Wife of Sir Henry Irving.

One very seldom hears of Mrs. Heary Irving .- Lady Irving, she is entitled to be called. The public, has heard, now and then, of a Lady Irving, but as she never appears with her distinguished husband in society or elsewhere, her

existence would hardly be suspected. In fact a great many people have regarded Sir Henry as a widower. They knew he must have been married at some time or other, because there are little Irvings running about Great Britain, but further than that few people, ever knew, and probably few car-

An actor, recently returned from London, was speaking of her the other day

"Lady Irving has a cottage on Pelham Row," he said, "where she spends most of her time, only leaving London in the winter season. She is afflicted with pulmonary troubles, and is forced to spend the trying months of the year in Italy.

"A slender, good looking lady is the wife of the great English actor. If the truth must be known, however, she has not been without occasion for grief, cam get a husband, Emma Bligh." The London public knows little about her and cares less. If they knew they would care no more. But people who have an intimate knowledge of many concerns tell me that Lady Irving has borne a heavy burden for many years.

"She was married to Irving some 26 or 27 years ago, when he was only an inconsiderable player. Her maiden name was O'Callaghan, and she was peering into the future. "I mean to the daughter of a regimental surgeon be a lady." of the British army in India. She was a woman of imperious, even violent, temper. I am told, and she and Irving from?" did not long enjoy a period of domestic felicity. Two children were born to them, whom they named Henry and Laurence.

"When Laurence Irving was two "Then how will you set about it?" weeks old and Henry Irving two years, questioned the others. Mr. and Mrs. Irving separated," continued the actor. "Irving left the house me, and always to do what is just and day-dreams.

"I mean to work hard and to teach myself, and to get other people to teach myself, and always to do what is just and day-dreams." Eva. com that day and has never returned. Ex- right. And I mean to read about cept to chance encounters, the two have great and noble women and to try to shouted Mrs. Church. never met since that day. His friends be like them. It will be very hard have always asserted that she was insanely jealous of him; her friends have Mary Matthews, who, although she brook, the mother of the young man found all varieties of silver ore from stated that he neglected her cruelly.

"He had the stronger side, but her family and relatives by marriage have say the least, extremely visionary. constantly reiterated their faith in her. member of the firm of Ashburne & Co., Kendal, the actress, and numerous oth-

tween two such natures as those of going to be, Lilas?" tained an attitude of hostility; Sir jousness. and the man-even the actor-who can and delicate.

voted it all to the education of her looking as any of you." very strong affection, yet strangely torted Susan Harper. all descriptions, and then send them goodness neither."

by accident he never saw them again to her feet in a passion and tearing off mild aversion for the stage for a ca- I cannot say, for the shrieks of the reer, did her utmost to prevent them small children under the care of these from following their father's avocation. five girls became so shrill and piercing But the blood inheritance was too with terror at the prospect of a fight strong. Henry Irving, jr., is now an between their guardians that hostiliter?" actor, and a good one. His mother, ties had at once to be suspended until despite her feelings, journeyed to the silence could be restored. west of England, to witness his debut.

son for the separation. Mrs. Irving but she knew the dog, and she now wrote to Booth, asking for tickets of called it by name."

admission to a performance of 'Ham-"'I would like,' she wrote, 'to have

other incidents of a similar character. show the disposition of Lady Irving. It is likely that she has been sinned against, but she has done a little bit of sinning herself now and then,

imagine," concluded the actor. HER PROPHECIES.

Those of Mother Shipton Have All Come

An interesting fact which may not be generally known, is that the things and events predicted by Mother Shipton in 1448 have all come to pass except that referring to the ending of the world in 1881. The latest fulfillment of the secress's predictions is the successful use of the automobile. Here is the text of the famous prophecy: Carriages without horses shall go,

shall fly. In the twinkling of an eye, Waters shall yet more wonders do,

The world upside down shall be, And gold be found at the root of

Through hills man shall ride, And no horse or ass be at his side, Under water man shall walk, Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk, In the air men shall be seen In white, in black, in green. Iron on the water shall float As easily as a wooden boat. Gold shall be found and shown In lands now not known, England shall at last admit a Jew, And fire and water shall wonders do. The world to an end shall come

COST OF LAUNCHING.

runs away with something like \$10,000. The great leviathan requires some five tons of tallow and over a ton of oil

A VICTIM AT FIRST SIGHT.

My wife has ruled me ever since our You're a lucky dog,; my wife has a lady should live.

At Folkestone, the masters of three ened by self-denial. Boulogne fishing smacks were fined £10 By earnest seeking after all that is soonest regains consciousness. Slumber remedy from a dealer, who for the for fishing within three miles of the true and noble, and by eradicating any- commences with the feet and works sake of extra profit to himself, may shore, off Dungeness. Their boats were thing that is base and unworthy in its way up to the center of the nerv- say is "just as good." Dr. Williams ordered to be detained for three months her nature, she hopes to succeed. And ous action. The sense of smell is the Pink Pills cure when other medicines

She Would Be a Lady.

'I'm going to be a lady's maid when grow a bit older. My mother's cousin is own maid to the Countess of Firtop, and you should see the lovely clothes she has-silks and satins and aces, and real gold brooches; it's a rare fine thing to be a lady's maid, can tell you," and Susan Harper arched her neck, tossed her head, and looked at her companions with undisguised pride and self-satisfaction. "I don't think nothing of being a

get fine clothes, why, they're only cast-off things, as have been worn before by her missus. I'm not going inten pounds in the bank that my uncle left me, and when I get it I'll have a little shop and sell tea and cheese, and sweets and candles, and I'll have a husband who'll work to keep me; ing a home of your own, to living in a rainy day. countess' kitchen."

"Lady's maids don't live in the kitchen," retorted Susan, "and you've got | Eva did not know she was being robto get the home of your own, and 'tisn't | bed. She was told every day of her every girl with a face like yours as life that she was eating the bread of Emma was about to retort angrily, when Mary Matthews interposed, by

"Don't quarrel, girls, but let us all say what we're going to be, and when we grow old we'll see if it comes true; what are you going to be, Eva Ran-

"I?" said the girl thus addressed, opening her round, gray eyes and with a half-vacant, half-dreamy expression of countenance, as though she were

"A lady!" echoed the three who had spoken. "How are you going to man- clever. age that? Where's the money to come

"I don't think it is money that makes a lady," replied Eva, in the same dreamy manner; "my dear mamma used to tell me that money wouldn't good education, and thinking thus, her

"I mean to work hard and to teach

dustry, yet could not help thinking her companions the previous after- \$15,000 to the ton. Catorce has a fine that her plans for the future were, to noon. "Some ladies do," replied Eva, con-

Mrs. Morgan, her sister, wife of a fidently; "Ive heard that the queen works very hard, and then the ladies with her an air of perfect satisfaction to tumble into it, on one side and out of Calcutta, and her mother, have per- nurse the sick soldiers, see how they her superior to all her fellow creasistently urged her cause, and she has must have worked. I think ladies do tures. had the constant support of Mrs. Madge a great deal of work, and I mean to Completely assured upon this point, be one, and I mean to work."

Matthews, 'But now there's only one | condescended to smile kindly upon Eva, "A reconciliation was impossible be- more of you, beside me. What are you as she said: "I shall be the same as Eva," was Mr. and Mrs. Irving. The latter main- the reply, uttered in all apparent ser- ing up brightly, instead of dropping she Knew That Was What Made Her

Henry is very proud, and his natural But at this the other girls laughed station would have done. indisposition to making overtures was aloud, and not without some malice in A slight frown contracted the lady's their mirth, for Lilas Lampier was the face, but second thoughts transformincreased by the favours heaped upon most idle, selfish and sensual, as she ed it into a smile, and she next askhim from all sides. It was not for him was by far the best looking girl in the ed: to bend, he figured it. Friends like party. Her hair was golden, her eyes "Are you as clever at mending lace to bend, he figured it. Friends like were dark, with heavy silken brows and lashes. Her complexion was like posed to believe him to be a much sufthe warm pink glow inside a sea shell, fond of mending old lace," replied the in Slabtown, who had her house infering monument of domestic patience, and her features bid fair to be firm girl.

been born into this world, I take it. | age, and she was very dirty at the pre- brook, graciously; "but you must come brought, but Mr. Irving promptly set- | while she had been talking.

tled upon his wife a life annuity of "You needn't laugh," she said, hotly, en for her full age, which was con-\$5,000. Lady Irving has never used a irritated by their very trank re- siderably over thirty. "She's too old penny of it upon herself, but has de- marks; "I ain't a fool, and I'm as good to be my own daughter, as you can

enough, until recent years he saw but "Your mother is a spiteful old cat, little of them. When they were little and you may tell her I say so," retortfellows they visited him once a year | ed Lilas, losing her temper, "no one He would take them to supper after could blame her for good looks, and if ly. the theatre, shower them with gifts of what some tolks says is true, not for

home. Unless he chanced to meet them | To this Susan retorted by springing Lilas Lampier's hat. "Mrs. Irving, who is possessed of a | What further damage she meditated

Before the girls could recommence

Laurence Irving is a barrister by pro- their discussion a huge bloodhound "A good example of the feeling exist- group, scaring the little ones out of ing between husband and wife was af- their wits, and terrifying even the eld- he died.

"Leo! Leo!"

The animal looked at her and gave o'clock, my dear?" his tail a condescending wag of recogthe two soms of Henry Irving see an nition, but he did not care for shabbily for the changed tone of kindness, aldressed people, and probably he was most of affection, which the lady now "This little display of animosity and no judge of feminine beauty, so he did used toward her. not approach the girl even when she held out her hand to him.

Before she could repeat the invitation, however, a young man had leaped more than if it had been brought about the gate which led into the meadow. and seeing at a glance the consternation which his four-footed companion's presence had produced, he called him off, and then approaching the group,

"I hope my dog hasn't frightened you; he wouldn't bite." "Oh! I wasn't frightened," Lilas, with a smile which showed her white teeth; "but the rest were!" "I see you are a brave little girl," wondering how it was that the child- in return. ren of some of the working people Mrs. Church knew that the girl's

But Lilas Lampier was not, in the well as any one could tell her so, but strict sense of the word, the child of for five years she had gone her dishonworking parents. Her father was a est way unquestioned, and it certainly Around the world man's thoughts great want of judgment. He had now. been compelled to escape from France | "What could Mrs. Westbrook know with his child, whose mother had been of her late husband?" she wondered.

they cared. tred in herself. She had shelter and full of food that she ate. food from her mother's cousin, whom

er better nor worse than if she had it. been Mrs. Flood's eldest daughter. So much for one of our heroines. and soft soap to persuade her to leave | She means to be a lady, a lady, acher cradle and glide peacefully into cording to her ideal of one. To have fine clothes, dainty food, a soft couch, nothing to do, and every wish and whim gratified, as soon as it can be

formed, that is Lilas Lampier's notion of being a lady, and of the life that Eva Randolph's Adeas are widely difruled me ever since I first laid eyes | Eva Randolph's deas are widely dir the next to lose susceptibility. Smell save months are miner ing, hearing and touch then follow. This treatment. Get the genuine Pink onward in life is hard work, strength- Touch is the lightest sleeper and most Pills every time and do not be persuad-

poor Eva is worse than being simply last to awake. fail.

an orphan, for her father's death lef her to the tender mercies of a stepmother, who would have sent her to of that name, a city along whose steep the workhouse but that the parish au- winding streets neither waggon nor thorities would then have taken care cart, neither stage nor bus, nor any that the girl's share of her father's property should be applied to her

of a population of 40,000 souls. Mr. Randolph had died without will. He had no near relatives, and Eva was left to the care of her stepmother. Mrs. Randolph's widowhood did not last long. Her first husband lady's maid," sneered Emma Bligh; had been a surgeon; her second was ing, desperate, dangerous, and success-'it's only like an upper servant, no- a small shopkeeper. Mr. Church, when ful robbers that ever laid tribute on thing better, and if a lady's maid does he married her, quite understood the condition of affairs, and willingly accepted the responsibility.

A little ready money was very useto service when I grows up. There's ful to a man in business, and a small income from houses which, though they could not be sold, could be let to tenants too simple to ask for proof of that's what I will. It's better, hav- him to put away money against a

> bring the dishonest couple to book. charity, and she believed it, and she worked hard, harder than any servant would have done, to satisfy herself that she earned her food and shel-Such was the condition of affairs

on this, her thirteenth birthday.

CHAPTER II.

The day after the conversation these girls had taken place Eva Ranwork upon some delicate lace, in the making of which she was remarkably

Her fingers were very rapid in their movements, but her thoughts had wandered far away from her occupation. She was wishing that she had time and money wherewith to get a mind soon traveled beyond the question of ways and means, and she had given herself up to the building of some very airy castles, when the harsh voice

'Eva, come down, you're wanted! The girl dropped her work, and descended the stairs, to find in the best "But ladies don't work," objected sitting-room, the Honorable Mrs. West- are paying well or poorly. Here are had great faith in Eva's talent and in- whose bloodhound had startled her and

She was a tall, proud-looking woman regular features, and she bore about

Mrs. Westbrook could afford to be gra-"Well, we shall see," laughed Mary cious to her inferiors, and she now of Mexico.-Modern Mexico.

> 'So you are the little lacemaker?" "Yes, ma'am,' replied the girl, look-

resist the role of martyr-has not yet | But she was only twelve years of some lace for me," said Mrs. Westwho was always afraid of being tak- and angry besides."

see, ma'am. I married her father, who "Yes, mother says you're far too was my first husband, though I was "For these boys Sir Henry has a good looking to come to any good," re- his second wife, and I've taken care of her ever since, for she hasn't got no relations of her own?" "Indeed! Then what was her father's name?' asked the lady, gracious-

> "Randolph-Algernon Randolph" replied Mrs. Church, proudly. "He was a surgeon at Trebourne; so I married beneath me when I took a second husband, as you see, ma'am.' "Algernon Randolph!' repeated Mrs.

Westbrook, while something like an expression of pain passed over her countenance. "And so he is dead!" she added: "and this is his daugh-"Yes, ma'am, Did you know him?" asked Mrs. Church, in alarm, for it

suddenly occurred to her that any friends of her late husband might became bounding into the midst of the come unpleasantly curious as to the amount of property he possessed when

forded when Edwin Booth went to er girls.

England. It may supply information Lilas was the only one of the party brook, sadly, "but it was long before England. It may supply information the new supply information to the curious concerning the real rea- who retained her presence of mind; he was married—when he was but a down just the same I never would other investigation and division of proyoung man, in fact; but I shall be glad to help his daughter. Will you come up to my house to-morrow at ten

"Yes, ma'am," replied Eva, grateful The change was due to the respect

in which her dead father was held, and she valued it upon this account far by any personal regard for herself. So Mrs. Westbrook went away, and Eva But Mrs. Church was ill at ease.

returnde to her room. Oven and over again she assured herself that no one could blame her for appropriating to her own use the money that legally belonged to her said stepdaughter. She gave her a home and she and her husband only appropriated the girl's share of her father's

(To Be Continued.)

taneously. They fall into insensibility, one after another. First the eyelids obscure sight, and the sense of taste is troubles would avoid much misery and easily aroused. After touch hearing ed to take an imitation, or some other

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Catorce. So Named Because It Was the Stronghold of Fourteen Robbers. Eight miles due east over the moun-The seventy-third annual tains from Catorce Station, on Mexican National railroad, is the city in the report:-

being the stronghold and the property of a band of fourteen of the most dar-Investment in Canada. roads of Mexico. They discovered and for many years worked, the rich deposits of silver that abound in this entire section of the country-deposits. the value of which, if current report be true, for hundreds of years outhis right to receive the rent, helped to rivalled the mythical riches related of cover many expenses, and to enable Ophir. Strange to relate, every piece of machinery, every pound of freight, and every passenger to and from Catorce is transported to-day, as for centuries past, either on the backs of

OLDEST CITY IN ALL MEXICO.

other wheeled vehicle was ever known

to pass, although it has often boasted

The city takes its name, from once

Catorce is one of the most interesting places in Mexico. Here are found the customs of Mexico in their purity, unaffected by the influence of the stranger. Difficult of access, the town can be reached only by horseback or on foot. Catorce has seldom been visited by any except those making business trips. The ride up the mountains into the town is something, once accomdolph sat in her own room, busily at plished, always to be remembered partly from its element of personal peril, but more because of the beauty

of the landscape encountered at every Glancing down, as you near 33 and 34 Victoria, Cap. 61. journey's end, you catch a gleam of the white walls of Los Catorce | Shareholders' capital paid up..........\$ outlined against the green mountain side. Thousands of feet below shimmer the waters of a mountain stream. The shifting colouring of the mountins as light and shade chase each other over the rugged expanse, the browns and greens of the valley below, and the hills in the hazy distance are Sums deposited with the company..... 'beautiful exceedingly.'

The Real de Catorce is built on the side of a ravine near the top of the Mortgages on property within the United range, and has a varying population | Kingdom..... of from 8,000 to 40,000, as the mines carbonates to refractory ore, assaying cathedral, richly decorated, and a pretty plaza, the only level spot in the with fair hair, blue eyes, and large, place. To use a railroad phrase, it is a combination of cut and fill, so that that it had pleased Heaven to make the other would be exactly disastrous. The streets are neatly paved and run up and down hill, many of them at an angle of 45 degrees. Altogether this is one of the show places

A WOMAN WHO INSURED.

"Women are the most unreasonable creatures in the world," said the fire

"Some women," she corrected him. "Well, we don't quarrel about it sured three weeks ago," he went on. "She had a \$1,500 policy on it, about all it was worth, really, and we were " In the absence of her husband Mrs. sent moment, for the baby she had up to my house to do it. I could not only getting \$12.50 a year for carrying Irving lived with her mother. A number of years ago proceedings for separate maintenance were rumored. I had more than once rescued him, and only in the mother of years ago; but she isn't lived with her mother. A number of years ago proceedings for separate maintenance were rumored. I had more than once rescued him, and only in the mother of years ago; but she isn't lived with her mother. A number of years ago proceedings for separate maintenance were rumored. I had more than once rescued him, and once is not years ago; but she isn't lived with her mother. A number of years ago proceedings for separate maintenance were rumored. I had more than once rescued him, and once is not years ago; but she isn't lived with her mother. A number of years ago proceedings for separate maintenance were rumored. I had more than once rescued him, and once is not years ago; but she isn't lived with her mother. A number of years ago proceedings for separate maintenance were rumored. I had more than once rescued him, and once is not years ago; but she isn't lived with her mother. A number of years ago proceedings for separate maintenance were rumored. I had more than once rescued him, and years ago. don't know that a suit was actually to which he had managed to return my girl," volunteered Mrs. Church, me. She was fairly sopping in tears,

"'I thought,' she sobbed. 'that if had my house insured it wouldn't burn down. You told me that, I am sure.' "'O, I beg your pardon, my dear lady, I couldn't have said that,' said I. "'Yes, you did, or I never would have had it insured. I've been living in that house for fifty years, and it never burned down before. And it prem.ums are based. wouldn't have been insured now if you hadn't have put me up to it.' "But I never told you that it

wouldn't burn down if you had it in-"'Yes, you did, too,' she insisted, 'for what is the good of insuring a house if it is going to burn down, I'd like to know?" 'There's a good deal of good. For

instance, you will get \$1,500 from the they have been working out steadily insurance company, which you wouldn't have got, and you have only paid

if she wasn't going to get a cent. "'Just as soon as we can get mat-"'Well,' she said, sniffing as she

have had it insured, never!"

THE CONDITION OF A YOUNG LADY OF WELLAND.

Subject to Frequent Headaches, Was Pale | the next annual general meeting of Could Barely Walk. From the Tribune, Welland, Ont.

Miss Hattie Archer, of Welland, an estimable young lady, whose acquaintance extended among a large number of first time in the history of the comcitizens of the town, has the following pany, exceeded ten millions of dollars. to say regarding the virtues of Dr. property, and exacted two-thirds of all Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People: and he nodded and went on his way the money she earned at her lace work In the fall of 1897 I was taken very ill, was nervous, weak and debilitated. which gave it a very high standing, were possessed of so much delicate own property entitled her to good At this time the least exertion caused while its investments were of the safclothing and a fair education, quite as great fatigue. My appetite was poor est character. and I was attacked with frequent sick Younger as an additional director was headaches. I gradually grew worse approved of. And accidents fill the world with Frenchman-a French "patriot" of would be extremely inconvenient if until I was so weak I could barely humble extraction, some talent, and any investigation were to take place walk through the house. I was very Montreal: pale and emaciated and finally became entirely incapacitated. Various mean English dancer and had died soon "Was the great lady aware that he dicines were resorted to but gave no How strange! but yet they shall be after the birth of her daughter. The had a small income independent of his relief. Later I was treated by two poor exile tried hard to get work and profession?" And, worse still, "Did of the best physicians of the town. One failed. He was restless and excitable, she know that he had died intestate?" said my blood was poor and watery. and at length, unable to endure his As she pondered these questions, I followed his advice for some exile any longer, he left his child in Mrs. Church thought of making her time but did not improve. Then smash drink was the direct means of the care of some distant relatives of husband a sharer in her anxiety, but the second doctor was called and saving the lives of about sixty excurhis late wife, while he himself went second thoughts convinced her that she het said he could help me, but after sionists, who, as the night was cold back to Paris. What became of him had best be silent. Mr. Church was thoroughly testing his medicines and wet and the train was waiting, left there those whom he had promised to not an amiable man; he was scraping without benefit, I gave it up, and dethe rear carriages and trooped into the write to in England did not know. He together a very nice little fortune, spaired of ever getting well. My grand- railway hotel a few yards off. While might be in prison; he might be dead and it was more than likely that if mother had been reading at that time they were drinking the smash took for aught they knew—almost for all he thought there was any danger of much about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills place. The carriages which sixty of the La Toscana, 10c. RELIANCE CIGAR place. The carriages which sixty of the losing Eva's money, he would, by some and persuaded me to try them. That beer-thirsty crowd had 'quitted were Lilas would have liked her father to imprudent step, precipitate the very was about January, 1898. From the reduced to matchwood. be with her, but she had no great crisis they both dreaded, for he greatly first the results were really marvellove for him. Indeed that young per- disliked the girl whom he was daily lous, being far beyond my friends' exson's affections were principally cen- robbing, and he grudged every mouth- pectations. After taking five boxes I can stand more fatigue than I could So Mrs. Church said nothing to her for two years. I have gained weight she called aunt, and such clothes as husband about Mrs. Westbrook's visit, splendidly; can take my food with a her relative could afford to give her, except that she wanted Eva to mend delightful relish, and again feel cheer-The cost of launching a battle ship and she nursed the children, worked some lace for her, and that the girl ful, healthy and strong. I would about the house and was treated neith- was to go up to the Grange to do further, say that the change is wholly due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I hope that my testimony will prove beneficial to other girls similarly af-The experience of years has proved

that there is absolutely no disease due All our senses do not slumber simul- to a vitiated condition of the blood or shattered nerves, that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, will not promptly cure, and those who are suffering from such

meeting of the company was held at Edinburgh on Tuesday, the 25th April, 1899. A. R. C. Pitman, Esq., W.S., in the chair. The results communicated:

remiums on new polic es issued Purchase price of 192 new annuities.... Claims by death under 1,013 policies dur-ing the year 1898, inclusive of bonus additions. laims under endowment assurances matured during the year 1898, 64 poliubsisting assurances at 15th November

FIRST SCHEDULE. Revenue account of The Standard Life Assurance Company, for the year from 16th November, 1897, to 15th November, 1898. Prepared in accordance with "The Life Assurance Companies" Act," 33 and 34 Victoria, Cap. 61.

\$ 48,653,441 44 Claims by death under life policies, including bonus additions (after deduc .\$ 3,265,886 92 tion of sums re-assured) Do. under endowments and endowment 183,555 90 Amount of funds at the end of the year,

Balance carried forward . Claims under policies admitted, but not

Stock of Scottish chartered banks...... Interest accrued, but not due..... Do. due, but not paid......\$135,861 11
Do. on current accounts and Deed and receipt stamps in hand......

A. R. C. PITMAN, Chairman. W. J. DUNDAS, Director. J. H. DAVIDSON, Director. Manager and Actuary. Edinburgh, 19th April, 1899.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT.

goes on uninterruptedly. The new policiess issued, and the amounts assured under them, exceed those of any previous year. The amount received for the purchase of annuities is also greater than ever previously reported. The sums paid in death claims are considerably in excess of the corresponding amounts for the previous year, but the death

Notwithstanding this greater outgo, the total funds have largely increased during the year, and now aggregate | threaten to over-run the land. considerably more than \$44,500,00. While not neglecting the important home connections, the consolidation of the agencies outside the United Kingdom goes on steadily, and the company are beginning to reap the fruits of the policy of careful extension which

In view of the company's expansion and of the large amount of work-both "When do I get it? she sobbed, as responsible and routine - now consequently falling upon the members of the board at the head office, the directers in shape and report the loss to tors think it desirable to increase the numbers on the board through the addition of another member. went out, 'I suppose I will, but if I The company have now already

board have, thus far, every reason to hope that the final results of the quinquennium will be satisfactory to all isfactorily, and the board hope that and Emaciated and Grew so III She the company may be beld within the board room of the new office. In moving the adoption of the report which was unanimously carried, the Chairman, Mr. A.R.C. Pitman, said it was very gratifying to know that the new business of the year had, for the and from year to year it was growing.

SPENCER C. THOMSON.

W. M. RAMSAY. HUTTON BALFOUR. Secretary.

NOT A TEMPERANCE STORY. In the Rakaia, New Zealand, railway

RABBIT FENCE IN AUSTRALIA.

to keep Out the Pest. Everybody knows what a terrible pest the rabbit has become in Australasia. This lottle animal is an imported evil in the British islands of the southern seas, for he did not exist among them until he was brought from England and turned loose to multiply in his new habitat. Unfortunately, he found his new surroundings most congenial, and so he has overspread all the habitable parts of Australia and New Zealand, 183,555 and has driven the people almost fran-

tic, for nothing flourishes on a grander scale than, the rabbit in his new home, and he has actually endangered the existence of other grass-eating animals. The greatest efforts have been put forth to exterminate him, but thus far without success. There is probably efficacy of ozona for purifying water. no other animal that supplies the markets of the world with so many skins hitherto used. All pathogenic or saphin a year as the rabbits of Australia, rophytic microbes inhabiting the waand New Zealand. About 6,000,000 squir- ters experimented upon were destroyrel skins of Siberia are sent to Europe annually, but in one year as many as 8,500,000 rabbit skins have been exported from Australasia, and still there seems to be no abatement of the nui-THIS IS AN EVIL that sportsmen unwittingly inflicted

upon the new country. It is well

SECOND SCHEDULE. Balance sheet of The Standard Life Assurance Company, on 15th November, 1898 Prepared on the basis of valuation of 1895, in accordance with "The Life Assurance Companies' Act,"

Total funds as per first schedule......\$ 43,749,992 85 paid...

Dividends to proprietors (due at and prior to 15th November) outstanding*...

Annuities outstanding*...

*Note. -These items are included in the corresponding items in the first schedule. SPENCER C. THOMSON,

It will be seen from the above figures that the progress of the company

rates are still well within the expectations on which the several tables of

for many years past.

fits, and, although the rate of interest on the invested funds has necessarily fallen of late years—a circumstance

showing no signs of standing still. He also referred to the very satisfactory and sound condition of the company, The appointment of Mr. William

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Putting a Wall Around New South Wales

known that the Australasian countries are not rich in 'native fauna. After the ST. JAMES' HOTEL--Opposite G.T.R. Depot British settlers began to arrive they gradually filled up the gaps in the local list of animal life by the importation of new wild and domestic species. brought into Australia and New Zea- to Mr. Smith's bill for further advice. land, and a part of his numerous progeny, escaping before the days of tences and pens, has become wild, and thousands of wild pigs are killed evstreams were stocked with salmon, pheasant from China. They have all beior of the mucous surfaces.

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domestic and wild animals as at home. All of these varieties of animal life were a blessing to the country except the rabbit. The man who suggests a |-Gay. practical scheme for getting rif of this nuisance will make his fortune. A few years ago the Government of New South Wales offered a reward of \$125,000 for a feasible method of thorough extermination. THIS TEMPTING OFFER stimulated the ingenious and the cranks all over the world, and 1,800 665,132 98 schemes were submitted to the Govern-

America hears the same birds warbling

in the woods and encounters the same

be practicable, and the reward has never been paid. Efforts are continually making, however, to mitigate the evil, and among few notes are given in the last annual pack away what's left in a barrel. report of the Department of Lands, don't believe in savings banks. New South Wales, regarding the progress of the colonial Government in its efforts to cope with the rabbit pest by the erection of a rabbit fence. The first fence built was in 1897, and it extended from the Queensland border to the Mamoi River, a distance of about 115 miles. Since then the Government excellence. Their regular use prevent infectihas kept up the work of fence building, ous diseases. Ask your dealer to obtain a and the number of miles of rabbit- supply. Lists mailed free on application. and the number of miles of rabbitproof fencing now erected in the colony is 17,280. The report is accompanied by a map, which shows that the fence has been extended along the entire western border of the colony. and along two-thirds of the northern boundary. The purpose seems to be to extend a rabbit fence clear around the colony to its frontage. It is a modern China wall, erected to keep out, stammerers who have failed not barbarians like the ancient Mon-

A daring robbery is reported from the Grand Theatre at Leeds. Two female attendants were seated in the dress circle booking office when a man put his hand through a small aperture and seized a bowl containing £25 in gold. The thief made off and succeeding in alluding his pursuers. In his flight, however, the man fell, and the money was scattered about the the money was scattered about the street, being picked up by a number of loungers, some of whom also made off

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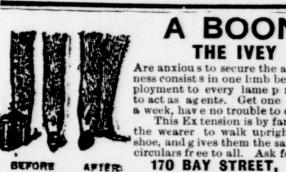
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