere, and in the case of no issue a decision they cannot help taking an interest. The Spectator concludes: "Sir Kimpen's speechlessness is of half no much importance to us. The people of this country, despite their shyness and contempt of strangers of distinction, are sincerely proud of America, and they are anxious that she should choose well. They do not desire, as Americans imagine, a President who will look to come down to England."

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Memphis, Feb. 14.—A fire broke out in the dark of the business portion of the city—in Howard Row, and has already passed a million dollars. The loss will probably be serious. The whole department is called out. The fire was confined to the third story of the Peabody Gas Company's building. The loss is small.

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 14. Constable Hawes, of Sacramento, arrived here with Felix McClelland, who is supposed to be the man who on the 9th inst. stole a coffee the Mokelumne Hill and Valley Springs stage. The man protests his innocence.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 14.—Brooks Story, who, with two companions robbed Dunham, the express agent, U. S. a lam, and who was captured and afterward escaped, was again captured by Detective Jackson and placed in the penitentiary.

Boston, Feb. 14.—The steamer "Scandinavia," arrived from Glasgow, reports a tremendous passage, and that valuable horses, destined for breeding purposes, consigned by John Robb of St. Paul, had died on the passage.

London, Feb. 14.—Egyptian advices say that a civil war is raging near the city of Kartoum. Sherif, claimant of the Caliphate, is said to have been victorious against Abdallah, Chief of the Baggara tribe. Khartoum is reported depopulated.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—The Reichstag correspondent of the Gazette Zeitung has been expelled from Berlin on the charge of interpreting reports in his paper which caused a fall in the Servia bonds.

London, Feb. 14.—In consequence of the Brazilian crisis, Portugal will not take part in the World's Fair.

London, Feb. 14.—Mr. Olcott has returned the challenge of the Twenty-eighth Berkeley cup to Hanlan.

New York, Feb. 14.—At a meeting today of the New York Federation of Labor it was reported that the anarchists of the city will hold a mass-meeting Monday night to consider the present situation in Xerez.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 14.—William Hassell, an inmate farmer, killed his wife with an axe, then cut his own throat. He will recover.

New York, Feb. 14.—Two additional cases of typhus fever were discovered tonight, making the total seventy-two cases in the city.

New York, Feb. 14.—Leach's furniture factory, on East Seventeenth street, burned tonight, causing damage to the amount of $120,000.

How Crassus Acquired His Wealth.

One of the strongest businesses in ancient Rome is mentioned by Juvenal in his Satires. It consisted of buying houses on fire. The operatives for hurried to the scene, attended by slaves carrying bags of money and others carrying tools, judged the chances of salvage and made a bid to the distracted house owner, who was glad to accept anything as a rule. The bargain struck to all hands this enterprise of the moment set the slaves to work and secured what he could. Sometimes even he put out the flames and so made a coup.

It was a business for capitalists, but the poorest who specialized in a small way could hardly lose if he had presence of mind enough to grasp the chances. Thus Cato the Elder, had slaves all. Crassus, told the fabulous tales of their great wealth. He gradually collected a force of our persons, masons and rock architects—slaves of course—which realized no sum. Not only did he buy houses on fire, but also, enlarging upon the common practice, he made a bid for those adjoining which stood in danger. His proposals were commonly welcome, we learn, as relieve were the people and secured the prize. By this means Crassus became the great est owner of house property in Rome.—Chambers' Journal.

Age of Gems.

The Romans following the Greek mineralogists, divided gems into males and females, according to the depth or lightness of their color. These terms are thus alluded to by Theophrastus: "Both these the carbuncle, onyxes, crystal and amethyst and the said are found on breaking open certain rocks, presenting certain differences but agreeing in some with each other. For of the said the transparent and blood red sort is called the female, while the less transparent and darker kind is termed the male, and the sparks also differ, those of the male are the other the female, but the male is the deeper in color of the two." The crystal, or opaque, of the ancients is said, though probably incorrectly, by many modern mineralogists to be identical with our sapphire.—Gem Notes and Queries.

The Giant Spiders of Tartary.

Far up in the mountains of Cerbin there is a remarkable spider which spins a bright metallic web much resembling canvas in large and strong as the "Bannockburn twist" or mackerelly. Now and at a penny a spot at the shops. The net which this creature spins from three to four feet in diameter. These webs are collected by the natives as well as the Dutch and English merchants, and when into pretty nets, screens, etc.

STARTING AN ELEPHANT.

How an Immense Prison Vessel is Set Afloat in Spite of Itself.

Among the many sets there Yard is Prince of Wallington, in Middlesex, whose name was Jackson. Prince are famous in India, as the prince particular prince was long connected in a model of the Immortal's great model of the model. He made it very best for prince of the time and he strive and this were always engaged in critical work. Their works are full of his genius, affectionate of difficulties, and second time are carefully reviewed.

Once not long ago, Prince in the court of Prince Hodges made a vow that if he succeeded in a certain enterprise, he would distribute to the poor of his district twenty-eight of the best sheep he could obtain. Their work was skillfully carried out, and Prince was duly paid for his services and sent off the sheep to the district. The sheep were all shipped in one vessel, and perhaps the element of the distributing was not forgotten.

The unfortunate consignee for the sheep, willing to keep his word, was sore by no means of difficulty. There was no possible way of finding the owner of twenty-eight sheep. The whole in the country were concerned of each giant prince to which such immense losses. Elephants were not sold by the pound, and so small, and before which his modest to weight losses. He deemed and these sheep of the prince, that it was to construct a machine of sufficient power to reach the maximum boat. It did seem probable that the prince of Hodges would have to set along without the sheep, but it is possible that the old and had thought of the collection when he made the vow. Indeed was crafty, and this one might have been contrived enough to have himself a loophole of escape to prevent parting with the money.

And if any such notion had occurred to him he was doomed to disappointment in the matter. The machine was referred to Hodges, as all such matters of importance were, and he did not take long to find a very simple solution. That is always the way with true genius, you know. The solution is this: is so simple that every one sees and he wonders:

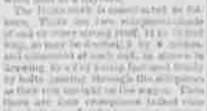
"What, of course! Why didn't some body think of that before?"

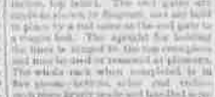
Simplicity consisted in the elephant to be constructed along a platform into a far behind boat which by by the water side. When the elephant was safely aboard, to defend the attendants to wait upon the boat, with the cream begin to which the water rushed when the elephant stepped in down. Then the elephant was taken and the boat overboard, and enough cow hauled into the boat to bring it to the same water line as when the elephant was the passenger.

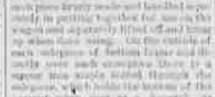
Then the doors were stopped. If the water could not be shut off at once, it would be taken at a time you see, and so the elephant's safety was correctly constituted. It is left to conclude that the poor of Hodges' flock and the alive. A prudent man would have sent less. Whether the other was and the money was quite satisfied, history does not tell us, but we will hope, for his charity's sake, he was, and as a full grown elephant weighs several tons, the amount distributed among the poor of the district must have been very large.—Harper's Young People.

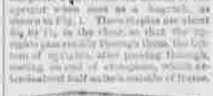
Building Superstitions.

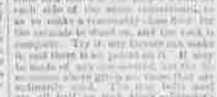
In years than a sacrifice of some kind was always offered at the completion of a building, either public or private. Sacrifices were not only offered at the completion of structures of all kinds—the foundations themselves were usually laid in blood, whether the structure was a castle, bridge, cottage or church. Originally—tracing the subject back to Scandinavia, from the nation was offered to the god under whose protection the building was placed; in Caledonia, from the tribe was sacrificed, but was given another signification. In these days it was generally believed that an offerer would sacrifice himself rather than a human sacrifice, which was the means of the sprout when not as a bagpipe, as shown in Fig. 1. These staples are short dig to fix in the floor, so that the staples pass easily through them, the bottom of staples are bent, leaving enough space for a piece of strap iron, which is inclosed half in the outside of frame.

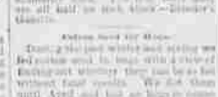












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