

The Trifler has pondered upon the explanation was not so long and seriously. Is the difference of natural endowment altogether? Blessed with a quick wit, a ready resource, and a fertility of mental images, which are denied to man? Or is man trained by his education to the art of conversation and to avail himself of the advantages which bright and ready manners and quick repartee give to the work of man is rough, practical, and unadorned? He prepares for it by thought, and he is in silence. The mission of woman succeeds, to a certain extent, whether personal attractiveness, in

well as in person. Hence the man  
regard to conversation, while to be  
becomes a study and an art.

In 1544 the same became requisite  
In 1549 the sea was frozen from  
to Venice. In 1657 the Seine was

zen over. In 1767 the Seine was thirty-five successive days in the Adriatic and the Mediterranean from to Genoa were frozen. In 1717 established on the Thames, and, the Seine was entirely frozen over in 1766, 1788, and 1829.

It is the basis of an annual pork rising at least ten million head of consumption as human food is very increasing in both hemispheres; it is universally fed to stock of all kinds other cereal, and is, in a word, one of the most valuable of our agricultural products. The average of the year in corn 3,369,000, and the yield probably than 1,500,000,000 bushels; the export of corn has increased from a little 10,000 bushels per annum ten years

**HABITS OF AFGHANS.**—The Afghans are a clean people; in this they pre-eminently contrast to the Hindoos, who are the most cleanly race on the continent. In cold weather, the Afghans are clean.

perhaps the wild life which is so much of all may have something to do with it. They have such an adoration of water that they never bring it in contact with their bodies. Being Mohammedans they are bound to observe ablutions by their faith, but they substitute which are allowed in the water. There is one tribe who get three new garments only in a year, the garments being in each season. The first is given at birth, and when they are married, and the

men they die. Each blanket is untended to have been ceaselessly worn till it fits the wearer to a new one.—The washing and the washing of them are very unknown in Afghanistan, for the term by which they imply a garment and it is characteristic. They call it "Saffad Posh," which means whites as clean dress.

receipts during the corresponding  
of last year. Slim beef ranged from  
cents per lb. and better grades from 6  
cents, with mutton at from 4 to 6 cents.  
Poultry has been scarce, with an  
in prices: Turkeys ranged from 11  
cents per lb.; geese 60 to 80 cents each;  
60 to 80 cents per pair; chickens, 40  
cents. In smoked meats the supply has  
been good: Hams ranged from 8 to 9 cents  
per lb.; side pieces, 7 to 8 cents; and  
corned, 5 to 6 cents. Potatoes sold at

to 60 cents per bushel, although sideways ran up to 70 and 80 cents. It ranged from 4 1/2 to 5 cents per lb. — *St. Louis market was a very poor one.*—*St. Louis.*

several persons were sleeping, he failed to admit his arm and head, and he had several articles of value. His took the ground that the prisoner, only reached into the tent, had not "hid" it, and that on this technicality he should be discharged. In his to the Jury, Judge Kent, with a grim alluded to the plea of the prisoner's and instructed them that if they doubt as to the guilt of the whole they might bring him in guilty as far as judged the evidence would warrant,

jury, after a brief period of consultation, brought in a verdict against Thomas, the prisoner at the bar, of guilty to a letter of indictment as to his right shoulder and his head. And the judge sentenced the arm, the shoulder and head of said Thomas Cowdry to imprisonment at hard labor in State prison for a term of two years. The prisoner might have the remainder of his body what he pleased.

—*Bangor Whig.*

THE SEAPORT'S MONOPOLY.—The resort of Seitate, Mass., is almost the place in the country where "carragee" or Irish moss is gathered and cured, to be found everywhere along the coast of New England. Seitate is the centre of the moss business, and supplies the entire Union from its beaches. The moss is gathered by means of long rakes, and the wives and daughters of the fishermen prepare it for the market. Everybody knows its use in jellies and blanc-mange, and it is also largely used in the

of lager beer. The annual production of 10,000 or 15,000 barrels, worth to producers about \$50,000. About 150 men are engaged in harvesting the moss. *Worcester (Mass.) Spy.*

the money went.—A young man in received a bequest of \$25,000. He on next, and the sudden acquisition of

rather turned his head. He began to lose the money in reckless dissipation, in the efforts of his father to restrain and keep on until only \$11,000 was left. The father begged that this remainder be given him for safe keeping, and the son then ill from long drunkenness, very penitent, readily complied. The father put \$10,950 into a pocket in his shirt and started out to spend the other \$50 in a day.

That night he slept on a bench in a park, and in the morning every cent of

of the boldest robberies ever reported from Chicago, perpetrated at 6 o'clock this morning on East Madison street when a crowd of people passing from workmen in a cutter drove up in front of the H. Goldsmidt, jumped out, and while holding a stick in the handles of the door forced any one from getting out, the other men showed window with a hatchet, when they robbed a tray of diamond rings, jumped

Sleigh and drove away. Sixty rings  
taken, valued at \$5,500.

This micrograph shows the interface between a polymer matrix and a carbon fiber. The carbon fiber is visible as a dark, irregular shape on the right side of the image. The polymer matrix is the lighter, more uniform area on the left. A scale bar at the bottom indicates a length of 10 micrometers.