The Palatine is an American spec The Falatine is an American spec-ter-ship. She was once a Dutch-barque, but was wrecked on Block Island in the year 1752. After sack-ing her, the wreckers set fire to her and sent her adrift out to sea, although there was a woman aboard who refused to land among such human flends. Every year, on the human flends. Every year, on the anniversary of this shocking deed, the ghost of the Palatine is seen blazing away off the point. And, as Whittier savs:

The wise, sound skippers, though skies be fine, Reaf their sails when they see the sign Of the blazing wreck of the Palatine.

Whittier tells of another American phantom-ship. A young skipper who traded to the Labrador coast in the traded to the Labrador coast in the season fell in love with one of two beautiful sisters who lived with their mother in a secluded bay. Both the sisters, however, fell in love with him, and the elder was jealous that he preferred the younger. So when the skipper came, by arrangement, to carry off the bride of his choice, the sister shut her up in a room and, closely veiled, went out herself to meet the sailor. It is not until they closely velled, went out nerself to meet the sailor. It is not until they are far out at sea that the disap-pointed lover learns how he had been deceived. He turns back at once, but finds his own, sweetheart dead. Neither he nor his ship ever returned

The Greyport legend is familiar to all readers of Bret Harte's works. He tells how some children went to play on board of an old hulk, which broke adrift, floated out to sea and was lost with all its innocent company. When the fogs come down on the coast the fishermen still hear the voices of the children on board the phantom hulk

that drifts along but never returns.

Mr. Harte's poem is worthy of reproduction here:

A GREYPORT LEGEND.
They ran through the streets of the seaport n; eered from the decks of the ships that

They peared from the decks of the suips - 14?
The cold see fog that came whitening down Was never as cold or white as they.
Ho. Starbuck and Pinckney and Tenterd Run for your shallops, gather your men.
Scatter your boats on the lower bay.

In the thick mid-day

Good cause for fear! In the thick mid-day
The hulk that lay by the rotten pier,
Filled with the children in happy play,
Parted its moorings and drifted clear—
Drifted clear beyond reach or call,
Thirteen children they were in all—
All drifted into the lower bay!

Said a hard-faced skipper, "God help us all!
She will not float till the turning tide!"
Said his wife, "My darling will hear my call,
said his wife, "My darling will hear my call,
And she lifted a quavering voice and high,
wild and strange as a sashird sory,
Till they shuddered and wondered at her
side.

The tog drove down on each laboring crew,
Velled each from each, and the sky and shore:
There was not a sound but the breath she drew,
And the lap of the water and creat of oar,
And they tet the breath of the downs, fresh

O'er leagues of clover and cold, grey stone, But not from the lips that had gone before

They come no more. But they tell the tale,
That, when fogs are thick on the harbor reef,
The mackered fishers shorten sai;
For the signal they know will bring relief:
For the voices of children, still at play
In a phantom hulk that drifts away
Through channels whose waters never fail.

It is but a foolish shipman's tais, A theme for a poet's idle page; But still, when the mist of doubt prevail And we lie becalmed by the shores of Ag We hear from the misty troubled show The voice of the children game before, Drawing the soul to its anchorage.

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bed, caused by dyspepsia taken three bottles of Ho agria. See has taken three bottles of Hood's uparilla, and has regained her health and gtb, can eat anything without distress. S. R. Ex.-U. S. Harshall, Charlestown, Jefferson ix, W. Ya.

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### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

WHILE & Citizen of Brunswick, Me. While a citizen of brunswick, Me., the other day was breaking ice for his table he noticed a curious speck in the middle of the cake. Cutting down he found that it was a toad, which soon afterward came to life and hopped off.

It is estimated that the treasure lying It is estimated that the treasure typic idle in India in the shape of hoards or ornaments amounts to £350,000,000. A competent authority calculates that \*in Amritsar City alone there are jewels to the value of £2,000,000 sterling."

THE Duke of Cumberland, eldest son The Duke of Cumberland, eldest son of the last King of Hanover, is said to own no less than nine tons of gold and silver plate, while that used by Queen Victoria during the recent state visit of the German Emperor is estimated to be worth \$10,000,000. The Austrian and Russian courts also have remarkable collections multilegald and silver plate of lections, and the gold and silver plate of the house of Orange at the Hague, which includes—two thousand silver dinner plates, is valued at \$6,500,000.

The present scarcity of grain in Germany has had the curious result of introducing the German soldier to wheaten bread. That is a luxury that has been considered for ages the exclusive possession of the well-to-do. The type louf has been the only thing seen on the tables of the poor, and it has been the kind of bread most commonly used even by the middle classes. To give wheat to common sulfiers because rye is too dearmust seem to conservative Germans an upheaval in the order of nature.

Dr. Boyikaton says, in his "Glennings." The present scarcity of grain in Ger-

Dr. Bongaren says, in his "Gleanings for the Curious:" Dictionary English is something very different, not only from common colleguial English, but even from common colloquial English, but even from that of ordinary written composition. Instead of about forty thousand words, there is probably no single author in the language from whose works, however voluminous, so many as 10,000 words could be collected. Of the 40,000 words there are certainly many more than one-half that are only employed, if they are employed at all, on the rarest occasions. We should be surprised to find, if we counted them, with how small a number of words we manage to express number of words we manage to express all that we have to say, either with our lips or the pen. Our common literary lips or the pen. Our common literary English probably hardly amounts to ten thousand words; our common spoken English hardly to five thousand."

The Philadelphia Inquirer has this story about Edison's first important achievement as a Western Union telegraph operator: He had been bothering the officers of the company with telegraphic devices they had no need of. He came into the office one day when it was impossible to obtain communication between New York and Albany and the seat of the difficulty could not be located. He was banteringly invited to remedy seat of the difficulty could not be located. He was banteringly invited to remedy the trouble. He said be could do so in two hours. He was laughed at and given two days for the task. His process was very simple. He telegraphed to the best operator in Pittsburg and instructed him to telegraph to the best key-manipulator in Albany. The latter telegraphed down his New York line as far as he could, feeling his way from point to point and sending the results to the Pittsburg man, who forwarded them to Edison. In less than one hour Edison said to the anxious officials: "The break is two miles beyond Poughkeepsie." That simple device secured his status with the sant to the anxious ometais: "The break is two miles beyond Poughkeepsie." That simple device secured his status with the Western Union people and won for him a hearing in relation to his various inventions.

A PROJECT is afoot for the establishment of a beet-sugar factory in one of the small towns near Syracuse, N. Y. Meetings are being held among the farmers of the region to consider the proposition of the organizers of the new industry. Stock is offered—the farmers for 10 per cent. cash and the rest in sugar beets. The pulp of the beet, after the juice has been expressed, it is represented to them, will furnish good fodder for stock. By the promoters of the enterprise-tit is asserted, in explanation of the choice of location, that it is nearly in the middle of the sugar belt of the United States, as defined by the Department of Agriculture after a careful experiment and investigation. This belt extends across the continent 100 miles each side of a line, beginning at New York City Tunning as 100 miles. A PROJECT is afoot for the establish extends across the continent 100 miles each side of a line, beginning at New York City, running up to Albany, thence through Syracuse and Sandusky, into Nebraska and Dukota, and finally California. The soil of the proposed factory territory is always exceedingly fertile, quite level, and of every variety, with sandy and gravelly loam, which is the most favorable to beet culture, predominating. The farmer, it is held out, with less work and expense than are necessary to raise the average crop of potatoes, can be certain of growing at least ten tons per acre of beets, which are sure to bring him not less than \$5 per ton.

The English vegetarians tried very hard to get some official approval of their theory out of the great Hygicnic Congress, but did not meet with much subcess. They submitted a series of questions artfully designed to call forth answers which would convict meat of causing a variety of discases and short-ening life, but the medical men who took the trouble to express any opinion at all were careful to do so in very general terms. Surgeon-tieneral Cornish thinks that most people cut more flesh-meat than is necessary, and, though he is hot a vegotarian, believes that good is done in teaching the public the value of vegetables and fruits. Prof. Wynter Blyth believes that tuberculosis is sometimes caused by the milk of tuberculous cows, and occasionally by meat. Another medical officer of health, Mr. T. C. Bailey, approves of "vegetarianism in season, especially in hot weather." but says that good beef and mutton in winter cannot

be surpassed. Dr. Norman Kerr de-clines to admit that all vegetarians are mitd and gentle, while he declares, on the other hand, that he has known-butchers who were the most amiable and kind-hearted of men. Sir Dyce Duck-worth is no trimmer. He says: "Veg-otarianism is no law for the dietary of man, who is a mixed feeder. I believe in the value of animal food and of alco-loile drinks for the best-interests of man. The abuse or misuse of either is another. The abuse or misuse of either is anoth matter."

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There is quite a difference of opinion about the humanity of the new style of bullets for military purposes, which are claimed by the German surgeons to be the most humane missiles yet employed in war. The new projectile, which is made to be fired from a ritle of small caliber, is long, so that its "weight of section," as it is termed by soldiers, is large, while its actual weight may be smaller than that of bullets of the old shape. By combining great weight of section with small diameter great velocity is given to the projectile, as well as such penetrating force that it will easily go through two or three men at the distance of a mile. M. Delabaye, who is calling into question the mercifulness of the new bullet, regards the new process of being drilled through by a bullet shaped like a lead pencil not much more humane than that of being shattered by an old fashioned 'slag," but the Germans say that the new projectile will not remain in the wound, but will make a straight perforation through the body, greatly simplifying the surgical treatment. There is no doubt that the camp undertaker will in future have more to do after a battle and the surgeon less than under the old regime, but as a soldier dreads long suffering from a wound as much as death, the balance of "humanity" may after all be on the right side. As lead bullets of the modern shape would may after all be on the right side. As lead bullets of the modern shape would be likely to bend they are cased with steel or nickel tubes, which gives them the property of penetrating the hardest bone without deviating from their course.

#### ~ A Burial at Sea.

I have just returned from the other side, says a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. There was an event aboard the boat that showed me that the old style of solemnity and pathos over a death and burial at sea was out of date, like a great many other things that the poets used to cry over. It was the Fourth of July and we were five days out. The Americans had planned a fitting celebration of their great day, and carried it through with a vin that made the Britishers hair rise. A group of young people forward were chatting and laughing. One of the young ladies happened to glance over and down into the steerage. She saw a long bundle of something going over the side and a group of the steerage people around. "Oh! what's that?" she said in a frightened tone. She had read of shipwreck and storm, and had heard they always began throwing the cargo over heaven when the visses was sinking to said in a riginenea tone. She had read of shipwreck and storm, and had heard they always began throwing the cargo overboard when the vessel was sinking to lighten it. She was instantly convineed that the cargo was going and we were settling to the bottom. The group looked over. "Oh, Miss!" a deckhand said to her. "they're only bearyin" a chap that died last night. He was goin' home with his family and a little pile he'd made in Nevaddy. His family's all right. They can use it." The ripples in the water that closed over the body had disappeared, and the steerage passengers were all smoking and yawning together, seeming to be relieved that a momentary cloud had vanished from the horizon. The group forward were the only ones of the saloon passengers who knew anything of it. Festivities were not interrupted. The poor fellow was tucked away in Davy in Davy poor fellow was tucked away in Jones's locker neatly and quietly.

#### A Vegetable Razor Strop.

There are now blooming in St. Augustine sixteen plants of the agave Victoria Regina species. or what is commonly called the century plant. A towering column rises out of the centre plant to the height of sixty feet, but it is often relegated to the rubbish—heap as worth—less, for the reason that as a thing of beauty it has no fauther charms for the eye. Yet many shousands of the shaving people of the Old-World utilize this shaft of the plant. They make use of it as a raror strop. Mr. W. Chambers, Auditor of the East Coast Railway Line, has had one in use for many years, and it shows not the slightest defect from use. The strop is made by taking the shaft of the agave and cutting it into lengths of twelve inches; these are split into four or as many "quarters" as possible allowing to each piece a sufficiency of the pulp or heart of the stalk to present a surface of not less than one inch on which to strop a razor. The heart hardens in time and presents a fine soft, and naturally-lubricated surface for stropping a razor.—Jacksonville Fla.) Times-Union.

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