the Civil War, Tons by en Old Soldier

was armed enting rifles; it was a ch loading represents to man-gun, handy to carry, easy to man-ind good to shoot. They were seatroops, and they never waste d from but there were times that the paturally, with such a gun, they and the colonel althere were time considerable, and the c considerable, and the colonel al-s made it a point to keep the boys silled. The best wagon we had we to kept for the ammunition, and yest team; and when the regiment in action, and in need of ammuniin action, and in need of ammuni-if it was where a team could go ammunition wagon was driven on to the field.

on to the hour, re, for instance, was the regiment otton field, lengthwise of the furs, which ran at right angles to a d near by; the left of the regiment be thirty rods to the right of this y be thirty rous to the right of this d. Other troops in line to the right left of us, stretching across a coun-part fields, part woods. Walting for a movement somewhere else; e for a movement somewhere eise; that of the general plan. Enemy in at more or less firing going on all time; been at it now for an hour or and ammunition beginning to get closel sends back for the ammu-

e driver might cut off a little by ng across the field, but he doesn't ing across the new, but he doesn't it to cross those furrows with a load mmunition banging and slamming nd in the wagon; he might lose itone straight up the road. He's as good a four-horse team as any ould want to drive, and no man drive it better than he does. No sort, but he comes up the road at square speed trot, plumb to the and swing to right and drives the cotton furrows to the rear ecenter of the regiment, swing to ight, and halts.

climbs into the wagon and man chimbs into the wagon and es the boxes back so they'll be han-o get at, just as if he might do if unloading trunks or boxes of bread. As he is going on with work, the driver looking back now then to see how he is getting along, e of shell comes over somehow ach and scoops out a piece big horse jumps and plunges, but the n has him down on his feet and standing all right, minding river, but trembling from head to

l right, old man!" sings out the that has been shoving the boxes and the driver looks back to see 's put his tail-board where it be and then he starts his team. This to doesn't take the easiest way, the cotton furrows to the road; it going to risk his team in that he goes straight ahead across don furrows by the shortest cut, mpty wagon bouncing and boundgoes straight ahead across ut the driver keeping his seat as asa cavalryman would keep his in addle; letting his elbows flap up a usionally, but doing that as for fun as anything else, because rive was sort of exhibitating; the going well, the off leader with the in his haunch and the blood rundown his leader. wn his leg and off the fetlock. ing up game and trim, square with other leader, and pulling his share And so they got back to the train t; but they had to shoot the off after all.-New York Press

## History of Irrigation.

though irrigation is both an and universal, the Anglo-Saxon idealt with it in a large way until ast half-century, when he found be the interest. the indispensable condition of nent in large portions of Western (a, Australia and South Africa. ughall the centuries of the past the has been the exclusive possession dian, Latin and Mongolian races, atlest modern traces in this coun-te found in the small gardens of mission fathers of Southern Call-la. They brought the method from to, and taught it to the Indlans. the real crudle of American Irriga-32 practical Industry is Utah. A red historical painting in Salt City shows the pioneers of 1847 act of turning the waters of the act of thrining the waters of the blain stream known as City Creek the alkaline desert. This picture memorates the opening scene of sew industrial drama of arid Amer-

he hands of Indians and Mexiof the Southwest, irrigation was guant art, but the white populaasm which it bestows upon elec-yand new mining processes. The faces merely knew that if crops be artificially watered. They he artificially watered. They select to pour on the water by the it method. The Anglo-Saxon delet to know why crops required and how and when it could be supplied to meet their diverse. He has sought this knowledge that meedlum of agricultural recommends. experimental farms and neigh od associations. He has thus aped by gradual steps true scientification, which are producing reunknown before in any part of orld. Contury.

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shots and the intel codes from the formed of all bit not so, easy to make a titud as it ought to be. As a matter of fact, nature has done a great deal for the opossum—far more than for the great majority of quadrupeds. Note what the creature is, and can do, and match it if you can. It can eat almost anything that can be chewed—wild fruit, berries, green corn, insect larvae, eggs, young birds and quadrupeds soft-shelled nuts and certain roots is a good climber, and has a very use-ful prehensile tail. It forages on the ground quite as successfully as any squirrel. It usually burrows under the roots of large trees, where it is impos-sible for the hunter to dig it out; but it sometimes makes the mistake of choosing a hollow log. When attacked it often feigns death to throw its assaliants off their guard. Like the bear and woodchuck, it stores up a plentiful supply of fat for winter use, when food is scarce; and, above all, the female has a nice, warm pouch in which to carry and protect her helpless young, instead of leaving them in the nest to catch their death of cold, or be de voured by some enemy.

#### They Snowballed the Fire.

The citizens of Smithland adopted a novel method of extinguishing a fire a few days ago. A blaze started in a residence, and when the usual im-promptu bucket brigade arrived at the scene it was found that no water was to be had, every available supply being frozen and the ground covered with snow. Finally a bright idea struck some one in the crowd, and the suggestion was made that the party should use snow to subdue the flames. The excited citizens divided, and one com-pany rolled up snow balls about a foot in diameter, and passed them on to others, who heaved them over on the rapidly consuming structure. The house, being on a hillside, made this an easy matter, as they secured a good vantage ground on the hill above the house, which rendered it an easy matter to throw the snow over with accuracy and effect. To make a long story short, the fire was extinguished befor gained any headway in the main building, and the floors in one or two other rooms were saved. The people in Smithland are still talking about how they put out the fire.-Paducah (Ky.) Standard.

#### Brittle Finger Nails.

Many women who have pretty hands are constantly mortified in cold weather by the rough appearance of their finger nails, caused by the fact that they break and split. The intense cold causes the nails to become brittle that it seems impossible to trim them so as to make them smooth. The possessor of such nails should cut them with nothing except well sharpened manicure scissors, and the nails must never be cut or filed unless the fingers have first been soaked in warm water. The brittleness may sometimes be lessened by rubbing almond oil thoroughly into the nails and finger ends on retiring at night. An old pair of kid gloves must then be pulled on. The house-keeper whose nails break easily should never stir anything on the hot range without first slipping on a loose glove as the dry heat from the fire will make her nails more brittle than ever. Neither will she allow herself to stay out of doors for a moment without having her hands protected from the cold, which is even more injurious than the

## Hired Swains.

A curious custom prevails in some provinces of Holland during the carnival season, according to the Buche fur Alle. Young women of the working class, especially domestic servants, who have no sweetheart of their own, are in the habit of hiring "followers" for their Sunday out, or for the whole of the Carnival period. These lovers are by no means to be had very cheap. Often two or three maids will club together and share a lover among them if he comes too expensive for one girl.

This temporary lover has many du-This temporary lover has many dutles to perform. Of course, he must be good looking and well dressed, and an efficient and indefatigable dancer. Besides receiving a variety of valuable presents from his "girls," he is "found" by them in victuals and drink. If a young woman can afford to engage a "swain" all to herself, so much the better, for the hireling often develops into a real lover and ultimately into a husband. It can thus be said, that in some districts of Holland, the girls do all the woolng. the wooing.

## The Coyote Nuisance.

Some idea of the extent of the covote nulsauce in the West may be got from the experience of one sheepman of Fossil, Ore. Since last fall, when the brought d mountains, the coyotes about 100 of them. One night, about two weeks ago, a herder left about thirty sheep out over night, and when he went to hunt for them in the morning he found twenty-three dead, their the sing the remaining seven.

The strict sheepman has lost the months by the coyote

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ECCARS OWN HOUSES.

There is perhaps no city upon earth of beggars than that "aggregation by the lake".

Chicago. One finds them at overly street corner, plying their vocation in utter disregard of law and police regulations. ulations. Many of them find it de cidedly profitable.

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There are four places where children, chiefly babes, are hired out by the day, or week, or month, by beggar women, who hold them as if they were their own, in this way appealing to the charity of passers-by. Two establishments devote all their talents to making cripples, or the disfiguring of mendicants that their fictitious deformities may wrest money from pockets that othervise might be securely closed against them.

All of these places are known to the police, as they do not attempt to conceal their operations in any way, but neither they nor the beggars are ever interfered with in any wise.

#### What's a Bump?

In our peculiar vernacular, we say a bump on a log and a bump on a human being. What one might call a bump an a log and a bump on a human being. What one might call a bump another one would call a thump. Thus we have a bump from a thump and a thump from a bump. In like manner a bruise may cause a bump, and a bump may cause a bruise, or perhaps a thump may cause a bril. Well, what's the difference, so long as we suffer from either bump or bruise, we want to get rid of it. That's true, and the surest, quickest way to core a bruise is at once to use St. Jacobs Oil. Then the question will be not what it is, but what it was, as is will promptly disappear.

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