One word on the remarkable presence of mind here displayed. It is a quality which all should cultivate. It is invaluable in the hour of danger. And who knows when that hour may be at hand? The timid and irresolute are in imminent peril themselves, and entirely useless to others, while those who have learned to maintain a controul over their thoughts, and to preserve presence of mind, are often made the happy instruments of saving those whom they love from danger and from death. - Christian Chronicle.

IRISH AUCTIONS.

In consequence of the difficulties and disputes which have attended recent sales by auction, in Ireland, under the Encumbered, Estates' Act, and otherwise, the Irish authorities have published an official set of conditions of sale, framed in conformity with the spirit of business in the sister country, which are, in future, to be universally adopted there. Arx ious to render this Almanac of as much use as at the last moment, found room for this document:-

Conditions of sale by Auction in Ireland.

I. The highest bidder to be the purchaser, unless some gentleman bids more.

bidding, for the sake of his bereaved family.

it cannot be found in the estate to which it belongs, it shall be taken from the estate that lies most convenient to it; but the purchaser shall pay the owner of the latter the full price of the piece thus taken, but this purchase-money shall be laid out in improving the same. Anyhow,

they must settle it between them. 1V. If a lot has been wrongly described, such misdescription shall not vitiate the sale; but compensation will be granted as may be just. If a piece of land has been described as a house, the auctioneer shall be bound to build a house thereon with the money paid for the same; and if it is not convenient for the purchaser to pay for his purchase, the money shall be borrowed out of the poor rates. If the vendor or the poor complain of this, they must write to the newspapers; and if they can't write more shame for them.

V. The auctioneer shall not be liable to be called out on any pretence whatever, connected with the sale now about to take place; but this condition shall in no wise prevent his giving satisfaction in regard to any other sale, or his conduct in knocking down other lots or biddeis.

VI. In regard to its being insulting to ask a gentleman to show his dirty parchments, and make out titles, and all that bother, no title shall be required beyond the seller's giving his word of honor that the title is as good as possible, and better. After this, if there's any awkwardness, it's a case for the Phaynix Park.

VII. If what the lawyer's call "outstanding terms" can't be "got in," they must stop out.

VIII. If it shall turn out that the seller has sold property to which he was not entitled, and which belongs to somebody else, and the right owner, upon proper application, unreasonably refuses to give up possession, the trouble and expense of bringing him to a sense of what is gentlemanly conduct shall be equally divided between the seller and the buyer.

IX. If the purchaser thinks he has paid too much, the balance shall be handed to the auctiooner, to be treated as liquidated damages, that is, laid out in claret, to be drunk by all the bona fide bidders at the sale.

X The auction duty shall not be paid at all, as it only helps to maintain English ascendancy.

XI. Should there be much starvation in the estate, or much difficulty in, getting enough rent out of the tenants, part of the purchasemoney shall be laid out in publishing, in the English papers, an appeal to the charitable.

XII. That none of these conditions shall be binding on anybody who disapprove of them.

SHE WOULDN'T BE A QUEEN.

In 1798, Sergeant Bernadotte, being then at Grenoble, fell in love with a pretty girl, and made her an offer of marriage; but a watchmaker was also a candidate for her hand, and she thought him a better bargain than the soldier. She is still alive-a decrepit, crooked, wrinkled old woman-a servant at a common inn, and in a state of utter poverty. "Ah, sir," said she, in lately concluding her story, "I should have done much better in marying M. Bernadotte. I should have been a queen now-yes, a queen ! instead of waiting upon every body here. should have had a crown, and subjects, and fine clothes. I should have baeen queen !-Ah, I made a great mistake-a sad mistake I ought to have foreseen this, for I assure you, sir, M. Bernadotte was not a common man. had a kind of presentiment that something would happen; but what would you have ?-When we are young we do not reflect; we are not ambitious; we refuse kingdoms, and make fools of ourselves." Saying that, she shed possible to the man of business, the editor has, tears. When asked if she had heard anything from him, she answered: "Never, sir; I have written to him several times since he became a king, but he has never returned any answer. My husband says it is because I did not pay the postage on my letters. It is very likely: and then, perhaps, he may feel annoyed at my II. If any dispute arises as to who was the having refused him. If we were both free ahighest bidder, the sale is to stop until the par- gain, and I had money, I would go to Sweden. ties have fought it out; but if either combatants | Perhaps he would marry me, or, at any rates is killed, he shall be allowed to amend his give me his linen to wash! That would be something after all." From a diadem to a tub. III. If after a piece of land has been sold, | Could love himself have imagined anything so romantic?

> most useful inventions owe their existance entirely to accident; such, for instance, as the accidental discovery that Plaster of Paris was a non-conductor of heat-a peculiarity to which had two daughters, one of them distinguished our "fire proof safes" are entirely indebted for for beauty and a great belle; the other was retheir usefulness and popularity. The discove- markably plain, by reason of a defect in one ry was first made in this city in 1830, by a me- of her eyes. After the removal of the cloth chanic, who carried on various branches of many sentiments were drank, and among them smith work in Eldridge Street. Having occa- several highly complimentary to the beautiful sion to heat some water, he took a cast-iron daughter of "mine host." Captain vessel in which Plaster of Parris had been with that devotion for the sex which a brave used, and to which some had adhered, forming man ever entertains, feeling that the other a crust of coating on the inside of the kettle. daughter had been neglected, when called on from one-half to three-fourths of an inch in by the host, gave as his "sentiment," "Your thickness, he poured in water, and put it over daughter, sir!" a fire, with a view of heating the water sufficiently for his purpose; to his great surprise he found that no change had been made in the temperature of the water; he blew the bellows, rendered the fire still hotter, and was still more surprised, after a long lapse of time, that the water would not become warm; he left the water on the fire, and went on with his work. Returning after some hours, he found the water had only become a little tepid; on this he laid various combustible substances on the fire, but still no effect was produced. Being somewhat puzzled to account for so strange a state of a dream. In his dream he went to heaven. things, he next day instituted a series of inqui- and he described the golden streets, the river of ries, the resul of which was the invention of life, etc., etc. As he concluded, one of the dethe celebrated "Salamander Safe," for the privilege of manufacturing which, Mr. Wilder, of this city, pays the discoverer, S. C. Herring. \$25,000 per year. So much for having an accident in the family and properly taking advantage of it .- N. Y. Dutchman.

SPANISH BEGGARS.

The queerest object in nature is a Spanish beggar; for these fellows beg on horseback; and it is an odd thing to see a man riding up to some poor foot passenger and asking alms .-There is an old proverb about setting a beggar on horseback. A gentleman in Valparaiso be- of them to England. Stay, let me see: there's ing accosted by one of these mounted beggars | the road to love, strewed with roses; to matrireplied, "Why sir, you come to beg of me who mony, through nettles; the honor, through the the more need to beg, as I have to support my horse as well as myself"

One of the editors of a New York paper noticing the marriage of a Mr. Hawks and Miss Thompson, expresses a hope that they will sick? "No, child; why do you ask?" "Be-'raise a young breed of Tommy Hawks.' What cause the papers say they are cured here ?"a wish for an editor.

WONDERFUL CURE.

A very extraordinary medicine has just been brought out in Belknap county, New Hampshire. Among the certificates setting forth its virtues we find the following. There can be no doubt that the " Pictorial Accelebrated Compound Extract," is the true alixir vita:

I, Cordelia Credulous, have been suffering from universal debility, spine in the back, tape worms, rheumatis, and a long standing rebelious complaint, making me desput colic betimes; and besides I have not felt well myself; so it was not long afore I was brought very low, and my most impudent friends didn't pect me to live from one end to another. After which the air enters when we breathe. So lerated Compound Extract, and to be sartan to get that which had the proprietor on it, for none else was genuine. I have taken three bottles, and am a new cretur. I expect by the time I take six bottles more I shall get the spine out of my back entirely. I cheerfully recommend this medicine to all, sick and

CORDELIA CREDULOUS.

THE PLAIN-SPOKEN CAPTAIN -The following anecdote, having never been seen in print, we give to our readers. While our goodly city was in possession of the British, during the war of the Revolution, an English officer of rank gave an entertainment, to which several American officers, who were prisoners, were invited. Among them was a captain ----, distinguished as a brave officer, but uncouth in his man-RESULTS OF ACCIDENTS .- Some of the ners, little conversant with the refinements of society, and not much given to any "set phrase of speech." The English officer, who was the host on the festive occasion to which we allude,

"Which one, sir?" asked the hospitable en-

"The cock-eyed one, sir!" responded the wellmeaning but plain spoken Captain .- N. Y Times.

THE RETORT DISCOURTEOUS .- At a convention of clergymen, not long since, it was proposed by one of the members, after they had dined, that each one should entertain the company with some interesting remarks. Among the rest, one drew upon his fancy, and related vines, who was somewhat noted for his penurious and money-saving habits, stepped up to the narrator, and jocosely inquired:

" Well did you see anything of me in your dream ?"

"Yes, I did."

"Indeed! what was I doing ?"

"You were on your knees!"

" Praying, was 1?"

"No-scraping up the gold!"

An Englishman having asked an Irishman if the roads in Ireland were good, "Yes," said he; "so fine that I wonder you do not import some have to go on foot, while you ride on horseback. camp; to prison, through the law; and to the Very true, sir," said the beggar, "and I have undertaker's, through physic." "Have you any road to preferment?" said the Englishman. "Yes; but that is the dirtiest in the Kingdom."

> Papa, are the hogs that come to Cincinnati " Go to bed, child, and don't pest your father." run down.

SCARCE ARTICLES. A Parson, who practises all he professes,

A Beauty that never feels proud when she dresses. A Lawyer whose honesty pleads for his client, A Braggart whose courage is always defiant, A sensible Dandy, -an actual Friend,-

A skilful Physician regardless of self-A staunch Politician, forgetful of pelf-A sour old Bachelor, neatly arrayed-And last, though not least, a cheerful old Maid

Philanthropy publishing "money to lend"-

THE LUNGS .- On examination, the lungs will be found full of innumerable little holes, know me, and the regular faculties did not ex- like a sponge. These holes are the cells into years of suffering and sorrow Aunt Dorothy great is their number that they have been cal-Tripnose recommended as the last resort that | culated to amount to 170,000, forming a sur-I should try a few bottles of the Pictorial Accel- face 30 times greater than the human body. Every one of these cells is provided with a net work of blood vessels, by which means every portion of the blood is brought into immediate contact with the air. When this great amount is taken into consideration, we at once feel how necessary it is to supply pure air to the lungs, with every breath we breathe.

> There are six acres of barrelled pork, three tiers high, at Louisville, and about six acres of live hogs in pens. That is, we suppose, about twenty-four acres of pork, in the whole.- Ex-

> What an appalling thought that all these acres of fat and nastiness are to find their final sepulchre in the human stomach! To become part of belles and fine ladies; to be kissed in the maiden's cheek; to give plumpness to her figure, roundness to her arm, and gleam from her "ripe red lip!" Oh, gc away, hog!

THE EFFECTS OF TAKING SNUFF .- I sidcerely pity ady wud laboring, like byself, udder ad attack of that abobidable catarrh which is affiicting us bortals just dow. For the last eight or ted days, I have foud it utterly ibpossible to pronounce a-b ab or a-d ad-by dasal orgad is cobpletely ad utterly closed, ad therefore what little breathing I do is decesserily dud through the bouth. I dink a little Black Sduff would do be good, dod't you?

I found, said Mark, my nymph alone; I knelt and pour'd an earnest prayer, "Condemn me not through life to groan; Consign me not to fell despair." I sigh'd-she wept-I kissed her tears, And, bless me l-how she box'd my ears l

An Irishman on board the Lady Robert packet, when she was on the point of foundering, being desired to come on deck, as the vessel was going down, replied that he had no wish to go on deck to see himself drowned!

We saw it stated lately, that to perform the labor done in England, by hand, would require every fall grown man in the world. To those who are opposed to the use of machinery instead of manual labor, the fact is a sufficient answer.

An original way of answering two questions at a time, is given in this wise by an exchange: "Here Biddy, my darlint! what's the time of night, and where's the pertaty pudding?" " It's eight, sir ""

Mrs. Partington, in allusion to the many advertisements headed "Ho! for California," thinks a spade would be more useful than a hoe, to the diggers.

"Why do you set your cup of coffee upon the chair, Mr. Jones?" "It's so weak, ma'm," replied Mr. Jones, demurely, "I thought would let it rest."

So necessary is fun to the mind that a late philosopher says-" If you should build schools without playgrounds, nobody would ever get beyond short division in a lifetime."

It has been discovered that where a lot of boarders are fed for some time on sausages exclusively, they begin to growl.

"O. Nanny, wilt thou gang wi' me,' as the feller sed ven he was trying to steal the goat.

Which causes a girl the most pleasure? to hear herself praised, or to hear another gal